

Meanderings

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Twinkle Lights by: Natalie Crabtree

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I really enjoyed the ruler presentation by Pat Spreacher. She knows how to make us laugh and shared her beautiful work in her trunk show. Isn't it great to have such talent in our local area?

I am not sure what happened to October. And now, we are running out of November as we gear up for the feast(s) next week. Our final meeting of the year is 2 1/2 weeks away and the Guild is busy for sure. We had our last 2025 Guild service day on November 18, making table runners for Bingo. On December 7 we have a Dessert Blizzard, games, and Raffle Tickets for sale.

Prepare for lots of laughs because Sandy K. and her crew are in charge of the fun. Don't forget your 3 fat quarters for the left/right/center game. Thanks to Sarah B., we will try out a karaoke machine pulled into duty from her attic. We anticipate using it mostly in the downstairs area of the church. If this machine works out well, her donation will save the Guild the allocation we made to purchase one.

If you have not signed up for the Beautiful Bindings zoom workshop with Jenny Kae, December 7 is your next opportunity. Signups are also open for David Sirota's No More Tears Paper Piecing method in April. Many thanks to Jean I. for stepping up to help Sue B. with workshops.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MEETING MINUTES

BINGO

Our retreat for January 1-4 at BonGiorno is almost full. Thanks again to Cathy I and Lynnette U. for their work in setting up early so that we can gather. How about Miriam's show and share highlighting the comfort quilts put together at retreats? We bring the scraps, blocks get made and BAM!!, a quilt is ready to assemble.

Speaking of Comfort Quilts, Sue A. is retiring from Comfort Quilts at the end of the Guild year. I learned that she and Carlene have led this effort for 10 years. So, it is time for us to begin succession planning. She and Carlene have generously agreed to do two important things to make the transition go more smoothly. First, Sue is willing to arrange opportunities for volunteers to 'shadow' her to learn the ropes, before she retires. Second, Carlene will talk to Sue and they will start thinking of a list of tasks needed to keep the program going. I will get that into written format for our future use. Because they have done this together for so long, and have it working like a well-oiled machine, I anticipate that it may be best to have 3 (or more) new folks on the Comfort Quilts team. Many hands make for light work. Please be in contact with us if you are willing to take on some of the tasks, or would join in a meeting or Zoom call to learn more about the specifics of what tasks you could take on to help out.

Finally, the Board is working on developing a budget. One thing this will do is identify what funds we need left over at the end of a Guild year in order to operate the entire following year. Your committee chairs have already been submitting what their needs are to operate each function. Linda B. is working on our baseline expenditures. Maryellen W. has offered to assist. Becky D. is gathering historical data on our spending and income. Expect to hear more about this in the coming year. You might be surprised. I know that we are learning more every turn.

Happy Holidays,
Lynndee and Melissa

MINUTES

Membership Meeting Minutes for November 2, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Melissa Greevy at 2:01 PM.

Heidi Proffetty joined us with her mosaic art quilting presentation. She is a nationally recognized mosaic art quilter, professional educator and award-winning quilt artist with more than 30 years of experience. She is also a content contributor for Janome Sewing Machines. She combines her own original digital techniques with fellow quilters through classes, publications and online platforms. Her motto is "Creating works of art one tiny piece of fabric at a time."

She lives in Massachusetts with her husband and is an avid beekeeper and actually attended a "bee school". Who knew there was such a thing? She draws most of her inspiration from her two daughters.

Thank you, Heidi, for sharing your beautiful creations!

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 7 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 January issue is December 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.

Updates/News

Are you missing a wool mat? One was left behind at the Heidi Proffetty workshop.

The Old Spool is now open on Orange Street in Shippensburg. If you get to the area, stop by and check out the shop.

The guild received a thank you note from Nurse Family Partnership at UPMC for the flannel comfort heart donations coordinated by Sarah B.

Melissa Greevy had a phone call with a non-profit attorney about the board's decision to subsidize workshops by charging members a flat fee of \$20. The call was a result of a question raised by a member. The attorney shared that we were aligned with the purpose of our guild with this expenditure.

Committee updates

Workshops – Vicki K. asked if there was any interest in having an English Paper Piecing workshop in 2026-27. An advisory vote by show of hands showed interest.

There are still spaces available for the upcoming workshops.

2nd Chance auction is scheduled for May 3rd , 2026. Donna and Debbie Lohman shared they have a conflict and need someone to fill in. Lynndee N. and Lin K. volunteered to chair this year.

Retreats – Cathy I. has 4-5 spots open for the January retreat. These spots need to be filled to meet the minimum requirement per our contract. Contact Cathy to sign up, payment is due in full at that time.

Raffle Quilt – Sandy M. has the raffle quilt tickets, but a picture needs to be printed so potential ticket buyers can see what they could be winning. All proceeds will benefit Project Share.

Show and Share – A number of quilts were shared and donated for quilt Bingo. Donna and Debbie Lohman, Jill Coleman and Sherrie Simmeth donated a total of 7 quilts. Lin K. shared 2 of her Face quilts with their colorful descriptions.

Special thanks were given to Sandy Gilleo for manning the ticket station and to Melinda Hillard for setting up today's meeting. Also thank you to our Holders and Folders; Jane Black, Alice Womack and Terry Stibrany.

Drawings

50/50 – Shaunda Rentze \$19

Shop – Shirley Lebo won a Lori Holts pattern and a quilt themed nail file donated by a guild member.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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.

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



Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be February 5, 2025 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM.

Members are welcome, but you need to notify Lynndee Nelson in advance to receive login information

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Melissa Greevy at 7:00 PM.

Pat Sprecher joined us along with her MANY rulers and creations made from using them. Not only is she very gifted at making quilts, but she was very funny and entertaining. She didn't take her first quilting class until 2009, but she has made up for lost time. She shared with us some of her Quilts of Valor, Pineapple block quilts, some applique quilts and her fabulous Lancaster Diamond and Dear Jane quilts. Thank you, Pat, for sharing your beautiful creations!

Updates/News

Dates will be coming soon for service days to sew Comfort Quilts. Sue and Carlene have been handling all aspects of the Comfort Quilt program for over 10 years. We are looking for some volunteers to shadow Sue and Carlene for the rest of the guild year and hopefully take over the program.

Jill Coleman gave us a date of February 19th to attend the York Guild to share our Raffle Quilt and sell tickets. Volunteers are needed.

Quilt Bingo tickets go on sale at our December 7th meeting. The fee is \$30 for all who wish to attend. The Bingo will be held on Saturday April 18th, 2026 at the Penn Township Fire Hall.

Committee updates

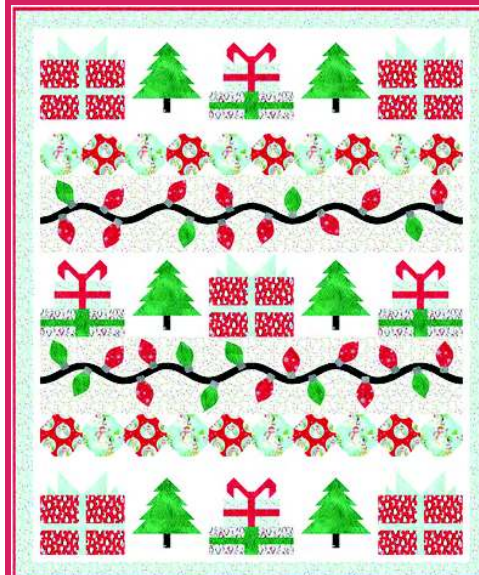
Bingo - If you couldn't attend the service day on Tuesday 18th to make the door prizes for Quilt Bingo and would like to still make them, they need to be turned in at the beginning of the new year. The instructions were emailed on Sunday November 16th.

There are still kits that were donated to be finished for Quilt Bingo. Please look through them at the next meeting.

Celebration - Our Christmas party will be on Sunday December 7th. Please bring 3 fat quarters and a bag of unopened candy for games. Also bring a treat for the Sweets Blizzard table. Please bring your favorite Christmas quilt, ornament or items to share for a special Show and Share.

Retreats - We have one more seat that needs to be filled for the required minimum for the January 1-4 retreat at Bongiorno's in Carlisle. If you would like to attend, payment needs to be made to Cathy I. no later than the December 7th meeting.

Show and Share - Many quilts and other projects were shared. A number of quilts and door prizes were shared and donated for quilt Bingo. Sandy K. and Lin K., last year's co-Presidents, shared the quilts they made from blocks donated by members as appreciation gifts.



Life is Like a Patchwork Quilt

Life is like a patchwork quilt
And each little patch a day
Some patches are rosy, happy and
bright
And some are dark and gray.
But each little patch
As it's fitted in and sewn to keep it
together
Makes a finished block in this life
of ours,
Filled with sun and rainy weather.
So let me work on life's patchwork
quilt
Through the rainy days and the
sun
Trusting that when I have finished
my block
The Master may say, "Well done."
...unknown

Other News - Margie Moore has a Judy Niemeyer Block of the Month kit for sale for \$75.

Drawings

50/50 - Lin K. \$18.50

Shop - Melissa M. received an American Quilter's Society 2026 calendar featuring Karen Kay Buckley's Color Splash Garden on the cover. Karen donated the calendar.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa McNaughton

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMARY NOVEMBER 6, 2025

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

Vicki K. made a motion to dispose of quilt show equipment as scrap if the Appleseed quilt guild does not want it. Sandy G. seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved without opposition.

Vicki K. made a motion to have some blank note cards with the Letort Quilters logo on the front printed along with envelopes. Research will need to be done as to how many will be printed. Karen Kay B. seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved without opposition.

BINGO

18 April 2026 is the day. Have you decided?

To play or to volunteer, that is the question. Both are great options. To play, you can buy your ticket(s) at our meeting on December 7, 2025 or any time after that date. We will go public with tickets on January 2, 2026. Our goal is to sell 250 tickets and fill the tables for great Quilt BINGO games. If you prefer to volunteer, we still need a few volunteers. The many hands at work will make the tasks light and enjoyable. Thank you for being a part of this great organization and opportunity.

We also have a Quilt Bingo web page at <https://letortquilters.com/bingo>.

Questions, please let us know.

Thanks, Julie and Becki._



December Birthdays

Happy birthday to all the
December Birthdays

12/3 - Patricia McKay
12/10 - Ann Williams
12/13 - Janet Fisher
12/20 - Tammy Miller
12/21 - Lynndee Nelson
12/27 - Monika Rahn

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TREASURER'S REPORT

By Linda Bishop

BALANCE SHEET

AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2025

OCT 31, 2025

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Checking - M&T Bank (LQ of C) 17,829.54

Total for Bank Accounts 17,829.54

Total Current Assets 17,829.54

TOTAL ASSETS 17,870.78

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Sales Tax Payable -2.32

Total Other Current
Liabilities -2.32

Total Current Liabilities -2.32

Total Liabilities -2.32

Equity

Education Fund 4,861.64

Open Balance Equity 9,747.81

General Fund 0

Retained Earnings

Retreats - Equity Account

Retained Earnings -255.00

Net Income 3,477.41

Total Equity 17,829.54

**TOTAL LIABILITIES &
EQUITY 17,870.78**

PROFIT & LOSS

JULY 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2025

JUL 25- OCT 25

Income

2025-2026 Retreats 9,441.81

50/50 Drawing 59.00

Membership Dues 3,000.00

Newsletter Advertising 325.00

Workshop Income 297.00

Total Income 13,122.81

Sale of Quilt Doc. Book 0

Gross Profits 13,122.81

Expense

2025-2026 Retreat
Expenses 6,789.19

Bingo Expense 34.96

Facilities Rental 25.00

Lectures 1,015.24

Office Supplies &
Software 80.00

Property/Liability
Insurance 386.00

USPS Expense 310.01

Workshops/Lectures 750.00

Total Expenses 7,314.16

Net Income **9,390.40**

Net Operating Income **3,732.41**

Net Income **3,732.41**



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HELPING THE COMMUNITY

Comfort Quilts

Thanks to the work of so many of you, the guild was once again able to provide quilts to Homeland Hospice for their annual Christmas Caroling to their clients. This is a special gift to so many at this season of joy.

As mentioned at the last meeting in November, we are looking for guild member(s) who would be willing to continue the work of Comfort Quilt Committee Chair(s). After 10 years in this role, Sue is stepping down as co-chair. We would be more than happy to mentor anyone interested, so they can learn the logistics of this role. And, by all means, new ideas and ways of doing things are welcome. A fresh pair of eyes is always a good idea. Please contact Carlene, Sue, Melissa or Lyndee if you are interested.

Service Days to sew Comfort Quilts will be scheduled for after the New Year. Watch for details.

Tidings of Comfort and Joy to each of you,
Carlene and Sue

Fiddle Quilts

This past week the last of OUR completed Fiddle Quilts were delivered to Sara Todd and Green Ridge Village. These locations were VERY appreciative of our donations of Fiddles and Checkerboards.

AT THIS POINT, I have NO MORE completed embellished Fiddle Quilts to GIVE. I have at least 50 Fiddle Kits ready to be sewn. PLEASE HELP! Consider getting a kit at the Dec. 7th Holiday meeting. Great winter sewing project.

The Fiddle Quilts have been received with enthusiasm! Since the spring of 2023 we have made and delivered 185 Fiddle Quilts to at least 15 Care Homes, 6 schools for children, and numerous individual adults and children. We have helped so Many Folks!

Thank you ALL so much for all the Fiddle Creations you have helped to CREATE, Share, and deliver!

Happy Holidays!

Jane Shull, Terry Stibrany, & Wanda Shaffer

RAFFLE QUILT TICKETS ARE HERE!

Our beautiful 2025 Letort Quilters raffle quilt is ready to make its debut. Tickets are 6 for \$5 or \$1 each, making them an affordable (and fun!) holiday gift or stocking stuffer. Members may pick up ticket packets at the next meeting. You're encouraged to sell them to friends, family, coworkers, or neighbors. Every ticket helps support Project Share and the guild. Tickets are tracked, so you can turn in the money from the ones you sell and return any unsold tickets.

Let's make this year's raffle the most successful yet!

Thanks,
Sarah

MEMBERSHIP

We are currently at 127 members.

Please welcome new members Laura Kardos, Carol Marquez, Susan Crawford, Lori Amey and Joanne Clough!

Retreats

January 1-4, 2026
(Thursday-Sunday)

Last chance to sign up! If you already paid your deposit, the balance is due at our Sunday guild meeting, December 7.
For questions, call Cathy Irwin 717-919-8470.

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

Letort Quilters Photo Directory Coming Soon!

The Photo Directory will be emailed to you towards the end of December. This directory helps us get to know one another better and stay connected throughout the year.

If you haven't yet provided a photo (recently or in past years), there's still time! You can stop by at the December meeting to have your picture taken, or email a photo to Sarah Burkett at sbrktt@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed. You're helping make this directory a wonderful resource for our guild!



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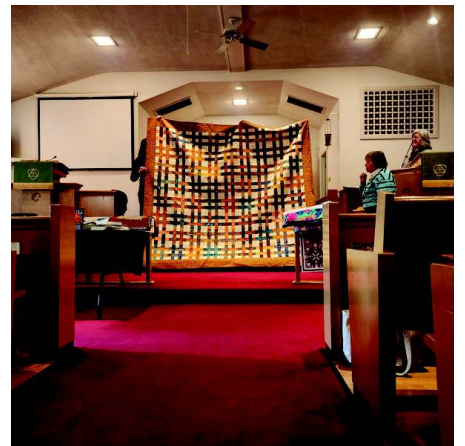
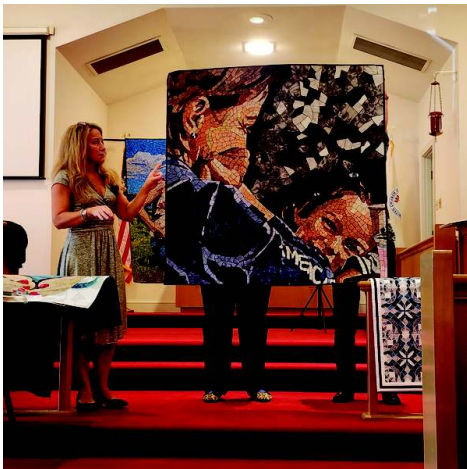
December 13, January 10, 17, 24, 31

Wednesdays 10:30-12:30

December 3, 10, 17, January 14, 21, 28

AROUND THE GUILD

November 2 and 17 meetings and November 18 workshop







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2025-26 GUILD SCHEDULE

Dec. 7, Sunday	Holiday Celebration
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 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Feb 14, 2026 Saturday 9:30 AM	Beautiful Machine Binding Jenny Kae Parks, Jenny Kae Quilts	Via Zoom
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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