



POCONO MOUNTAIN QUILTERS' GUILD

# The Quilt Line

December 2023

## \*\*\*\*\* Guild Purpose \*\*\*\*\*

The purpose of the Guild is to promote friendship among persons interested in all aspects of quilting; to promote an interest in and appreciation of the art of quilt making; to share quilting information; and education and stimulation of high standards and technique. [www.thepmqg.com](http://www.thepmqg.com)

## President's Message

Hi Everyone,

As the year 2023 comes to a close, I have been pondering that I am half way through my first season of presidency! It has been lots of fun so far and a great opportunity to expand my volunteer experience. I am sharing this thought right now because it gives everyone plenty of time to think about our guild community and if you would be interested in taking on this challenge for next season. I must say, when I was asked to consider being president, at that time, I thought am I crazy? I am so very glad that I have been able to serve, and it gives you a real different perspective on how the guild runs. I have learned a lot and it has given me a great chance to get to know many members better. As this year ends, I hope you take the time to consider this idea. I know that I didn't start out as president, I got to know the executive positions by serving as the secretary then VP/Charity position, then the President. This gave me the time to get to know what was expected and all the members much better. It is not a daunting position if you are open to new challenges and there are many members who have served on the executive that are very helpful.

I wish you and your family health, happiness for the Christmas season. Take care if you aren't able to make it to our December gathering, we have some great programs and great speakers lined up for us during our three winter months thanks to Lorraine and Barbara's hard work. I thought you would like some amusement at this time of year! To all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You and Your loved Ones!

Your President, Peggy

*Merry  
Christmas*

## 'Twas the night before Christmas, Quilters Version

'Twas the night before Christmas,  
And the quilts were not made.

The threads were all tangled the cookies delayed.  
The stockings weren't hung, the pantry was bare.  
The poor weary Quilter, was tearing her hair.  
Stacks of fat quarters, tipped over in streams.  
Visions of Log Cabins, had turned into dreams.

When what to her wondering eye should appear,  
But a bus full of quilters with all of their gear.  
They went straight to work with just a few mutters,  
Sorting and stitching and brandishing cutters.  
The patterns emerged from all that clutter,  
Like magic the fabrics arranged in a flutter.  
Log Cabins, Lone Stars, Flying Geese & Bear Tracks  
Each quilt was a beauty-even the backs.

Her house how it twinkled, her quilts how they glowed.  
The cookies were baking, the stockings were sewed.  
Their was all done, so they folded their frames,  
And packed up their needles, without giving their names.  
They boarded the bus, and checked the next address  
More quilts to be mad, another quilter in distress.

She heard one voice echo, as they drove out of sight,  
Happy quilting to all and to all a good night!  
*Author Unknown*

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## Minutes

Our program for the evening was our annual ornament workshop. A holly and berries pattern were chosen. A kit with directions, leaf template and materials, was provided. Participants brought their own thread and sewing supplies.

The business meeting began with a motion was made to accept the secretary's minutes by Peggy Jo Smith. Seconded by Lois Kirkwood. Motion carried.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Lorraine Hare, seconded by Ana Rivera. Motion carried.

32 members were present 52 members total membership. One guest present, Bertha Tomy.

A discussion was had to pick a charity to benefit from the proceeds from the tricky tray to be held at our Christmas dinner. Three charities were nominated: Kindness Cottage, Olsen Christmas Wish, Quilts of The Quilt Line



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Valor. A vote of the membership took place and results were: Kindness Cottage -15 votes, Olsen Christmas Wish-9, Quilts of Valor - 2. It was brought up to donate to Kindness Cottage and Olsen Christmas Wish. We can decide at the dinner.

BOM- There was a very good response in returned blocks for last month's block. You can still turn them in, in December. This month's block is a large jewel box using bright primary jewel colors. Each participant only needs to make two sections.

Community Quilts- Quilts were distributed to Angel Baby, White Stone, The Meadows, Pleasant Valley Manor. There will not be meetings in November and December.

Anyone who brought an item for the Moose Lodge tricky tray can put it on the back table.

Kathleen shared she saved the guild \$60 by ordering new checks from a different company.

Mary Santoro read a thank you note from Lorraine Hare for the flowers and gift card from the membership for her hard work as Vice President during Covid.

Christmas Dinner- Tonight is the last night to sign up.

Brightly Workshop- November 18<sup>th</sup> at The Moose Lodge, 9-3. info is on the website. You can still sign up tonight.

Don't forget to bring an item for the tricky tray at the Christmas Dinner at Peppe's on December 6th. Note that it is the first Wednesday of the month.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by MaryAnn Mclaughlin, seconded by Ana Rivera.  
*Submitted by Mary Santoro*

## **Membership:**

Extra membership lists are still available and I will have them at the December Holiday party. Corrections and additions to the membership list.

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Flatt, Sheryl- [stflatt@gmail.com](mailto:stflatt@gmail.com) (yes 3 t's)

*Submitted by Kathy Parrish*

## Calendar

**December 27<sup>th</sup>: No Community Quilts Meeting.** Happy Holidays!

**January 10<sup>th</sup>:** Regular Business Meeting to be held at 6:30pm. Label Making – ideas for making labels for your quilts. PMQG Name Tag copies available. Bring in one yard of fabric in a brown bag, see more details in this newsletter. Bring in your own beverage. Show and tell.

**January 20<sup>th</sup>: “Mosaic” Workshop** 9:00am - 3:00pm. Moose Lodge. Sign up at any meeting. See attachment to this newsletter.

**January 24<sup>th</sup>:** Community Quilts starts at 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Moose Lodge. Come join us in sewing kits together. Kits will be available, bring your own sewing supplies and machine. Board meeting to be held.

**February 14<sup>th</sup>:** Speaker. Bring in one yard of fabric in a brown bag, see more details in this newsletter. Bring in your own beverage. Show and tell.

**February 28<sup>th</sup>:** Community Quilts starts at 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Moose Lodge. Come join us in sewing kits together. Kits will be available, bring your own sewing supplies and machine. Board meeting to be held.

### **Quilt Workshop: “Mosaic” Quilt**

Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> 2024

Moose Lodge – 9:00am to 3:00pm

Sign up with Barb Wenton

See attachment to the newsletter for more information.



# Treasurer's Report

As of: November 30th 2023

Beginning 11/01/2023 - Ending 11/30/2023

Checking account balance on 10/31/2023

\$15,156.85

## **INCOME**

11/8 – Membership 5 @\$25

\$125.00

11/8 – Holiday Dinner 10 @ \$20

\$200.00

**INCOME TOTAL**

**\$325.00**

## **DISBURSEMENTS**

B. Wenton – Holiday Favors

(\$23.36)

L. Hare – Ornament Workshop

(\$25.36)

J. Reinhardt

(\$20.00)

K. Parrish

(\$169.39)

(see December's Peppe's Holiday Party TO COME

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R. Rossi – (Deposit for 10/2024 Program)

(100.00)

L. Kirkwood

(20.00)

**DISBURSEMENTS TOTAL**

**(\$358.11)**

**CHECKBOOK BALANCE ON 11/30/2023**

**\$15,123.74**

Difference +/- (-)

**\$ (33.11)**

<b><u>Checks Issued</u></b>	<b><u>Ck #</u></b>	<b><u>Reason</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
B. Wenton	1436	Holiday Favors	\$23.26
L. Hare	1437	Ornament Workshop	\$25.26
J. Reinhardt	1438	Refund	\$20.00
K. Parrish	1439	Copies	\$169.39
(Dec. Party)	1440	Holiday Party	<b>To Come</b>
R. Rossi	1441	Deposit Program 2024	\$100.00
L. Kirkwood	1442	Refund	\$20.00

**Meeting Held on 11/08/2023 at Moose Lodge, East Stroudsburg, PA  
No Board Meeting/Community Sew – Happy Thanksgiving**

## **Block of the Month:**

We are still accepting the blue hearts from October. The September blocks have been assembled and the top looks great. I will have it at the Christmas party and will be looking for a volunteer to quilt it. The partial Jewel Box blocks are due this month.

The December block will be a simple 6" black and white nine patch block. In January we will be making a red and white snowball block and the plan is to combined the two blocks into one top.

Directions for nine patch-

Cut five 2 1/2" squares out of a tone-on-tone black fabric and four 2 1/2" squares out of any white-on-white fabric. Assemble with the black on the outside corners and center. The white for the remaining squares. Your finished block should measure 6 1/2" square. The blocks are due at the January meeting.

*Submitted by Kathy Parrish/ Sheryl Flatt*

## **Community Quilts**

This month we were able to distribute 10 children's quilts to Nurse Family Partnership of Monroe County, 11 baby quilts to Angel Baby Closet, 7 lap quilts to Whitestone Nursing home, 7 lap quilts to the Meadows of East Stroudsburg Nursing Home and 6 lap quilts to Pleasant Valley Manor.

We gave a total of 133 placemats to Meals on Wheels. We donated 3 lap quilts, 2- quilted bags, a table runner and a project bag to the Women of the Moose to use for their tricky tray.

Thanks to all our members who donated the placemats. Thanks to Andrea Gullion, Ann Wingert, Ana Rivera, and Pat Cudney for the lap tops the made.

There will not be a sewing session in December. Our next sewing session will be on January 24th, 2024.

*Submitted by Kathy Parrish*

## **For Your Information**

The "Brightly" quilt workshop was attended by eleven members of Guild. Thank you to those members who attended: Noreen Hammond, Damaris Schrader, Cara Staviski, Donna Dickey, Ann Wingert, Barb Wenton, Lorraine Hare, Peggy Jo Smith, Cindy Dougherty, Wendy Mackillop and Judith Reinhardt.

Thank you to Lorraine Hare, Peggy P. Walter and Barb Wenton for making soup for the lunch. Also, thank you to Damaris Shrader for the wonderful bread and Noreen Hammond for bringing a special treat to celebrate Damaris's birthday! We hope to see some of the finished quilt tops at January's meeting.

### **Brown Bag Exchange**

A brown bag exchange is planned. Participating Guild members should put 1 yard of fabric (something you really like) along with a piece of paper with your name on it, in a brown bag.

Bring to January or February meeting, give to Lorraine Hare or Barb Wenton. We will randomly distribute the bags to participants. You are to make for your exchange pal a tote bag, storage item, some type of

container, but **NOT A QUILT**. You decide what you want to make! Item(s) should be quilted, but not if your pattern doesn't lend itself to quilting. Finished items should be brought to August picnic. Wrap up in a pleasing way, a special gift for your exchange pal.

## Refreshments:

Thank you to all members who have signed up ahead of time to bring in refreshments to the meetings. Judith Reinhardt and Kathy Balch are in charge of the refreshment committee.

These members signed up to bring refreshments to January's meeting are: **Mary Santoro, Lorraine Hare, Peggy P. Walter and Kathleen Hahn**. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Thank you to Sarah Pierson, Andrea Gullion, Doris Masten and Judy Bago for November's refreshments.



### December's Birthdays

12-25 Linda Doll  
12-26 Marianne Bridges  
12-29 Karen Halman

### January's Birthdays

01-01 Barb Wenton  
01-06 Rose Frailey  
01-08 Louise Price  
01-12 Bobbie Long

## Please Note:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Judy Mehl's family at this sad time. Judy's daughter passed away last month after a long battle with cancer.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Barb Wenton's family at this sad time. Barb's stepson, Jason passed earlier this month.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lois Kirkwood. Lois's husband, Kevin had recent open heart/triple bypass surgery. Lois will not be at the meeting for the next couple of months.

Thank you to Barb Wenton for putting together the favors for our party.

## PMQOV:

If you would like to join Pocono Mountain Quilts of Valor, please contact Kathleen or Laura for details- membership through the group is only \$10/year. Our next Sew Day will be Feb 3, 2024. Kits are always available if you would like to make a quilt for us. You can also contribute fabric- 5 yards will make a backing and all sizes of yardage and scraps are welcome!

*Submitted by Laura Lyman*

## Officers

President – Peggy P. Walter  
Vice President – Barbara Wenton/Lorraine Hare  
Secretary – Mary Santoro  
Treasurer – Kathleen McCarthy  
Financial Secretary – Kathy Parrish

## Committees

Activities – Barbara Wenton / Lorraine Hare  
Historian/Photos – Lorraine Hare  
Sunshine & Shadows – Ana Rivera  
Celebration Quilts –  
Helping Hands – Andrea Gullion  
Newsletter – Lorraine Hare  
Webmaster – Lorraine Hare  
Community Quilts – Kathy Parrish  
Block of the Month – Kathy Parrish/Sheryl Flatt  
Challenge  
Quilt Bingo  
Hospitality – Judy Reinhardt / Kathy Balch



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