



President's Message



The View from the Front

As president, I have the best seat in the house. I'm up there in the first row next to Glenda Sickler, a delightful companion. We all say we want to meet people, right? Well, I've hit the jackpot with her.

I can see all of the quilts in detail, both the speaker's and our spectacular Show and Tell. Betty Dix's commentary is the best feature. Her hilarious observations and asides are quite a show. She's working her way up to creating a unique quilt block, the Rose Morgan block, the most colorful block you can imagine. I checked with Rose and she's all in with that.

Did you catch Sharon Nungester's act? Standing in for Lee Paylor, she donned a painter's hat labeled "Lee."

Glenda and I have some empty seats in our row. Won't you join us?

This Month's Meeting

Meeting Wednesday, October 11th at PARC

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

Speaker: Kestrel Michaud

Kestrel is an internationally-recognized and award-winning art quilter. She started making "fabric pictures" — artwork made from fused appliqué fabric with no stitching — in high school. In 2017, she adapted her process from analog design to digital design, bought a sewing machine, and started making quilts.

Her lecture is a biographical look at her artistic life, from winning an art show at age 9, to discovering fabric in high school, and finally transitioning to quilting in her twenties.

Learn more about Kestrel by visiting her website [here](#)

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO WORKSHOP FOR OCTOBER.



LOOKING AHEAD

November – Julia Graves

Memory and Personalizing Quilts

Julia's presentation will be about Memory and Personalizing quilts. Julia is a quilter, teacher, artist and owner of Special Occasion Quilts (SOQuilts). She started SOQuilts to help others create a "one of a kind" expression of their caring. Julia really enjoys how touched people are when they receive something created for them. She will also be offering a workshop – see website for details.



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!

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

October tables are going to be **FULL** of awesome fall fabrics and batiks! The guild has been blessed with some very generous donations and ways and means wants to pass them on to all of you!

Fall Retreat

The fall retreat is almost here!

Check in is Thursday, October 12 at 3:00PM at the Bird in Hand Family Inn and Restaurant. The work rooms usually are open a bit earlier. Have fun packing all the projects to keep you busy.

Don't forget your apparel and mystery quilt using DOTS!



QUILT CHALLENGE!



Danger of cancellation due to lack of interest. Only 3 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!

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:

1. *Project Linus – all sizes for babies, children, youth and adults.*

Project Linus donates quilts to the following organizations in our area

Chester County Hospital

WIC Chester County

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*Chester County Nurse Family Partnership
Camp Dreamcatcher*

*Chester County Immunization Program
Kamp for Kids*

Maternal & Child Health Consortium

*Empowering Families Program (affil with
MCHC)*

Home of the Sparrow

Friends Association

Surgery Center of Chester County

Chester County Headstart

Select Headstart teachers

Early Headstart (Health & Family Services)

- 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 in May each year. If you want to contribute throughout the year, just let us know.*
- 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 turn your quilts in at the Comfort Quilt table.

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.

Quilt kits are available at the Comfort Quilt table each meeting. Please come check them out at our table. A special thank you to the following members who so graciously contributed quilts at the August guild meeting.

Comfort Quilts for Project Linus and Penn Hospice

Chris Costanzo – 1

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Sandy Jackson – 2

Flos Erickson – 1

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Joan Huntington – 1

Jen Linton – 1

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Sally Hartshorne – 2

Marion Mackey – 1

Regina Koch – 1

Susan Aluyht – 3

Great job! Keep on quilting!

With gratitude for all you do,

Comfort Quilt Committee: Lee Ann Comegys, Chair, Joan Boyle, PattiConnell, Nancy Humphreys, Gail Pickett, Debbie VanKleef, Cindy Zencey



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Ryan's Cases for Smiles

Ryan's Case for Smiles has many ways you can get involved including sewing pillowcases, joining us in our community/school/corporate outreach engagements, and helping with pre & post event details. There is something for everyone and we welcome your support. Please take a peek at our October events and needs by clicking the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfd8GbKPhONMCFi4KwN-SIY5eVOFSm0QH58zNdHo_ztMBF93A/viewform?usp=pp_url

We hope you will join us! Any questions, please email: Dana@caseforsmiles.org

Veterans Quilt Committee –

Thank you for your continuing work in supplying quilts for the veterans at the Coatesville VA Hospital. Recently, we have added several more quilts, partial quilts, blocks, fabric, etc. toward our 126 goal for this year. Special thanks to all of our piecers and quilters as well as committee members Penny Arndt and Becky Martin for their help in sewing together batting pieces, picking out border and fabrics for multiple quilt tops and cutting quilt kits for members to take home and sew at your convenience.

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.



Patti Connell – 1

Gloria Razga Houseman – 1

Jen McFarland – 1

Beth Polvina - 5 pieced tops

Ann McErlean – 2

Ann Hill – 1 (pieced by Judy Newby)

Becky Martin – 2 pieced tops

Sandy Jackson – 1 quilt plus fabric squares

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

4 sewn quilt tops, backing and batting – to be quilted – longarm or domestic machine 4 kits for sewing – blocks or tops to complete

We are currently:

Collecting 6-1/2" squares of quilt shop quality fabric – patriotic or solids preferred.

2" strips and 1-1/2" strips – any length - 6-1/2' and 9-1/2" preferred

We have kits available for all skill levels. If you can sew 1/4" seam, we will make a kit especially for you if you let us know what you have in mind.

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Please contact Phillis Walden at 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:

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)

Oct 9, 2023 7:00 PM, Nov 13, 2023 7:00 PM, Dec 11, 2023 7:00 PM





New Member's Luncheon

The new member lunch held after the meeting in September, was a nice success. We had 12 new members and about 7 board members. Everyone shared who taught them to sew and it made for interesting conversation! The salads and desserts were wonderful, many thanks to the donors!



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!

September -- 1 October -- 5 November -- 9

Let Lee Paylor know when you finish a Dormant Dare!

Local Events

Undercover Quilters is having a quilt show October 13-15, Brookhaven Municipal Building, 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA. Check their website for more information at <https://undercoverquilters.com/sew-many-colors-a-fall-festival-of-quilts/>

The **Brandywine Rug Hooking Guild** will be holding our annual guild Hook In, October 21, 2023 at the Kimberton Fire Hall, Kimberton, PA. Perhaps you sometimes need wool for your projects. They will have 8 vendors participating this year. There will be a variety of hand dyed and textured wool,

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baskets, and accessories. If anyone is interested to come shop, Walk In's, shopping only, are invited from 11am - 3pm. Walk-in admission \$15. For more information, please check the website: The Brandywine Rug Hooking Guild Click on the 'Hook In 2023' tab.

Valley Forge Homestead Quilt Guild is having an Indoor Yard Sale & Craft Boutique which includes homemade quilts, crafts, notions and much more. Saturday, October 21, 2023, 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church King of Prussia PA. For more information visit their website.

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 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 18th 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!

