

# Meanderings

LeTort Quilters of Carlisle

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Arrival of Winter Runner by Sandy Gervas for Riley Blake Designs

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to our quilty friends! We hope you are having a wonderful holiday season with friends and family. We are about to enter the coldest part of the year. It makes us want to hunker down with hot tea and our sewing machines. It is time to pull out the UFOs and get them to the finish line. Some of us have taken on projects from the estate of Melissa McNaughton's mother. We are stitching away to get them done for Bingo (April 18). We so appreciate her gift to the guild. It is a wonderful way to honor her mother by finishing the beautiful work that she started.

The other day, Cathy Irwin taught me a different hand stitch for binding my quilt. I thought WOW, this is so much better than what I was doing before. I realized that I thought of myself as a 'self-taught' quilter. Now, as I reflect back, I think I am more "guild taught". Thank you, friends!

If you are missing some of your quilty friends whom you have not seen at meetings this Fall, I urge you to reach out with a call or a card. We want no one to feel isolated as they deal with health struggles which seem to be more frequent as the birthdays accumulate.

There is still time to sign up for our Beautiful Bindings workshop with Jenny Kae on February 14, 2026. Our next meeting is via Zoom on January 19, 2026. See you then!

Melissa and Lynndee



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# MINUTES

## Membership Meeting Minutes for December 7, 2025

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

### Updates/News

Jean Ilgenfritz has agreed to help with the workshop registration – gathering of information and collecting money/checks during the meetings. Debbie Weigle will collect completed door prizes (runners, zippered pouches and any other items) until the first in person meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup>. We still need additional items so please feel free to make some items during December and January from home to donate no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our next meeting will be via ZOOM on January 19th. Hollis Chatelain will be sharing her presentation on Influences of Africa.

Sarah Burkett and Miriam McMechen have volunteered to escort our raffle quilt to the York Guild in February. Thank you!

Thank you notes were read from Join Hands Ministries and Jean Gatesman.

Thanks to Melinda Hillard for today's meeting set up and our committee members for tending their stations prior to our celebration.

The meeting was then turned over to Sandy Kohler. Once again, she provided numerous games that resulted in lots of fun and laughs to be had. Lots of prizes were won. Thank you, Sandy!

Show and Share – After the games, we had a special Christmas version of Show and Share. Some items included treasured family heirlooms as well as wooden Santas.

### Drawings

50/50 – Wanda Shaffer \$16

Shop – Carol Houf received rotary cutter blades donated by The Fabric Center of Carlisle

Gail Ogden received a fat quarter pack donated by The Fabric Center of Carlisle

Marcia Brumbaugh received a 2026 AQS calendar donated by Karen Kay Buckley

The meeting was adjourned after everyone got to enjoy a trip or 2 to the Sweets Blizzard table.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa McNaughton

# MEMBERSHIP

Happy New Year! We are currently at 127 members.

## 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 January meeting is Monday, January 19 via Zoom. Login information will be sent via email prior to the meeting.

## Newsletter

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

# 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](mailto: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

# 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

# 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



# January Birthdays

Happy birthday to all the January Birthdays

- 1/7 – Clarice Howe-Johnson
- 1/22 – Jane Black
- 1/23 – Marianne Miller
- 1/23 – Janet Nelson
- 1/28 – Donna Hannah

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# HELPING THE COMMUNITY

## Comfort Quilts

At the close of last year, 64 quilts were provided to Homeland Hospice for their Christmas caroling event. The volunteer coordinator from Homeland Hospice expressed his thanks, but the best part is knowing the comfort that the quilts provided at a very difficult time for the recipients and their families. It is our plan to continue this service to them for as long as possible.

Two guild service days have been scheduled to work on Comfort Quilts. The dates are Feb. 11, 2026 and March 18, 2026. Both will take place from 8-4 at the South Middleton Township Building, 520 Park Dr., Boiling Springs, PA 17007. Please plan to come for as much or as little of the day as your time allows. A Cutting Day is being planned for some time in January, so watch for details.

Happy New Year!

Sew long for now,  
Carlene and Sue

## Fiddle Quilts

The Fiddle Quilts have been received with enthusiasm! Since the spring of 2023 we have made and delivered 185 Fiddle Quilts (many with cloth books attached for children); 10 lap fiddles; 11 stuffed toys; 37 cloth books; 35 checkerboards to at least 15 Care Homes, 8 schools for children, and numerous individual adults and children. We have touched and helped so Many Folks!

AT THIS POINT, I have NO MORE completely embellished Fiddle Quilts to GIVE. I have at least 50 Fiddle Kits ready to be sewn. PLEASE HELP! Consider getting a kit from ME.  
Great winter sewing project.

I will have them at the January retreat! Thank you ALL so much for all the Fiddle Creations you have helped to CREATE, Share, and deliver!

Many Blessings in 2026!

Jane Shull, Terry Stibrany, & Wanda Shaffer

## BINGO!

Happy 2026! Are you ready for some Quilt BINGO fun? Only 3 months and 18 days until we are playing BINGO!

There is still a lot to do so please don't hesitate to:

- Buy a ticket to play with a group of your friends or family
- Sign up to volunteer and work with your favorite quilters.
- Help advertise the 18 April Quilt BINGO event.
- Make a door prize to turn in to Debbie Weigle
- Finish the Quilt BINGO game prize quilt you've been working on for months to turn in to Laura Dries.
- Call Julie or Becki to ask a question you need answered.

Thank you for all your generosity already for this BINGO adventure. Together, we are creating a means to ensure the strong and fruitful future of the Letort Quilters of Carlisle guild.

Julie & Becki

## Treasurer's Report

The February newsletter will contain two months of financial reports.

Please make any checks for workshops, retreats, raffle and bingo tickets to LeTort Quilters of Carlisle and mail to Linda Bishop, 1610 Pisgah State Road, Shermans Dale, PA 17090



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Carlisle, PA

717-460-8606

✉ [QCQuilting@gmail.com](mailto:QCQuilting@gmail.com)

*Drop off and pick up quilts at*

***The Fabric Center, 41 W Pomfret St., Carlisle***

***Saturdays 10 am - 12 pm***

***January 10, 24 February 14, 28***

***Wednesdays 10:30-12:30***

***January 14, 28 February 11, 25***

***Please text or call for an appointment***

# AROUND THE GUILD

December 7 Meeting





The Fabric Center



41 West Pomfret Street, Carlisle PA 17013  
717-243-5016

15% discount for Letort Quild Members. Must show membership card.  
Cannot combine this discount with the rewards card.



Happy  
New Year

## 2025-26 GUILD SCHEDULE

Jan. 19, Monday	Influences of Africa via Zoom Hollis Chatelain, Hollisart LTD.
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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