



POCONO MOUNTAIN QUILTERS' GUILD

The Quilt Line

April 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

Easter Blessing to all!

Hi Everyone,

It was 35 years ago a seed grew with the help of our Founding Members that had the hutzpah and dared dream of this wonderful group we now call Pocono Mountain Quilters Guild. Who knew we would still be going strong how many years later. We have had Happy Times and Sad Times and have lost some of those ladies, friends, and sisters along the way. We raise a cup to you all and toast you for your vision and love we have experienced.

We can always add more members. If you love fabric, meeting new people, making new friends, and contributing to those in need while learning and perfecting your quilting skills, then you have come to the right place. Pocono Mountain Quilters Guild offers many opportunities to learn, get involved, or simply enjoy time with kindred spirits. I encourage you to explore our website, read our newsletters, and get to know us by attending a meeting, you will not be sorry you did.

We hold workshops and lectures from people that have been in the same place and have become pioneer women in quilting. We learn new techniques and helpful tips and tricks that they have picked up along their quilting journeys.

Let us not forget our philanthropy and the great work done for charities in our area. It is headed up by a great group of women who lovingly dedicate their time and efforts and who will welcome you with open arms.

Our monthly meetings consist of a program or speaker, Guild Business followed by breaks with snacks, block of the month, our free table with all kinds of goodies to be had for FREE, show and tell and so much more.

Flowers are blooming and so is our Guild. This starts our busy season with many exciting things happening. We hope you are all putting the finishing touches on your quilts for what we expect is going to be a fantastic Bingo. It will be here before we know it.

It is also that time of year that we will be looking for a nominating committee shortly to fill our offices for the new year. Hopefully some of you are considering a position. We have slots available. Even if someone's name is there, you can still enter your name there, and we will vote. Do not be afraid to step forward. No one has thrown shoes at me yet. LOL. There is always someone that will be able and willing to show you the ropes.

I always hear such great comments about Pocono Mountain Quilters Guild Members regarding our friendliness, welcoming and positive attitude, and helpfulness. How can we not be proud to be part of such a group! I am proud and humbled! See you in April.

Looking forward to welcoming everyone to our
QUILTY WORLD!

Your President Peggy Walter



Minutes

Business Meeting: March 13, 2024

Our speaker for the evening cancelled due to a death in the family. In her place we had a Show and Tell from 4 of our members.

Sheryl Flatt - "Family Antique Quilts" Sheryl grew up in a quilting family and showed a photograph of four generations of quilters, when she was five years old!

Cyndy Dougherty - "My Life Through Quilting" Cyndy's mother and grandmother quilted and she started in the 60's when she was 16!

Peggy Jo Smith - "Mystery Quilts Over the Years" Peggy started quilting in 2001 when she lived in New York. Her first quilt she made has yet to be quilted!

Kathleen Hahn - "Quilts!" Kathleen did not grow up around quilting but started learning in 1998! Quilting ever since!

All the ladies' quilts were beautiful and fun to get to know them through their quilts and their stories!

Motion to accept the secretary's minutes as printed in the newsletter was made by Kathleen McCarthy and seconded by Cyndy Dougherty. Motion Carried.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter was made by Linda Jurasits and seconded by Kathy Verbel. Motion carried.

Two thank you notes were read by secretary, Mary Santoro, from Meals on Wheels for our support and placemats and The Angel's Closet for our support and donation of quilts.

Activities: April Tea Party/Guild Birthday Party- April 10 Business Meeting at the Moose Lodge. Set up 3 pm. People making food were given reminders. Barb has recipes if you are stumped as what to make. There will be a boutique of items made by participating members. Each member is responsible for pricing and marking each item with their name and price. They are also responsible for collecting their own money and having their own change. The table will not be maned. Also, no flea market items allowed. There will not be a free table that night.

Wow Bag Workshop - Sunday, April 21 10-3 at the Moose Lodge. Pattern is \$5 in advance. Quantities are limited. Sign-ups tonight and at the April meeting. Barb showed examples of the tote that turns into a duffle bag.

Barb showed a quilt that needs to be quilted for Tricky Tray and asked for a volunteer. Cara graciously volunteered.

Kindness Project- Kathleen McCarthy let us know a check has been written and sent.

BOM - Kathy and Sheryl showed quilts for Quilt Bingo. One from blocks from the first month. The one from the second month is being quilted. The Jewel Box quilt was shown and Kath asked for a volunteer to quilt it. Cara volunteered. The snowball quilt is done and ready for the quilt bingo. Pinwheel blocks are still be collected and can be dropped off at American Ribbon. March's block is spools, available tonight.

Board Meeting on March 27. We will start talking about quilt bingo.

Community Quilts: Cutting Bee on Saturday March 23, 9-3 at the Moose Lodge. Cutting kits for kid's quilts.

Motion to adjourn by Judy Mehl. Seconded by Linda Jurasits.

Show and Tell - Kathy Parrish, Cara Staviski. Barb Wenton, Beth Albert, Donna Dickey, Sarah Pierson, Mary Santoro, Andrea Gullion, Judy Mehl, Christine Walker, Lorraine Hare, Jen Walker, and Peggy Jo Smith.

Submitted by Mary Santoro



Tea Party – April Meeting

If you are so inclined, dress up for the tea party. Wear your "tea party" best and hats are encouraged, also, there will be hats available to borrow for the evening.

Special Thank You to members who quilted table runners for the Tea Party - Kathy Parrish, Peggy Jo Smith, Laura Lyman, Cyndy Dougherty, Lorraine Hare, and 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.

Submitted by Barb Wenton

Calendar

April 10th: PMQG Tea Party. April's meeting will not have a Free Table, save your free table items for another meeting. April's meeting will include Show & Tell, as usual.

Guild members are cordially invited to celebrate Guild's 35th 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 21st: "Wow Bag Workshop" from 10:00 – 3:00pm at Moose Lodge. \$5.00 payment required before the class. Homework required. Payment will be collected at March and April's meetings.

April 24th: 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

May 4th: 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.

May 8th: Regular business meeting, Jennifer Strauser will be joining us to present a trunk show. Show and tell, please bring your own beverage.

May 22nd: Community Quilts No sewing session this month.

Treasurer's Report

As of: March 31, 2024

Beginning 3/01/2024 - Ending 3/31/2024
Checking account balance on 1/31/2024 \$12,640.47

INCOME

INCOME TOTAL

DISBURSEMENTS

K. Parrish, Comm. Quilts/Quilt Bingo \$ (33.81)
L. Hare, Programs – Printing \$ (12.00)
K. McCarthy, Comm. Quilts – Cutting Bee Food \$ (40.00)

DISBURSEMENTS TOTAL (\$85.81)

CHECKBOOK BALANCE ON 3/31/2024 \$12,554.66

Difference +/- (-) \$ (85.81)

<u>Checks Issued</u>	<u>Ck #</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
K. Parrish	1451	Comm Quilt/Bingo	\$33.81
L. Hare	1452	Programs	\$12.00
K. MCarthy	1453	Comm. Quilts / Food	\$40.00

Meeting March 13th – Moose Lodge
Board Meeting; Community Sew held March 27th and Cutting Bee March 23, 2024

Block of the Month:

The March BOM - "Spool Pattern" is due at the April meeting. The Pinwheel quilt top is complete and being quilted.

The April BOM will be the "Chandelier" pattern. We will ask members to use multiple shades of blue fabrics from their stash as well as white/cream fabric which will be provided by the guild. The white/cream fabric will be precut and available at the April meeting. Members will only need one 5" square and two 2 ½" squares of blue. The completed blocks are 8 ½". Blocks are due by the May meeting. This block will be assembled and quilted for use at next year's Quilt Lovers Bingo.

A special thank you to Jen Walker for quilting our September "Disappearing Hourglass" quilt.

We want to thank everyone who has been contributing blocks and volunteering to quilt these tops for our Bingo. We will have made 6 quilts in total for this year's Bingo.

Submitted by Kathy Parrish/ Sheryl Flatt

Community Quilts

Thank you to Lorraine Hare, Sarah Pierson, and Andrea Gullion for making lap quilts and place-mats for us to donate to community groups.

We had a very successful cutting bee on March 23rd. Thank you to Sheryl Flatt, Kathy Parrish, Lorraine Hare, Ann Wingert, Cyndy Dougherty, Andrea Gullion, Debbie Shortino and Kathleen McCarthy for joining us. We were able to cut 36 new kits for lap quilts.

Thanks to Ann Wingert, Mary Santoro, Lorraine Hare, and Barb Wenton for participating in the March community quilts sewing session.

There will be a sewing session on April 24th 6:00pm - 9:00pm. Kits will be available. Kits are always available at American Ribbon Fabrics and at our regular meetings.

There will not be a sewing session in May.



Quilt Lover's Bingo

Date - Sunday July 27th 2023

Venue - Moose Lodge, 705 Stokes Mill Rd, East Stroudsburg

Tickets will go on sale at the April Meeting for our annual bingo. Cost is \$25.00 a ticket, if paying by check, please make check payable to PMQG. We always sell out, so do not wait to get your ticket. See either Kathy Parrish or Lorraine Hare.

Tricky tray items can be turned into Mary Santoro or Andrea Gullion, at any time.

Fat quarters should be given to Mary Dickison.

Quilt Prizes:

Quilts are to be turned in to Lorraine Hare. Please let Lorraine know if you are giving a quilt to bingo, so she can see where we stand. We will be playing 16 games and all prizes are quilted or quilt related items. Thank you to the members who have already

given a quilt or item for the bingo prizes.

Consolation Prizes: will be offered for multiple winners at Bingo. Quilted table runners, small lap quilts/baby quilts or tote bags are very much appreciated by our "runners up". I will be needing about 16 items to have available in the event of more than one Bingo winner. If you have small quilted items to donate for this, please see Kathy Parrish.

Submitted by Lorraine Hare and Kathy Parrish.

For Your Information

Sunshine: Please send Sheryl Flatt your good vibes as she recovers from some recent surgery.

A very special Thank You to: Kathleen Hahn, Cyndy Dougherty, Sheryl Flatt, and Peggy Jo Smith. These members really stepped up at the last minute to provide trunk shows of their quilts, since our planned speaker had to back out at the last minute. Each one displayed heartfelt quilts from their collections, we all learned a little bit more about each one of them. They provided a very enjoyable meeting.

Thank you to Lorraine Hare and Barb Wenton for coming up with the idea to use all of Guild's St. Patrick's Day fabric as a gift to our members. We look forward to seeing what you made with the 5" squares.

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 May's meeting: **Beth Albert, Cara Staviski, Noreen Hammond, and Donna Dickey.** Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Thank you to Linda Doll, MaryAnn McLaughlin, and Donna Conto for March's refreshments

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

“Autumn Leaves” Exchange

Are you interested in doing a batik fabric exchange? This is a fabric exchange to make an "Autumn Leaves" throw size quilt. Participants are to provide 2 yards of light-medium autumn colored batik fabrics. (Batik fabrics are the same color on the front and back, they are hand dyed fabrics). Barb and Lorraine will collect the fabrics from participants, you will receive back an assortment of everyone's fabrics to make your blocks. Participants to provide their own border and binding fabrics, this will not be included in the exchange. Sign up to participate now. We will collect fabrics at the May and June meetings.

This is a project to be worked on at home, bring your completed top or quilt to the August meeting. See attachment for more information. Donna Jordan has a video you can watch just for inspiration, but we are not using that exact pattern.

Submitted Barb Wenton and Lorraine Hare

UFO Challenge (Unofficial)

Challenge - finish at least one UFO each month, more if you can. 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, just a chance to encourage and support each other to get those quilts finished.

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

3-30 Donna Dickey

April's Birthdays

04-06 Judy Bago

04-11 Jenn Walker

04-14 Peggy P. Walter

May's Birthday's

05-01 Peggy Jo Smith

05-21 Sheryl Flatt

05-24 Beth Albert

Please Note:

PMQOV: Thank you for the donation of BOMs: Lorraine Hare, Peggy Walter, and Ann Wingert. Fabric from Peggy Walter and a completed quilt from Sarah Pierson

PMQOV is adding monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month from 10-3 at the American Legion on Rte. 209 at the corner of Fairground Rd. in Gilbert.

April 15th will be cutting and setting up kits, so bring cutting mats, rulers, and rotary cutters- be sure your tools are labelled, so they do not get lost! If you do not want to cut fabric, you can press, count pieces, or double check kits. You can bring your lunch or order lunch at the Legion bar. We will continue to hold the scheduled Sew Days at the Moose Lodge, next date May 4th from 10-3. 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/ Kathleen McCarthy

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 4th, June 22nd, September 14th, October 19th

Retreat Jan 31- Feb 3 2025

PMQOV Retreat:

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

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!





Photographs of the quilt and recipient that Sarah Pierson, PMQG made, donated, and attended at the presentation to Jolene J., US Army, at the Newman-Smith American Legion, Bushkill, PA on March 29th.

Left to right:

Barb VN, Michele J., Jolene J. (US Army), Dane J., Alex K., and Sarah Pierson.

Help Wanted!

PMQOV needs people to quilt tops. You can hand or machine quilt designs of your choice. We provide top, batting, backing, and thread. We can also provide computerized designs for your long-arm. 30-day turn-around preferred. Work is intermittent as tops are ready, so we will contact you as needed.

Please contact Laura

lalyman@ptd.net 570-350-1218 or Kathleen poconoqov@gmail.com if you can help.

Our veterans really appreciate this award and your help will allow us to recognize their service and sacrifice. Thank you!

Submitted by Laura Lyman/ Kathleen McCarthy PMQOV

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

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

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

Brook Hollow Winery
Columbia, NJ

Quilters in Bloom
"A Garden of Quilts"
Quilt Show
June 14th and 15th 2024
9:00am to 5:00pm
Central Columbia High
School, Bloomsburg, PA



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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"Autumn Leaves" Exchange

This is a fabric exchange to make an "Autumn Leaves" quilt. Participants are to provide 2 yards of light-medium autumn colored batik fabrics. (Batik fabrics are the same color on the front and back, they are hand dyed fabrics). The 2 yards you provide can be any of the following combinations:

1/2 yard of 4 different fabrics

Or - 1/4 yard of 8 different fabrics

Or - Twenty-nine 2 1/2" wide strips which totals 2 yards.

It is important that you provide a combination of at least 4 different fabrics. DO NOT INCLUDE FAT QUARTERS OR 1/8th yard cuts.

The fabrics should be light to medium autumn colors such as:

Beiges, golds, greens, green/grays, light rusts, etc.

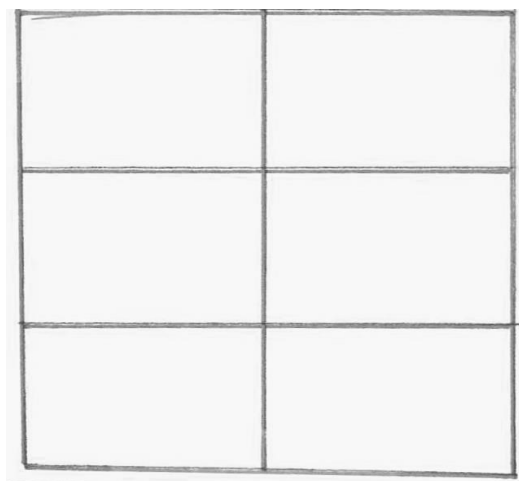
The dark "leaf" fabrics will be provided by Lorraine and Barb.

A "leaf" template will be provided to you.

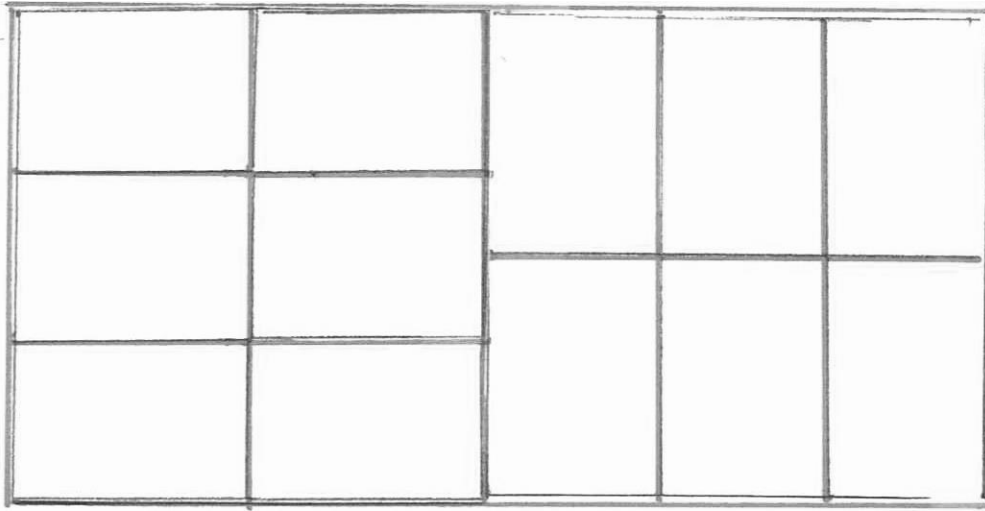
PARTICIPANTS DO NOT INCLUDE DARK COLORED AUTUMN BATIKS.

After collecting all fabrics from participants, you will receive an assortment of everyone's fabrics to make your blocks.

This is the suggested block that you can make using 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangles of fabric.



When assembling the top, alternate the position of the blocks as shown below:



Participants to provide their own border and binding fabrics, this will not be included in the exchange.

This is a project to be worked on at home, bring your completed top or quilt to August's picnic.