

COLONIAL QUILTER'S GUILD
Information Overview
2018-2019

Purpose:

Colonial Quilter's Guild (CQG) was formed in 1983 with the purpose of providing good fellowship among quilters, of furthering the appreciation of quilting through education and training on an informal basis, and of serving the community by sponsoring worthy causes.

Membership:

There are 136 members in the guild. Membership was closed at 136 members in the 2013/2014 year. Membership dues must be paid by June 30th of each year, or it will be assumed that members have chosen not to renew their membership, and they will be dropped from membership. In July, a new membership list with addressee, phone numbers, and, if applicable, email addresses will be compiled and be posted to the website members only section. This list is used for guild activities only. If there is a waiting list of individuals who have expressed interest in joining the guild, they will be contacted when it is determined how many/if any vacancies are available. Membership dues are \$25 per year. New members joining after January shall pay half that amount.

Meetings:

The CQG meets the second Tuesday of the month (September through June), at the Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2700 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pa. 18012. The meetings start at 7:00 PM and Fellowship at 6:15 PM and last approximately for 2 hours.

Guests:

A guest may attend two meetings a year, and is required to pay a guest fee of \$3 per meeting.

Show & Tell:

Members are encouraged to show a completed quilt, a quilted item, a quilt-in-progress, or any item related to quilting during this designated segment which generally follows the business meeting. When you sign in at the membership table, put your name on the show & tell list so we know who to call on. There are special times when we will ask you to save show and tell for a different month.

Newsletter:

A newsletter is published every month and posted on the www.colonialquilters.org webpage under members only prior to each guild meeting. It lists the minutes, committee information, and other guild announcements and events. Members are sent notice that the newsletter is available without accessing the website. Provisions are made for members with internet access.

Library:

Members can borrow quilt and quilt related books and videotapes from the guild library, which is available at every guild meeting, with the exception of special event meetings. A 50-50 raffle is held at every meeting, with 50% of the proceeds put into the library fund for the purchase of new books.

Hospitality:

Coffee, tea, and refreshments are provided, free of charge, prior to each meeting. Members, on a rotating basis, bring in refreshments as well as set up/clean up. If your name is listed in the newsletter for refreshments and you are unable to be there, it is your responsibility to find a substitute who will fill in for you.

Community Service:

Members are encouraged to participate in making items for our designated community service recipients. These are lap sized quilts for children undergoing treatment in the Children's Oncology Unit at Muhlenberg Hospital (approx. 42"x54"), Preemie Quilts at St. Luke's Neo-Natal Unit (18"x25"), *teddy bears, and *small pillow and totes for mastectomy patients in the Lehigh Valley area (pillow-7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "x11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "). Quilt labels should be sewn on the oncology quilts designating that the CQG made the quilt, in what year, and city. The staff at Muhlenberg Hospital fills in the name of the child who receives the quilt.

There are patterns for mastectomy bags and teddy bears and cats. The community service chairperson has these for you.

Quilt Show:

A quilt show is held every other year, currently in EVEN years. All members of the guild are strongly encouraged to participate in planning the quilt show, joining committees, contributing their quilts for display, as well as working in various capacities at the show.

Programs:

The program committee plans some activity for every guild meeting, which may include a local or nationally known speaker.

Saturday Sewcials

This is a guild taught class on an easy and fun topic for the pleasure of sharing with other guild members. The non-refundable fee of \$5.00 is charge to attend, supply lists are given, and members come prepared to make and take a project. Usually you bring your own lunch. It is a good way to learn something new and get to know other members.

Bus Trips:

During the guild's calendar year, there may be bus trips to quilt shows and for fabric shopping. Information is presented at the guild meetings as well as in the newsletter.

Workshop Policy: Workshops will be outlined in the CQG newsletter, including the copy on the website, and on the CQG Facebook page.

Workshop space will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis with payment. The workshop will be opened the public 6 weeks prior to the date. It will be announced on MyGrove.

The fee for each workshop will be calculated thus: the requested fee will be divided by 15 potential participants. Therefore, the workshop fee may be different for each workshop.

If the workshop does not have 15 people signed up and paid by 3 weeks prior to the date, it may be canceled. Maximum number of workshops participants is usually 20, set by the presenter. If there is still available space after the number of participants reaches 15, walk-ins are welcome.

The workshop fee does not include pattern, rulers, or any other supplies needed unless specified.

When a workshop is held, paying participants' checks (or cash) will be put in a container and one person's payment will be drawn out of the container. That person will receive her check/cash back.

Other Activities:

There is a monthly door prize given to one of the members in attendance.

Questions:

Questions about the Colonial Quilter's Guild can be directed to any of the officers.

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