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Hours: Sunday and Monday—Closed

Tuesday—Friday 10am to 5pm

Saturdays 9am to 3pm

Feb 2026 News/March2026 Calendar

Jennifer's Blog

Brrrr it's so cold! I am so ready for the spring weather to arrive. I heard rumors that the rodent Phil fled the country back to his native land in Canada out of the Philly airport. However, I also saw he was captured and on trial. Whichever he really needs to pay for his crimes against humanity. Yes he's cute and adorable but my arms, legs, car, store all are done with this weather!

I am trying out using Word this time for the newsletter. There are thirteen of you who get a snail mail of this. It would be awesome if you would change to email. Email is easier to create and is also cheaper because there is no postage necessary or paper to be used! Think about switching for me, please!

The most important part of this newsletter is the next few sentences. 2026 retreat is happening and it will be here before you know it! I need about 6 to 10 of you to sign up please! You all have been begging me to have a retreat and registration is a tad bit slower than I would like. I need a certain number to break even and we aren't close. I tried to keep the prices affordable for you so please sign up! Make sure you pay attention if you are staying at the hotel. There is a deadline (FEB 20th) to reserve your room using our block code! I hope that several more of you decide to come. It's always a good time! You don't have to be a quilter. You can do any kind of crafty thing that you would like. Just want to get away from your family? That is excuse enough! Information is below/next page depending how you get this newsletter!

For those of you wondering about Quilting 101. We have a session starting on February 21st which is full! I haven't decided the next round or if I will be doing a 201 instead. However, if you know someone interested have them contact the store and get on the waiting list.

Please note we will be having special hours on Friday, March 20th 10am to 2pm and Saturday, March 21st 9am to noon due to the retreat!

Please continue to read the rest of the newsletter for the retreat information and what's happening at the store! I apologize for any weirdness in setup. I don't like word! It's giving me too much white space.

Remember the one with the most stash wins!

Jenn

March 2026 Retreat! Next we get to talk about the March 2026 Quilters Depot Retreat! Things will be a little bit different. So read carefully!

Where: Hyatt Place 212 Racetrack Rd Washington Pa 15301 (YES, the hotel attached to the casino!) When: Friday, March 20, 2026 @3pm to Sunday, March 22nd, 2026 @2pm.

Cost:\$85—Check made payable to Quilters Depot, Cash, pay by credit card in store, or pay online with the item code 2026Retreat. This is the only way to register. You will be added to the list once this cost is paid!

The above cost is the cost of you getting to participate for three days, a lunch on Saturday and a QD gift!

Now, if you would like to be a daytimer(you do not stay overnight) mark the calendar and you will be registered once paid,)

Want to stay and be an Overnighter? This time you will have to reserve your own hotel room through the hotel and pay yourself. The rate by using the group code below is \$169 for a Queen room. You can be by yourself or you can put up to 4 in a room to cut your costs! So grab your friends. Pay your registrations for each person and nominate one of you to register the room and be the one to pay and then you can collect the money from your friends. Please see below on how to book the hotel rooms. I tried to put a link in but I won't guarantee you won't have to copy and paste if you do it online! If you book a hotel room you will also get free breakfast on Saturday and Sunday.

Your group code is G-QUIL

Here is how to book online or over the phone:

You can make reservations either by phone at 1-888-257-9658 by asking for the Quilters Depot Block Rates or online at https://link.edgepilot.com/s/a683a102/3_gERwJjnEaWVVsoSW_zQ?u=http://www.hyattplacepittsburghsouth.com/ click on book now, enter your stay dates then type

G-QUIL under the *corporate or group code box* then click on check availability then proceed in making reservation.

Guests will have until February 20th, 2026, to get reservations under the block.

I will not be attending. I might drop in on Friday for set up but Kathy is in charge!

Yarn Time! Yarn times are held several times a month on Tuesdays or Saturdays from Noon to 3pm.

You can find the dates on the attached calendar! All sessions are \$10. You can do the project of the month or your own thing! As always our Yarn times are hosted by Emily Klaczak. Spread the word that it's a great time to come in and work on your knitting and crochet and socialize with like mind artists! If you know anyone who wants to learn, have them come talk to Emily during one of these times and see what can be set up for lessons!

March Yarn Time Project — Knit Cover for Freebie Bag You may say hey Jenn you forgot to change this section from last month but I did not! This month is the knitting version! Here's Emily write up! You may have a collection of 'freebie' bags in a cupboard or the trunk of your car — those cotton or polyester tote bags that were given to you by a store, or a charity that you've contributed to. They're functional but not all that attractive. But you can cover them with knitting! We'll show you how and Quilters Depot has the yarn that you'll need.

Supplies:

'Freebie' tote bag, made of cotton or polyester fabric

One skein of Super Saver or comparable acrylic yarn — OR — 2-3 skeins of Sugar and Cream or comparable cotton yarn

Size 10-1/2 knitting needle (straight or circular)

Yarn needle to sew up sides

Optional — sewing machine with a zig zag stitch to attach the crochet cover, you can hand sew it on, too.



Picture choice was by Emily not Jennlol

2026 Charities:

Dress A Girl Around the World

In 2026, we are continuing our charitable effort with Dress A Girl Around the World (Hope 4 Women International non-profit). This organization provides dresses to girls around the world suffering from poverty, disease, and low self-worth. Staff and Customers make dresses to support this organization. We will supply the instructions and assistance in making these simple dresses to make a girl feel special and loved. They can be worked on at our Kathy's Korner, Open Sews or at home. A 10% discount on fabric purchased specifically for these dresses.

Angel Ridge Animal Sanctuary—Bailey's Angel ridge is made up of the dog sanctuary (Washington County) and the cat sanctuary called Bailey's (South Park). My baby boy Romeo came from Bailey's and I have been doing volunteer work a couple times a month playing with the other kitties! What are we doing? Well we are crafters! We would love for you to crochet/knit/sew/create items for the animals. For Crochet and Knit we will be making beds and kitty sacks. If you want to sew you can make little cotton beds filled with those excess battings pieces that you have! Don't want to sew? Cut some fleece and make doggy chew toys or kitty catnip bows! Want to just donate? Bring us cash or amazon cards! We have a box at checkout for all donations! I would love if a handful of us could possibly fill Bailey's with new beds and toys for every cat that comes through? Can you help! Come into the store to get the patterns and check out everything you can make. If you have a pattern that you like bring it along! Let us know you are buying the yarn for the project and get 10%! If you need the patterns stop in or email. If you need help come to a Yarn Time!



Open Sews:

We have three types of Open Sews. The first are just open sews and you can come in all day from 10am to 5pm and work on whatever you want. All of these are listed on the calendar!

The second type are **Kathy's Korners**. Most of the time Kathy's Korners are full so if you would like to join on a Weds please call the store on Tuesday and check with Kathy if there is room!

The Third type is build your own: We have a group called the Chatterboxes that schedule a monthly time to come in. They are a group of 4 women who love to talk and sew. Do you have a group that you want to start your own group let us know and we can see what we can schedule!

Check the attached calendar! If you don't see a day or time call and see if there is room for you to come in!



March 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4 <i>Kathy's Korner</i>	5 <i>Open Sew</i>	6	7 <i>101 week 3</i> <i>Yarn Time</i>
8	9	10 <i>Yarn Time</i>	11 <i>Kathy's Korner</i>	12	13 <i>Open Sew</i>	14 <i>101 Week 4</i> <i>Yarn Time</i>
15	16	17 <i>Open Sew</i>	18 <i>Kathy's Korner</i>	19	20 <i>Retreat Open</i> <i>10am to 2pm</i>	21 <i>101 Week 5</i> <i>Retreat open</i> <i>9am to noon</i>
22	23	24 <i>Yarn Time</i>	25 <i>Kathy's Korner</i>	26	27 <i>Open Sew</i>	28 <i>101 Week 6</i> <i>Yarn Time</i>
29	30	31 <i>Open Sew</i>				

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