



POCONO MOUNTAIN QUILTERS' GUILD

The Quilt Line

February 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

President's Message

Hi Everyone,

Have you noticed how quickly the stores went from Christmas to Valentine's offerings. I hope you have been able to enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of our recent snow-storms. As I write this letter, there is a groundhog contemplating his future: Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, meaning 6 more weeks of winter? IS THIS THE CORRECT PREDICTION? Some of us enjoy the snow and many of us are looking forward to spring. February means a "fresh start", as we begin to notice daylight hours getting longer and daffodils begin to emerge.

We need vision, socializing and brainstorming, expressing feelings of friendship. Get out and enjoy what nature has to offer. Come join us at the February Guild Meeting on the 14th, remember we'll start the meeting at 7:00 P.M. I'm EXCITED TO HEAR OUR GUEST SPEAKER Cara Staviski. Thanks to everyone who shared their show and tell with us at the January Guild Meeting. Hopefully for those of us that didn't get to start (like me, just saying) or finish the Brightly project. It served as inspiration. Members received many compliments and hopefully this gave us ideas.

Some things to think about as we get further along in the year. Please think about volunteering for a position for next year. A slate need to be presented in May. We will be electing a new president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and membership chairs. If you are willing to take on any of these positions or serve on the nominating committee, please let me know. Serving as president of this guild has been a pleasure for me. There has been no shortage of help or advice

from other members-- I greatly appreciated that. Also serving the guild is a fabulous way to get to know members. The time involved is of course based on the job, but even serving as president this year is not overwhelming because of the support of the membership. So please, give this serious consideration and volunteer if you can do so.

Thank you so much, Peggy P. Walter

"Away in a meadow all covered with snow
The little old groundhog looks for his shadow
The clouds in the sky determine our fate
If winter will leave us all early or late."
- Don Halley



Minutes

Business Meeting 01-10-24
22 Members Attending

Secretary Mary Santoro was absent, so Andrea Gullion took the minutes in her place. President Peggy Walter reported that the meeting on January 24th will be a Community Quilts meeting and a Board Meeting. Please bring any concerns to Peggy. The calendar is in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report was looked over and a motion was made by Laura Lyman and seconded by Cynthia Dougherty, to accept the report as printed in the newsletter. All were in favor.

The minutes in the newsletter were approved.

Activities: Barb Wenton and Lorraine Hare reported on the Mosaic Workshop to be held on January 20th. There are twelve members signed up to participate. Bring a lunch and a beverage, plus your sewing supplies and do not forget your black fabric.

Brown Bag Exchange: Bring in a yard of fabric in a brown bag. Guild participants will be asked to make some kind of container, not a quilt. Although the item such as a tote, container or bowl can be quilted. Bring the finished wrapped item to the August picnic. Bags will be accepted until February 14th.

February 14th we will be hearing from Cara Staviski who will present a talk about her favorite tools and notions.

UFO Challenge: Laura Lyman spoke about the unofficial UFO Challenge. Try to finish one UFO a month, she has forms to fill out, if you want to keep track. The member will pick their own number this time to work on. The projects must be a quilt and something that is already started. Projects can be shared on the Guild's Facebook page.

Community Quilts: Kathy Parrish reported that we received a thank you letter from LVHN Nurse Family Partnership thanking us for the ten baby quilts will be kept in Monroe County.

BOM: Kathy Parrish reported on the quilts being made for Bingo. Kathy asked that we keep making blocks, she will accept the Jewel Box blocks until next month. Linda Jurasits volunteered to machine quilt a quilt top. Black and white nine patches and the red and white snowball blocks will still be accepted at the February meeting.

Peggy Walter thanked the members who brought in refreshments to the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned and show and tell was shown.

Submitted by Andrea Gullion

Calendar



February 14th: Regular Business Meeting. 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 28th: 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.

March 13th: Regular Business Meeting. Speaker Deb Strain from Yellow Springs, Ohio will be joining us to talk about the fabric industry. She will have her own personal items for sale. Bring your own beverage. Show and tell.

March 23rd: Community Quilts/Cutting Bee

Cutting Bee at the Moose from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The guild will provide all the fabric and patterns. Members should bring cutting supplies. We will be cutting kits for children and adults small quilts. Bring your lunch and a beverage.

March 27th: 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

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.

Block of the Month:

Thank you to Linda Jurasits for quilting the Swedish Woven Hearts quilt which was our block from October.

We are still catching up on blocks due to the holidays. We will be accepting blocks for the November Jewel Block, the December black and white Nine Patch and the January red and white Snowball at the February meeting.

The block for February will be a 6" pastel pinwheel. This block will be made from pastel colors, print or solid and white on white fabric of your choice.

Submitted by Kathy Parrish/ Sheryl Flatt

Community Quilts

Thank you to Sarah Pierson for the lap quilt she made and Sheri Seip for quilt blocks, also Lorraine hare for placemats. We received lovely thank you notes for Angel Baby Closet, Nurse-Family Partnership and Meals on Wheels for our donations. The next sewing session will be Feb 28th from 6:00 to 9:00pm. There are kits available at American Ribbon Fabrics in the fabric department. We will be having a cutting bee on March 23th at the Moose Lodge from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Submitted by Kathy Parrish



BINGO 2024

Mary Dickison is requesting that members start bringing in fat quarters for the basket for bingo. Mary will not be at the next couple of meeting but asks that members give their contributions to Kim Kimler to deliver to Mary. Thanks, you to all members in advance.

Treasurer's Report

As of: January 31st 2024

Beginning 1/01/2024 - Ending 1/31/2024
 Checking account balance on 12/31/2023 \$14,546.50

INCOME

Membership (25) and Donation (15) \$40.00

INCOME TOTAL **\$40.00**

DISBURSEMENTS

Community Quilts (189.98) Quilt Bingo (7.19) \$ (197.17)
 Donations: Olsen Christmas/Wish and Kindness Cottage \$(1,000.00)

DISBURSEMENTS TOTAL **\$(1,197.17)**

CHECKBOOK BALANCE ON 1/31/2024 **\$13,389.33 ***

Difference +/- (-) **\$ (1,157.17)**

<u>Checks Issued</u>	<u>Ck #</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
K. Parrish	1444	Cmty & Bingo	\$197.17
Olsen Xmas Wish	1445	Donation	\$500.00
The Kindness Cottage	1446	Donation	\$500.00

*Note: 2 Checks have not cleared through the account.

- 1) Ck#1441 (Rossi) of \$100.00
- 2) Ck#1438 (Reinhardt) of \$20.00

Meeting January 10th – Moose Lodge
 Board Meeting January 24, 20024 / No Community Sew due to weather.



For Your Information

Mosaic Workshop was held on January 20th with ten guild members participating. Thank you to Barb Wenton and Lorraine Hare for running the workshop and these members for coming out to sew: Sheryl Flatt, Kathleen McCarthy, Judy Mehl, Kathy Parrish, Ana Rivera, Lori Smith, Peggy Jo Smith and Christine Walker.

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 February's meeting: **Peggy Jo Smith, Janette Koerner, Ann Marie Kizer, Kath Parrish and Sheryl Flatt**. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Thank you to Lorraine Hare, Peggy Walter and Kathleen Hahn for January's refreshments

Membership:

We have one new member to add to your membership list:

Debbie Shortino
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East Stroudsburg PA 18301
570-856-0824
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UFO Challenge (Unofficial)

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.



February's Birthdays

02-10 Cara Staviski
02-14 Ann Marie Kizer

March's Birthdays

03-01 Donna Conto
03-05 Ann Wingert
03-07 Marie Guidry
03-21 Cynthia Dougherty
03-23 Kathy Verbal
03-28 Jenny Rourke

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 March 16th, 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



Quilt Show
Lebanon Valley Expo Center
April 10th to 13th 2024

Evening Star Quilters
Guild Presents
"Quilts in the Vineyard"
June 8th and 9th, 2024

Brook Hollow Winery
Columbia, NJ

Harvest Quilters of Central New
Jersey
Sharing the Quilts 40th Year
Saturday - **April 20th, 2024**
9am to 5pm

(Doors close at 4:30pm)

Willow Grove Presbyterian
Church
1961 Raritan Road, Scotch
Plains, NJ
Admission \$8.00

Quilters in Bloom
Quilt Show
"A Garden of Quilts"
June 14th & 15th 2024
Admission \$8.00
Central Columbia High
School
477 Old Berwick Road
Bloomsburg, PA

County Line Quilters Guild
Quilt Show on May 4th & 5th
St. Cyril of Jerusalem Social
Hall
1410 Almshouse Rd.
Jamison, PA 18929.
Admission \$7.00

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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