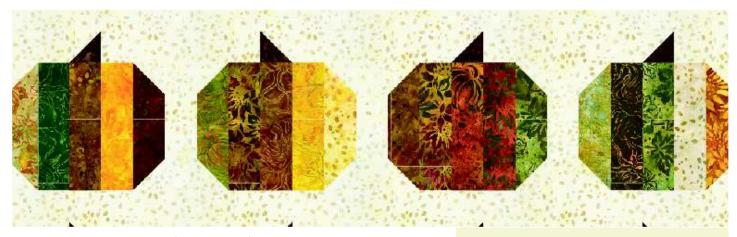
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Pumpkin Fiesta by Ariga Wilson for Robert Kaufman

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We held an All Members Antique Quilts Trunk Show on October 20 and our ladies did not disappoint. They brought over 25 antique quilts and shared wonderful stories of their mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers and great aunts who all were quilters. We are not quilters by chance, we have been inspired by someone, maybe it's built into our DNA. Most of the quilts were hand pieced, hand guilted and some hand appliqued. The whole cloth quilt that Carlene brought was absolutely breathtaking and hard to believe someone could hand guilt that masterpiece. Many of the quilts seemed to range from the 1930's to the 1960's and Grandmom's Flower Garden was by far the most popular design. The log cabin quilt Karen Buckley bought at an auction was also so interesting. No two log strips were the same width or length and the blocks were different sizes yet somehow the quilters managed to square it up!! And Shirley Lebo continues to amaze us with her extensive collection of family heirlooms. Thank you ladies for a wonderful meeting.

Many thanks to Lynndee and Sandy K. for leading during my trip to Greece. As I write this, I wonder if I will find a quilt shop in Athens next week. I will let you know when I am back. Keep in mind, there is a weight limit on luggage. So, I may have to limit purchases. Then, I will try to recover from my jet lag so that I can learn from Heidi Proffetty on November 1.

Many of us learned to sew and quilt from our mothers, aunts, and grandmothers. Schools do not seem to be teaching sewing as they did when we were in middle school. Some of you have heard me



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**BOARD MEETING SUMMARY** 

RAFFLE QUILT TICKETS

lament that we are not seeing younger generations of members joining us. I have been wondering where the next 'wave' of guilters are, and how we will find them. Crochet seems to be enjoying a renaissance. But what about quilters? Well, recently, I have become aware of some things which give me a little hope in that direction. I learned about a place in York that hosts a variety of makers. Their social media seems to be welcoming to guilters in their space. I think they need teachers. Then, I got a real jolt this week because the place I learned about is only a mile from my home! And it has been there for a few years now. Who knew? I sent a message to the owner and went to see the facility. He is the son of a guilter and has a space set up for classes, complete with machines on tables, and chairs as well. He and a woman from his church are teaching - including children. He even has invested in machines that are user-friendly for children. So, in all my 'free time', come summer 2026 - he may see a new teacher show up. My son is always saying, 'be the change'. Maybe I need to put my actions in line with my hopes.

Lynndee and Melissa

### **MINUTES**

#### **Membership Meeting Minutes October 5, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Melissa Greevy at 2pm. Sue Suhre joined us along with her husband, Larry for a presentation titled - My Applique Journey. They displayed dozens of gorgeous quilts and hangings. Sue was born in Detroit and now resides in Pennsylvania. She is nuts about accuracy. She credits this to her teenage years as a champion rifle marksman, which requires accuracy and patience.

Sue began sewing around age 12, making clothing and household items. In her 20's, she finished a quilt her mother started in the 1950's. And it continued from there. She loves to recreate traditional patterns in unusual colors. She quilts all of her own quilts by machine. She said "If you didn't quilt it, you didn't make it."

Thank you Sue for a lovely presentation!

#### **Updates/News**

The October 20th meeting topic will now be the All Membership Antique Quilt Trunk Show that was scheduled for February 1, 2026.

The spring retreat is scheduled for May 6-10, 2026 and the fall retreat will be September 10-13, 2026 at Bongiorno's.

Those interested in participating in the BOM program need to sign up no later than the October 20th guild meeting and pay at least half of the kit price of \$170. You may also use fabric from your stash versus buying a kit. Sarah is ordering 500 notecards to be included with Comfort and Fiddle quilts and placed in local fabric stores.

#### **Committee updates**

Bingo - Deb Lohman has stepped down due to changes in her job. Becki Davis has volunteered to replace her.

Retreats - There is now a \$120 stage removal fee, \$196 charge for meeting Room C for the January 2026 retreat. The board allocated a \$300 yearly budget to purchase items needed for the retreats.

# 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 November meetings are Sunday, November 2, and Monday, November 17 at St. Matthews Church of Christ, 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 December issue is November 23. Articles are welcome from all members. Email articles to 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.

Fundraising - Vicki K. nominated Karen Kay B. to chair the fundraising committee. Deb W. seconded. The motion passed without opposition.

#### **Show and Share**

Several members brought their works to show and some were donated for our upcoming quilt bingo.

Special thanks given to Julie Rhen and Debbie Weigle for helping setting up today's meeting for Melinda. Also thank you to Cathy Irwin, Cathie Walker, Laura Dries and Gay Weigand for being Sue Suhre's Holders and Folders.

#### **Drawings**

50/50 - Nancy Herd \$23

Shop - Carmen Eiserman won a charm pack donated by a guild member.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa McNaughton

#### Membership Meeting Minutes October 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by member Sandy Kohler for vacationing Melissa Greevy.

We conducted an All Member Antique Quilt Trunk Show with over 25 quilts shared. A special thank you to our Holders and Folders: Sarah B., Jill C., Susie H. and Cathie W. for their help displaying and refolding these treasures.

There are still seats available for the Heidi Proffetty Workshop on Nov. 1 at Monroe Township Building. Flat registration fee for members is \$20, kit \$48. If you have interest contact Sue Beinhaur or send your check to Linda Bishop.

#### **Committee Updates:**

Bingo: We have reached 50% collection for the game quilts, keep them coming. We are in need of volunteers for different roles at the Bingo game, see Julie Rhen. The committee met last week and decided to keep the bingo tickets at \$30. The Door Prize Committee is holding a service day on Nov. 18, S. Middleton Twp. Bldg 9a-3p to make 2 different runners. Come and stay as long as you can.

Comfort Quilts: Will hold a workday, date will be shared soon.

Fidget Quilts: Jane is looking for another agency in the area to give the balance of our checkerboard quilts to close out that project. Let her know if you have an agency in mind.





# Beec

Bees started a few years ago and these two are continuing just because we like to get together twice a month to hand sew! Please Join us!

Held at the Bosler Library in Carlisle from 1:30-4:00 pm. Park in the parking lot behind the Library and when you enter, there is a sign to tell you which room we are in that day.

Wool Bee 2nd Monday of the month Handwork Bee 4th Monday of the month

But you can bring anything you want to sew on!

Any questions, call or text Cathy Irwin 717-919-8470 or Lin Keller 717-979-0506



Greeters: We need greeters. There's a signup sheet at the sign in table or see Patti Miller.

Membership: We had 3 new members join today: Melissa Lockhart, Suzanne Todd and Cindy Kramer. Melissa Brandt was an attending guest as well. Welcome to our guild, ladies!!!!

Website: Sarah shared she will be updating the photo directory. You can also send pictures through email to her to upload.

Workshops: There are four great workshops to join, please sign up, the price is right at \$20!!

Retreats: There are still spots open for the Jan 1-4, 2026 quilt retreat at Bongiorno's. See Cathy I. at the next meeting to sign up.

Challenge Quilt: See Melissa for a magazine to begin your challenge quilt at the next meeting.

BOM: Sign up at the Fabric Center if you want to buy the kit, \$170. You can also use your own fabric but will need to buy the pattern. The BOM will be free via ZOOM instructed by Debbie Weigle Feb-Aug 2026 every 2 weeks.

Show and Share: several members brought in new quilts they made to share

#### Drawings:

50/50 - \$16 to Patti Miller

Shop - Laundry Basket Quilts Fat Quarter pack donated by a member to Gail Ogden

YLI Thread Drawing: 19 winners of spools and cones of Y.L.I. Thread from participation in their thread survey over the summer. A fun picture of the winners was taken by our resident photographer, Julie R.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lynndee Nelson for Melissa McNaughton

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMARY SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

A motion was made by Linda B. to pay the \$120 fee to remove the stage at the Bongiorno retreat facility, seconded by Sarah B. A vote was taken; the motion passed without opposition.

A motion was made by Vicki K. to pay \$196 to book meeting room C for additional room at the January 2026 retreat, seconded by Melinda H. A vote was taken; the motion passed without opposition.



# November Birthdays

Happy birthday to all the November Birthdays

11/5 - Jane Bowman

11/6 – Marjorie Lohr

11/12 – Barb Nickle, Teresa

Stibrany, Barb Tomasov

11/14 - Dessie Kough

11/15 – Susan Beinhaur

11/18 – Bonnie Baim, Robbin

Strobel

11/20 - Beth Chestnut

11/25 - Linda Doty



# Sewing Machine for Sale

Viking 6 Elite with large embroidery feature

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- > Pat Sauders
- > 717-601-8997

A motion was made by Linda B. to give the Retreat Committee a yearly budget amount of \$300 for various supplies that may be needed; seconded by Melissa M. A vote was taken; the motion passed without opposition.

A motion was made by Lynndee N. to move the All Member Antique Quilt Trunk Show scheduled for February 1<sup>st</sup> to October 20<sup>th</sup>. The presentation for February 1<sup>st</sup> is TBD. A second motion was made by Sandy G.; the motion passed without opposition.

### **BINGO**

#### **Raffle Baskets**

During our October and November membership meetings, we will be collecting new, unused small items from our guild members for the raffle baskets at Quilt Bingo. If you have something that would align with our themes below and would like to donate, please drop in the box that will be located at the Membership station. Handmade items and gift cards are also a great idea.

Our themes are sewing, quilting, embroidery, wool/fabric appliqué, man basket, tea & coffee, Christmas, pamper me, gardening, kitchen and family game night.

If you have any questions, please reach out to a committee member. Thank you for your support.

Lynndee, Marcia, Pat and Sandy

### **MEMBERSHIP**

We are currently at 120 members. The new 2025-2026 membership roster is attached for your reference.

Please welcome new members Gayle Agostaro, Suzanne Todd, Cindy Kramer, and Melissa Lockhart!

### RAFFLE QUILT TICKETS

Beginning at the November 2 meeting, raffle tickets for the stunning "LeTort Flower Garden" quilt (93" x 93") will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.





# Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be November 6, 2025 at 6:30 PM at 465 Wildwood Road, Carlisle.

Members are welcome, but you need to notify Lynndee Nelson in advance to ensure seats are available.





# TREASURER'S REPORT

By Linda Bishop

#### **BALANCE SHEET**

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

#### **PROFIT & LOSS**

JULY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Income

SEPT 30, 2025

JUL 25- SEPT 25

ASSETS		Income		
A00210		2025-2026 Retreats	7,431.81	
Current Assets		50/50 Drawing	20.00	
Checking/Savings	47.070.70	Membership Dues	2,625.00	
Checking - M&T Bank (LQ of C)	17,870.78 17,870.78	Newsletter Advertising	325.00	
Total for Bank Accounts		Workshop Income	<u>176.00</u>	
Total Current Assets	<u>17,870.78</u>	Total Income	10,577.81	
TOTAL ASSETS	17,870.78	Sale of Quilt Doc. Book	0	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>17,870.78</u>	Gross Profits	<u>10,577.81</u>	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		Expense		
Liabilities Current Liabilities		2025-2026 Retreat Expenses	6,789.19	
Other Current Liabilities		Bingo Expense	34.96	
Sales Tax Payable	<u>-2.32</u>	Lectures	100.00	
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>-2.32</u>	Office Supplies & Software	80.00	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	-2.32	USPS Expense	310.01	
Total Liabilities	-2.32	Total Expenses	<u>7,314.16</u>	
		Net Income	3,263.65	
Equity				
Education Fund	4,861.64	All checks for workshops, membership du	es, retreat pavr	ments. etc. can
Open Balance Equity	9,747.81	be sent directly to Letort's treasurer:  Linda Bishop		
General Fund Retained Earnings	0			
<b>Retreats - Equity Account</b>		1610 Pisgah State Road		
Net Income	<u>3,263.65</u>	Shermans Dale, PA 17090		
Total Equity	<u>17,870.78</u>			
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>17,870.78</u>	OR THEY CAN BE SENT TO LETORT'S PO BOX		
		Letort Quilters of Carlisle		

PO Box 260

Carlisle, PA 17013-0260

Linda, who checks the PO Box, would prefer if the checks would be sent directly to her.



### AROUND THE GUILD

#### **Comfort Quilts**

At this time of year, we are focusing on providing quilts to Homeland Hospice for their annual Christmas caroling. While Christmas/holiday/ Hanukkah quilts are definitely appreciated, any theme is acceptable. We typically deliver the quilts to them in late November/early December, so if you have any to bring to either of the next 2 meetings, that would be great!

We continue to receive donations of fabric and are so blessed with the generosity of others.

So often we receive comments on the beauty of the fabrics used and the resulting eye-catching quilts. Keep 'em coming!

Happy Thanksgiving to all! Sew long for now, Carlene and Sue

#### **Fiddle Quilts**

1. "Checkerboards" Project is now completed. Our group has made 36 checkerboards and delivered them to various care homes and schools. A "GIANT" thank you to all who sewed checkerboards and gathered awesome colorful plastic jar lids. This has been a fun project and a great collaboration of members to bring fun ar

and a great collaboration of members to bring fun and joy to so many. I have lots of great feedback about these soft colorful checkerboards.

#### "NO MORE LIDS NEEDED!"

2. The 2025-2026 focus of the Fiddle Quilt Committee will be on sewing the embellishments onto the Fiddle Mats in the Fiddle Kits available for pick up at all meetings.

Thank you ALL so much!

Jane Shull, Terry Stibrany, & Wanda Shaffer

#### **YLI Thread**

Over 70 members participated in the Y.L.I. Threads Survey over the summer meeting their goal of 50% of our membership. Letort Quilters of Carlisle was awarded \$200 in gift

cards. We purchased a variety of neutral color spools and cones since Y.L.I. offered free shipping over \$75. Tickets were handed out and 19 lucky members were recipients of a sampling of their Dream Seam thread. Thank you Y.L.I.!









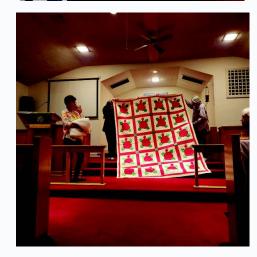


















#### **Retreats**

January 1-4, 2026 (Thursday-Sunday)

Prices: Thurs. Friday Single \$337. \$287 Double. \$290. \$240 Triple. \$260. \$210

You can sign up for the January Retreat now with a \$75 deposit! Balance will be due no later than the Sunday December 7 meeting.

For those who have not come before, the Retreat is held at the Bongiorno Conference Center just outside of Carlisle. It is close to home, but a world away! Each person brings their own projects to work on and all of the supplies needed. We do have 2 irons/ironing boards. You can have either a single room with a queen bed (usually) or a double room with twin beds to share with a friend. Linens and towels are provided.

This year we are starting on Thursday because it is January 1<sup>st</sup> and not on the usual Wednesday start. Thursday night, Friday lunch and all breakfasts are a planned potluck menu and everyone brings food to share. We have 4 meals in the Dining Hall for the rest of the weekend.

Starting time is 10am on January 1, 2026. Any questions, please call or text! Cathy Irwin 717-919-8470.



# **Machine Quilting**

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# **Debbie Weigle**

Carlisle, PA 717-460-8606

QCQuilting@gmail.com

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The Fabric Center, 41 W Pomfret St., Carlisle

Saturdays 10 am - 12 pm

Nov 1, 15, 22

Wednesdays 10:30-12:30

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Please note last day to drop off quilts for Christmas return is **Nov 29**.

# 2025-26 GUILD SCHEDULE

Nov. 2, Sunday	Making Mosaic Art Quilts Heidi Proffetty
Nov. 17, Monday	Ruler Trunk Show Patricia Sprecher
Dec. 7, Sunday	Christmas Celebration Ornament Workshop with Laura Baumgardner
Jan. 19, Monday	Influences of Africa via Zoom Hollis Chatelain, Hollisart LTD.
Feb. 1, Sunday	To Be Determined
Feb. 16, Monday	Color Courage for the Fabric Phobic via Zoom Jenny Kae Parks, Jenny Kae Quilts
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 SERVICE DAY SCHEDULE

Nov. 18 Tuesday	Set up at 9:00 AM Clean up starts at 2:30 PM come as long as you can	Quilt Bingo Door Prizes Hearts Runner Super Easy 6, 3, 1 Table Runner	S. Middleton Twp. Bldg. 520 Park Drive Boiling Springs, PA
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# 2025-26 GUILD WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Nov. 1 Saturday 9:00 AM	Mini Poinsettia Quilt Tile Heidi Proffetty	Monroe Twp. Building 1220 Boiling Springs Road Mechanicsburg, PA
Dec. 7	Wool Applique Christmas	St. Matthews Church of Christ
Sunday	Ornament	3240 Spring Road
2:00 PM	Laura Baumgardner	Carlisle, PA
Feb 14, 2026 Saturday 9:30 AM	Beautiful Machine Binding Jenny Kae Parks, Jenny Kae Quilts	Via Zoom
Apr. 21, 2026	Storm at Sea, No More Tears	Monroe Twp. Building
Tuesday	Paper Piecing	1220 Boiling Springs Road
9:00 AM	David Sirota	Mechanicsburg, PA



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