



President's Message



September finds me knee-deep (literally) in preparation for our sale at Miller's Consignment Shop, Ronks, PA. Thanks to our guild members' beautiful, creative donations and the labeling and cataloging assistance of Mary Beth Genter and Anne Moran, we're good to go. Our sale dates are Sept 13 - Oct. 11 at the shop.

September also brings our new members' luncheon. New members bring new ideas and perspectives as well as a renewed vitality to our guild. We welcome you. We hope you'll "stay awhile." We'll even "leave the light on for ya."

This Month's Meeting and Workshop

Meeting Wednesday September 13th at PARC

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

Speaker: Kevin Womack

Kevin will present a lecture about "Color Theory". Have you ever looked at a color wheel and felt confused? Are you unsure when choosing colors for your projects? Join me on my personal journey of color exploration to help demystify the process. Just why did I choose those colors for that quilt? Do those colors really go together? Learn the answers as we discuss technical terms and see over 40 quilt examples that demonstrate nine different color theories.

Seeing how colors combine and dance across the surface of a quilt fascinates him. He hopes to instill this love of color play in you and leave you inspired to step out of your comfort zone to try new and exciting color combinations for your quilts.

If you want to read more about him, visit: www.kevinwomackart.com

Workshop with Kevin:

Geli Plate Monoprinting

In this fun, process-oriented workshop, explore ways of monoprinting on cloth using gelatin and/or a Gelli Plate. Create complex textural imagery by playing with found objects and fabric paint. With use, the gelatin will break down, producing even more wonderful texture in the results. I will provide the paint

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and introduce several methods of producing prints with my tools. You supply the fabric and let your imagination run wild. Come prepared to have fun, get messy and be seduced by the silky-smooth surface of a gelatin plate!

Location: Board and Brush Creative Studio, 142 Wallace Ave. Suite 102, Downingtown PA

Members and Waitlist: \$65 Non-members: \$75

For more information contact Elaine Mayer

LOOKING AHEAD

October

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.

Kestrel's presentation will feature a deep dive into her creative history and artistic process. She will share her process as well as her artwork and quilts.

Kestrel is a classically trained artist with a passion for illustrating in fabric. Her work has been exhibited and sold all over the world.

Ways and Means

The ways and means committee has received a lot of donations this past month and we want to share our good fortune with you.

Along with lots of pre-cuts and 2 lovely fall raffle baskets there will be lots more thread and fabric for sale.

Fall Retreat

The Fall Retreat is now accepting a waiting list of quilters. We have 30 ladies planning on joining us in October. Sometimes things happen and we are scrambling to fill our hotel rooms. So, if you want to join us please let me know.

Fall retreat is October 12-15 at the Bird-in-Hand Inn.

See the website for the registration form.

Spring Getaway

We have come to a difficult decision to postpone the Spring Getaway 2024 this year and will reschedule it in 2025.

The hotel will be under construction this winter and it will be difficult to fill the rooms to break even. All retreats are self-supported and not paid for with guild funds.

We know some of you will be disappointed but we promise another fun time in 2025! If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Meanix or Stephanie Braskey.



QUILT CHALLENGE!



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

Chester County Nurse Family Partnership

Chester County Immunization Program

Camp Dreamcatcher

Kamp for Kids

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Maternal & Child Health Consortium

Home of the Sparrow

Surgery Center of Chester County

Select Headstart teachers

Empowering Families Program (affil with MCHC)

Friends Association

Chester County Headstart

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

Anne Moran – 1

Bernice Burgen – 1

Debbie VanKleef – 4

Sandy Jackson – 2

Beth Ann McNutt – 1

Georgette Copes – 2

Maureen Ciemian – 1

Betty Dix – 2

Gail Pickett -1 (quilted by Patti Connell)

Lee Ann Comegys – 1 (quilted by Patti Connell)

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

Thank you ALL for your support this summer with team building, washing & packaging, summer cuff challenge, and sewing golf tee bags for the Frank A. McKee Golf Classic. We appreciate each and EVERYONE of you!!! MILLE GRAZIE!!

Please join us at our annual sew day on **Sunday, 9/17** at Goshen Fire Hall. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and we've set a goal to sew 1,000 pillowcases. All fabric is provided. Please sign up on the Philadelphia Chapter page www.caseforsmiles.org/philadelphia or by clicking here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1F4WaQUCjTk1Y5MzGM05pCaZJgInFHfJR2xF6btpUDW0/>

Join us on **Saturday, September 30th** for a Villanova University Community Day at St. John's Presbyterian Church. We need sewers, pinners, and ironers. 9:30-3:30. Email Dana@caseforsmiles.org or sign up here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4EVTI4F7GvBQKou42Czre_VCwTTdYEKGGK4URrNlyj0M2dA/viewform?usp=pp_url

If you would like to stay informed about other events and opportunities, please email Dana@caseforsmiles.org and request to be added to the Philadelphia Chapter Volunteer distribution email list.

Veterans Quilt Committee –

Thank you for your continuing work and generosity in supplying quilts for the veterans at the Coatesville VA Hospital.

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



New Members Luncheon

The New Member Luncheon will be held immediately after the September 13, 2023 general meeting. New members will meet the board and committee chairs and learn their roles.

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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.



Links to the meeting are in the newsletter that was sent to the members.

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

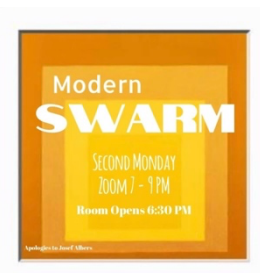
Time: September 11, 2023 7PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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



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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!

August – project 3

September – project 1

October - 5

Let Lee Paylor know when you finish a Dormant Dare!

Local Events

Brandywine Valley Quilt Guild is having a *Bazaar & Boutique* at the Aston Community Center 3270 Concord Rd. Aston, PA on Friday Sept 22 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM & Saturday Sept 23rd 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM featuring new and not so new quilting items (fabric \$1.00 per pound). There is also a bake sale.

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, 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.

From Kate Means: *I am an art quilter who resides in Christiana PA. I am having an exhibit for 3 weeks in September-October and thought your members might be interested. I will have lots of ice dyed and naturally dyed fabrics for sale during this event. It is being held at North Star Orchard, on Limestone Road(Route 10) in Cochranville PA.*

<https://northstarorchard.com/art-gallery/kate-means-donna-melton/>

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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!

