

Calico Cutters Quilt Guild Inc.

Bits & Pieces

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January Guild Meeting Check List

- **Because Quilters Care**— See Kid's Quilts
- **Block of the Month**— Bring your completed blocks!
- **Kids Quilts** - This month is our workshop!
- **Library** - Please return or renew your books.
- **Soldiers' Quilts** or blocks
- **Fat Quarters** - Blue & Silver
- **Acme Register Tapes**
- **Your Name Tag**
- **Parking Sign for your car**
- **Camera**
- **Hospitality - is it your turn?**
See page 4 for details

Don't forget to bring your machine or sewing tools for the Kids Quilts Workshop!

2009 CALENDAR

Please consult our new website at www.CalicoCutters.com

For details on upcoming programs and workshops. This will be our primary source for up-to-date information on happenings in the Guild.

NOTE: There is no block of the month for February. Copies will be available at the meeting. Remember to bring your Li'l Lost Mitten Blocks for January!

The President's Message

Friends,

Happy 2009! Hope you had happy holidays and your year is off to a good start. Our December meeting was certainly a bright spot in my month. Thanks to everyone who made it special. From the fantastic food-friendly quilt show, the great Chinese auction, and the yummy snacks to the streaming video and charity make-and-donate it was a delight!

Now comes the tough part of winter, the short, gray days that seem to go on and on. But once again we're so fortunate to be quilters. While our friends are surfing through three hundred TV channels searching for something worth watching or are out shopping for an elusive bargain to cheer themselves up, we can quilt! We can bask in our *Ott Lites* as we work. We can play with all sorts of colors and designs as we root through our stash of fabric and thread and brighten our days instantly. We can have the satisfaction of finishing a project or trying a new technique. On an especially cold day we might snuggle under a quilt that we love from the past or spread a new one on our laps as we finish sewing on the binding.

Oh the possibilities! Oh the finished projects! We have January show-and-tell for you fast workers. And



the rest of us have two winter months to finish our creations. We'll have no show-and-tell at our February meeting where rather than a speaker, new ideas and techniques will be demonstrated by fellow members. So plan to share your winter wonders at our March show-and-tell.

Hope loads of you are planning to come to our kid's quilt extravaganza on 1/14. Our great kids quilt team is organized for a productive day of worthwhile quilt making. The firemen have given us permission to stay until 2:00 PM, so bring a sandwich and stay as long as you can. Thanks to our team and to the firemen!

A final reminder if bad weather hits our meeting is cancelled if the West Chester School district has a delayed opening or cancels school!

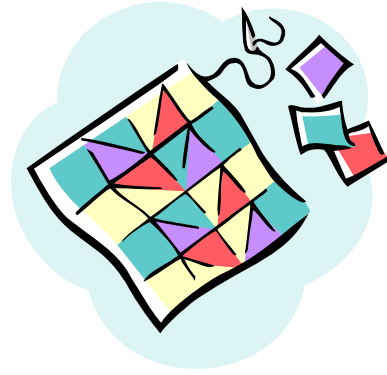
Stay warm and busy!

Happy quilting!

Susan

KIDS' QUILTS ANNUAL SEW-IN

We're looking forward to seeing YOU at our Kids Quilts Sew-In at this month's regular meeting on January 14, 2009! The Sew-In will begin right after the break at about 10:30 and will run until 2 p.m. Just think of all that we can accomplish by working together! Help is needed with all stages of the quilt-making process, including cutting, piecing, pressing, layering, sewing edges and turning, tying, machine quilting, and topstitching. Depending on what you plan to do, you'll need to bring your machine with extension cord, thread, pins, rotary cutter, cutting mat, scissors, iron and/or pressing mat. Some of us will assemble kits. Others will cut fabric into squares for future kits. Plenty of quilts will be ready to be machine quilted or tied. For tying, we'll



supply needles and thread; you will need to bring your own scissors. Don't forget to bring a bag lunch! If you're not sure how best to help, just ask and we'll put you to work. If you have a question or suggestion beforehand, you may call Karen Owens (610-594-1777). We hope to see you all there!

We received twelve great Kids' Quilts for the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County at the December meeting. We thank Suzy Brody (3), Genny Gallagher (2), Cheryl Lynch, Maureen Lynch, Gail Pickett (2), and others who didn't sign our list.

Karen Owens, Kim Stefus, Dorcas Weist,
and Pat Zettlemoyer



Bring back those library books!

Library News

Please e-mail bobnann1@att.net or call Ann Ott to renew if you won't be at the January meeting.

The overdue fee is \$1.00/month and goes toward buying new books for our library.

Your Library Helpers

Education

Time to organize and clean out those sewing rooms. If you have some things that are not sewing appropriate for the guild, consider donating to your local school. They usually are pretty happy to get zippers, buttons, patterns, etc. Call to check first before you haul it all over there!

A quilting friend gave me a great idea. She bought a scissors sharpener from Fiskars. She

let me try it out and it sharpened all my scissors (even junky ones) and did a good job. Use your 50% off coupon at JoAnn's and it is a real deal, no more dull scissors.

Contrary to some people's opinion I am seeing some trends running towards (not away) ric-rac and pompom fringe, very retro. I will be doing a quilt with both, watch for a future show & tell.

Kelly Meanix
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Because Quilters Care - Community Outreach

Thank you for the mountain of practical donations to the Domestic Violence center. The gifts were beautiful and numerous. Many new sheets and bedding items, cleaning items and sheets and towels and so on. The staff was overwhelmed with gratitude. At Christmas, the Domestic Violence Center and other shelters are in severe need of basic care commodities. It is a blessing for a battered woman and her children to receive a safe place to stay, clean sheets and toilet articles and warm blankets. If we can do a small part to comfort these women and chil-

dren on the outside perhaps they can begin to heal on the inside as well. Thank you again for your amazing generosity this past year. You have such good hearts!

Don't forget, January is the kid's quilt sew-in. It's a lot of fun. Come and bring your machine or not. We can use tiers and cutters too. Get to know some of your fellow quilters.

If you have any input about our projects from 2008 - either positive or negative, or if you have new project ideas, please call or e-mail me. Since we have limited time for research, the new project

ideas should include both a project or specific donation and a specific recipient. Please keep in mind that although we have been touched by many tragedies this year, it has been our policy to keep our projects generally local. If you have a cause that is dear to your heart and would like to be responsible for a month, that works for me to.

Any questions, contact Georgette Copes at gcopes@verizon.net



Ways & Means

The Ways and Means committee is in full gear preparing for the Auction in April. They could definitely use a few more hands. Please let Lucille Willover know if you are willing to donate some time to assist them. Remember, this is our major fund raiser for the year!

Thanks for your help, Elaine, Lucille,
Rosemary, Lynne and Kelly

Fat Quarter Raffle

It's a winter wonderland! Bring your blue fabrics, silver fabrics, or a combination of the two!

You will receive one chance to win for each fat quarter that you contribute. Please remember the Fat Quarter Guidelines: Keep to the theme, make sure it's a fat quarter (18" by 22") and wash and iron it.

Mary Yost - Marnor2@comcast.net or
Linda Cox - Linda.cox@verizon.net



Raffle Quilt

Don't forget to pick up your tickets for the Raffle Quilt! If you have sold your tickets please turn in your money and see Kathy for more!

Remember, this is a major fundraiser for the Guild and everyone participation is essential.



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A copy of the minutes of the previous Guild Meeting and Treasurer's Report will be available at each Guild Meeting.

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The Queen of Rick Rack (Kelly Meanix) and her subjects (Christine Kamon and Cheryl Lynch)

CORRECTION: The December newsletter reported that Shirley Pearce participated in the Brownie project. It was actually Shirley Walton who participated with Rosemary Morgan-Malseed helping the Brownies to make pillowcases for ConKerr Cancer.

SUNSHINE

Please let Sunshine Chair know if one of our members is not well, is going through a tough time or has lost a loved one so a card can be sent on behalf of the Guild.



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