

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 over 100 members in the guild. Membership was closed at 136 members in the 2013/2014 year, as our membership has a limit due to the fire safety codes of our meeting location.

If you wish to be a member, please contact our Vice President who is in charge of membership to determine if there is space.

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.

Members will receive a membership card and a password to the members-only section of the website. Our website address is:

<http://www.colonialquilters.org>

Our by-laws (see the website) define these requirements in order to remain a member in good standing:

- attend a minimum of at least 4 meetings per year
- donate items for community service -- see community service page for options
- help with the quilt show (held every other year) by working at least 4 hours
- provide refreshments and help with hospitality when your name is listed in our newsletter for this service (names are listed in alphabetical order)

The guild officers can exempt members from the requirements if there are special circumstances that prevent you from fulfilling any of the requirements.

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 August, 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.

Meetings:

The CQG regularly 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 7:00pm, with fellowship at 6:15pm, and last for approximately 2 hours. In July and August the gatherings are open sews, from 6-9pm.

Board meetings, open to the membership, are usually held the first Monday of each month at 6:45pm at the church. The president of the guild sets the dates and they are published in the newsletter.

In case of a meeting or event cancellation, a decision will be made by the guild president by noon on the meeting day; members with email will receive an email from the communication committee, and members without email will receive a phone call.

Guests:

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

Hospitality:

Coffee, tea, and refreshments are provided, free of charge, prior to each regular meeting. Members, on a rotating basis alphabetically, are asked to bring refreshments as well as help 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.

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 on whom to call. There are some times when we will ask you to save show and tell for a different month.

Library:

Members can borrow quilt- and quilt-related books and other resources (such as a serger) 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.

There is a catalogue of our collection on the website.

Newsletter and Communications:

An electronic newsletter is published every month and sent to your email address. It lists the minutes, committee information, and other guild announcements and events, as well as the list of names responsible for the next

meeting's refreshments. Please enter the email addresses of the communications committee into your email address book/contacts to make sure you receive the newsletter/ messages, and check your spam box as well. Members without internet access will receive their newsletter by regular mail. The newsletter is also posted on the www.colonialquilters.org webpage under "Members Only" prior to each guild meeting.

Facebook

There is a Colonial Quilters Guild Facebook page. It's a closed group, so you'll need to ask to join. Once you do, feel free to share any info you'd like with our other guild members (photos of your latest quilt project, questions about quilt related items, etc.) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/604180513018705/>

GroupWorks!

The guild has a social media outlet called GroupWorks! If you would like to be on GroupWorks!, please send an email to the communication committee to be signed up. You will get an email from them telling you what to do next; there will be a link to GroupWorks.com to sign in and a unique temporary password. Once you do, you will find the shortcut to "Colonial Quilters" in the upper left of the screen.

Community Service:

Members are required to participate in making items for our designated community service recipients: hospitals in the Lehigh Valley area. These include lap-sized quilts for children/adults undergoing treatment in oncology units, premie quilts, teddy bears, pocket shawls, small pillows and totes for mastectomy patients, walker bags, pillowcases, and quilts of valor.

Quilt labels, which are available from the community service committee, should be sewn on the oncology quilts designating that the CQG made the quilt.

There are patterns for mastectomy bags, teddy bears, pocket shawls, pillowcases, and walker bags on the website and also available at the community-community-service table at the meetings.

There are usually 2 community sewing days per guild year, each of which is about 6 hours long. Your attendance at one of these workshops serves to fulfill your community-service obligation. The dates are posted in the newsletter.

Completed community service projects may be turned in at each meeting.

See the Community Service section of the website for further details and for information on the recipients of these charity projects.

Programs:

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

Workshops:

Workshops are given by local or nationally-known presenters and will be announced in the CQG newsletter, listed on the website, and may be on the CQG Facebook page. Workshop space will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis with payment. The workshop may be opened to the public and announced on GroupWorks! to increase attendance.

The fee for each workshop will be calculated by the program committee.

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.

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, and contributing their quilts for display, in addition to working in various capacities at the show.

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.

Other Activities:

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

—Birthday Raffle: each month a name is drawn from the birthday members for that month and a prize is given. The member must be present to win.

—Fat Quarter Collection: Members donate fat quarters (18"X22"), as many as you like - nice, quilt-shop quality fabric. For each FQ, you fill out a slip with your name. FQ's will be added to a bucket until it's full and then a name will be drawn to win the whole bucket.

Any questions about CQG can be directed to any of the officers.

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