



POCONO MOUNTAIN QUILTERS' GUILD

# The Quilt Line

January 2024

## \*\*\*\*\* 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,

A New Year already? Where did the last one go? Didn't we JUST do this?

I am not one for resolutions, it just depresses me when I look up and discover I am not maintaining them. But I do like to have a few broad goals in mind for at least a few months ahead – it helps me focus. So, what do we have in mind for the next few months at PMQG. You, and every member, are so vital to the community's ability to create breathtaking art. Sharing our learned skills and resources continues to create new paths for our artwork to expand. I am so glad you are here and look forward to learning more from each of you.

- We have an upcoming Board meeting to examine where we are and where we would like to go. Do you have any thoughts to add here? Send them to me or any board member and we can talk about them. As always "regular" members are welcome at the Board meeting.
- We have a great lineup of programs for our monthly meetings, check out the website to see what is in store.
- We have at least two mini workshops lined up in the next couple

These are just some of the exciting things for us in the upcoming year. I encourage you to keep quilting, creating, sewing or whatever you do that makes you happy. Bring things to Show and Tell. Stay involved. The guild is only as good as its members.

And, Happy New Year!  
Your President Peggy Walter (I am newly married)

## A New Year's Wish for Quilters

*May your points always meet  
May your thread never break  
May your borders behave  
And may inspiration never desert you.*



## Minutes

Christmas Party 12-6-2023

Our Christmas Party was held at Peppe's Bistro this year. We had a Tricky Tray and "Santa's Goodie Bag" exchange for members who wished to participate. Members brought items for the Tricky Tray. Tickets were two sheets for \$10. The Tricky Tray raised \$765.00. It was voted on by members present for the guild to contribute to the amount to bring it to \$1000 and split it between Kindness Cottage and Olsen Christmas Wish, each getting \$500. A few members had quilts for Show and Tell. Everyone had a great time! The dinner concluded with our tradition of singing Auld Lang Syne.

*Submitted by Mary Santoro*

## Calendar

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>: PMQOV Sew In. 10am-3pm**, at the Moose Lodge. Bring your sewing machine, supplies, lunch and snack items, kits will be provided, donations of fabric are always appreciated. Bring a friend, need not be a member to participate – many hands make light work.

**February 14<sup>th</sup>: Member Cara Staviski** will tell us about the favorite tools that she uses. 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.



## **Tea Party - April Meeting - Boutique Tables**

This year there will be a table(s) set up for members to sell items which you have handmade. This is not for flea market items or "free table" items, only items which you have made and want to sell.

You price your items and collect payment yourself, and it is up to you to see that Guild is paid 10%

of all your sales. Be sure your items are marked with your name. Members that are interested in purchasing can pay you directly. No one will be assigned to oversee this table.

### **\*\*\*BIG SHOW ANNOUNCEMENT\*\*\***

After 32 years, and the designation of “longest running quilt show in Lancaster, PA”, the quilt show is moving to Lebanon, PA. Just 23 miles down the road from Lancaster.

**The show is April 10-13, 2024 at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center.**

It is a large, spacious, facility, with ample free parking. Vendors, quilts and classes will be under one roof. This new facility will allow for wider aisles, and many more quilts in the quilt exhibits. The Expo Center has an onsite caterer who will be serving a wide variety of affordable food options. There is space for more classes and lectures. Lebanon is very close off of the Turnpike, and easily accessible for bus groups as well as individuals. For the moment the show will be known as the “Lancaster-Lebanon Quilt Show”.

# Treasurer's Report

As of: December 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

Beginning 12/01/2023 - Ending 12/31/2023  
Checking account balance on 11/30/2023 \$15,123.74

## INCOME

Holiday Party – Tricky Tray \$765.00

**INCOME TOTAL \$765.00**

## DISBURSEMENTS

Peppe's – Holiday party 36 attendees \$ (1,342.24)

**DISBURSEMENTS TOTAL (\$1,342.24)**

**CHECKBOOK BALANCE ON 12/31/2023 \$14,546.50**

Difference +/- (-) \$ (577.24)

<u>Checks Issued</u>	<u>Ck #</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Peppe's Ristorante	1440	Holiday Party	(\$1,342.24)

**Meeting in December - Holiday Party at Peppe's 12/06/23**  
**No Board Meeting/Community Sew – Merry Christmas**

## **Block of the Month:**

Thank you to Jen walker for volunteering to quilt the first of our Bingo quilts with the disappearing hourglass quilt top.

The Swedish Woven Heart quilt top is together and will be shown at the January meeting. The Jewel Box squares are due at the January meeting as well as the December blocks- black and white 9-patch. January's block will be a snowball pattern in red and white. The plan is to combined the 9-patch and the snowball blocks together for a top. The snowball block will be due at the February meeting.

### **DIRECTIONS FOR THE NINE PATCH** - black and white

Cut five 2 1/2" squares out of tone-on-tone black fabric and four 2 1/2" squares out of any white-on-white fabric. Assemble with the black in the four corners and center. The white for the remaining squares. Your block should measure 6 1/2" square.

### **DIRECTIONS FOR THE SNOWBALL** - red and white

Cut one 6 1/2" square out of any white-on-white fabric. Cut four 2 1/2" squares from any red fabric. Draw a diagonal line on each of the red squares. Place on the corners of the white fabric and sew on the line. Trim 1/4" away from stitch line and press red fabric away from center to create the snowball. Finished block should be 6 1/2" square.

*Submitted by Kathy Parrish/ Sheryl Flatt*

## Community Quilts

Welcome back after the holiday break. we will have a sewing session on Wednesday 1/24/24. We meet from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Kits will be available at the meeting. Members should bring their machines and sewing supplies. You can work on a community quilt kit or any project of your own. It is a pleasant way to spend an evening. Hope to see you all there.

*Submitted by Kathy Parrish*

## For Your Information

### **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.

### **UFO Challenge (Unofficial)**

Some of you said you would like to join our informal/unofficial 2024 UFO challenge so it's time to get organized! First - a UFO (Unfinished Object) is a quilting project you've started, then set aside and not finished, so not those dream projects you haven't started yet.

Challenge - finish at least one UFO each month, more if you can.

So - make your list and get to it!

We will touch base through email and or texts and of course bring those no-longer-UFOs to Show and Tell. This is very informal - no prizes or pressure, just a chance to encourage and support each other to get those quilts finished. So, let me know and I will keep a list of those who want to participate, so we can keep in touch. Looking forward to a great quilting year,

*Submitted by Laura Lyman*

**If you do not see your birthday listed and would like to add it, then let Lorraine Hare know what it is and she can add it to the master list.**



#### **January's Birthdays**

01-01 Barb Wenton  
01-06 Rose Frailey  
01-08 Louise Price

#### **February's Birthdays**

01- 10 Cara Staviski  
01-14 AnnMarie Kizer

### **Please Note:**

#### **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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