

Meanderings

LeTort Quilters of Carlisle

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Clover Field by Elise Lea

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All:

Don't you just love the Zoom workshops and lectures? There is a favorable response to doing a Zoom workshop, and I personally love them. It is just so nice to be in your own comfortable/happy space for these workshops. Susan Brubaker Knapp was very intriguing with her patience as an artist as well as a quilter. I thoroughly enjoyed imagining how she would do all her "thread sketching" and then the usual quilting.

It will also be very interesting to hear from our own Marty Jones on our guild history and the documentation project on Sunday, March 2. This will be a good program for the "newbies" as well as the seasoned members of our club. Everyone should plan to attend to hear Marty.

On Monday, March 17, we will have Deb Bender from Halfmoon Handwerks in Camp Hill to talk about Gadgets, Gizmos and Tips. That is always a great time to learn about something new that we can add to our notion collection.

I would like to remind you of the last workshop that we are having this year: Karen L Miller from Redbird Quilt Co to talk to us on Aurifilosophy or all about Aurifil thread. If you haven't done so, all you have to do to register for the class is to send in your check to the PO box address for the guild. Any questions, don't be afraid to contact Lin or myself.



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The Nominations Committee, comprised of Lin, Lynndee Nelson, Susie Horner, and myself, met to help fill some of the positions that are available. In addition to the President Elect for 2026-2027, we have two board positions for a Community Outreach liaison and a Member at Large that need to be filled and a proofreader. With the recent survey that Lin sent out, we have formed and filled some of the holes in our organization.

If a member of the Nominations Committee contacts you regarding a position, please consider long and hard about saying yes.

PLEASE PLEASE be sure to check out the new and revised LeTort Quilt guild website. So much information is on this website that your questions can be answered very quickly. Kudos go to Sarah Burkett and Lin Keller who have worked very hard in filling in the blanks and bringing the website up to high standards.

On a business note, with the bylaws that were approved by the guild, Joe Buckley (kudos to Joe – he is always there for us) has filed all the necessary paperwork to the State and the Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations. Thanks so much to Joe, Becki our Treasurer, and all others involved.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.
Sewingly yours,
Sandy

BUTTONED UP



As a result of the open positions survey, we have offloaded four tasks from the president's list of responsibilities. We now have committees for celebration planning, challenge research, and Christmas ornament design. Sunshine and shadows has been rolled into the secretary's duties.

MINUTES

Membership Meeting Minutes February 2, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Co-President, Sandy Kohler. Sandy introduced Carol Richardson, our guild member, who shared her presentation on Quilting Items from Non-Quilting Sources. Carol spoke about several of her favorite shopping sources: The Dollar Tree (not to be confused with Dollar General), Harbor Freight, and Walmart. She gave us many examples of items that can be substituted for buying pricier quilting-specific items, like a wallpaper roller for \$3 vs. seam roller for \$10 and a recipe for homemade "best press." Lots of useful information and savings!

Updates/News:

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, February 17, via Zoom. Susan Brubaker Knapp will present Point, Click, Quilt converting photos to Quilt Art.

The next board meeting will be held on March 6, 6:30pm via Zoom.

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 March meetings are Sunday, March 2 and Monday, March 17 at St. Matthews Church of Christ, 3240 Spring Road, Carlisle.

Newsletter

If you have information on upcoming events, quilting news, sewing items for sale, or tips and tricks, the deadline for articles for the April issue is March 23. 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.

Sandy spoke to the 56 members present about the challenges we faced updating our by-laws and hoped everyone had a chance to review the document sent via email earlier this week. She asked if there were any minor questions before we held a vote. By a show of hands all voted yes to accept, none opposed. The updated by-laws were approved. The by-laws were signed by Secretary, Lynndee Nelson. The document will be scanned to our website and placed in the official documents binder.

Sandy also shared a note from Jackie Phillips, Executive Director for Family Life Center, thanking us for the 24 comfort quilts we recently donated.

Evelyn Hunt shared a flyer for the Susquehanna Art Museum. They are hosting the Wall Power Quilt Show featuring quilts from the American Folk Art Museum. The show runs February 8 through May 11.

Committee Updates:

Workshops: The last workshop for this guild year is Aurifilosophy Sampler by Karen Miller from Redbird Quilt Company. The workshop will be held on Monday, April 7, at Monroe Township Municipal Building. See Sandy K. if you would like to join.

Comfort Quilts: Sue A. shared we will need to schedule a cutting day soon, and the committee is in need of batting. Looking for comfort quilt size 40x60, no scraps please. Reach out to Sue if you can donate.

Fiddle Quilts: Kits available downstairs; please pick one up on your way out.

Membership: New members: Carla Waltz and Donna Hannah. Brenda McNaughton and Pat Horoschak, also new members but were noted in last month's newsletter. Welcome to Letort Quilters of Carlisle!

Bingo: Julie reminded us the next Quilt Bingo is scheduled for April 18, 2026. She is recruiting committees of four people and the day of volunteers. As the incoming treasurer, Linda Bishop will head the bank crew. The previous flyer worked well; no need to recreate the wheel. It has been updated to reflect the new bingo date. Melinda will lead flyer distribution. To date, there have been 11 smaller quilts donated. Ladies, start your sewing machines; we need at least 60" square quilts for the bingo game prizes.

Newsletter: Reminder to submit any newsletter info by the 23rd of the month.

Retreats: There are still openings for the May 7-11 quilt retreat at Bongiorno's. See the newsletter for specific information and contact Cathy Irwin to sign up.

Raffle Quilt: Sandy Moore will be assembling the raffle quilt in the next few weeks. She is looking for volunteers to bind, make a sleeve, and label. Please contact Sandy M. if you can help finish this beauty!



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.

Quilters' Attic

Website: Sarah shared we will be launching our members-only log in on February 8 via email invitation. The email will have instructions to follow to create your personal log on.

Year End Challenge Quilt: If you have an interest in participating in the challenge quilt, see Sandy K. for more information.

Valentines: Sandy K. exchanged 50 Valentines with the Fort Wayne, Indiana, guild. She extended a special thank you to those who help create ours and asked that they choose a Valentine at the end of the meeting. Sandy will distribute the remainder.

Guild History: Marty Jones will lecture on the Letort Guild History and documentation project at the March 2 meeting. She asked if you have documentation, please bring it to this meeting to share.

Nominations Committee: President-Elect, Melissa Greevy looking for a committee to help recruit the next president for the 2026-2027 guild year.

NCIU Baby Hearts: Sara Burkett shared a request from UPMC Magee Women's Center for flannel hearts for the NCIU babies. Instructions and details are included in the February Newsletter. The goal is 600 hearts for this year. *Debbie and Donna Lohman donated 80 prepared hearts at today's meeting! They experimented with using a dryer and air drying on a towel. Air dry is the way to go!

We had a special show and share from the last two workshops, Color Twist and Mini Mystery Quilt. A quilted bag and wine bag were made along with Color Twist blocks using topstitching a curve technique. Both workshops were presented via Zoom in the comfort of our own sewing room and bunny slippers!

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

Drawings:

50/50 - \$19 to Pat Loomis

Shop - Pat Horoschak, quilt panel donated through previous 50/50 winner who donated funds

Name Tag - Shaunda Rentze, Stash and Store Keeper

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynnndee Nelson

Quilters' Attic will be held at the PA Relief Sale, Farm Show Bldg in Harrisburg, April 4 & 5, 2025.

See the flyer at the end of the newsletter!

The PA Relief Sale is held every year on the first weekend in April on Friday night 4-9 pm and Saturday 8-4pm.

There is a quilt auction, which usually features 200 mostly hand quilted quilts. Quilters' Attic sells quilting related donations, including new and vintage fabric, UFOs, quilt tops, old quilts, blocks, patterns, magazines, books at \$0.50 each, notions, fat quarters, yardage, etc. There are activities for children, food booths, plants, crafts, Ten Thousand Village booth, and more!

All money raised supports Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in their endeavors worldwide helping people in crisis.

Admission is free, but there is a charge for parking.

Please come and check it out if you have never been there!

I am not competing with any donations to the guild, but if you have or know of someone who has quilting-related items that they want to donate somewhere, I'd be glad to accept them. We work on Quilters' Attic year-round, and the last four years, have had a stand-alone sale in October in Lancaster County. If you have any questions, please contact me! Cathy Irwin 717-919-8470 or jckji@aol.com

Membership Meeting Minutes February 17, 2025

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:00pm by Co-President, Lin Keller. Sandy Kohler introduced our guest speaker, Susan Brubaker Knapp who shared a presentation and process from her book, Point, Click, Quilt. Susan is an artist, TV host of Quilting Arts TV, teacher, author, award winning quilter, photographer, and Bernina Ambassador. She is 7th generation Swiss Mennonite originally from Lebanon, PA. She explained how she takes a photo, traces it, auditions color and fabrics, preps her background with interfacing, makes a vinyl overlay, preps and fuses fabric pieces to the background, and then heavily free-motion thread sketches those pieces before quilting. Her process breaks all the rules of traditional quilting, and the outcome is a beautiful piece of art.

Updates/News

The next meeting will be held at the church on Sunday, March 2. Marty Jones will present the Letort Quilters guild history.

Committee Updates: No updates provided at this meeting.

Bees:

Wool Bees 2nd Monday

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Drawings:

No drawings were held this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynndee Nelson

RAFFLE QUILT

The 2026 raffle quilt top is assembled and ready to go to Deb Loman to be custom quilted. After quilting it will be trimmed have binding and a sleeve attached. We have a volunteer to do the hand stitching after the binding is attached. We will then need a name for the quilt and a label created.

QUILT BINGO 2026

Things are getting in gear for Quilt BINGO 2026. Thank you to all who have volunteered for a committee or to make a quilt or door prize. This is a great event where all our membership can be involved in some way and share in the joy and fun of our success. Together, we are sew much better!

Thanks, Julie and Debbie



March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all the February birthdays:

3/2 – Mary Ellen Simis

3/7 — Debbie Weigle

3/16 – Nancy Herd

3/18 – Susie Horner

3/22 – Ann Allen

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 room for a few more people!

Sign up at one of the March meetings. At this point, full payment would be appreciated. If you can't attend a meeting, please email or text me so I know you are coming, and mail your check to our treasurer, Becki Davis, 633 Whiskey Springs Rd., Boiling Springs, PA. 17007-9518.

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 four meals. Bring your own projects to work on.

You can have a single or double room. Call me or talk to another member who has been to retreat!

The balance is 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

Fiddle Quilts News

Please keep signing out fiddle quilt kits and checkerboard kits at the upcoming meetings. Thank you! And, continue to save plastic lids for checkers (about 3" size). We have been asked to create fiddle cuffs. Jean Ilgenfritz and her crocheting friends are experimenting with some cuff designs. We will share more details later.



Here are some pictures of fabric fiddle cuffs that were purchased online. Let me know your ideas about how we can make some using Velcro to put on and off.



Thank you so much!
Jane Shull, Terry Stibrany, and 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 JANUARY 31, 2025

JAN 31, 2025

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Checking - M&T Bank (LQ of C) 23,501.04

Total Checking/Savings 23,501.04

Total Current Assets 23,501.04

TOTAL ASSETS **23,501.04**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Sales Tax Payable -2.24

Total Other Current Liabilities -2.24

Total Current Liabilities -2.24

Total Liabilities -2.24

Equity

Education Fund 30,610.33

General Fund -3,760.17

Retained Earnings

Retreats - Equity Account 3,558.57

Net Income -6,905.45

Total Equity 23,503.28

TOTAL LIABILITIES &

EQUITY

23,501.04

PROFIT & LOSS

JULY THROUGH JANUARY 2025

JUL - JAN 254

Income

Membership Dues 3,125.00

Misc. Income 3.45

Newsletter Advertising 425.00

Royalties from Quilt Doc.

Book 26.86

Sale of Quilt Doc. Book 30.00

Total Income 3,610.31

Expense

Bank Fees 29.95

Bingo 500.00

Bus Trips 1,395.00

Comfort Quilts 95.39

Donation 2,695.10

Facilities Rental 1,110.00

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 10,515.76

Net Income -6,905.45

HEART-TO-HEART UPDATE: KEEP THE HEARTS COMING

Great news! We've delivered 68 heart packets (that's 204 hearts!) to UPMC Magee Women's Hospital—a fantastic step toward our goal of 600 hearts. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far!

Let's keep the momentum going! You can drop off completed hearts at any guild meeting, and if you prefer, no need to wash them—we'll take care of that before delivery.

Looking ahead, we're planning to make hearts together during service day in April, so mark your calendars, and join us for a meaningful day of stitching for a cause. Every heart makes a difference. Thank you for helping!

REMINDER: MEMBERS-ONLY WEB PAGE

The Members-Only section of our guild's website is up and running! Many of you have already logged in—thank you! If you haven't yet, this is a quick reminder to check your email, including spam/junk folders, for your invitation (subject: LeTort Quilters of Carlisle gave you private page access).

To access the page:

1. Click the link in the email to create your password.
2. Visit www.letortquilters.com and click "Member Login" to access the Members-Only page.

This page includes volunteer opportunities, position descriptions, and important guild documents, with more to come! If you have trouble logging in or didn't receive the invitation, contact Sarah Burkett (sbrktt@gmail.com) for help.

Thanks for being part of this new process and helping us make guild resources more accessible!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

NICU hearts, comfort quilts, and fiddle quilts on Wednesday, April 23

What is a community service day?

A time when we gather to work on comfort quilts, fidget quilts, or other projects going out into the community.

Where is the community service day?

South Middleton Township Building, 520 Park Drive, Boiling Springs

What time?

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP

Please find attached an updated roster as we've had several new members join since the beginning of the year!



ZOOM WORKSHOP SURVEY

Recently, the guild hosted its first-ever Zoom workshops, and we did a survey, of course, to see how participants liked them. The survey results are overwhelmingly positive, and we are sharing a summary below.

On a scale of one to five, participants rated their likelihood of taking another Zoom workshop. The score was 4.85.

On a scale of one to five, participants rated their interest in taking a full-day Zoom workshop. The score was 3.

Next, participants were asked what they liked most about taking a Zoom workshop and were able to check as many as they wanted. The results are listed from highest to lowest number of responses:

- Being at home with my stuff
- Access to an instructor the guild couldn't otherwise host
- The technique
- The cost
- The project
- The ability to finish a project in class

Next, participants were asked if there was anything they did not like. This was an essay answer, so participants were able to write as much as they wanted. Their responses included dealing with technical problems since some of the instructions got lost as we worked through them, and it was challenging to catch up after getting behind.

Last, participants were asked for any other comments they wanted to share. This was also an essay answer, and their responses included they liked having no weather-related concerns, and they liked the workshops and were glad they took them.

You can look forward to more Zoom workshops in the future.

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.

AROUND THE GUILD

February 2 Meeting



2024/25 GUILD SCHEDULE

DATE	ACTIVITY
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
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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✉ QCQuilting@gmail.com

🌐 QuiteCleverQuilting.com

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March 8, 22, April 5, 19, May 3, 17

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 APRIL 3RD, 4TH, 5TH
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**Over 130 quilts
on display!**

*Visit Granny's Attic!
...a rummage sale for quilters!*

NEW LOCATION
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* Dream Baskets * Raffle Quilt * Sewing Machines * Free Quilting Demonstrations *
 * All Ages Welcome * Children Under 14 Free * Free Parking * Buses Welcome *

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

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For Quilt Entry Forms & Location information visit
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 Facebook: Three Rivers Quilters, Inc
 Email: threeriversquiltshow@gmail.com
 Entries due by Tuesday, February 25, 2025



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