

Meanderings

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Scrappy Hearts by Heidi Pridemore

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from cool and cloudy Florida. I am so grateful to be here with temps in the 40s and 50s, and not in Pennsylvania with the bitter cold. During this quiet time of year, I hope you are enjoying time in your sewing rooms to make some charity projects, finish a UFO or two, and start a new project. I have finished a few projects that I started last year and have made a few charity projects, so I will have lots for show and tell when I get home.

I enjoyed the Zoom presentation with Karen Eckmeier two nights ago and am looking forward to her Zoom class this Saturday. It looks like she inspired a few more members to sign up for the class!

Looking ahead, we have an in-person meeting on February 2 with Carol Richardson presenting Quilting Items from Non-Quilting Resources. I know you always enjoy lectures and workshops with members, and you can look forward to good information along with Carol's lively sense of humor.

On Monday, February 17, we have another Zoom lecture with Susan Brubaker Knapp who will present Point, Click, Quilt. This lecture is about turning your photographs into art quilts. I look forward to her lecture and to using the information to make quilts from my photos. I have so many ideas rolling around in my brain; it would be so fun to turn the ideas into quilts.



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HOLD FOR LETORT QUILTERS

NEW MEMBERSHIP ONLY
SECTION OF THE WEBSITE

SEW HEARTS FOR NICU
BABIES

We have been asked to participate in another community service project...this one for NICU babies. Be sure to read Sarah's article later in the newsletter to see how you can help.

Last, I hope that those of you who chose to participate in this year's challenge based on the game Clue are enjoying your projects. That is the next project on my list, and I can hardly wait to get started. If you haven't picked your weapon, suspect, and room, see Sandy at the next meeting.

Stay warm.
Lin

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR LETORT QUILTERS?

Friends: The programming committee has been working in the background on planning for my presidential year, 2025-26. We have our calendar almost complete, particularly thanks to the input from Evelyn Hunt (new to us this year) and Karen K. Buckley. Their contacts and experiences with programming, attending classes, and teaching far exceed mine and are such a great encouragement to Lin, Sandy and me.

As I prepare for next year, I have reflected on guild activity since I joined in 2019. That is a somewhat short perspective. At our last board meeting, I voiced my concern for the ongoing struggle to obtain leadership participation. With 40 years of service, we are blessed that many of our past presidents continue to be members and continue to contribute in a variety of important ways. Thinking toward the future, we are considering breaking out several smaller projects often carried by the president and delegating them to a member for a year. Our wish is to promote more member engagement and to make serving as President less daunting to folks who have been reluctant to step up. Some examples of these projects are the challenge quilt, Christmas ornament, celebration planning, and Block of the Month.

I have also observed that we seem to have lost interest in some projects we have done in the past. This is demonstrated by not having members step in to lead on things like Block of the Month, the quilt show, dog beds, and boutique. A wise member suggested to me that it was possible that some projects of the past may have simply 'run their course.' She could be right. That said, I remain concerned whether the guild can remain viable and vibrant if we do not have leadership to take the helm. So, if there are barriers to your willingness to serve, please let us know what they are, so that we can explore how we can make it more do-able. We need you if we are to continue.

A third observation is the aging of our group. We cannot let quilting become a 'dying art' on our watch. I would love to see a younger generation, or two (!), coming into membership. Some of us learned to sew from our mothers and grandmothers. How can we connect with the younger sewists? I wonder how to find those next generations and bring them into the fold. Might the interest shown by Dickinson College lead us to some new members? I also wonder if offering introductory sewing with make-and-take projects might draw in other new members, or serve as a bridge to us from programs like 4H. We want to know your ideas. We want to continue for another 40 years.

Melissa Greevy

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 February meetings are Sunday, February 2, in person at St. Matthews Church of Christ, 3240 Spring Road, Carlisle and Monday, February 17 via Zoom. Keep an eye on your email for login information.

Newsletter

If you have information on upcoming events, quilty news, sewing items for sale, or tips and tricks, the deadline for articles for the March issue is February 21. 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 January 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:00pm by Co-President, Lin Keller who introduced Karen Eckmeier, The Quilted Lizard. She shared her presentation, Wiggles and Waves. For more than 30 years, Karen has been an award-winning quilter, international teacher, and designer. In 2008, she instructed a workshop for our guild members and was happy to return. Karen started with traditional quilts but started adding curves and building complexity to her designs. She utilizes raw-edge collage and layered topstitching techniques on her quilts. Please join us on Saturday, January 25, via Zoom for Karen's workshop, Color Twists, and learn topstitching curves. Seats are still available.

Updates/News

Sarah Burkett was contacted by a nurse from Magee's Women's Center inquiring if we could make comfort flannel hearts for the babies. She shared a sample via Zoom; very simple no stuffing required. Magee would like 600 to last a year. Lin is setting up a community service day in April to work on hearts, fiddle quilts, and comfort quilts. An article and instructions for the hearts will be listed in the newsletter. Gather up your extra flannel pieces!

Carol Richardson will present Quilting Items from Non-Quilting Sources at our next regular in-person meeting on February 2.

Committee Updates:

Workshops: There are two workshops left for the remainder of this guild year. See the website for more details.

Mini Mystery Quilt on Saturday, February 1, via Zoom with Brandy Maskowski, Quilter on Fire, and Aurifilosophy Sampler on Monday, April 7, with Karen Miller, Redbird Quilt Company, at Monroe Township Building.

Membership: We welcomed two new members, Pat Horoschak and Brenda McNaughton to our guild.

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 door



Bees

Wool Bee—2nd Monday of each month

Handwork Bee—4th Monday of each month 1:30pm - 4pm, Bosler Library, Carlisle

Come in the back door from the parking lot, and the Library Activity sign will tell you what room we are meeting in that day. Bring whatever project you are working on! Please join us! Any questions, call Lin Keller 717-979-0506 or Cathy Irwin 717-919-8470



Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m., via zoom. Members are reminded they may attend. We just ask that they let us know in advance so that we can send them login information.

A Treasure

Drawings:

No drawings were held this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55p.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynndee Nelson

AURIFIL WORKSHOP

You asked for it; you got it! Due to requests from several members, we have scheduled the Aurifilosophy Thread Play class with Karen Miller of Red Bird Quilt Company. In the class, we will work with seven different Aurifil threads, learn what needle goes with which thread, and learn the correct bobbin and tension settings. We will sew on the machine and by hand. At the end of the class, we will each have a sampler with our stitching and notes written directly on the sampler. This is a great way to keep track of what we did in class. The best part...you get to pick from one of three color sets of thread! Warm, cool, or neutral; it's your choice.

The class is \$42.00 plus \$48.00 for the thread kit that also includes needles. The class is on Monday, April 7, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Monroe Township Building.



It's more than a coverlet,
More than a spread,
This beautiful quilt
That graces my bed.

It's laughter and sorrow,
It's pleasure and pain,
It's small bits and pieces
Of sunshine and rain.

It's a bright panorama
Of scraps of my life-
It's moments of glory,
It's moments of strife.

It's a story I cherish
Of days that have been,
It's a door I can open
To live them again.

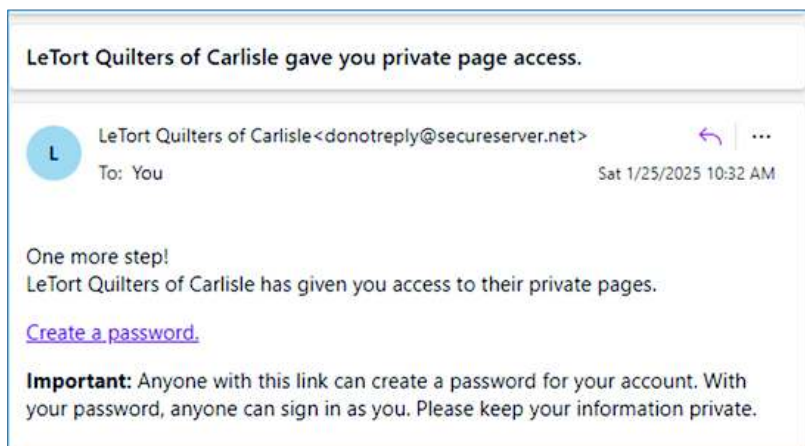
Yes, it's more than a cover,
This much-treasured quilt,
It's parts pieced together
Of the life I have built.

By Mildred Hatfield



NEW MEMBERS ONLY SECTION OF THE WEBSITE

The new "Members Only" section of our guild's website is nearly ready! This page includes volunteer opportunities, position descriptions, and other important guild documents. Over time, we'll continue to add more helpful information. To access this page, you'll need to log in with your email address and a password that you pick. On February 8th, you'll receive an email invitation to create a password. The email will have the subject line "LeTort Quilters of Carlisle gave you private page access." Be sure to check your junk or spam folder if you don't see it in your email inbox. The email will look something like this:



Click the link in the email to create your password. Once your password is set up, to get to the members only page, you'll go to www.letortquilters.com and click the "Member Login" button to see the Members Only page.

Setting up the members only accounts is a new process for the guild. There are other ways to get access, but it seemed that sending the emailed invite is the easiest. Thanks for your patience as we work out the best way to provide access.

If you have any questions or run into issues, please email Sarah Burkett at sbrktt@gmail.com for help.

MARCH 2 DOCUMENTATION PRESENTATION

I am preparing the presentation about the documentation project for March 2. I have heard from at least one guild member who has offered to bring in some quilts that were documented by this project. I think it would be great if we had a special show and tell of quilts that were part of the project. If you have a quilt that was in the project bring your quilt(s) to show, along with some of the documentation material that was provided to you.

Marty Jones



February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all the February birthdays:

- 2/2 – Denise Highlands
- 2/5 – Carlene Brenize
- 2/12 – Marcia Brumbaugh
- 2/17 – Gay Weigand
- 2/22 - Donna Delancey
- 2/22 – Lynette Ulrich
- 2/24 – Shirley Levasseur

Retreats

May 7-11, 2025 Retreat

It's time to sign up for the May 7-11, 2025 Retreat at Bongiorno Conference Center, 430 Union Hall Rd., Carlisle.

We have a few virtual meetings coming up, so please send your \$75 deposit check in to our treasurer, Becki Davis, 633 Whiskey Springs Rd., Boiling Springs, PA. 17007-9518. Also please text me that you are coming!

If you haven't been to a Retreat yet, it's time to join us for the fun! Come on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday until Sunday.

We bring food to share for the first part of the week and eat at the Dining Hall for the last 4 meals. Bring your own projects to work on.

You can have a single or double room. \$75 deposit will hold your Spot! Balance due the last meeting in March.

Any questions please call me! Cathy Irwin 717-919-8470 or jckji@aol.com

Prices:

	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.
Single	\$363	\$315	\$267
Double	\$318	\$271	\$194

HELPING THE COMMUNITY

February 2025 Fiddle Quilts NEWS----

Quilted Checkerboard—Members are turning in some fun checkerboards.

Thank you.



Lin Keller made this beauty. Thank you. Please save plastic lids (about 3-inch size). We have been asked to create fiddle cuffs. Jean Ilgenfritz and her crocheting friends are experimenting with some designs. We will share more details later.



Please keep signing out Fiddle Quilt Kits and Checkerboard Kits at the upcoming meetings. Thank you so much!

Jane Shull, Terry Stribany, & Wanda Shaffer

Comfort Quilts

We are welcoming the Carlisle Skilled Nursing and Rehab Center to our list of recipients of comfort quilts. Guild member Nancy Garvin made the connection with them, and they are excited to receive comfort quilts for their clients. Thanks, Nancy, for sharing the love! It is always nice to identify local agencies that might be in need, so let us know if you are aware of others. Our list of participating agencies is on our guild website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Becki Davis

BALANCE SHEET

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

DEC 31, 2024

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking - M&T Bank (LQ of C)	<u>29,597.46</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>29,597.46</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>29,597.46</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>29,597.46</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	<u>-2.24</u>

Equity

Education Fund	30,202.33
General Fund	-3,760.17
Retained Earnings	
Retreats - Equity Account	8,977.99
Net Income	<u>-5,820.45</u>
Total Equity	<u>29,599.70</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>29,597.46</u>

PROFIT & LOSS

JULY THROUGH DECEMBER 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
Sale of Quilt Doc. Book	30.00
Total Income	<u>3,585.31</u>

Expense

Bank Fees	29.95
Bingo	500.00
Bus Trips	1,395.00
Comfort Quilts	95.39
Donation	2,695.10
Insurance	262.00
Licenses and Permits	1,023.37
Membership	-100.00
Office supplies	169.49
P O Box Rental	182.00
Workshop/Lectures	3,153.46
Total Expenses	<u>9,405.76</u>
Net Income	<u>-5,820.45</u>

HELP SEW HEARTS FOR NICU BABIES

Join us in supporting the Heart-to-Heart program for UPMC Magee Women's Hospital! This wonderful initiative provides soft, flannel fabric hearts for NICU babies. These hearts are worn by parents to absorb their scent, which is then placed in the baby's crib to provide comfort and support bonding. Their previous supplier of hearts is no longer able to make them, so we're excited to help. Instructions and a heart template are included further down in the newsletter. Bring completed hearts to a guild meeting, and we'll deliver them to UPMC. Our goal is 600 hearts.

The Fabric Center is offering members a 10% discount on flannel for this project. Just mention you're making hearts for NICU babies!

We're also planning to add this to a service day to work on this as a group. Stay tuned for details!

Thank you for helping spread love, one stitch at a time.

AROUND THE GUILD

January Retreat



Machine Quilting

Edge to Edge (two-week turnaround)

Debble Welgle

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

by appointment

Supporting Cracked Pot Coffee Shop on February 1

**- stop in for a free cup of coffee (first 500 people) while
enjoying the Ice Festival.**

36 N Hanover St Carlisle

2024/25 GUILD SCHEDULE

DATE	ACTIVITY
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



2024/25 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	FEE
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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CAMP HILL PA



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Saturday, March 8, 2025
9 am - 4 pm

**\$160, incl lunch & all
supplies, except fabric**

**Sole Orders Must be
Received by Feb 13th**



Register Today at
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2025 ANNUAL
Quilt Show
APRIL 3RD, 4TH, 5TH
at the Loft Conference Centers
Southpointe

**Over 130 quilts
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...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 •

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

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**

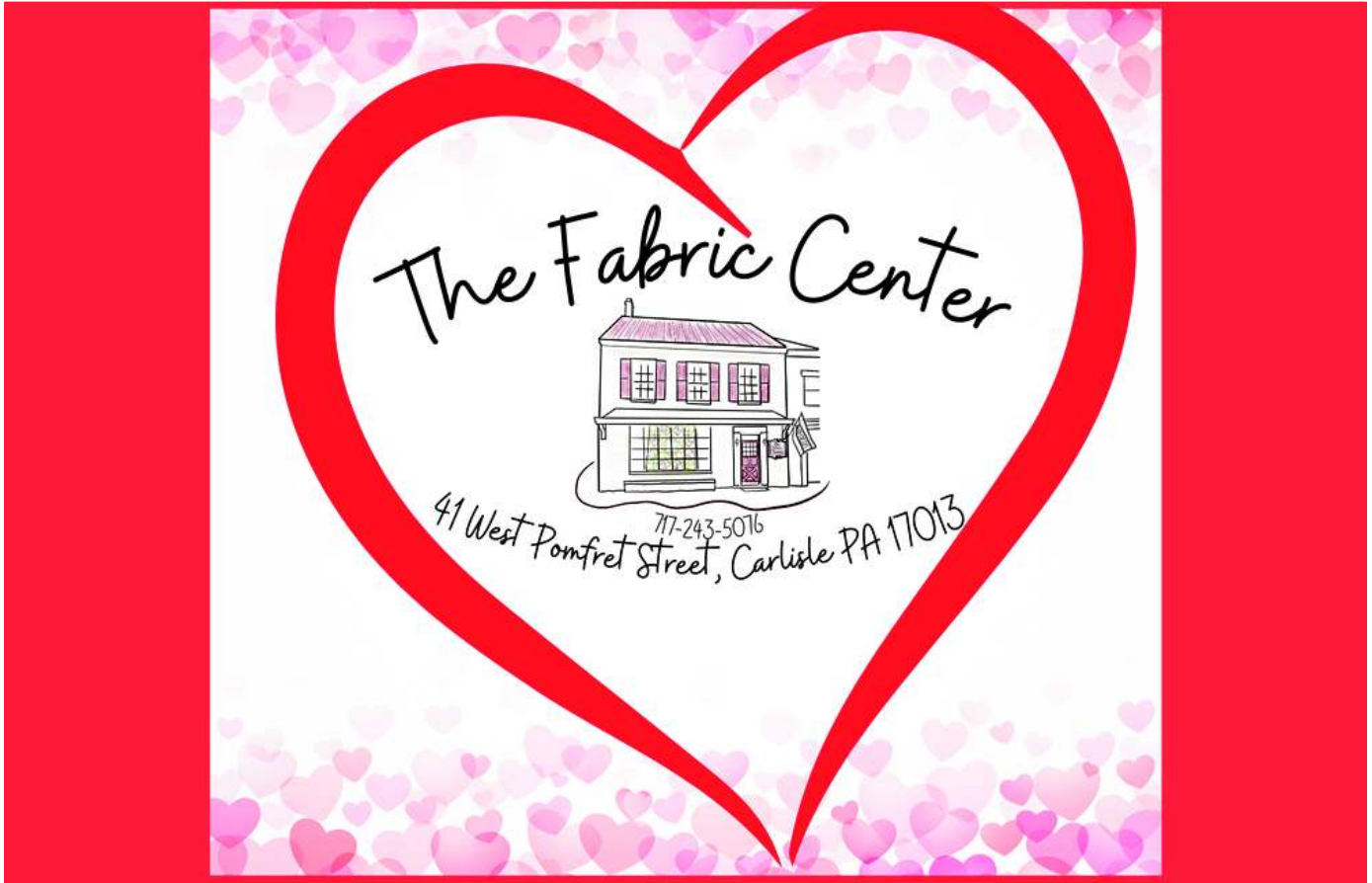
**1000 Noble Energy Drive, Ste 100
Canonsburg, PA**

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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