

# Meanderings

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Lucky Shamrocks By: Diane Harris

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! We are a beehive of activity. Bingo Committee folks are busy wrapping up preparation for April 18th. I just picked up a Bingo quilt which is ready to be squared and bound. The Guild has done a bang-up job of donating for raffle baskets, door prizes, and quilts. We hope you will attend the event. Get your Second Chance auction tickets beginning March 1st. Gather your donations for that very special day on May 3rd. If you are in the paper piecing workshop with Dave Sirota, it is time to do the cutting so that your baggies are prepared. March 18th is a Comfort Quilt Service Day. Let's make it productive!

Our Nominations Committee is gearing up to fill spots needed for 2026-27, and 2027-28. Good news! Alice Summar Womack will shadow Karen K. Buckley the first year of a 2-year term. Karen will wrap up planning for 2026-27, and leads programming for that year. Alice will be planning during 2026-27 for 2027-28 and lead the execution of that plan. Planning for those speakers and workshops begins early, as the folks we contact are already filling their calendars. Vicki will also need a President-elect for 2027-28.

We revised our bylaws in 2025. The members voted to approve the revisions approved by the board. Article 4 gives the power to manage the business and affairs of the guild to the board, unless otherwise noted in the bylaws. Article 7 requires membership votes on matters relating to bylaws, election of board members, decisions to hold events such as Quilt Bingo and membership dues.



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BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

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RETREATS

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Feedback the board has received indicated that it is important for members to have more of a voice in what we do. Your Board agrees. Attending and participating in membership meetings, committee and board meetings, as well as responding to online surveys are some important ways in which your voices can be heard. You may also contact a Board member with your concerns. Your members-at-large are Sandy Gilleo and Pat Loomis.

At our March 16th meeting, we intend to take an advisory vote on how to allocate the net proceeds of the raffle quilt, as between the Guild and Project Share. Please plan to attend, discuss options, and be prepared to make a Motion if you have an idea you would want to present to the Guild.

The bylaws do not require membership approval for a budget or spending necessary to operate the Guild. However, just because we are not required to do so, does not mean that we cannot choose to have an advisory vote. Presently, the Board is awaiting a draft for their review and approval before sending it to members. The Board is of the opinion that your input on our proposed budget is important. We want our members to be aware of the income we have and the expenses we anticipate in order to fully fund the 2026-2027 guild year, and future years. The budget will inform plans we need to make regarding future fund raising. So, in coming meetings, you may be asked to participate in an advisory vote regarding financial decisions concerning budgeting, income and expenses for the guild. We hope that you will review documents which we will send via email, so that you have adequate time to prepare any questions you may have, as we plan for the future of the guild. If you cannot attend the meetings where these topics are discussed and voted upon, we hope you will let a Board member know of your questions or concerns.

Respectfully,  
Melissa and Lynndee

## MINUTES

### February 1, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Melissa Greevy at 7 PM.

Amy Smith joined us with her "Build as you Go" quilting process. Her creations were very colorful. This is a great stash busting project and a way to use your special threads. She was very kind with gifting members to a project book she authored.

#### Updates/News

Second Chance and Silent Auction is coming up on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, so gather your items and save your tickets. Additional tickets will go on sale in March. The board has been busy working on a budget. This should be finalized soon.

There is a Service Day to sew Comfort quilts on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the South Middleton Municipal Building. We had a wonderful turnout for the cutting

## Meeting Reminder

Remember, for Monday meetings, the doors open at 6:30, and the meeting starts at 7:00. For Sunday meetings, doors open at 1:30 and the meeting starts at 2:00.

Our March meetings are Sunday, March 1 and Thursday, March 16 at St. Matthews Church, 3240 Spring Road, Carlisle.

## Newsletter

If you have information on upcoming events, quilty news, sewing items for sale, or tips and tricks, the deadline for articles for the April issue is March 23. Articles are welcome from all members. Email articles to [letortquilters@gmail.com](mailto:letortquilters@gmail.com)

## Monday Meetings

If it's a Monday, there is dinner at Brad's.

Are you looking to meet friends and enjoy a meal together? you are welcome to meet us at Brad's on Spring Road, Carlisle. We arrive around 5:15, order at the counter and join the group.

Gathering time for the guild meeting is 6:30, so, there is plenty of time to visit.

day and got over 30 kits cut. Please consider attending. All the kits have very simple patterns and it's a good time to get to know your fellow guild members.

Quilt Bingo tickets are on sale for \$30

Raffle Quilt tickets are on sale – 6 for \$5

All seats available for the remaining workshops have been filled.

#### Committee Updates

Bingo – The known number of tickets sold is around 160.

#### Drawings

50/50 – Shaunda R \$17

Shop – Karen P. received a Primitive Gatherings Charm Pack and jar opener, both were donated by guild members.

The meeting was adjourned by Melissa G.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa McNaughton

### February 16, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Melissa Greevy at 7 PM.

Jenny Kae Parks joined us via Zoom from Colorado for her presentation of Color Courage for the Fabric Phobic. She has been quilting for 25 years. She has had guest spots on Love of Quilting and The Quilt Show. She teaches internationally at events, guilds and clubs. She has a talent for combining colorful fabrics with unique designs.

#### New Business

The board is working on finalizing the budget.

If you have received a check from the guild, PLEASE cash it or return it to Linda Bishop.

The President Elect position is open for the 2026-27 year which will transition to leadership for the 2027-28 year. Please consider stepping into this position. It takes all of us to keep the guild running.

The Programming Coordinator is also needed for the same time frame. The Newsletter Photographer and Nominations Committee positions also need to be filled. The description of these positions is available on the members section of the website.

Fiddle Quilts – Jane, Terry and Wanda feel that the fiddle quilts may have run its course. There have been many fiddle quilts and other sensory items that the guild has made and have been donated. There are currently 50 fiddle quilt kits that need to be made and delivered along with 8 that are currently finished. Please consider taking over this committee or at least help finish the kits. These quilts are enjoyed by the young and old.

Thanks go out in advance to Sarah B. and Miriam Mc. for taking the raffle quilt to the York Guild.

## Bees

Come and join us at Bosler Library in Carlisle on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 1:30-4:00pm, for the Wool Bee and Handwork Bee! Bring your own hand sewing project. The sign at the parking lot entrance will tell you which room we are in! See you there!

For more information contact Lin Keller at 717-979-0506 or Cathy Irwin 717-919-8470.



## 2nd Chance Auction

The Second Chance & Silent Auction will be held after a brief business update at our Sunday, May 3 meeting. In addition to using the drawing tickets you collected, extra tickets will go on sale beginning with the March 1st meeting. They will be 25 cents each or 1 yard for \$5 (20 tickets). Don't forget to write your name on them!

Start gathering items for the tables and silent auction..... **anything goes!**

## Updates/News

Second Chance and Silent Auction is coming up on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, so, gather your items and save your tickets. Additional tickets will go on sale at the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting for \$.25 per ticket or 1 yard (20 tickets) for \$5

There is a Service Day to sew Comfort quilts on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the South Middleton Municipal Building. Please consider attending. All the kits have very simple patterns and it's a good time to get to know your fellow guild members.

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At the March 16th meeting we will vote on how we will divide the proceeds from the raffle quilt.

## Committee Updates

Bingo – At the time of the meeting, there were only about 50 seats still available. Response has been busy through the website. Julie said we have 53 quilts for prizes.

Retreats – Kathy reported that we only have 11 people signed up for the May retreat. We need at least 20 people to be able to hold the retreat. As a first-time attendee at the January retreat, I highly recommend attending. It was so nice to have the time to get to know fellow guild members for longer than a few minutes. It's also a great opportunity to get inspired for your next project or to learn something new.

A motion was made by Vicki K. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Melissa Mc. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Melissa G. at 8:22.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa McNaughton

## Letort Quilters Board of Directors Summary February 5, 2026

A motion was made by Sandy G. to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Sarah B. A vote was taken and the motion was approved without opposition

A motion was made by Donna L. to approve listing the equipment for sale, seconded by Pat L. A vote was taken and the motion was approved without opposition.

A motion was made by Melinda H. to put a note in the March newsletter and have a member vote taken as to how to split the proceeds (after expenses) at the March 16th meeting, seconded by Donna L. A vote was taken and the motion was approved without opposition.

## Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be May 14, 2026 at 6:30 PM at Lynndee Nelson's house, 465 Wildwood Road, Carlisle. Members are welcome, but you need to notify Lynndee Nelson in advance.

## Fiddle Quilts

Jane, Terry and Wanda will roll off Fiddle Quilts after leading this effort for 3 years. They delivered many items to local organizations, schools and individuals. There has been little interest from guild members to sew fiddle items and feel this effort may have run its course. Their suggestion is to dissolve the committee unless another guild member wants to lead. They will continue to offer Fiddle Kits at our membership meetings through the end of this guild year. If you are interested in the chair role, see Lynndee or Melissa.

## March Birthdays

Happy birthday to all the  
March Birthdays

3/2 – Mary Ellen Simis

3/7 – Debbie Weigle

3/11 – Carol Marquez

3/16 – Nancy Herd

3/18 – Susie Horner

3/22 – Ann Allen

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### **Board Summary Cont.**

A motion was made by Sarah B. to keep the Program Coordinator's position a Committee Member, seconded by Sandy G. A vote was taken and the motion was approved without opposition.

A motion was made by Donna L. to pay a Letort Guild member up to \$350 for giving a presentation at a meeting, seconded by Vicki K. A vote was taken and the motion was approved without opposition.

### **Comfort Quilts**

A guild service day to work on Comfort Quilts is planned for March 18th at the South Middleton Township Building, 520 Park Drive, Boiling Springs, 17007. We will be there from 9 am until about 3 pm, and you are welcome for as much or as little of the day as suits your schedule. If you will be there through the lunch hour, please bring a packed lunch. As with all Comfort Quilt patterns, the stitching is all straight line, no curves or Y-seams, and there will be kits available.

So, all you need to bring is your favorite travel machine and basic sewing tools for your comfort and success. Looking forward to seeing you there, and thanks in advance for your help.

Sew long for now,  
Carlene and Sue

## **RETREATS**

May 6-10, 2026 Retreat at Bongiorno Conference Center

Still looking for a few more people to join us at the May Mother's Day weekend retreat!

If you have not been to a retreat yet, it is the best way to meet fellow guild members! You bring your own projects, if you need inspiration or consultation, someone will be able to help you! Some of our meals are potluck with a sign-up sheet and some are furnished by Bongiorno Conference Center. You can have a single room, or a double room to share with a friend. You can start on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday and stay until after lunch on Sunday or go home early since it is Mother's Day!

At this point, payment in full will be necessary because we don't have many meetings between now and the Retreat! Please email or text me, Cathy Irwin, at (717)-919-8470 or [jckji@aol.com](mailto:jckji@aol.com) to sign up. Payment may be at a guild meeting or mail your check made out to Letort Quilters of Carlisle to our treasurer, Linda Bishop at 1610 Pisgah State Rd., Sherman's Dale PA 17090.

If you have already paid a deposit, your balance is now due. Hope you will join us!!

Prices for this retreat are as follows:

	Single.	Double
Wednesday.	\$376.	\$329
Thursday.	\$326.	\$279
Friday.	\$276.	\$229

# Treasurer's Report

by Linda Bishop

**BALANCE SHEET JAN 2026**  
**LETORT QUILTERS OF CARLISLE**  
As of January 31, 2026

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
<b>Assets</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
M&T Bank (Letort Quilters of Carlisle)	17,127.36
<b>Total for Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$17,127.36</b>
<b>Total for Current Assets</b>	<b>\$17,127.36</b>
<b>Total for Assets</b>	<b>\$17,127.36</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Deferred Income-Membership Dues	0.00
Sales Tax Payable	-2.32
<b>Total for Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>-\$2.32</b>
<b>Total for Current Liabilities</b>	<b>-\$2.32</b>
<b>Total for Liabilities</b>	<b>-\$2.32</b>
Equity	
Education Fund	4,861.64
Opening Balance Equity	10,280.79
Retreats	0.00
Retained Earnings	-787.98
Net Income	2,775.23
<b>Total for Equity</b>	<b>\$17,129.68</b>
<b>Total for Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$17,127.36</b>

**PROFIT & LOSS JAN 2026**  
**LETORT QUILTERS OF CARLISLE**  
July 1, 2025-January 31, 2026

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>	
2025-2026 Retreats	14,130.81
50/50 Drawing	111.50
Bingo Income	3,981.00
Membership Dues 2025-2026	3,200.00
Newsletter/Advertising	325.00
Raffle Quilt Ticket Income	96.00
Workshop Income	1,225.00
<b>Total for Income</b>	<b>\$23,049.31</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$23,049.31</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
2025-2026 Retreat Expenses	14,540.66
Bingo Expense	108.48
Facilities Rental	25.00
Lectures	2,537.63
Office Supplies	11.54
Property/Liability Insurance	386.00
Quilt Raffle Ticket Expense	478.36
Software	249.49
Uncategorized Expense	35.25
USPS Expenses	310.01
Workshops Expense	1,591.66
<b>Total for Expenses</b>	<b>\$20,274.08</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$2,775.23</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$2,775.23</b>

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The net proceeds of our **Raffle Quilt** pictured on the front of this card will be divided between **Ryan's Case for Smiles** and the South Shore Stitchers Education Committee so we can continue to provide Educational Programs and Events such as this one. The **Raffle Quilt** was made by over 25 Members of our Guild, and Masterfully Machine Quilted by member Helen Ernst.



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[southshorestitchersquiltshow.carrd.co/](http://southshorestitchersquiltshow.carrd.co/)



# AROUND THE GUILD

February 1 Meeting, Service Day & a Quiltcon Sighting



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March 4, 11, 25 April 1, 15, 22, 29

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# CANTON BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Canton block of the month is a free semi-monthly zoom class. If you have not ordered a pattern and would like to join, please contact the Fabric Center. Kits and patterns are expected to be shipped to the shop in February. This will be a fun quilt to enjoy and it is only 6 months.

Here are the dates; they all start at 10:30:

March 9, 23

April 13, 27

May 11, 18

June 22, 29

July 13, 27

Aug 10, 24

Big Reveal Sept 12 at the Fabric Center

Please email Debbie to get the Zoom link. QCQuilting@gmail.com



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## 2025-26 GUILD SCHEDULE

Mar. 1, Sunday	An Evolution in Choice of Design, Color & Fabric Barbara Wilke
Mar. 16, Monday	A Love of Quilts; A Love of Teaching Andrea Hoke
Apr. 5, Sunday	Easter, no meeting
Apr. 18, Saturday	Quilt Bingo
Apr. 20, Monday	What Makes a Quilter Tick? David Sirota
May 3, Sunday	Second Chance Auction
May 18, Monday	Challenge Quilt Reveals
June 7, Sunday	End-of-Year Celebration

## 2025-26 GUILD WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Apr. 21, 2026 Tuesday 9:00 AM	Storm at Sea, No More Tears Paper Piecing David Sirota	Monroe Twp. Building 1220 Boiling Springs Road Mechanicsburg, PA
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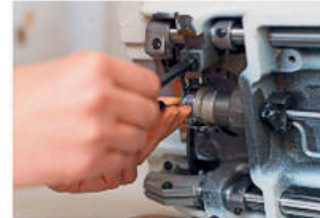
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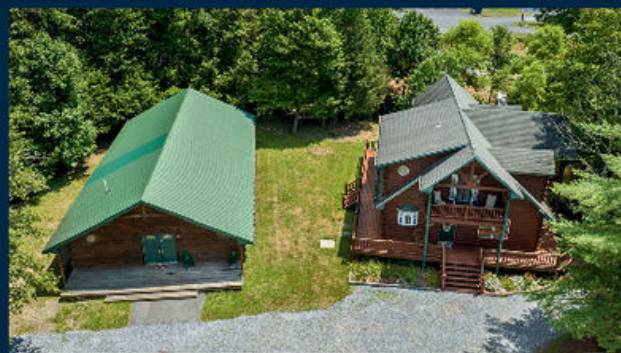
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