



## Newsletter

November/December 2022

<http://www.emqg.org>

*The Endless Mountains Quilt Guild was formed as a non-profit organization in May 1995. The purpose is to further the art of quilting through education and to provide a means of sharing ideas, materials, skills and fellowship. There is always SHOW and TELL. Bring your projects – old or new, and share your quilts, experiences and knowledge with others.*

2022/2023

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***Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month at Athens United Methodist Church, 118 S Main St., Athens, PA***

***Odd Months – 10 am (Social time 9:30)***

***Even Months – 7 pm (Social time 6:30)***

***No meeting in July unless announced.***

### Consortium

- Link to Consortium site  
<http://www.qcnys.org>
- Password: logcabin

### 2022 Consortium Delegates

- Carolyn Hintz
- Terri House

**DEADLINE FOR JAN/FEB  
NEWSLETTER IS**

**DECEMBER 20, 2022**



### \*\*\*BY-LAWS\*\*\*

A draft of the revised By-Laws is sent by separate document with this Newsletter. Please read and be prepared to discuss and adopt at the January Guild meeting.

# A letter from our President

It is almost November. Time to start thinking about the holidays! Have you started your Christmas sewing yet? I don't plan on making many Christmas presents but I have a baby quilt and a wedding quilt to get started.

I am so looking forward to our mini retreat in a couple of weeks. I keep changing my mind about what I want to work on. What I am really excited about is just seeing everyone and having time to visit and, hopefully, find something to laugh about.

Thank you to everyone that has stepped up to fill our officer vacancies. We still need a consortium representative and a program person/committee to finish the rest of the term. Programs are planned until late spring so a lot of the work is done. This is our guild and it's success is dependent on our membership getting involved in it's leadership.

Show and tell at our last meeting was awesome!!! There are a lot of very busy quilters in our guild and you have given the rest of us inspiration to dust off the sewing machines and get going on projects.

See you soon!!

Gail

## ENDLESS MOUNTAINS QUILT GUILD

### FUND BALANCE

**\$ 6,514.81**

*Carol Allis, Treasurer*

*October 12, 2022*



## CONSORTIUM UPDATE

Please check your Consortium Passport!  
When you are done with it, be sure to fill out the back page.

There is an address there. You can mail that page to the address or give it to me. I will mail them. Please be aware of the date. Our deadline to get them mailed is December 1.

Thank you.

Carolyn Hintz

## QUILT SHOW "JOY OF QUILTING THROUGH THE YEARS"

The Show Committee will be holding a meeting on 11/7/2022 at 4:00 in the basement of the Athens United Methodist Church. If you have not signed up to be on the Committee, it is not too late. Please show up at the meeting to help us plan this 9/23 & 24/2023 Quilt Show.

Hope to See You There,  
Tracey McIntire, Co-Chair  
Jane Watson, Co-Chair

## November Happy Birthday

Ruth	Hild	11/2
Edna	Mullen	11/2
Linda	Politi	11/8
Joann	Gillott	11/9
Susan	Cooney	11/12
Glenda	Otten	11/22
Jean	Strobridge	11/22
Sherry	DePue	11/24
Judy	Merrow	11/26
Mary Lou	Palmer	11/28
Jane	Watson	11/28

## December Happy Birthday

Louise	Schelter	12/4
Renee	Shay	12/7
Janet	Hurlbut	12/10
Mary	Cerutti	12/19
Virginia	Lantz	12/19
Barbara	Fike	12/23
Anna Jane	Hudock	12/30

Happy  
Birthday

### 2022 QUILT RAFFLE

**THANK YOU** to everyone who sold and purchased tickets to make The Endless Mountains Quilt Guild's Annual Quilt Raffle Fund Raiser a success. The Guild's PROFIT was **\$1,428.73**.

The winner of the Quilt was  
**LOUISE SCHELTER, TOWANDA, PA**



### RETREAT AT WATSON

The Watson Retreat is scheduled for February 24 – 26 (or extended Feb 22 & 23) at the Y at Watson Woods. The registration form with costs is on page 10. Any questions can be directed to Cassandra Slocum at [craftycass@yahoo.com](mailto:craftycass@yahoo.com)

### HOSPITALITY

**NOVEMBER** – Mary Lou Palmer  
Betty Gregory  
Kay Johnson  
Marion Dabroski  
**DECEMBER** -- Sharon Slater  
Cathleen Wiggs  
Cathy Brown  
**JANUARY** -- Louise Schelter  
Carol Ann Philpott  
Terri House

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's Christmas Party will be held on a regular meeting night, December 8 beginning at 6pm at the Athens United Methodist Church. **Please note the slightly earlier start time.** We will be having a dish to pass dinner this year with no extra meat being provided, so feel free to add meat to any dish you create. Nancy and I will have sign up sheets at the October and November meetings. There will be a \$10 fee to reserve and attend and you will receive a \$5 return the evening of the dinner. We will have a gift exchange as part of a game, if you want, bring a gift worth \$15, not required if you do not want to participate. (gifts can be quilt related or not, your choice) Carol Allis has volunteered to provide another game with prizes to win. Call or text Pam Secrist @570.423.1714 or Nancy Beeman @845.446.5300 with questions.

Christmas committee: Nancy Beeman and Pam Secrist

**President** – Gail Arnold called the meeting to order at 10:05 am at the Athens Methodist Church.

**Vice President** – Edna Mullen had nothing to report. For the benefit of new members, she has pins available for purchase.

**Treasurer** – Carol Allis reported an ending balance as of today of \$7,290.69.

**Raffle Quilt Tickets** – Carol Allis reported we are at a profit of \$1,314.73 to date with a total of \$2,106 taken in. Seven members still have outstanding tickets. The Raffle Quilt was on display during the meeting and the drawing is scheduled at the October 2022 meeting.

Next Raffle Quilt – Peggy Cranmer making progress on next year's quilt. No additional fabric is needed. If someone would like to take over handling the raffle tickets, please see Carol Allis.

**Secretary**—Barbette Bizilia had nothing to report. Gail Arnold asked if there were any corrections or changes to the Minutes of the August meeting included in the recent newsletter. None being heard, minutes were accepted as written. Motion to approve as written was made by Pam Secrist; seconded by Janet Hurlbut.

**Social Secretary** – Pam Secrist reported cards will be sent around for signatures for Jane Carver, scheduled for hip surgery after her recovery from knee surgery; Kay VanFleet for the recent death of her Mother and the hospitalization of her Father after a fall; and Carleen Thorp, who has had multiple surgeries in the recent months. Gail Arnold suggested sending “thinking of you” cards to members experiencing chronic health issues who are not able to attend meetings. Sylvia Plaisted was mentioned as a member who would appreciate hearing from us and Pam sent a card around the room for signatures for her as well. Gail asked members to donate cards for Pam Secrist to send to members. Happy September Birthday wishes were extended to Virginia Pruyne.

**Membership** – Jane Watson reported we have a total of 60 members to date. Last year we totaled 75 members.

**Historian** – Kathy Charlanow reported she is busy taking pictures. Photo albums will be available every couple of months during our meetings.

**Publicity** – Gail Arnold reported that Sherry Simonds is stepping down and a volunteer is needed to take over this post. If a member is looking for a way to get a little involved in the Guild, this is an easy job to hold. It includes getting notices of meetings into the local newspaper and occasionally getting publicity for special events.

**Newsletter** – Terri House reported the deadline for articles for the next newsletter is October 20.

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## SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 MINUTES CONTINUED

**Website** – Terri House reported a listing of long arm quilters and quilt shops has been added to the website. Please advise her of any changes, additions or deletions.

**Hospitality** – Sharon Slater reported a sign-up sheet for the remainder of 2022/2023 will be forwarded to members at today's meeting.

**Programs** – Cathy Brown reported the pattern for September's placemat class is not available, so copies will be used today and patterns distributed when received.

The October class is a Halloween Bat Pattern. Cathy Brown showed a sample of the pattern with three bats, and Cathie Wiggs showed her sample of using the bats as a border surrounding a scary jack-o-lantern. Suggestions were made with different ideas for fabrics, threads, etc. The class is scheduled to start on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 9:30 am at a cost of \$5.

November will be a Scavenger Hunt with details included in the next newsletter. The cost to participate is five (5) non-perishable food items. Canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter and jelly are always welcomed.

The BOM – Members can still sign up for this project. Instructions for the first two blocks were distributed at the September meeting. Samples of the two blocks were shown in two different colorways. A tip – save all your scraps. Another tip – to cut the strips accurately and chain sew, two different rulers were shown (both made by Creative Grids) -- Jazzy 45/90 degree triangle ruler or Folded Corner Clipper (45 degree angle). Both are available at Friendship Star. Cutting can also be done with your regular quilting ruler.

Christmas Party – We are still in need of a committee/member to step up to host the Christmas Party. If this doesn't happen, we will have a regular business meeting in December.

Cathy Brown reported she will be stepping down as Programs Chairperson as of the November Program. Asking for a volunteer to continue her term.

**Consortium** – Carolyn Hintz reported her attendance at the recent Consortium Connections Meeting was disappointing. The Consortium is struggling to get members to volunteer for open positions and dealing with many issues over the past year. Annual dues need to be paid by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Carolyn and Terri House are still accepting 10" quilts. The Consortium website can be found at [www.qcnys.org](http://www.qcnys.org) for more specific information.

**Fall Retreat**— Pam Secrist reported sign-up sheets are available for attendance as well as for volunteers needed for a variety of jobs. The retreat will be on November 4-5, 2022, at the Valley United Presbyterian Church in Waverly.

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## SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 MINUTES CONTINUED

**Watson Retreat** – Cassandra Slocum was not present. Ceil Daher reported she had registration forms with her and it is also included in the newsletter for those members interested in attending.

**Charity Quilts/Outreach** – Barbette Bizilia reported we may have a new venue for Charity Quilts being Children & Youth Services out of Towanda, which was suggested by AJ Hudock. Awaiting their reply. Contacted UHS Women's Health in Vestal about their possible need for mastectomy pillows. Awaiting their reply. Batting is available to offset the cost of making charity quilts. Labels also available to attach to these quilts.

**Quilt Show** – Jane Watson reported our application has been approved to have our Quilt Show at Athens High School on September 23-24, 2023. A committee has been formed with the first meeting this Monday night. All members will be asked to volunteer to make our Quilt Show a success. And start working on your Show pieces!

### OLD BUSINESS

A thank you card was received by Tina Pickett for our participation at the recent Senior Expo. The purpose of our attendance was to gain new members.

As another way to increase our membership, Tracy McIntire, who was not present, is working on setting up a Facebook page.

The Board is in the process of reviewing the Guild's By-Laws, which should be completed at the October Board Meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

Gail Arnold welcomed Kay VanFleet's sister, Gale, as our guest.

The monthly gift was won by Gail Arnold with our guest, Gale, pulling #9 as the winner!

Cathy Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Cathie Wiggs.

Meeting was followed by Show N Tell.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbette Bizilia

**PLEASE READ AND BE PREPARED TO APPROVE AT NEXT MEETING**

### FACEBOOK

Our guild now has a Facebook page. **Thank you Tracey McIntire!** Please join **Endless Mountains Quilt Guild** on Facebook. You do have to have a profile on Facebook in order to join. Our goal is to attract new members, disseminate information to members and others, and to highlight all the great things our members make and projects our guild sponsors. There is also information which members may need such as forms, by-laws, etc. Same as our website.

**President** – Gail Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Athens Methodist Church. Gail asked all members to wave across the room to another member sitting opposite them with an explanation to follow later in the meeting.

**Vice President** – Edna Mullen has Guild pins available for purchase at \$6 each. A recommendation was made to add pins to ribbons at the upcoming quilt show to help deplete our pin inventory. More discussion on this topic to be done in the future.

**Treasurer** – Carol Allis reported an ending balance as of today of \$6,514.81. A tax-exempt form has been given to the UPS Store and Friendship Star Quilt Shop both in Sayre. When doing Guild work at these businesses, advise them we are tax exempt to eliminate being charged a tax.

**Secretary**—Barbette Bizilia had nothing to report.

**Social Secretary** – Pam Secrist reported a basket will be sent around the room for monetary donations to purchase a sunshine basket for Jane Carver. Jane had knee replacement surgery earlier this year and recently also required hip replacement surgery on the same side. After being home for a short time, she fell and broke the bone above her knee. She was hospitalized and then transferred to Bethany Rehab Manor in Horseheads. This has been an extended recovery process for Jane, and we wanted to help her with her recovery by letting her know we miss her and want her back as soon as possible. 3x5 cards were also distributed to members to write individual messages to Jane.

**Membership** – Jane Watson reported we have a total of 62 members to date with two members signing up at this meeting.

**Historian** – Kathy Charlanow had nothing to report.

**Publicity** – Gail Arnold reported that Edna Mullen has volunteered for this post. Thank you, Edna!

**Newsletter** – Terri House was not available for this meeting but reported via text that the deadline for articles for the next newsletter is October 20.

**Website** – Terri House was not available for this meeting. It was reported that Tracy McIntire is continuing to work on the Guild's Facebook page and will send out a notice to members when it is up and running.

**Hospitality** – Sharon Slater was not present. It was suggested to add the Hospitality information to each newsletter.

**Consortium** – Carolyn Hintz and Terri House were not present. It was reported that Carolyn is stepping down from this position; therefore, a volunteer is needed.

**NOTE:** President, Gail Arnold, indicated at this time that we all know from earlier in the meeting that arms are not broken, and someone can raise their hand for this position!! 😊

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## OCTOBER 13, 2022 MINUTES CONTINUED

**Programs** – Cathy Brown reported she will be stepping down after the November meeting. A volunteer is needed (arms are not broken!) and most of the work has been done.

November will be a Scavenger Hunt with details included in the next newsletter. Have fun with it. There's nothing to buy. Just look for ideas and a different way to use items in the sewing room.

December -- Christmas Party

January – Janet Hurlbut to teach a class on an item used next to our sewing machines.

February -- a tea towel to decorate for different holidays

March – Charity Sew Day

April )

May ) Open for suggestions – Patty Shores / Betty Neff - two possibilities

June )

The BOM will continue with instructions for two blocks distributed each month until completion. Cathy Brown and Cathie Wiggs showed samples of Blocks 3 and 4 and instructions of each distributed at this meeting.

**Raffle Quilt Tickets** – Carol Allis reported the winner will be drawn after this meeting. We have a picture of the next raffle quilt top. A volunteer is asked to take on the responsibility of the raffle tickets for the net raffle quilt. Our total sales for this year's raffle are \$2,220.00 with a total profit of \$1,428.73. The three top ticket sellers are: Linda Politi at \$440; Carol Allis at \$160; and Martha Close at \$120. Thank you, ladies!

**Fall Retreat**— Pam Secrist reported the retreat will be held on November 4-5, 2022, at the Valley United Presbyterian Church in Waverly. We now have a total of 18 attendees. Friday is from 5pm – 9pm with set up starting at 3pm. Saturday is from 9am-5pm. We still need a dessert on Saturday and also something for breakfast (we now have scones and sticky buns).

**Watson Retreat** – Cassandra Slocum reported a contract has been received holding February 24-26, 2023. Deadline for sign ups is the end of January. Prices have been increased by approximately \$30. Sign up forms are available for those interested in attending and will be included in the newsletter. Cassandra indicated some concern about the low amount of interest so far. Members assured her most will sign up after the holidays.

**Charity Quilts/Outreach** – Barbette Bizilia reported batting is available to offset the cost of making charity quilts. Labels also available to attach to quilts. Donated fabrics are available and more is always appreciated.

## OLD BUSINESS

Christmas Party – Pam Secrist and Nancy Beeman have volunteered to chair this year's Christmas Party. Thank you, Pam and Nancy! We will enjoy our Christmas Party on the regular meeting night on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Athens Methodist Church. Start time will be 6 pm. We will be going "back to basics" with a dish to pass to help keep the costs to a minimum. Sign-up sheets were distributed. The theme for decorations is Blue & White. Bring Christmas quilts to hang around the room. The cost is \$10 and on the night of the party, \$5 will be returned. We will have a gift exchange (\$15 value) to be part of a game.

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## **OCTOBER 13, 2022 - MINUTES CONTINUED**

The Board reviewed the Guild's By-Laws with some adjustments made. A draft of the By-Laws will be posted in the next newsletter and members will vote at the January 2023 meeting to accept or make changes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Cassandra Slocum suggested a bus trip to the Lancaster Quilt Show at the end of March 2023. A show of hands indicated many members would be interested in an overnight trip. Cassandra will get more information to make this happen.

**Raffle Quilt Drawing** – Carol Allis, Gail Arnold, and Barb Fike stepped outside the Church building to draw the winning Raffle Quilt ticket. The winner, drawn by new member Barb Fike, is Louise Schelter. Linda Politi contacted Louise who was very excited!! Congratulations, Louise!

The monthly gift was won by Beth Schneider with Betty Gregory pulling #20 as the winner!

The meeting was followed by Show N Tell.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbette Bizilia

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## **PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2022**

This is going to be something a bit different from other programs as you are to do something **before the meeting**.

We are having a scavenger hunt! Your cost to participate in this event with us is 5 non-perishable foods for the Food Bank here at the church. We are entering a time when some in our community are in greater need of food assistance. They particularly appreciate fruits and vegetables as well as the standby of peanut butter and jelly. You will bring your food items with you the evening of the meeting and deposit them in the baskets inside the back door at the church.

The scavenger hunt will require you to visit one or more of the local hardware stores. Please take the sheet on page 11 with you to one or more of the local hardware stores. Look at the merchandise and consider how it could be used for your quilting activities. Purchase is not necessary for any of the items. Please just think outside the box for things that you might not have considered in the past.

At the meeting we will hear about what you have found and can suggest to the group that others might want to use. There may even be prizes for some of the most unusual items/uses...or maybe some other categories.

We are still in need of someone to take over the Programs after the November meeting. There are already some things that have been suggested and are possible for you to pick up and run with.

We would be glad to help you make them happen for the guild.

Cathy Brown and Cathie Wiggs

## Retreat at Watson Woods 2023

Basic retreat: **Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

Extended Dates: **Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

For those arriving on Wednesday, please bring your own meals, (a refrigerator is available) or plan to eat out, thru Thursday lunch. We will do a group dinner on Thursday. Cost will be approximately \$3-5. Please bring a snack to share.

Meals served by Watson Woods kitchen will begin with breakfast on Friday Morning and will end with brunch on Sunday.

Contact Cassandra Slocum at [craftycass@yahoo.com](mailto:craftycass@yahoo.com) with questions.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Basic Retreat: (2 nights/7 meals)

West Wing Hotel Rooms: Double \$238 \_\_\_\_\_

Single \$320 \_\_\_\_\_

North/South Wing Dorms Double \$166 \_\_\_\_\_

Single \$207 \_\_\_\_\_

With Bathroom Double \$187 \_\_\_\_\_

Single \$228 \_\_\_\_\_

### Extended Retreat (Nights without food)

West Wing Hotel Nights \_\_\_\_ X \$45 \_\_\_\_\_

Dorm Nights \_\_\_\_ X \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Owed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Check# (If PIF) \_\_\_\_\_

Down Payment\*: \$50 Check# \_\_\_\_\_

\*Remainder will be due by February 1, 2023

Please list your roommate if you have one: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to share a room and have a roommate assigned to me.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help with preparations for retreat if needed



## EMQG ADVERTISING POLICY

1. There will be no official solicitation for advertising.
2. No charge for listing of quilt shops and quilt shows.

Advertising fee schedule as follows: full page \$40.00; half page \$20.00; quarter page \$10.00 (25% discount for Endless Mountains Quilt Guild members)

**Food Bank:** Donations of non-perishable foods are always needed and greatly appreciated by the Valley Food Bank. Please bring your donations to the guild meetings.

**Newsletter:** Please send newsletter contributions by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each even month to Terri House at [house\\_terri@yahoo.com](mailto:house_terri@yahoo.com)

**Cancellation policy:** If Athens School District is closed the day of our meeting due to inclement weather, our meeting is cancelled. If there is a delayed school start, the meeting is not cancelled and you will have to use your own judgement based on your local road conditions. If Athens School District has a weather-related early dismissal, our evening meeting is cancelled. School closings are announced on local news websites and the following local radio stations: WATS/WAVR (102.1 FM - Sayre), Wiggle (100.3 FM - Troy), and WTTC (95.3 FM - Towanda).



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