



POCONO MOUNTAIN QUILTERS' GUILD

# The Quilt Line

January 2025

## \*\*\*\*\* Guild Purpose \*\*\*\*\*

The purpose of the Guild is to promote friendship among persons interested in all aspects of quilting; to promote an interest in and appreciation of the art of quilt making; to share quilting information; and education and stimulation of high standards and technique. [www.thepmqg.com](http://www.thepmqg.com)

## President's Message

I am hoping this milder weather will keep up and will not disrupt some of the plans we have coming up for meetings and our first "Sleep in your own Bed Retreat". I have been going to retreats for many years and have found that the more prep you get done before you go, the better. As you know you can spend a few hours cutting out pieces, do that home, so you will be able to spend more of your time sewing. I hope more members will join us; it will be a fun weekend.

I want to thank our members once again for their generous support at the Holiday Party. There were a few members who were very generous! It is always rewarding to give back to our community. With that in mind, please challenge yourself this year to help with Community Quilts, even if you just make one quilt. I realize that driving at night is becoming more difficult for us all. So, take a kit and work at it at your own pace. There is a group of about ten members who produce quilts for community quilts throughout the year, it would be great to see other members get involved. If you need a kit or just fabric to design your own let us know, guild has a lot of fabric to use up. Talk with Kathy Parrish or Lorraine Hare. I hope you enjoyed the bell choir, that was a little different for us!

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!  
Your President, Lorraine Hare



## Membership

No report at this time.



## Minutes

### PMQG Minutes December 11th, 2024

**VP:** Barb Wenton circulated sign-up sheets for the Sleep at Home Retreat for participation as well as for those bringing equipment and food.

**BOM:** Kathy Parrish distributed kits for Jan. BOM explaining that Jan. and Feb. blocks would all be nine-patch and snowball in different color combinations. Dec. blocks will be accepted in Jan.

**Stash-buster** project is due in Feb.

**Nov. minutes** taken by Judy Mehl were accepted by Peggy Jo Smith with second by Peggy Walters.

**Nov. Treasurer's** report accepted Lois Kirkwood, seconded by Linda Doll.

**Tricky Tray** raised \$905. A motion was made by Laura Lyman to raise this to \$2000, seconded by Marianne Bridges and passed by membership. Funds will be donated to 'Street to Feet'.  
*Submitted by Laura Lyman*

## Calendar

**January 8<sup>th</sup>:** Regular business meeting. Three of our members will be doing a trunk show of their work. Show and tell. Please bring your own beverage.

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Community Quilt Meeting – meeting will be held at the Moose Lodge starting at 6:00pm. Bring your sewing machine and supplies, kits will be provided. A Board meeting will be held.

**February 12<sup>th</sup>:** This meeting will feature a Valentine Gift Surprise Bag. Show and tell. Please bring your own beverage.

**February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>:** “Sleep in Your Own Bed Retreat”  
Save the dates. More details to follow.

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# Treasurer's Report

As of: January 3rd, 2025



Beginning 12/07/2024 - Ending 01/03/2025

Checking account balance on 12/07/2024

**\$16,311.74**

## **INCOME**

Tricky Tray \$905.00

Christmas Dinner \$50.00

## **INCOME TOTAL**

**\$955.00**

## **DISBURSEMENTS**

Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church Bell Choir (\$250.00)

Peppe's Bistro – Holiday Party (\$1,572.48)

Membership Copies – Kistler Printing (\$25.44)

Bingo Quilt/BOM Fabric – American Ribbon Fabrics (\$82.20)

Quilt Bingo Copies – Staples (\$13.70)

Bingo Quilt/ Backing fabric – American Ribbon Fabrics (\$17.02)

Moose Lodge Membership (\$40.00)

## **DISBURSEMENTS TOTAL**

**(\$2,000.84)**

## **CHECKBOOK BALANCE ON 01/03/2025**

**\$15,265.90**

Difference +/- (-)

(\$1,0445.84)

<b><u>Checks Issued</u></b>	<b><u>Ck #</u></b>	<b><u>Reason</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
CHUL Church	1490	Donation	<b><u>(\$250.00)</u></b>
Peppe's Bistro	1491	Holiday Party	<b><u>(\$1,572.48)</u></b>
Kathy Parrish	1492	4 Items Above	<b><u>(\$138.36)</u></b>
Moose International	1493	Membership	<b><u>(\$40.00)</u></b>

Business Meeting December 11<sup>th</sup> 2024

No Board Meeting December 11<sup>th</sup> 2024

## **Block of the Month:**

We will be accepting the Red, White and Green "11th Grade" Blocks in January.

For December and January, we will be working on the "Country Stars" blocks. In December we made blue and white 9-patch blocks and snowball blocks. In January we will be making two different 9-patch blocks. Members will be provided a packet containing eight 2 1/2" light red squares and two 2 1/2" white squares. Members will use eight 2 1/2" squares of dark reds from their stash. Try to use a variety of reds to create a scrappy look to the quilt. Follow the color

placement in the pictures as a guide (see attachment). The more blocks we get the larger the quilt we can make.

*Submitted by Kathy Parrish/ Sheryl Flatt*

## Community Quilts

Thank you to Ann Wingert for placemats and the Sarah Pierson for the lap quilt. We will resume meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm at the Moose Lodge. Kits for lap quilts will be available. Bring your sewing machine and sewing supplies.

As always kits are available from Kathy Parrish or at American Ribbon Fabrics.

*Submitted by Kathy Parrish*

## For Your Information

A big thank you to Barb Wenton for coordinating and assembling the favor for the Holiday Party. I know it helped to keep her mom's hands busy. Now we all have a lovely reminder of Edna's handiwork.

Thank you to Beth Albert for thinking of us all at the Holiday party. Beth provided a gift for all the members at the party. Her and husband were kept busy making the thread cutters. Thank you both, it was much appreciated.

## Refreshments:

January's refreshments are being provided by: Peggy Jo Smith, Mary Santoro, Peggy Walker and Andrea Gullion. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

## Stash Buster Block Exchange - Foundation Piecing

This is a at home project. Use "used dryer sheets" as your foundation (or you may purchase a lightweight interfacing (no fusible). Your dryer sheets will probably measure 6" x 9", you should cut the dryer sheet to 6" x 6 ½", and after you sew on your fabric strips, you will need to trim it to a 6" x 6" block.

Use these colors: blues, greens, purples, pink, teal, turquoise or gold (using lights or darks of these colors).

DO NOT USE: Holiday fabrics, homespuns

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Suggested width of your fabric strips is no wider than 1 ¾", but can be as narrow as you like to work with. Best to use various widths. You need to make Fifty (50) blocks and hand them into Barb Wenton or Lorraine Hare at February's meeting. Package your blocks in plastic bag with your name on it. Those blocks will be sorted so everyone gets a nice assortment of everyone's blocks and will be returned to you at March's meeting. **Please see attachment to the newsletter for more details.**

## Valentine Gift Surprise Bag:

Bring a new or gently used item you would like to donate with a value of \$10 or less. Items could be: a “small” handmade gift such as a zipper pouch, drawstring bag, etc. or a quilt/sewing notion, such as thread, needles, zippers, etc. Remember no more than a \$10 value. The more donations received mean that maybe everyone will go home with a Valentine gift. Gifts do not have to have a Valentine theme, but could if you choose to. Donate something you would be happy to receive yourself. Just bring the item to February’s meeting, no need to sign up for anything.

## Sleep-in-Your-Own-Bed Retreat

February 15 & 16, 2025

Saturday 10:00 – 10:00

Sunday 10:00 – 8:00

Sign-up Sheet available at January meeting. **Payment due by January meeting, cost is \$25.**

The cost includes:

Hot Coffee & Tea each day; Bottled Water

Pasta & Salad Dinner meal one evening

Mini Sandwich (Slider) Tray one evening

Supplies for small retreat projects each day

**Please see attachment to the newsletter for more details.**

## Challenge - 2025

This challenge is to help inspire and expand your improv quilting skills! For each category, you will roll the corresponding dice and at the end, use those rolls to create a quilt! We’re looking for anything around 36” x 36” for this challenge, so let the inspiration flow and let fate guide your roll to help you tell a story! Feel free to use fabric from your stash or exchange with a friend! This can be a great way to clean up any fabric that’s laying around.

Most importantly: HAVE FUN! Sign up with Jenn Walker.

Challenges are due April 9<sup>th</sup> 2025.

**Free Table:** Just a note to members who bring items to the meetings for the free table. **You must be responsible to take unclaimed items back with you at the end of the meeting.**

Thank you.

## PMQG 2024-2025 - OMG! Challenge

Each month challenge yourself to One Monthly Goal, and at each meeting, let members know what you accomplished to complete your goal. Sharing your goal may inspire others. Remember, this goal should be quilting/sewing related and it can also be a goal to finish a UFO. There will be a special Show & Tell for OMG’s.



### **January's Birthdays**

01-01 Barbara Wenton  
01-06 Rose Frailey  
01-08 Louise Price  
01-12 Bobbie Long

### **February's Birthdays**

02-10 Cara Staviski  
02-14 Ann Marie Kizer

## **Helpful Hint:**

### **Magic Potion Remove Pencil Marks:**

Need to get stubborn pencil marks out? Just mix up a batch of this solution and carefully apply with a soft toothbrush. It will take a bit of gentle rubbing, but the lines will wash out. Once you have treated your project with the solution, you will want to wash the quilt again. Good Luck!

### **Pencil Mark Remover**

¼ cup water

¾ cup rubbing alcohol

7 to 8 drops of Palmolive green dish detergent

## **Please Note:**

### **PMQOV 88526:**

**Thank you:** blocks: Ann Wingert, quilting: Laura Lyman, and quilts: Barb Wenton.

**Wednesday, January 15th** -10am-3pm American Legion 927 at 646 Fairgrounds Road, Gilbert, PA, (sewing/cutting kits)

### **2025 - National Sew Day Retreat or Day:**

Weekend - January 31st - February 3rd, 2025, for more information, please contact Laura Lyman: [lalyman@ptd.net](mailto:lalyman@ptd.net) 570-350-1218 - see attached flyer and sign-up sheet.

**Saturday, February 1st, 2025** - 10am-3pm - Moose Lodge [705 Stokes Mill Road, Stroudsburg](https://www.mooselodge.com/locations/705-Stokes-Mill-Road-Stroudsburg-PA), kits and material are provided. 10am-2pm, contact [poconoqov@gmail.com](mailto:poconoqov@gmail.com)

If you would like to join our group, membership is only \$10 a year. Please email at: [poconoqov@gmail.com](mailto:poconoqov@gmail.com) or call 917-453-0002, speak to Kathleen McCarthy.

*Come join us to sew, membership not required.*

## Officers

President – Lorraine Hare  
Vice President – Barbara Wenton  
Secretary – Laura Lyman  
Treasurer – Ann Wingert  
Financial Secretary – Kathy Parrish



## Committees

Activities – Barbara Wenton / Lorraine Hare  
Historian/Photos – Lorraine Hare  
Sunshine & Shadows – Ana Rivera  
Celebration Quilts –  
Helping Hands – Andrea Gullion  
Newsletter – Lorraine Hare  
Webmaster – Lorraine Hare  
Community Quilts – Kathy Parrish  
Block of the Month – Kathy Parrish/Sheryl Flatt  
Challenge  
Quilt Bingo  
Hospitality – Judy Reinhardt / Kathy Balch / Kathy Verbel



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Participants (Guild members only) will need to bring:

Your own projects  
Your sewing machine and all sewing supplies  
Your own rotary cutter and ruler(s)  
Your own mug  
Heavy Duty Extension Cord(s)  
Pack lunch each day & your own cold beverages  
A seat cushion, if desired  
Your personal snacks, if desired

There will be sign-up sheets for the following:

5 crockpots of soup  
6 desserts  
Snacks to share at snack table

Retreat will include 4 cutting stations & 6 ironing stations

There will be sign-up sheets for members to bring cutting mats to share. Table risers, ironing boards and irons, extension cords for irons.

Please Note:

Mark your name on everything you bring  
Personal irons are not allowed  
Small side tables will only be allowed if there is enough room  
Good idea to have your fabric pre-cut for your projects  
Eat breakfast at home each day  
Temperatures fluctuate in the room, dress in layers



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Place first fabric strip diagonally from corner to corner on the dryer sheet (45-degree angle), then sew another strip onto that and so on, then repeat on the other side of the dryer sheet. Then trim your block to 6” x 6”

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This is a good way to use up scraps and partially used bobbins and spools

Finish your quilt top as you like, with or without sashing, and feel free to make more blocks for your own use to make your quilt top larger than 50 blocks.