



POCONO MOUNTAIN QUILTERS' GUILD

# The Quilt Line

March 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,

Since quilt making is often a solitary effort, the moments spent with friends talking, enjoying, admiring, and dreaming quilts are most precious. I actually just came back from a retreat with dear friends in Massanutten, Virginia and was reminded of this. Hope the cold weather we have been experiencing has left you plenty of time to quilt. We had another great meeting in February. We are blossoming as a Guild and within the Guild just like a sunflower within a field of flowers. I really appreciate what each of you bring to the Guild as a whole! And you just keep making it better!!!! Hats off to you!

We have so many days to celebrate: St. Patrick's Day, First Day of Spring, **NATIONAL QUILTING DAY** and the Chinese New Year began February 10, which celebrates the year of the Wood Dragon. In Chinese astrology, dragons are confident, intelligent, and enthusiastic - great qualities to take into your quilting this year. You are in control of your creative choices, so meet them with confidence and enthusiasm in your color choices, patterns, and techniques. If you were not present at the February Guild Meeting Cara Staviski was our guest speaker and did a wonderful, insightful, and colorful presentation. Thank you!

Your President, Peggy Walter



# Minutes

## **February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024      Business Meeting**

Our speaker for tonight is our very own Cara Staviski. Cara shared some gadgets she uses to help her in saving time and make her business more profitable i.e.: Accuquilt, Accucut, Kai scissors, different rulers, Filtec magnetic bobbins, and many others. She also shared many beautiful quilts she has made using these time saving gadgets and sold some kits fabric and gadgets. Her talk was very enjoyable and informative.

### **Business Meeting:**

A motion was made by Ann Wingert to accept the secretary's minutes as printed in the newsletter. Seconded by Ann Marie Kizer. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jeanette Koerner to accept the Treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter. Seconded by Barb Wenton. Motion carried.

**Activities: BOM.** Kathy Parrish shared the blocks for BOM, 6" snowball blocks made with white background and pastel fabric. Bring back in March.

**Community Quilts** - February 28 6pm - 9pm at the Moose Lodge.  
March 23 Cutting Bee 9am-3pm Moose Lodge  
March 28 Community Quilts 6pm-9pm Moose Lodge

**Calendar:** March 13- Business Meeting  
March 23- Community Quilts- Cutting Bee 9am-3pm Moose Lodge  
March 28- Community Quilts- 6pm-9pm Moose Lodge

**Brown Paper Bag Challenge** - Participants put 1 yd of fabric they love in a brown paper bag with their name. Barb will collect them and then redistribute them, being sure you do not get your own back. You can make a tote, bag or other fabric container. It can be quilted, but not a quilt. Bring back to the August picnic wrapped for the person you made it for.

**Possible future workshops** - Suggestions made were: Wow Bag Tote- Converts from a tote to a duffle bag. Uses 3 yds of fabric and a zipper. OR The Big Bag- we have done this one before but was popular. The majority present seemed to favor the Wow Bag. More info to follow.

**April 10- Business Meeting/ Tea Party** - the Tea Party last year was a big hit, so we will be having another this year! We will have a boutique where members can sell handmade items. Each participant will be responsible for pricing and collecting money for their own items. (Be sure you put your name on your items so members know who to pay and have your own change. Tables will not be manned by the guild. 10% of your proceeds will be given to the guild. Please keep track).

**QOV**- Kathleen McCarthy shared the block that will be made the whole year that consists of

3 1/2" and 6 1/2" squares. Pattern is available, make as many as you wish. Feel free to make a whole quilt. Directions available.

Motion to adjourn made by Peggy Jo Smith, seconded by Andrea Gullion.

**Show and Tell** - Kathy Parrish, Cyndy Dougherty, Donna Dickey, Peggy Jo Smith, Kathleen McCarthy, Sarah Pierson, Andrea Gullion, Lorraine Hare.

*Submitted by Mary Santoro*

## Calendar

**March 13<sup>th</sup>: 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 16<sup>th</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.

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>: 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 their own cutting supplies: boards, rulers and rotary cutters. We will be cutting fabric for kits. Pizza will be provided but please bring your own beverage.

**March 27<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

**April 10<sup>th</sup>: PMQG Tea Party.** Guild members are cordially invited to celebrate Guild's 35<sup>th</sup> birthday at our April Meeting. At the Moose Lodge starting at 6:30pm. Tasty Treats await you, along with games and fun. Hope to see you all there.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>: "Wow Bag Workshop"** from 10:00 – 3:00 at Moose Lodge. \$5.00 payment required before the class. Homework required. Payment will be collected at March and April's meetings.

**April 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

## Tea Party – April Meeting

At Guild's April meeting, since it is our anniversary, we are having a Question/Answer discussion about the early years of Guild. We hope you can all participate. Our newer members may not know the history of Guild, how it came to be, how you all decided how it should be run, are there activities then that we do not do now? What were Quilt Shows like then? Where did you meet? Hopefully it will be a fun trip down memory lane.

*Submitted by Barb Wenton*

## Tea Party/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:

This month the block will be a "Spool" pattern. Instructions are in the newsletter. Members will use their own fabric. Black on black for the "spool", white on white for the background and any color you wish for the "thread". This will be a 9" unfinished block.

The pinwheel blocks are due this month. Use your springy pastel colors.

The jewel block quilt top is done. I am hoping for a volunteer to quilt it. The red/white/black top is together. I will quilt this one.

This project is going so well because of all the members helping to make blocks and helping to quilt them. This will make our quilt bingo even better with these beautiful quilts. Thank you to everyone for helping.

*Submitted by Kathy Parrish/ Sheryl Flatt*

## Community Quilts

Thanks to Sheryl Flatt, Ann Wingert and Sarah Person for coming to the recent meeting. We were sewing and cutting fabric for kits.

The next sewing session will be on March 27th from 6-9. Kits will be available.

Cutting Bee on Saturday March 23 from 9-3 at the Moose Lodge. Bring cutting boards, rulers, and rotary cutter. Bring a drink. Pizza will be provided by the guild. We will be cutting fabric for kits. *Submitted by Kathy Parrish*

# Treasurer's Report

As of: February 29<sup>th</sup> 2024

Beginning 2/01/2024 - Ending 2/29/2024  
 Checking account balance on 1/31/2024 \$13,349.33

## INCOME

### INCOME TOTAL

## DISBURSEMENTS

K. Parrish, Community Quilts	\$ (77.98)
B. Wenton, Programs	\$(25.41)
Cara Staviski. Program	\$(275.00)
L. Hare, Webpage 2 Years	\$(330.47)

**DISBURSEMENTS TOTAL** **(\$708.86)**

**CHECKBOOK BALANCE ON 2/29/2024** **\$12,640.47**

Difference +/- (-) **\$ (708.86)**

<u>Checks Issued</u>	<u>Ck #</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
K. Parrish	1447	Community Quilts	\$77.98
B. Wenton	1448	Programs/Tea Party	\$25.41
Cara Staviski	1449	Program	\$275.00
Lorraine Hare	1450	Webpage (2 Years)	\$330.47

Meeting February 14th – Moose Lodge  
 No Board Meeting; Community Sew held February 28<sup>th</sup> 2024



## For Your Information

### **Refreshments:**

Thank you to all members who have signed up ahead of time to bring in refreshments to the meetings. If you cannot meet your commitment, then please contact Judith Reinhardt or Kathy Balch who oversee the refreshment committee.

These members signed up to bring refreshments to March's meeting: **Linda Doll, Kimberley Wood, MaryAnn McLaughlin, Donna Conto and Lois Kirkwood**. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Thank you to Peggy Jo Smith, Janette Koerner, Ann Marie Kizer, Kath Parrish and Sheryl Flatt for February's refreshments

### **Membership:**

Please be aware that Mary Santoro's landline is no longer in service. (570-629-4560)

### **Cutting Bee:**

We will have a cutting bee on Saturday, March 23 from 9-3 at the Moose Lodge. We have a large assortment of fabrics which we have already grouped into bundles for specific patterns. Members just need to bring their cutting supplies and enjoy a day socializing and cutting. We will be making kits for community quilts and possibly for future Quilt Bingo quilts. Bring a drink and the guild will provide pizza for everyone. Please join us!

*Submitted by Kathy Parrish*

### **Workshop – The “Wow” Bag**

Sunday, April 21st from 10:00 – 3:00 at Moose Lodge. If you cannot get there by 10:00am, you can come any time after. **You will need to purchase a copy of the pattern, \$5 copy charge for this.** Payment will be collected at March and April's meetings.

We will take payments for the pattern at the meeting and I will contact participants to pick up their pattern at American Ribbon Fabrics. Please see attachment to the newsletter for requirements for the class.

*Submitted by Barb Wenton*

### **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*

**Birthdays: 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.**



### **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

### **April's Birthdays**

04-06 Judy Bago  
04-11 Jenn Walker  
04-14 Peggy P. Walter

## **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.

**2024 QOV Sew Days:** May 4<sup>th</sup>, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, September 14<sup>th</sup>, October 19<sup>th</sup>

**Retreat** Jan 31- Feb 3 2025

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*

### **PMQOV Retreat:**

We would like to invite you to join us next year at St. Francis Retreat Center in Easton, PA from Jan 31<sup>st</sup> - Feb.3<sup>rd</sup> 2025, which includes the national QOV Sew Day Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.

The sewing space there will accommodate 52 quilters. Each group or individual will bring their own QOV projects and any non-QOV member will be attached to a group for the retreat.

There are several types of sleeping rooms to choose from with prices ranging from \$100 - \$130 per night. Room rate includes 3 meals/day plus all day beverage service. The kitchen is usually able to accommodate special dietary needs when notified in advance.

\$50 deposit will be required by Nov. 1, 2024. Cancellations will be refunded if we can fill your spot. If you are interested, please email in response and I will put you on my email list to send reservation forms in September.

This will be a great opportunity to meet other QOV stitchers, get new ideas, and completes MANY quilts! Do not miss it! Save the dates!

*Submitted by Laura Lyman /Pocono Mountain QOV Co-Chair*

Quilt Show  
Lebanon Valley Expo Center  
**April 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> 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  
"A Garden of Quilts"  
Quilt Show  
**June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
9:00am to 5:00pm  
Central Columbia High  
School, Bloomsburg, PA

County Line Quilters Guild  
**Quilt Show on May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**

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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