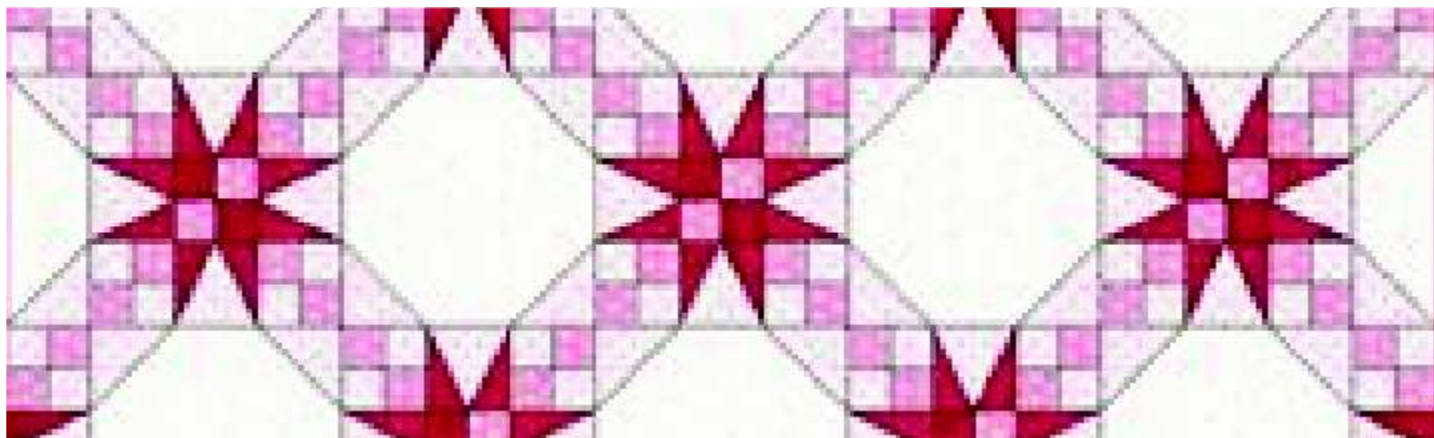


Meanderings

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Tennessee Waltz by Eleanor Burns

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello quilty friends! As we re-set after all the holiday hullabaloo, and prepare for the January 25 snowstorm, the calendar seems to be filling up fast. Wednesday, February 11th, is a Comfort Quilt Service Day at the South Middleton Twp. Building. We hope to see many of you there. If you cannot make that, Wednesday, March 18 is the next one, so mark your calendar.

We surely enjoyed the adventures of seeing Hollis Chatelain's work and the impact of her time in West Africa. It was so impressive to see that she does not 'just quilt'. She also paints some of her fabric, stitches similarly to fabric paint and even repurposes dryer lint to achieve the texture of some of her work. I am not sure her brain ever stops generating ideas! She even wakes from dreams with more ideas!! I was impressed that she remembers the dreams.

This week, we busted a record by having 9 people come to a Comfort Quilt cutting day. When we arrived, Carlene and her team had selected patterns and bagged up necessary amounts of curated fabric sets to be cut. We cut until 2:15 pm and now have 30 more kits ready to go. The warm fellowship was accompanied with lots of laughter. If you haven't attended one of these events, please consider adding it to your list. It is a great community service.

We received good news that Amy Smith is able to present Flying Beauty at our first in person meeting on Sunday afternoon, February 1. We moved her October 20 presentation to accommodate health needs.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TREASURER'S REPORT

CANTON BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Stay warm! Spring is coming. Sunset on February 1, 2026, is 5:27 pm. Days are getting longer.

Melissa & Lynndee

MINUTES

January 19, 2026

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

Our guest speaker was Hollis Chatelain. She is an internationally recognized, award-winning artist specializing in textile painting. Her inspiration comes from living in West Africa for 12 years, working with humanitarian organizations and dreams she has.

She joined the Peace Core and moved to West Africa in 1980 where she met her husband, Ronaldo who was from Switzerland. They soon got married and had 2 children and later adopted their third child.

Her dye-painted scenes of multi-cultural life convey the untold stories of women, children, families and the earth. Her quilts have been described as "easy to gaze at, but hard to forget."

With an educational background in design and photography, and over 35 years of experience as a professional artist, Hollis' work can be found in public and private collections throughout the world. It was a pleasure to have such an accomplished artist and quilter take the time to speak with our guild.

Updates/News

Service days to sew Comfort quilts will be on February 11th and March 18th. Quilt Bingo tickets are on sale for \$30.

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

There is one seat for each of the remaining workshops available: Beautiful Machine Binding with Jenny Kae on February 14th via ZOOM and Storm at Sea and No More Tears Paper Piecing with David Sirota on April 21st at the Monroe Township Building.

Vicki K. shared that there has been low participation in the past few years for the Challenge Quilt. Only 4 people showed interest in continuing with the Challenge Quilt.

Amy Smith will be presenting her Flying Beauty – Quilt As You Go at the February 1st meeting.

Good progress is being made creating a guild budget. More to come.... The nominations committee will begin looking for the next president-elect for 2027-28. Please consider stepping up to support your guild. Contact Melissa or Lynndee if you are interested.

Committee Updates

Programs - Vicki K. asked if we wanted to cancel the April 19th, 2027 meeting due to not having a speaker scheduled. A raise hands advisory vote was taken, 11 people agreed to cancel.

Bingo – The posters are printed and can be picked up at the February 1st meeting. Please distribute them in places that you frequent. The known number of tickets sold is around 105.

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 1 at St. Matthews Church, 3240 Sprng Road, Carlisle and Monday, February 16 via Zoom. Login information will be sent via email prior to the meeting.

Newsletter

If you have information on upcoming events, quilting 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, 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.

Board Meeting

Comfort Quilts – We have 2 new volunteers to backfill Sue A. who will transition off the committee at the end of this guild year. Thanks to Sherry Simmeth and Barb Nickle for stepping up!

Retreats – Sign-ups are happening for the May 6-10 retreat. See Cathy I. at the next guild meeting or mail your \$75 deposit to Linda Bishop to hold your spot.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa McNaughton

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



RETREAT

May 6-10, 2026, Retreat at Bongiorno Conference Center

Only a short distance from Carlisle, but a world away. Come and join us for a relaxing Mother's Day weekend retreat! If your family wants to see you for Mother's Day, you can come and go as you please!

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!

Signups begin in January 2026. Since we have some virtual meetings during the winter, if you want to get on the list, please email or text me, Cathy Irwin, at (717)-919-8470 or jckji@aol.com. A \$75 deposit will be due at that time. It may be paid at the next in person meeting or mailed to our treasurer, Linda Bishop at 1610 Pisgah State Rd., Sherman's Dale 17090. Checks should be made payable to LeTort Quilters of Carlisle.

\$75 deposit due at sign-up, balance due Monday, March 16 meeting. Any questions, please contact Cathy Irwin at the above numbers.

Prices for this retreat are as follows:

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

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

2/18 – Carol Bullock

2/22 – Donna Delancey

2/22 – Lynette Ulrich

2/24 – Shirley Levasseur

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HELPING THE COMMUNITY

Comfort Quilts

The next guild service day will be dedicated to sewing comfort quilts. It will be held on February 11 at the South Middleton Township Building on Park Road in Boiling Springs from 9am to about 3pm. Any help for part or all of the day is appreciated. Please bring a packed lunch if you are staying through the lunch hour.

Thanks to many busy hands, we have lots of kits ready to be stitched up. None of the patterns require anything more than straight line stitching, so your basic travel machine will do the trick.

Neutral thread and basic sewing supplies, an extra electrical cord, and anything else that enhances your sewing experience are all you need. There will be irons set up. Thanks in advance and hope to see you there!

Sew long for now,
Carlene and Sue

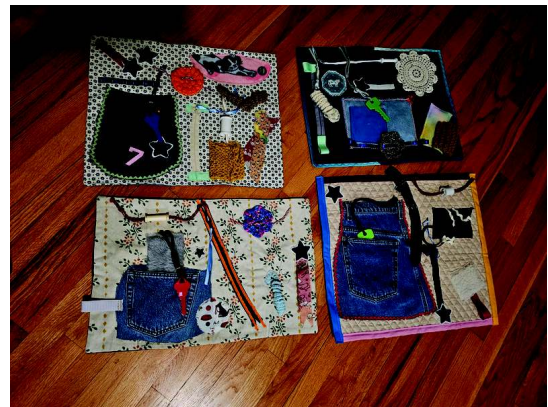


Fiddle Quilts

At the January Letort Retreat 4 more Fiddle Kits were completed and at least 4 kits were taken for home projects.

Thank you to all those who are helping to sew The Fiddle Quilts.

Fiddle Quilts have touched and helped so Many Folks! Consider getting a kit from ME at the February meeting!



Great winter sewing project.

Stay WARM!

Jane Shull, Terry Stibrany, & Wanda Shaffer

MEMBERSHIP

We are currently at 128 members.

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

Treasurer's Report

by Linda Bishop

PROFIT AND LOSS-NOVEMBER

LETORT QUILTERS OF CARLISLE

July 1-November 30, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
2025-2026 Retreats	10,670.81
50/50 Drawing	96.50
Membership Dues 2025-2026	3,175.00
Newsletter/Advertising	325.00
Raffle Quilt Ticket Income	25.00
Workshop Income	815.00
Total for Income	\$15,107.31
Gross Profit	\$15,107.31
Expenses	
2025-2026 Retreat Expenses	6,789.19
Bingo Expense	44.35
Facilities Rental	25.00
Lectures	1,446.15
Office Supplies & Software	249.49
Property/Liability Insurance	386.00
Quilt Raffle Ticket Expense	290.72
USPS Expenses	310.01
Workshops Expense	1,591.66
Total for Expenses	\$11,132.57
Net Operating Income	\$3,974.74
Net Other Income	
Net Income	\$3,974.74

BALANCE SHEET-NOVEMBER

LETORT QUILTERS OF CARLISLE

As of November 30, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
M&T Bank (Letort Quilters of Carlisle)	18,326.87
Total for Bank Accounts	\$18,326.87
Total for Current Assets	\$18,326.87
Total for Assets	\$18,326.87
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Deferred Income-Membership Dues	0.00
Sales Tax Payable	-2.32
Total for Other Current Liabilities	-\$2.32
Total for Current Liabilities	-\$2.32
Total for Liabilities	-\$2.32
Equity	
Education Fund	4,861.64
Opening Balance Equity	10,280.79
Retreats	0.00
Retained Earnings	-787.98
Net Income	3,974.74
Total for Equity	\$18,329.19
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$18,326.87

PROFIT AND LOSS-DECEMBER

LETORT QUILTERS OF CARLISLE

July 1-December 31, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
2025-2026 Retreats	14,091.81
50/50 Drawing	111.50
Bingo Income	2,220.00
Membership Dues 2025-2026	3,175.00
Newsletter/Advertising	325.00
Raffle Quilt Ticket Income	96.00
Workshop Income	1,130.00
Total for Income	\$21,149.31
Gross Profit	\$21,149.31
Expenses	
2025-2026 Retreat Expenses	11,088.34
Bingo Expense	108.48
Facilities Rental	25.00
Lectures	1,458.53
Office Supplies	11.54
Office Supplies & Software	249.49
Property/Liability Insurance	386.00
Quilt Raffle Ticket Expense	478.36
USPS Expenses	310.01
Workshops Expense	1,591.66
Total for Expenses	\$15,707.41
Net Operating Income	\$5,441.90
Net Other Income	
Net Income	\$5,441.90

BALANCE SHEET-DECEMBER

LETORT QUILTERS OF CARLISLE

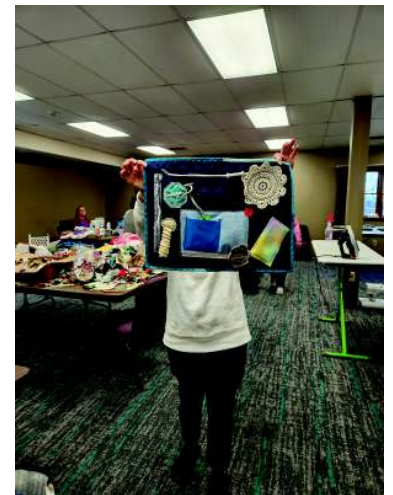
As of December 31, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
M&T Bank (Letort Quilters of Carlisle)	19,794.03
Total for Bank Accounts	\$19,794.03
Total for Current Assets	\$19,794.03
Total for Assets	\$19,794.03
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Deferred Income-Membership Dues	0.00
Sales Tax Payable	-2.32
Total for Other Current Liabilities	-\$2.32
Total for Current Liabilities	-\$2.32
Total for Liabilities	-\$2.32
Equity	
Education Fund	4,861.64
Opening Balance Equity	10,280.79
Retreats	0.00
Retained Earnings	-787.98
Net Income	5,441.90
Total for Equity	\$19,796.35
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$19,794.03

AROUND THE GUILD

January Retreat

Our January retreat at Bongiorno's was filled with a lot of laughs, good food, exercise (yes, very briefly) and quilting fun! Martin's Bernina cleaned and oiled our machines and Debbie Godvin offered relaxing chair massages. I think we had a record amount of scraps donated at this retreat...check out the picture of the scrap table! We finished tops for at least 10 comfort quilts. Several of the ladies were working on their bingo quilts and the sensory trimmings were added to complete many fiddle quilts. We had time to sew on some personal projects too. All in all, it was a very productive and relaxing time. When it's cold outside, what better way to spend a few days than sewing with our quilting friends! Looking forward to our May retreat.



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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

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2025-26 GUILD SCHEDULE

Feb. 1, Sunday	Amy Smith Flying Beauty
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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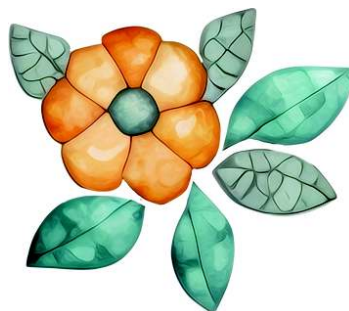
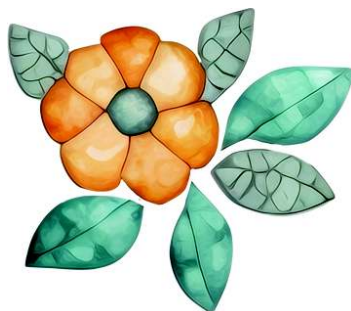
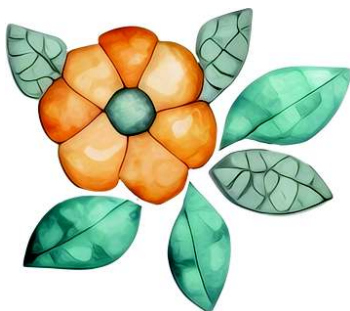
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