



### *President's Message*



The best part of membership in Calico Cutters Quilt Guild for me is enjoying the camaraderie of creative quilters. We experience the wonder of making something new from a collection of random pieces of fabrics. In October, Betty Dix showed us two quilts: same pattern, same color placement, same fabrics. One was made from strips and the other was made from Betty's favorite: crumbs. Fascinating! At another meeting, Jackie Mowday showed her latest Alaska quilt made with Studio 180 rulers and Sue Linton showed her Alaska Quilt creation made from precut pieces. Each was distinctive and stunning. I can't wait to see what our quilters show us in November!

### *This Month's Meeting*

**Meeting Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at PARC**

**Doors open at 9:30 AM, Meeting begins at 10:00 AM**

**Speaker: Julia Graves**

Julia's presentation will be about memory and personalizing quilts. She is a quilter, teacher, artist and owner of Special Occasion Quilts (SOQuilts). She started SOQuilts to help others create "one of a kind" expressions of their caring. Julia really enjoys how touched people are when they receive something created just for them.

Learn more about Julia [here](#).

### **WORKSHOP**

#### **AMAZING ABSTRACTS**

**Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> at the PARC Campus**

Julia will teach us how to create an abstract quilt with amazing movement and drama, using the techniques pioneered by Ursula Kern. We will go from inspiration to a simple sketch to coloring our sketch with bits of fabric to create a mockup of our designs. The design is then gridded and the blocks are foundation pieced using an easy method.

See the website for a supply list.



### LOOKING AHEAD

#### December – Holiday Program

Our Holiday Program in December will feature a really fun game, (thanks for the suggestion Lynne Laino) You may choose 3 fat quarters from our bin at the Membership Table, or bring 3 of your own fat quarters.

This game will have everyone laughing out loud; the suspense will be the most fun part of it, and the losing players in the early stages of the game may end up being a winner!

#### From the hospitality committee:

*Get ready for the holiday party at our December meeting on the 13th! Quiches from Ariana's will be served! Hospitality will have sign-up sheets for accompanying food: deviled eggs (first 5 to sign up), and finger size desserts, eg., cookies (first 10 people to sign up). We will need a few people to help with room setup on Tuesday, December 12 from 5-7 pm*

#### January – Charity Sew-In

January will be our Quilt In charity sewing event that is always tons of fun and the February program will be announced soon.

### Ways and Means

Come visit the ways and means tables in November! All of you have been so very great about supporting the guild at our sale tables. This month we want to give a little bit back to all of you! We are putting out books - books and more books free for the taking. Take one, take two or take a dozen. Don't be shy, plan a project for the winter months ahead with a free book full of new ideas.

### QUILT CHALLENGE!



***Danger of cancellation due to lack of interest. Only a few entries have been received.***

What do you think of when you hear the word, Paris? The Eiffel Tower? Yummy French pastries? Maybe an old classic movie set in Paris?

In July 2024, Paris, France will host the summer Olympics. To honor that occasion, Calico Cutters is hosting a quilt challenge!

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Your quilt does not have to be about the games! You can use any inspiration you like as long as it is somehow connected to Paris, France or the Olympic Games. Your quilt can be pictorial or traditional or wherever your imagination takes you.

Time frame: September, 2023 through June, 2024.

**Your finished quilt is due at our June 12, 2024 guild meeting.**

Size: Minimum size is 30" Square. Maximum - as big as you want!

Sleeve: As we are hoping to exhibit the quilts at Mancuso in September, 2024 a 4" deep hanging sleeve must be attached to the back of your entry.

### Categories for Prizes

Gold - Viewer's Choice - \$50 gift certificate

Silver - Best Interpretation of theme - \$25 gift certificate

Bronze - Most Original - \$10 gift certificate

If it can be arranged, all quilts will show at the Mancuso show at Oaks in Fall 2024.

If you think you'd like to participate, please complete (click on link) [the participation form](#) and hit SUBMIT.

Contact Mary Zoshak with any questions.

## Calico Cutters Community Work

**The Comfort Quilt Committee continues to accept and distribute the following quilts:**

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1. *Project Linus – all sizes for babies, children, youth and adults.*
2. *Penn Hospice Camp Erin – 66" x 89" twin-sized, neutral color palette for either a boy or girl (please avoid floral fabrics, Hello Kitty and unicorns) We collect these throughout the year for the summer camp.*
3. *Penn Hospice Veterans – 36" x 42" made with red, white and blue solids or prints. These are distributed to veterans under Penn Hospice care.*

Please sign in your quilts at the Comfort Quilt table.

*Quilt kits are available at the Comfort Quilt table each meeting.*

*Please come check them out.*

***If you need fabric, batting or a backing, please send me a note and you can pick it up at the next guild meeting or we can make arrangements for an earlier delivery.***

*A special thank you to the following members who so graciously contributed quilts at the October guild meeting.*

*Comfort Quilts for Project Linus and Penn Hospice*

*Sally Hartshorne – 2*

*Betty Dix – 1*

*Nancy Humphreys – 1*

*Comfort Quilt Committee – 1*

*Karin Cotter – 1*

*Maureen Carlson – 3*

*Cynthia West – 2*

*Beth Ann McNutt – 2*

*Georgette Copes – 1*

*With gratitude for all you do,*

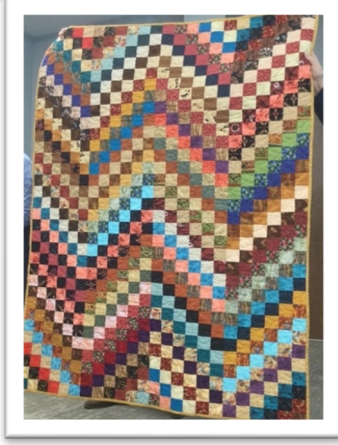
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Comfort Quilt Committee

Lee Ann Comegys, Chair, Joan Boyle, Patti Connell, Nancy Humphreys, Gail Pickett  
Debbie VanKleef, Cindy Zencey



## **Ryan's Cases for Smiles**

Calico Cutter Friends,

We are grateful for each and every one of you and the many ways you continue to inspire & support us. May this November bring you happiness, health and lots of family time. Thank you for all that you do to help us deliver comfort so many children and their families.

From the entire team,

Cindy Kerr, Cindy Berlacher, Liz Koshgerian, Katie Holcomb and Dana Loundas

PS: As we "fall back and gain an hour, don't forget to set your scales back 10 pounds!

## **Veterans Quilt Committee –**

We now have 20 red/white/blue quilts and 3 non-patriotic-prints quilts finished towards our goal of 126 for this year. Thank you for your continuing work. The veterans at the Residential Living section of the Coatesville VA Hospital will certainly appreciate them when we present them in November 2024 – so every resident will receive a quilt at the same time. Becky Martin, Penny Arndt and I are working on

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getting more kits together to pass out at each meeting and at the Sew-in in January. If you would like to join us on this team, we would really appreciate your help. We have other committee and guild members who diligently quilt the completed tops when they are returned. We are thankful for all of you.

Our apologies to Regina Koch for not listing receipt of her beautiful quilt in memory of her father in our last newsletter. Thanks to any others that we might have missed, please let us know. On our list of receipts for October include: Regina Koch completed binding a complete quilt; Gail Moffett returned a quilted/completed bargello quilt; Patti Connell returned a quilted/complete quilt that someone else pieced the top; Diana Bove returned a pieced top that needs backing, batting and binding, Beth Goldberg brought in a completed quilt from Karen Fuseo.

We will have batting and kits available at our next meeting and will appreciate any time you can share to help meet our goals. No deadlines. No pressure. Delivery and pickups at our table get hectic sometime. Thank you for your patience. If I have missed your contribution on our growing list of completed quilts, please let me know.

We will have for distribution at the November meeting (please help us if you can) at least:

6 sewn quilt tops, backing and batting – to be quilted – longarm or domestic machine

6 kits for sewing – blocks or tops to complete

We have kits available for all skill levels. If you can sew 1/4" seam, we have a top for you. We also have quilt and block patterns available if you have fabric which you would like to use to make one or more blocks or an entire quilt.

Please contact Phillis Walden at [waldenquilts@verizon.net](mailto:waldenquilts@verizon.net) if you have questions, wish to volunteer, need backing or batting for your quilt, or want to pick up a certain kit at our next meeting. Please give me a few days' notice.

Thanks to all of you for all you do!

Veterans Quilt Committee



## Sew Together Swarm



Join us for virtual sew togethers! The Zoom Room will be open every Thursday from 1-3 PM. Anyone can join and visit with friends.

Save this Newsletter and join the zoom any week by just clicking here:

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(For security reasons, this link will not be available in the Newsletter that is posted on our website, so you need to save this version. Here's a tip...highlight the link information above and copy it right to your calendar notes!)

## Modern Swarm

**Modern Swarm** meets the second Monday of each month. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM and usually runs about an hour.

It is a casual gathering of members and friends who are interested in modern quilting. We also do a little show and tell. Do you have a project that you think is modern? We would love to see it.

We are in the middle of our first collaborative quilt and plan to start another in 2024. Join us!

Mary Zoshak is currently sending out reminders to those who have been attending regularly. If you would like to be included in the email reminder list, drop Mary a note. Topic: Modern Swarm

Time: September 11, 2023 7PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Second Mon, 4 occurrence(s)

Nov 13, 2023 7:00 PM, Dec 11, 2023 7:00 PM



## Sunshine

We want our members to know that we are thinking about them, but we need your help to do that.

Do you know of anyone in the guild who is having health or family issues? How about some good news that should be celebrated? Please send a note to the sunshine committee (Lee Paylor).



## Dormant Dare

A Dormant Dare is an unfinished project that you have completed! You may have started it last year or years ago – I don't count the years. In January, you may have numbered 12 projects that you want to finish. If you are working with the suggested numbers, that is fine... if you need to change the numbers that is fine also. You can finish whatever project that you find!

November -- 9      Let Lee Paylor know when you finish a Dormant Dare!

## Local Events

**QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #6** – November 8-11, 2023. Our sixth QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse will take place, ONLINE. Mancuso Show Management is no stranger to online quilting and textile arts seminars. We've learned that many students enjoy learning new and exciting techniques from the comfort of their homes. The great strength of this platform is that both instructors and students do not

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have any country borders or cultural barriers to their participation from around the world. For more info visit <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/quiltfest-virtual-schoolhouse6/>.

**Fall in Love with Quilts Quilt Show** is being held by Mainline Quilters. November 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM until 4:00 PM at St. Luke Lutheran Church 203 N Valley Forge Rd. Devon, PA (\$5 donation)

## *Use this Post Office Address for the Guild*

The guild post office address has changed to a post office closer to our meeting place. The address is:

P.O. Box 3013  
Exton, PA 19341

All mail should be sent to the PO box. Thank you!



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