



POCONO MOUNTAIN QUILTERS' GUILD

The Quilt Line

December 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

President's Message

I am looking forward to our Christmas Party this year and hope all will go according to plan. The weather is something we can never rely on, it seems like at this time of year. I hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving celebrations. I came home with a cold, a gift from my three-year-old grandson, Mason. I hope to shake it off soon as I need to be well for a surgery I am having done next week.

Our donations from the Tricky Tray will go to a very worthy cause this year, the West End Food Bank. I hope it helps them and the families in need that they serve. Thank you to our members for always making the Tricky Tray a success. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas with their family and friends. I know Christmas means more to me, as we concentrate less on the giving of gifts and more time on spending quality time together as a family.

Merry Christmas and wishing you all a happy and healthy New year!

Your President, Lorraine Hare

Membership

The 2025-2026 directory has been printed and will be available at the November meeting. New members and membership renewals can be turned in to Kathy Parrish at any time.

Minutes

PMQG Minutes November 12th Meeting

Surveys have been handed out.

Vice President - bargello workshop, sign up has been passed around. Date is 1/24 here at the

VFW, donations for the cost of the room is required by participants. Bring your own fabric. Sign-ups will still be out the next two months.

Christmas Dinner

Still collecting for Xmas dinner - \$25 dollars, 4 meals - cutoff date for sign up for the dinner end of November

Santa bags - please take a small red bag, fill the bag up with goodies and whoever brings the bag to the dinner gets entered into the exchange, don't be extravagant filling it

Tricky tray for Xmas - bring the baskets that night

Donation vote for Tricky Tray money

Nominations:

West End Food Pantry

Safe Monroe Resources

Olsen Christmas Wish

Street 2 Feet

Vote was taken and the money will be going to the West End Food Pantry

Financial Secretary - New member tonight - Marchelle O - see Kathy if you want to add her to your mailing list. 28 members in attendance tonight, no guests

Secretary - Motion to accept minutes from last meeting - Chris Walker, seconded by Laura Lyman

Treasurer - Motion to accept treasure report - Linda Jurasits, seconded by Lori Smith

Challenge - still happening, if you want to participate

Block of the Month - last month for applique block, secondary coordinating block is still being accepted. New block - Bowtie block, white will be provided so there will consistency, use happy bright colors for the bow ties.

Flower (tulip) cabin quilt finished for bingo

Log cabin is assembled and ready for quilting

Ways & Means - \$73 collected, winners - Cara Staviski and Chris Walker

Community Quilts - kits here if anyone wants them, no meeting for November or December will meet again in January.

New business - None

Motion to end Meeting - motion by Laura Lyman

Break and then hand sewing Xmas ornaments

Show and tell

Calendar

December 10th: Annual Holiday Party at Mullally's at Glenbrook at 6:00pm. It will be a sit-down meal with a choice of four entrees.

December 24th: No Community Quilts being held this month. Merry Christmas!

January 14th: **Regular Business Meeting** at this meeting we will feature Laura Lyman giving a talk and demonstration on Ergonomics. If you have aches and pains from hours of sewing, (or

anything else for that matter), especially in your back or neck, Laura will give you helpful tips on how to prevent this pain. Just in time for your New Year's Resolutions!

January 28th: Community Quilts A meeting will be held at the VFW starting at 6:00pm. Bring your sewing machine and supplies, kits will be provided. A Board meeting will be held.

January 24th 2026: Bargello Workshop

Laura Lyman is presenting this Bargello workshop, to be held at VFW at 20 Fawn Road, East Stroudsburg from 10:00 - 4:00. Sign-up sheets will be available at November, December and January meetings. Look for the attachments to the newsletter for the fabric requirements, etc. A donation is required.

Updated notes, supply list and sample photos for participants are attached to the newsletter- please read these ASAP to help you successfully prepare for the Workshop.

Bargello quilts are much easier to make than they look, so join us to find out how to make yours! Invite your friends to learn along with you. If they join PMQG the Workshop is free- so they are getting a Workshop for only \$25 and can then also enjoy all the other PMQG benefits. Contact Laura 570-350-1218 with any questions.

Block of the Month:

There is no new block for December. We will start again in January. Please bring any "Garden Path" applique blocks as well as the blue and white "Stepping Stone" blocks to the Holiday party. This is the last month to turn them in. I will also be accepting the scrappy "Bowtie" blocks at the party.

Thank you to Cara Staviski for taking the log cabin quilt to quilt for Bingo.

Submitted by Kathy Parrish/ Sheryl Flatt



Treasurer's Report

As of: October 25th, 2025

Beginning 10/25/2025 - Ending 11/29/2025

Checking account balance on 10/25/2025 **\$15,720.35**

INCOME

Membership (1 Members) \$25.00

Christmas Party \$425.00

Ways and means \$73.00

INCOME TOTAL **\$523.00**

DISBURSEMENTS **(\$30.86)**

DISBURSEMENTS TOTAL **\$(30.86)**

CHECKBOOK BALANCE ON 11/29/2025 **\$16,212.49**

Difference +/- (-) **\$492.14**

<u>Checks Issued</u>	<u>Ck #</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A. Ribbon Fabrics	1543	Quilt Bingo Fabric	(\$30.86)

Business Meeting: November 12th



Community Quilts:

There is no meeting this month due to the holidays. Our next meeting will be January 28th at the VFW starting at 6:00pm.

Thank you to Mary Santoro, Cyndy Dougherty and Kathleen Hahn for the donation of mug rugs. Thank you to Laura Lyman for 3 youth quilts with pillow cases which were donated to children and youth.

I was able to deliver 100 mug rugs and 53 placemats to Meals on Wheels for them to use as gifts for their clients. Thank you to everyone who contributed this year in this project. The staff always is happy to receive our quilted items on behalf of their clients.

Submitted by Kathy Parrish

Sunshine and Shadows:

It was sad news last month to hear of the passing of one of our former members. Betty D'Imperio was a very sweet lady and will be sorely missed by her family and friends. Betty was 89 when she passed.

Congratulations to Cynthia Dougherty who became a grandmother again!

If you know of anyone of our members who is ill, going through a death or birth in their family, please let Peggy Jo Smith know. She will be the one sending out any cards that are needed.

Refreshments:

These members are providing refreshments at the January meeting: Sarah Pierson, Donna Dickey, Cara Staviski and Beth Albert. Thank you in advance for your contributions

For Your Information

Holiday Party

Our party this year will be held at Mullally's at Glenbrook on Wednesday December 10th at 5:30pm. It will be a sit-down meal at 6:30pm, there is a choice of four entrees. There will be place cards so you do not have to remember what food you chose.

Santa's Bag of Goodies

At the annual Holiday Party, members can participate in a small goodie bag exchange. Fill your gift bag with goodies for an exchange with other members. Feel free to decorate your bag any way you like. The exchange will take place at Guild's Holiday Party. It's always fun to see what treasures you will get.

Tricky Tray

Members are encouraged to bring items for the Tricky Tray on the evening of the party. The monies raised from these items will be donated to the West End Food Pantry. Items can be anything from holiday decorations, bottles of wine, fabric or sewing supplies, quilted items, really anything you think someone might like. Tickets will be sold, a sheet of tickets for \$10.00.

Special Quilt Raffle: \$3.00 a ticket, no limit on the number of tickets a member can purchase.

Bargello Workshop

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available at November, December and January meetings. Look for the attachments to the newsletter for the fabric requirements, etc. Since the VFW room is quite large, this day is also open to members to come for a sewing day, you can work on any personal project you have or a community quilt project. We will be collecting monetary donations on the day of the workshop from all attending to off-set the cost of the room rental.

Challenge

2025-2026 PMQG Quilt Challenge - Garden Walk

For this year's challenge we're going to take a walk through the garden! One of my favorite places to visit is the conservatory at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA. (If you've never been and want to go, let me know I love going) The colors, the variety, the smells – what's more relaxing than being around nature? Putting it into our quilting of course! Everyone will choose a flower to cultivate from our garden (aka the pack of ID cards I, Jen W, have) and make a hanging, runner, bag or centerpiece inspired around that flower.

Size guide line – 20" x 20" or up to 36" x 36" Speak to Jenn Walker about the updated size that she will accept.

Due – April 8th 2026 meeting

As always with any challenge: HAVE FUN!! It doesn't have to be the flower itself. It could be inspired by the color or the temperate zone they're from! There's no limit to what you can find yourself making. Any questions or need some help getting inspired, let me know!

Submitted by Jenn Walker

Ways and Means

Thank you to Lorraine Hare for the charm squares and stationary items as the donation. The lucky winners last month were Cara Staviski and Christine Walker. If you have anything you would like to donate to be used for Ways and Means, please see Mary Santoro or Laura Lyman.

Each month we will have a few gifts to raffle off. Members may purchase a ticket for \$1.00 to win the gift. No more than five tickets will be sold to any member. So, be prepared and bring some change with you. You will not be disappointed!

Challenge: Monroe Historical Society

I would like to thank you for your support of our quilt challenge and exhibition, which celebrates America's 250th anniversary. We have been fine-tuning the details of the challenge, and I am thrilled to announce that it is now officially open!

Here is a link to our website page, which contains the details, rules, and the registration form.

<https://www.monroehistorical.org/250pa.html>

Please share this link with your members and encourage them to participate in this exciting event. I can't wait for Spring 2026 to see beautiful quilts hung on the walls of our new Community Room! Amy

Amy Leiser, Executive Director
Monroe County Historical Association
900 Main Street
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
570.421.7703 Ext 204

Quilt Lover's Bingo

Date is set for the 2026. **July 25th**. So, clear your calendar for that day we need all hands-on deck as we move forward at our new location.

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.



December's Birthdays

12-25 Linda Doll

12-26 Marianne Bridges

Please Note:

PMQOV 88526: all are welcome to attend

UPCOMING: *Members of PMQG:* Your help with the community outreach supporting the Pocono Mountain Quilts of Valor is gratefully appreciated. Thank you for the donation of blocks, quilting, and fabric; everything donated goes into the quilts to bring healing and comfort to our area's military. November has been a very thankful and busy month at 5 different locations with **17 Veterans receiving quilts: 1 Korean War and 16 Vietnam.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS in 2026 for Meeting Dates

Wednesday, January 21st at American Legion Post 927, Gilbert 10AM-2PM - sewing or cutting

Saturday, February 7th at Middle Smithfield Community and Cultural Center, Route 209 in Middle Smithfield, 10AM-4PM

National QOV Sew Day and Weekend Retreats:

RETREAT(s) 2026: National Sew Day is the first Saturday in February 2026.

Two Retreats are planned:

-A DAY at the Middle Smithfield Community and Cultural Center, Route 209 in Middle Smithfield, Saturday February 7th from 10AM-4PM

-WEEKEND at Camp Ladore, Ladore, PA - 2/6-9 *A Presentation to 2 Veteran(s) who work at Camp Ladore is being planned for that location.* For more information

email: nanmad2022@outlook.com Or mvkasson@aol.com

Need not be a member to participate. At meetings we either sew or cut kits and the more the merrier.

For more information, please reach out to poconoqov@gmail.com.

Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season. Kathleen McCarthy, Group Leader



Officers

President – Lorraine Hare
Vice President – Barbara Wenton
Secretary – Jenn Walker
Treasurer – Ann Wingert
Financial Secretary – Kathy Parrish

Committees

Activities – Barbara Wenton / Lorraine Hare
Historian/Photos – Lorraine Hare
Sunshine & Shadows – Peggy Jo Smith
Celebration Quilts
Helping Hands – Andrea Gullion
Newsletter – Lorraine Hare
Ways and means – Mary Santoro/Laura Lyman
Webmaster – Lorraine Hare
Community Quilts – Kathy Parrish
Block of the Month – Kathy Parrish/Sheryl Flatt
Challenge – Jenn Walker
Quilt Bingo
Hospitality – Kathy Balch, Kathy Verbel, Cynthia Dougherty



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