

Meanderings

LeTort Quilters of Carlisle

www.letortquilters.com



Christmas in the Woods by Riley Blake Designs

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the end of last month, we had a small but productive group for service day to make valentines to exchange with Appleseed Quilt Guild. You can see examples of our work on the guild's Facebook page. At our meetings this month, we had Michael Sneeringer sharing his vast knowledge about antique sewing machines, and we got to enjoy all those beauties he brought along. Next, we had Deb Tucker for a lecture about her quilting journey, followed by the Rapid Fire Lemoyne Star workshop on the following day. The two things I enjoyed the most were her energy and the many quilts she showed. I also appreciate that she likes to drive fast.

Coming up at the next meeting, we have our Christmas celebration that will include a cookie blizzard, a game or two, and I'm pretty sure there will be chocolate. We are asking you to bring your favorite cookies to the meeting.

We will have another service day on Wednesday, December 4, at the South Middleton Township Building. Look for more information later in the newsletter. We are making adult bibs to distribute to local nursing homes. We have a few yards of fabric, Velcro, and patterns to share. We hope to see many of you there for this community service project to help local old folks.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

QUILT BINGO 2026

GUILD PAST AND CURRENT PRESIDENTS

We have filled another position in the guild. Sarah Burkett will be our historian. We still have a few jobs to fill...more on that later.

Happy Sewing!
Lin

BUTTONED UP



SOPs are updated and on their way to the guild's website.

A file with names, phone numbers, and email addresses for our contacts at St Matthews, Monroe Township, and South Middleton is now a Google doc that can be shared with future guild leaders. It is also on its way to the website.

A list of our outreach contacts for comfort quilts is now on the website. This list, along with comfort quilts now being stored at the church, makes it easy for you to pick up comfort quilts at our meetings and deliver to local organizations while you are out and about in the Carlisle area.

QUILT BINGO 2026

Calling all LeTort Quilters to join us on our guild's journey to Saturday, April 18th, 2026, the day we will host a fabulously fun fundraiser for our guild. We need all members to help make this event a reality. There are so many ways you can help. One way is to make and donate a quilt for a bingo game prize. You can make this effort a group experience with your quilting friends—the more the merrier! Quilt bingo quilts need to be sized at 60 inches square or bigger. They can be any color, pattern, or technique. We will need at least 50 quilts for the bingo games and have a special quilt label to place on the back of your donated quilt. Your quilt will be displayed before the bingo game is played, and your work will be acknowledged in the program.

Thank you for considering this opportunity.
Julie Rhen and Deb Lohman

MEMBERSHIP

The guild now consists of 120 members! Please update your roster to include new and returning members.

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jcnollje@pa.net

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 December meeting is Sunday, December 1 at St. Matthews, 3240 Spring Road, Carlisle, PA

Newsletter

If you have information on upcoming events, quilting news, sewing items for sale, or tips and tricks, the deadline for articles for the January issue is December 23. Articles are welcome from all members. Email articles to letortquilters@gmail.com

Monday Meetings

If it's a Monday meeting, 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 Rd, 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.

Any questions, please contact Deb Weigle.

MINUTES

Membership Meeting Minutes November 3, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Co-President, Sandy Kohler.

Sandy welcomed our guest speaker, Michael Sneeringer, owner of Sew'N Sweep, The Sew'N Place, and Sew'N Sleep. Michael shared his early years as an apprentice under his father learning sewing machine repair and took us on a journey through his years of working his craft. Michael explained the history of the sewing machine industry, touching on the many different brands, especially Singer. What a fascinating story. He brought a sampling of his unique and rare collection of vintage machines and explained what made each special. If you missed his presentation or want to learn more about vintage machines, he provided a website, sewalot.com, created by Alex Askaroff. There's a ton of information to read. To help you navigate, look for the site index link. Alex also has written many books and made YouTube videos. We are so fortunate to have a local businessman with so much knowledge to share.

Updates/News:

The by-laws vote has been paused while the Board obtains some additional direction from legal services that could impact our state and local filings. Stay tuned.

Please keep Jane Bowman in your thoughts and prayers. She's been having some health problems.

Committee Updates:

Fiddle Quilts: Jane, Terry and Rhonda, and 12 volunteers presented a special edition of fiddle quilts during our Show and Share time-slot. These quilts were made for the Bermudian Springs School District Special Education Department. The quilts will go to autistic and emotional support students, ages 5-8 in kindergarten through 4th grade. Our guild members incorporated a star numbering system on each fiddle quilt along with one of the soft books made during a recent service day.

Membership: no new members or guests added at this meeting.

Newsletter: Reminder to submit any newsletter info by the 23rd of the month.

Workshops: There are still two seats open for the upcoming Deb Tucker workshop, Rapid Fire Lemoyne Star, on November 19.



Bees

Wool Bees 2nd Monday

Handwork Bees 4th Monday

Any project is fine for either session

Bosler Library in Carlisle, 1:30-4pm

Room assignment will be listed on the sign inside the back door.



Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m., at Sandy Kohler's house, 93 McAllister Church Road, Carlisle. Members are reminded they may attend. We just ask that they let us know in advance so that we can plan for seating.

MINUTES

Second Chance Auction: A quilt was left behind at the church from the auction. Please contact Sandy Kohler to claim it.

Retreats: There are still openings for the January 1-5, 2025 quilt retreat at Bongiorno's. See Cathy Irwin to sign up. For those who have signed up, your final payment is due December 1.

Raffle Quilt: Sandy Moore reported there is only one kit left for the raffle quilt. Please contact Sandy if you can lend a hand.

Comfort Quilts: Sue A. shared that 75 quilts were delivered to Homeland Hospice versus the guesstimated 100 reported in the recent newsletter.

Service Days:

December 4: Adult bibs community service day has been rescheduled from September 26. The guild has fabric to use for this project. More details to follow.

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Drawings:

50/50 winner: Melissa McNaughton \$18

Name Tag winner: Cathy Walker, several Perfect Products donated by Karen Buckley

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm. The next meeting will be Monday, November 18, with guest speaker, Deb Tucker, Studio 180 Design.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynndee Nelson

Membership Meeting Minutes November 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Co-President, Sandy Kohler.

Sandy welcomed our guest speaker, Deb Tucker from Studio 180 Designs. She was the first president of Letort

T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas,
And the quilts were not made. The
threads were all tangled, the
cookies delayed. The stocking
weren't hung, the pantry was bare.
The poor weary Quilter, was
tearing her hair. Stacks of fat
quarters, tipped over in streams.
Visions of Log Cabins, had turned
into dreams.

When what to her wondering eyes
should appear, But a bus full of
quilters with all of their gear.
They went straight to work with
just a few mutters, Sorting and
stitching and brandishing cutters.
The patterns emerged from all of
the clutter, Like magic the fabrics
arranged in a flutter. Log Cabins,
Lone Stars, Flying Geese & Bear
Tracks Each quilt was a beauty-
even the backs.

Her house how it twinkled, her
quilts how they glowed. The
cookies were baking, the stockings
were sewed. Their work was all
done, so they folded their frames,
And packed up their needles,
without giving their names. They
boarded the bus, and checked the
next address. More quilts to be
made, another quilter in distress.

She heard one voice echo, as they
drove out of sight, Happy quilting
to all and to all a good night!

~Author Unknown

Quilters Guild in 1981. Sandy read a few tidbits from our very first newsletter that Deb found and brought along to share with the guild. Deb shared her professional story of designing patterns, creating templates and teaching her craft for the past 40 years. She brought a lot of quilts to share with us created by using her many specialty templates. A special shout-out to our holders, folders and packers, Iva Shughart, Claudia Lehman, Cindy Bender and Shauda Rentze for a job well done. They really had a workout. It was so evident the passion Deb has for every aspect of making quilts. She identifies as a quiltaholic!

Updates/News:

The next meeting will be on Sunday, December 1. It will be our holiday celebration with a Cookie Blizzard. Please join us, and bring your favorite treats to share!

Committee Updates:

Quilt Bingo: Start your sewing machines, and mark your calendars! Julie Rhen and Debbie Lohman announced our next quilt bingo will be held on April 18, 2026. The minimum size for large quilts will be 60" square. Smaller quilts and other items will be used for door prizes and other games as needed.

Membership: We welcomed a new member, Cheryl Noll, at today's meeting.

Newsletter: Reminder to submit any newsletter info by the 23rd of the month.

Retreats: There are still openings for the January 1-5, 2025, quilt retreat at Bongiorno's. See Cathy Irwin to sign up. For those who have signed up, your final payment is due December 1.

Raffle Quilt: Finished blocks are due to Sandy Moore by the first meeting in February, 2025.

Challenge Quilt: If you have interest in participating in the challenge quilt, see Lin Keller for more information.

Service Days:

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Show and Share:

We had a special addition of Show and Share tonight. Three of our past presidents, Debbie Lohman (2007), Diane Fitzgibbon (1999), and Marty Jones (2002, 2012, 2013) brought their completed president's quilt to share with us. Other past and present presidents joined them on stage: Carmen Eiserman, Karen Pinker, Julie Rhen, Sandy Kohler, Lin Keller, and Karen Buckley. We also had seven members participate in our regular agenda Show and Share.

Drawings:

50/50 winner: Terry Stibrany - \$21.50

Name Tag winner: Carol Richardson, donated charm pack

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynndee Nelson

RETREATS

January 1-5, 2025, Retreat at Bongiorno Conference Center, Carlisle.

All payments are due at the December 1 meeting. If you can't be there, please mail them to Becki Davis, 633 Whiskey Springs Rd, Boiling Springs, PA 17007-9518. I will email reminders and amounts to everyone signed up.

Any questions, call/text Cathy Irwin 717-919-8470 or jckji@aol.com

SERVICE DAY

Service Day

Upcoming Community Service Day

Adult Bibs on Wednesday, December 4

What is a community service day?

A time when we gather to work on comfort quilts, fidget quilts, or other projects going out into the community.

Where is the community service day?

South Middleton Township Building, 520 Park Drive, Boiling Springs

What time?

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Examples of completed fidget quilts



December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all the December birthdays:

Patricia McKay – 12/3

Jill Coleman – 12/5

Ann Williams – 12/10

Janet Fisher – 12/13

Jeanne Lowe – 12/14

Tammy Miller – 12/20

Lynndee Nelson – 12/21

Monika Rahn – 12/27

Help Wanted

Open Guild Positions

Workshop Registration

Coordinators

Take names and payments for workshop attendees.

Maintain the workshop info board.

Work with treasurer to keep accurate lists of attendees and payments.

Newsletter Proofreader

Read articles and make corrections for grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

Read final newsletter .pdf before distribution

HELPING THE COMMUNITY

Fidget Quilts

1. The most current OUTREACH project has been to make 12 fiddle quilts for children with special needs at the Bermudian Springs School District. Wanda Shaffer's daughter works for their Special Education Department and has been our contact for delivery. As this project wrapped up, I extend a thank you to Wanda Shaffer and Terry Stibrany for helping me with the sewing of these special fiddle quilts. Each quilt has an educational soft book attached, along with many educational components for the children to explore. The soft books were sewn by volunteers at the August service day. Thank you all who helped with sewing the soft books.

At the November 3rd meeting we showed all 12 educational fiddle quilts during Show and Share with the help of 12 volunteers to hold these fiddle quilts. Thank you ALL.

After the Show & Share, the 12 fiddles were delivered to Bermudian Springs School District. This thank you note below from Wanda's daughter, Brooke Shaffer, explains their educational programs.

Dear Quilters,

I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation for taking the time to create these wonderful fidget quilts for the students in our Special Education classrooms. The quilts will not only provide comfort but also serve as tools for engagement and sensory exploration. The quilts will be used in the K-4 Autism Support room and in the K-4 Emotional Support room.

Our Autism Support classroom currently supports eight students, ages 5-8, who vary in ability levels and communication skills. The classroom is supported by a Speech/Language Therapist, an Occupational Therapist, three paraeducators and a BCBA. We are also extremely fortunate to have the PATTAN Autism Initiative providing consultation and support this year. It has been a very busy year, but we are seeing unbelievable academic and skill growth with our students.

We will also use quilts in our new K-4 Emotional Support classroom. We currently have eight students, ages 5-8, receiving academic and behavioral support. Students in the Emotional Support class may be identified with disabilities such as Autism, OHI (ADHD), and/or Emotional Disturbance. The Emotional Support classroom is also supported by a Speech/Language Therapist, an Occupational Therapist, two paraeducators, and a BCBA. Students often need access to sensory and calming tools to work through their feelings. The quilts will certainly be a valuable addition to the classroom toolbox!

COMFORT QUILTS

A big THANK YOU to those of you who have helped with the delivery of comfort quilts to some of our recipients. It has expedited the delivery of quilts so they get where they are most needed much more quickly than in the past. As we move forward, if you can help with delivery, contact either of us and we will have the quilts ready for you at our meeting, along with contact information for the delivery location most convenient to you.

We continue to have kits available at the meetings. Don't forget, we also have a number of pieced tops that need quilted. We have backing and batting for these, and they are a wonderful way to practice your machine quilting skills.

Tidings of Comfort and Joy,
Carlene and Sue



Thank you once again for your kindness and support. We are so grateful for your generosity!

Sincerely,
Brooke Shaffer
Director of Special Education

2. FIDDLE QUILT INVITATION—We will have various fiddle quilt kits available at the December 1 meeting to sew at your leisure over the winter months when we will not have in-person meetings. Stop by, and sign one out!

Thank you! Jane Shull, Terry Stibrany, and Wanda Shaffer

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Becki Davis

BALANCE SHEET

AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2024

OCT 31, 2024

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking - M&T Bank (LQ of C)	<u>24,396.59</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>24,396.59</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>24,396.59</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>24,396.59</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Sales Tax Payable	<u>-2.24</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>-2.24</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-2.24</u>
Total Liabilities	-2.24

Equity

Education Fund	29,833.17
General Fund	-3,760.17
Retained Earnings	
Retreats - Equity Account	1,684.99
Net Income	<u>-3,359.11</u>
Total Equity	<u>24,398.83</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>24,396.59</u>

PROFIT & LOSS

JULY THROUGH OCTOBER 2024

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Income

Membership Dues	3,100.00
Misc. Income	3.45
Newsletter Advertising	425.00
Royalties from Quilt Doc. Book	26.86
Total Income	<u>3,555.31</u>

Expense

Bank Fees	29.95
Bingo	500.00
Bus Trips	1,395.00
Donation	2,695.10
Insurance	262.00
Licenses and Permits	1,023.37
Membership	-100.00
P O Box Rental	182.00
Workshop/Lectures	927.00
Total Expenses	<u>6,914.42</u>
Net Income	-3,359.11



Machine Quilting

Edge to Edge (2 week turnaround)

Debbie Weigle

Carlisle, PA

717-460-8606

✉ QCQuilting@gmail.com

🌐 QuiteCleverQuilting.com

📷 @QuiteCleverQuilting

Drop off and pick up quilts at

The Fabric Center, 41 W Pomfret St., Carlisle

Saturdays 10 am - 12 pm

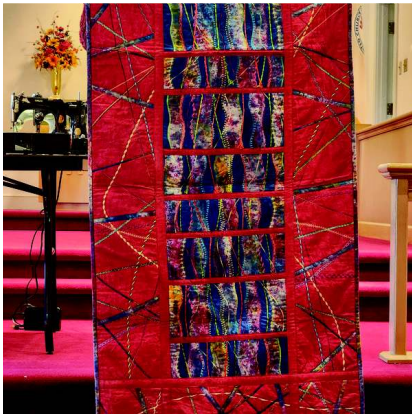
Oct 5, 19, Nov 2, 16, 28

Please note last day to drop off quilts for Christmas return is Nov 28.

Price increase for E2E starting Jan 1.

AROUND THE GUILD

November 3 Meeting, November 18 Meeting, November 19 Workshop



GUILD PAST AND CURRENT PRESIDENTS



Deb Tucker 84/85, Karen Buckley 90/91, Diane Fitzgibbon 99/00, Marty Jones 02/03 12/13
13/14, Deb Lohman 07/08, Cathy Irwin 09/10, Lynette Ulrich 17/18, Julie Rhen 23/24, Lin
Keller & Sandy Kohler 24/25



Karen Buckley 90/91 and our First President, Deb Tucker 84/85

2024/25 GUILD SCHEDULE

DATE	ACTIVITY
Dec 1, Sunday	Christmas Celebration
Jan 20, Monday	Wiggles and Waves via Zoom Karen Eckmeier, The Quilted Lizard
Feb 2, Sunday	Quilting Items from Non-Quilting Sources Carol Richardson
Feb 17, Monday	Point, Click, Quilt via Zoom Susan Brubaker Knapp
Mar 2, Sunday	LeTort Quilters Guild History - Documentation Project Marty Jones
Mar 17, Monday	Gadgets, Gizmos, and Tips Deb Bender, Half Moon Handwerks
Apr 6, Sunday	Aurifilosophy Karen Miller, Redbird Quilt Company
Apr 21, Monday	Physical Therapy for Quilters Christopher Sierctowicz, Maden & Gilbert Physical Therapy
May 4, Sunday	Textile History Carolann Schmitt, Genteel Arts
May 19, Monday	Trunk Show Rachel Rossi, Rachel Rossi Design BOM Reveal
Jun 1, Sunday	End-of-Year Celebration Challenge Reveal

ROAD 2VA
Quilters' Conference & Showcase
June 26 - 28, 2025
 Greater Richmond Convention Center
 Richmond, VA
A Quilt Show Like You've Never Experienced Before
www.road2va.com

2024/25 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	FEE
Jan. 25, Saturday	Color Twists Karen Eckmeier, The Quilted Lizard Via Zoom	Zoom	\$30.00
Feb. 1, Saturday	Mini Mystery Brandy Maskowski, Quilter on Fire Via Zoom	Zoom	\$30.00
April 7, Monday	Aurifilosophy Sampler Karen Miller, Redbird Quilt Co	Monroe Twp. Building 1220 Boiling Springs Road Mechanicsburg	\$42.00 + \$48.00 kit



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MERRY
Christmas
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025

Half Moon Handwerks
Quilting & Needlework

1104 Carlisle Road #135 Rear, Camp Hill PA
(717) 774-3020 www.halfmoonhandwerks.com
Tue, Wed, Fri., Sat 11-4 Thur Noon - 6
Check website for Holiday Hours

Three Rivers Quilters
2025 ANNUAL
Quilt Show
APRIL 3RD, 4TH, 5TH
at the Loft Conference Centers
Southpointe

**Over 130 quilts
on display!**

NEW LOCATION
Loft Conference Centers - Southpointe
1000 Noble Energy Drive, Suite 100
Canonsburg, PA - Watch for signs!

• Visit Granny's Attic!
...a rummage sale for quilters! •

• Dream Baskets • Raffle Quilt • Sewing Machines • Free Quilting Demonstrations •
• All Ages Welcome • Children Under 14 Free • Free Parking • Buses Welcome •

HOURS & ADMISSION	
Thursday, April 3 rd 10am - 5pm	Admission \$12.00
Friday, April 4 th 10am - 5pm	Multi-Day Pass \$14.00
Saturday, April 5 th 10am - 4pm	• GROUP RATES AVAILABLE •

Quilt Entries Welcome! Forms due by February 25, 2025
Visit our website for entry forms & more show information:
www.threeriversquilters.org

THREE RIVERS QUILTERS
2025 Quilt Show "Stars"

April 3-5, 2025



Thursday April 3 10AM - 5PM
Friday April 4 10AM - 5PM
Saturday April 5 10AM - 4PM

Admission: \$12
Multi-Day : \$14
Group Rates available
Children under 14 free

NEW LOCATION
Loft Conference Centers—
SOUTHPOINTE
1000 Noble Energy Drive, Ste 100
Canonsburg, PA

LOTS OF FREE PARKING
Quilts, Vendors, Granny's Attic,
Dream Baskets, Raffle Quilt...and more!

For Quilt Entry Forms & Location information visit

<http://www.threeriversquilters.org>
Facebook: Three Rivers Quilters, Inc
Email: threeriversquiltshow@gmail.com
Entries due by Tuesday, February 25, 2025



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(717)-594-1673
Open Tuesday – Friday 10:00 – 5:00
Saturday 10:00 – 3:00**



Sewing Machines For Sale - Deb Lohman

Looking for Christmas gift for a new quilter, taking to class or want to embroider? We have some sewing machines we no longer need. Some have barely been used. All have their manuals. If you or someone you know is interested please contact Donna or Deb Lohman at 717-761-7365 or by email at dlohman@comcast.net.

Janome 3160QDC -like new, in box, has all accessories, an extension table, manual - asking \$500



Janome Coverpro1000cp - used, has manual but no accessories, it is an overlock machine, like a serger but no cutting blade. Asking \$200



I have two (2) Bernina Bernette b35 - barely used, has accessories and manual. Asking \$250 each. Great entry level or travel machine.



Bernina Artista 180 w/embroidery module- used, recently serviced, works great. Accessories, Sew Steady extension table, manuals. Asking \$500 (stock photo)

