



President's Message



Pre-pandemic, I enjoyed traveling with Crafftours. I was a cast member on three episodes, Portugal, Spain, and Christmas in Bavaria, of Destination Craft with Jim West, on Create TV. Other trips with Jim West were crafts trips to Finland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Ireland, Austria, China and Mexico.

Log on to Crafftours, <http://www.crafftours.com>, and watch the promo. You'll see me in my Crafftours apron making strudel and a couple of brief pictures in other settings. You'll also see another quilter many of you know, Sara Borr. Glass blowing, weaving, tile painting, furniture painting, pottery, wood carving, leather crafts, and quilting are featured in different settings.

Jim West considers cooking to be a craft, too. Hmm.

Our excellent speakers often share how their environment, life experiences, and travel influence their art. I find that fascinating. I'm hoping to resume my traveling adventures in 2024!

Suzanne Doonan

Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your membership! Please bring your completed form (see [link](#)) and \$40 to the next guild meeting or mail it to the address on the form.

The deadline for membership will be the June meeting!

We have a long waiting list this year, so it is very important that you renew on time.

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This Month's Meeting

APRIL – Valerie Goodwin

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024 PARC
10:00 AM**

A Dialogue Between Quilting and Architecture.

Valerie Godwin is a mixed media fiber artist and architect whose fine

art works are included in museums and private collections. Most of her work is inspired by a love of aerial views of landscapes and cities. Many of her quilts are based on maps.

This meeting will be presented via zoom and projected at PARC.



This Month's Workshop

Valerie Goodwin – Map Play

Thursday April 11 @ 10:00 AM. This is a virtual workshop. You will be sent a link to join the workshop from home.

Come play!! Create artful map studies through creative exercises that will help you understand the basic principles of design. An art quilter's most valuable asset is his or her creativity — and it needs to be reinforced through an understanding of design thinking. In this workshop you'll find creative thinking exercises. Beginning with an exercise related to the seven principles of design --work instinctively with color – explore creativity through experimentation. All works are small, enabling you to develop ideas quickly and freely.

Supply list is on the website.

Class fee: \$50



Ways and Means

May Fundraiser and Auction News

Come visit our tables in April! The May Auction event is planned for the following month

and **WOW** do we have a lot of awesome raffle and auction items in store for you all !

Remember that this will be a members only event and there will be a signup sheet at the check in table if you wish to come.

Many thanks to all of you who have offered to help on the day of the event. More information regarding that will follow. All purchases at the auction will be only cash or check. We are not able to accept credit cards and so please plan accordingly.



Looking Ahead

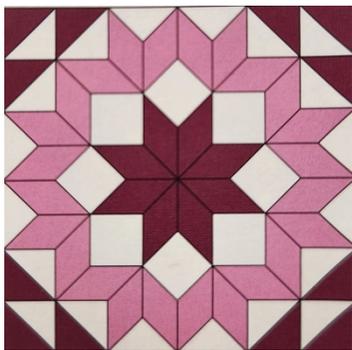
In June we welcome Elizabeth Summar, who will speak to us about how Barn Quilts started, and touch on BQ trails. She will also discuss the process of drawing, preparing and shipping her pieces.

Her workshop will take place on **TUESDAY, JUNE 11th** where Elizabeth will teach us to paint our own pieces. The workshop fee is \$55.00 with a \$55.00 kit fee.

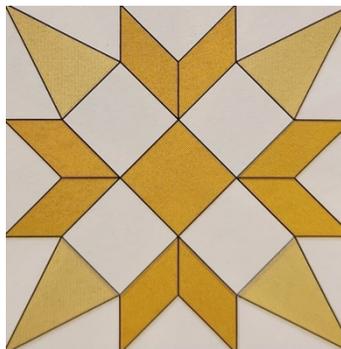
Sign-ups will begin at the April meeting. A check or cash payment secures your own 6 ft table for the workshop.

To register for her workshop, please choose one of the five patterns (shown below) that appeal to you, and contact Elaine Mayer by text: (610) 420-8137** or email: elainemaye@gmail.com.

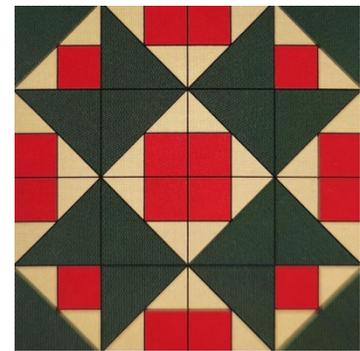
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BQ # 1



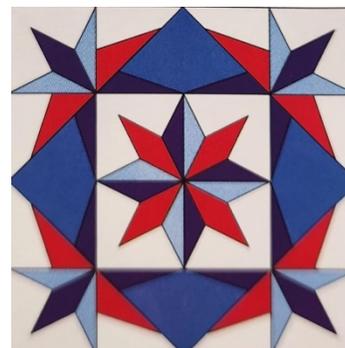
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BQ #4



BQ #5

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Calico Cutters Community Work

Comfort Quilt Committee -

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

1. *Project Linus – all sizes for babies, children, youth and adults.*
2. *Penn Hospice - WE WILL BEGIN COLLECTING CAMP ERIN QUILTS IN THE FALL OF 2024. Their need for the summer of 2024 has been met.*
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 at each meeting.

Quilt kits are available at the Comfort Quilt table. Please come check them out and return the completed quilts at your convenience.

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 March meeting.

Comfort Quilts for Project Linus and Penn Hospice

Regina Koch – 1	Cissy Howell – 1	Joan Boyle – 1
Gail Pickett – 1 (quilted by Karen Cotter)		Karin Cotter – 1
Ann Guanella – 2	Jen Linton – 1 (Camp Erin)	Georgette Copes – 1
Susan Albright – 1	Joann Huntington – 3	Donna Kipphorn – 2
Carolyn Ferrandino – 1	Kathi Olechowski – 1	Beth Goldberg – 1
Karen Fusco – 2	Kelly Meanix – 1	Arlene McCall – 1
Sandy Jackson – 4	Debbie VanKleef – 1	Sally Hartshorne – 1
Holly Rutkowski – 1	Beth McNutt – 2	Patti Connell – 2
Anonymous – 1	Chris Costanza – 1	Mary Stefanelli – 2
Diane King – 1	Bernice Burgess – 1	

With gratitude to all our members,

Comfort Quilt Committee

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

Veteran's Quilts

The National Salute to Veteran Patients is observed annually at all VA medical facilities during the week of Valentine's Day. This year's observance was during the week of February 11-17 – a week of caring and sharing which underscored the Salute's expression of honor and appreciation. Special events were held each day to show appreciation for service and sacrifice of the veterans.

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Quilts made by Calico Cutters members and others were distributed on February 15 at the Coatesville PA Veterans Hospital. Residents of the community living, dementia, and long-term care units were invited to visit the distribution site and selected the quilt of their choice. In all, 48 quilts were distributed. Patients walked, came in electric wheelchairs, or were brought in chairs by their caregivers to select a quilt, share their stories, and receive our sincere expressions of gratitude for their service.

Doctors, nurses and other staff came and selected quilts for their bed-ridden patients, patients who did not want to appear in public, or patients who could not appear because of medical disabilities or COVID. There were red/white/blue patriotic quilts and quilts of other colors. There were enough quilts so that everyone who wanted a quilt received one. Our planned distribution time was 10 until noon. We stayed until 2 pm to ensure that everyone could be notified of the distribution and had time to come by and pick out their quilt. We met people from all military services with Army and Marine Corps most represented. The red/white/black fabrics in quilts were especially appreciated by some vets – it seems that those are Coatesville High School colors.

Thank you all for your efforts on behalf of the veterans. With your continued generosity, we are tentatively planning another distribution – to different populations at the hospital – around Flag Day.

Preferred sizes are for larger individuals. Kits distributed by our committee are generally 60” x 72” – which is a “very good size” according to hospital staff. Other sizes are also welcome.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support. In January and February, I hosted 10 sessions for sewers at the Emmaus PA Library. We have about 20 more quilts in process from those sessions. Our committee cut out kits, and sewers from several guilds and the public donated their time to sew.

HELP WANTED – Thanks to all of you who picked up kits to sew and quilt sets to quilt last month. We have a few more ready to quilt and several that need binding. We know that you all are busy and appreciate any time and help that you can give us.

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 donors, please let me know. Recent donations of quilts, quilt tops, quilting and fabric include the following: Ann Guanella, J. W. Linton, Kathy Talley, Susan Linton, Sandy Jackson, Arlene McCall, Pati Connell, Renee Devine, Penny Arndt, and Becky Martin.

Please contact Phillis Walden at waldenquilts@verizon.net if you have questions, wish to volunteer, or need backing or batting for your quilt.

Thanks to all of you for all you do!

Veterans Quilt Committee

Phillis Walden (Chair), Penny Arndt, Patti Connell, Jenifer MacFarland, Becky Martin

Ryan's Cases for Smiles

We are very grateful for the many ways you support Ryan's Case for Smiles. Thank you for sewing, washing, cutting, fixing and joining us in corporate and community outreach events. Because of your help, we are touching more families than ever.

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Recently, we've noticed that our supply of girl pillowcase (all ages) is getting low. Please keep that in mind when you are sewing at home or purchasing new fabric. Thank you for helping us to balance out our inventory.

Mark your calendar! Our super fun sew day in support of Miles of Pillowcase Smiles is scheduled for Sunday, September 15th at the Goshen Fire Hall. If you would like to sign up early just to stay in the loop, please click the link below. More information will be shared throughout the summer.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQtL6EI-PIvjZjHkAI2TrsrGLftmonDo1ui_6rzBtw683Vow/viewform?usp=pp_url

CCQG 2024 Quilt Challenge

The challenge is on! We have received about 1 dozen entries. If you haven't started already, it is time to get started on your quilt!

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

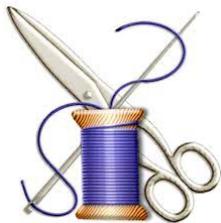
Bronze - Most Original - \$10 gift certificate

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

Contact Mary Zoshak with any questions.



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

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A NEW MEETING ID AND PASSCODE FOR 2024.

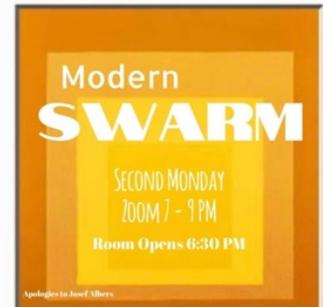
The Modern Swarm is a casual gathering of members and friends who are interested in modern quilting. We also do a little show and tell. Do you have a project that you think is modern? We would love to see it. Join us! All are welcome! Meetings occur on the second Monday of each month starting at 7 PM on ZOOM and run about an hour.

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: April 8, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting



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!

March – project 9

April – project 2

May – project 10

Let Lee Paylor know when you finish a Dormant Dare!

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Local Events

April 6, 2024: **Loose Threads Quilters Guild 2024 Sewing and Book Sale** 145 Chestnut Street, Spring City, PA 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM They will have a treasure trove of fabric, patterns, notions, gizmos as well as book. Cash only.

April 10, 2024 – April 13, 2024 EDT **32nd Annual Lancaster PA Quilt Show**. It has moved to the Lebanon Valley Expo and Fairgrounds in Lebanon PA. 55 vendors and over 100 quilts from 5 different quilt guilds. Free raffle to win over \$1500 worth of quilting products donated by our vendors. Classes being offered. Food on site. FREE admission-asking for \$1 donation to keep show free. Free parking. Handicap accessible. [LINK](#)

April 12th - 14th 2024: **Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show**. [LINK](#)

May 2nd – 4th 2024: **Rhapsody In Color Quilt Show**, Faithful Circle Quilters 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, Maryland, 21045

May 4th & 5th 2024: **County Line Quilters Guild, Spring Radiance Show**. The 2024 quilt show will be held at St. Cyril of Jerusalem Church at 1410 Almshouse Rd, Jamison, PA

June 11th – 13th: **Craft Monkeys USA Midweek Craft Retreat Sewing and Quilting**. [LINK](#)

June 14th & 15th 2024: **Quilters in Bloom Quilt Show** 9am-5pm, Central Columbia High School. 4777 Old Berwick Road, Bloomsburg, PA (admission \$8)

June 21st – 23rd 2024: **Brandywine Valley Quilters Quilt Show** [LINK](#)

September 11, 2024 – September 14, 2024 **2024 AQS QuiltWeek Quilt Show Spooky Nook Sports Conference Center** 75 Champ Blvd. Manheim, PA 17545 [LINK](#)

September 12th – 15th: Pennsylvania Quilt Extravaganza, Oaks, PA [LINK](#)

October 4th & 5th 2024: **Berks Quilters Guild Quilt Show** 2024, 9am-5pm. Leesport Farmer's Market, 312 Gernant's Church Road, Leesport, PA (admission \$8)

October 18th & 19th 2024: **Valley Forge Homestead Quilt Guild Quilt Show**, 10 AM – 5 PM, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 132 E. Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA

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!

Email: calicocutters@gmail.com

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Some Show and Tell

