



POCONO MOUNTAIN QUILTERS' GUILD

The Quilt Line

April 2026

***** 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 sorry not to be joining you for the meeting this month. We are off to face the airport and the hopefully an uneventful boarding process on our way to New Orleans. I will look forward to seeing photos of the challenges and show and tell. Thanks to all who participated in the challenge this time round.

Our workshop on National Quilting Day was very nice and the Middle Smithfield Cultural Center is a great space; it is a shame it is a distance to travel to get there for many of our members. There were nine members there and one guest came to sew.

I just returned from the Lancaster area and was on five-day retreat with friends. It was lovely, everyone accomplished a lot of sewing and finally we had some decent weather, although very changeable. I am off on another retreat in May, with different friends. I am looking forward to that as it will entirely different.

Well, it's that time of year again when we have to think about changing out the officers for next year. Many of us just keep changing positions, it may be time for new blood! Please consider running for the positions that are open, the officers are there to guide the group but you as members are just as important.

Your President, Lorraine Hare



Membership — nothing to report.

Minutes

PMQG Meeting Date: 3/11/2026

Topic: Showed First quilts

Vice President: Barb Wenton reported on upcoming events

March 21st - workshop 10-4 at Middle Smithfield Cultural Center. Bring your own things such as lunch, drinks, machines and sewing supplies. There will be a special block to make that weekend. There will be fabric there for cutting community quilt kits if you prefer to do that instead of sewing.

March 25th - Community quilt - back to night time for this month (there will be another day time one)

April 8th - Regular Meeting - Challenge due and Challenge show and tell (bring up to 3 of your favorite past challenges). Jen showed off the Viewer's choice award

April 25th - French Braid workshop with Jen - Saylorsburg Firehall from 9-3

Historical society - 250 anniversary quilts

Treasurer: Ann Wingert. Motion to accept Treasurer's report

Motion made by: Christine Walker, Seconded by: Cindy Dougherty

Financial Secretary: Kathy Parrish

Membership updates to directory for new members that have joined

Members present 29, guests 2

Secretary: Jenn Walker

Amendment to 2/11 meeting - The motion was for Cara to embroider the name tags and they will have magnets on them instead of pins

Motion by to accept minutes: Mary Santoro, Seconded by: Linda Doll

Committee Reports

Block of the Month: Kathy Parrish

There is fabric available for the corner and square of the block - use your own fabric and white on white for the rest

Paper still available for Strip quilt blocks, still accepting

Ways and Means: Mary Santoro

Amount collected: \$63 dollars - donations by Chris Walker, Barb Wenton and Mary Santoro.

Winners: Cindy Dougherty, Rose Frailey and Andrea Gullion

Old Business:

Name Tags - Cara purchased the magnets and showed us how they work, you will get the magnet and your embroidered name piece that she made. You will quilt the nametag and batting first, then make your pocket for the metal piece with a scrap piece of fabric, then you can do the stitch and turn method to finish assembly.

New Business: None

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by: Kathy Parish, meeting adjourned

Show and Tell

Submitted by Jenn Walker

Calendar

April 8th: PMQG Quilt Challenge – “Garden Walk”

April’s meeting will also include a special Show & Tell of member’s previous challenges. Bring your favorite previous challenges (you can bring up to 3) and a little story of how you incorporated the theme into your quilt. Show and tell.

April 22nd: Community Quilts - This is a daytime meeting from 11:00-4:00 at the VFW. Come anytime during that day, pack your lunch, snacks and beverage. As usual, bring your sewing machine and supplies. You can work on a Community Quilt, Bingo blocks, or anything else you want. We’d like a good turnout, so more daytime sew days can be planned. No sign-ups, just come to sew and have social time, too! A Board meeting will be held.

April 25th: French Braid Quilt Workshop

Jen Walker is presenting a workshop on Saturday April 25th. Two quilts made from this pattern will be shown at our April meeting. Sign-up is required. There is no workshop cost, but we will be collecting donations for the fire hall on the day of the workshop.

May 13th: Regular Meeting - speaker, Joyce Hughes, who will present her lecture on Her Journey into Quilting which led to Thread Painting and using panels as art quilts. She will show her “Before” and “After” panels. It should be a very inspiring talk; make sure you attend. Show and tell.

May 30th: Stash Sale

Pocono Mountain Chapter Embroiders’ Guild of America, East Stroudsburg Fire Station
See flyer attached to newsletter for more information.

August 8th: Quilt Lover’s Bingo



Block of the Month:

Thanks to all of our members we have made some beautiful quilts for our Quilt Bingo prizes. The String Quilt has been assembled. The Disappearing 9-patch quilt has been assembled. At the March workshop the Pieced Flower quilt top was made. We are still working on the blocks for the Ribbon Friendship Star. There are 10 packs of fabric still left to complete this top and they will be available at the April meeting.

Thank you to Lorraine Hare and Linda Doll for finishing the bindings on two of the Bingo Quilts. Thank you to Cyndy Dougherty for providing the backing of the Bowtie quilt. Thank you to Cara Staviski for quilting the applique quilt.

We are going to take a break from making Bingo quilt blocks for the remainder of this year. Instead, we are going to try our traditional block of the month. Each month we will have a new pattern. Members will make the block and bring it to the regular meeting. Everyone who turns in a block will have their name entered for a drawing and one member will take all the blocks

home. You get one entry for each block submitted. The drawing will take place at the meeting. If a member is unable to attend the meeting but wishes to participate, they need to either drop off block at American Ribbon or get it to Kathy Parrish.

This month we will be making a Disappearing Hourglass using your own dark jewel tone and white on white fabric. Pattern will be attached to the newsletter and at the meeting. Blocks must be turned in at the May meeting.

Submitted by Kathy Parrish/ Sheryl Flatt

Community Quilts:

The March evening community sewing session was fun with Lorraine Hare, Ann Wingert, Barb Wenton, Marshall Oldknow, Sarah Pierson, Andrea Gullion, Mary Santoro and Kathy Parrish participating. Members worked on a variety of projects.

The next sewing session will be a daytime event at the VFW from 11:00- 4:00 on April 22nd. Bring your lunch and sewing machine and supplies. Community quilt kits will be available. We will also have fabric to cut into children's quilt kits. Bring cutting supplies if you plan to cut fabric.

Thank you to Andrea Gullion for the baby quilt, Sarah Pierson for the 2 lap quilts and 20 placemats, Marshall Oldknow for the quilt top, Debra Shortino for placemats, Barb Wenton for the lap quilt, Cyndy Dougherty for the quilt top and Cara Staviski for the two children's quilts as well as a new pattern to add to our collection.

Thank you to these members for attending the March 21st workshop on National Quilting Day: Lorraine Hare, Ann Wingert, Barb Wenton, Marshall Oldknow, Andrea Gullion, Sheryl Flatt, Kathy Parrish, Mary Dickison and Kim Kimler. Also, Maryellen McAuliffe joined us to sew. Members worked on a variety of projects to help create quilts for our upcoming bingo.

Submitted by Kathy Parrish

Sunshine and Shadows:

Sympathy goes out to Peggy Walter who lost an uncle in March who she was very close to. 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 April's meeting:** Lois Kirkwood, Donna Conto, Barb Wenton and Judy Mehl.

March's meeting: thank you to Anrea Gullion, Mary Santoro and Lorraine Hare (who stepped in for Ana Rivera), also to Linda Jurasits who sent a refreshment but was not there at the meeting. Laurie Cicalo for bringing the chocolates!

Treasurer's Report

As of: March 29th 2026

Beginning 3/01/2026 - Ending 3/29/2026

Checking account balance on 3/01/202

\$14,231.08

INCOME

Quilt Bingo Tickets

\$100.00

Ways and Means

\$64.00

INCOME TOTAL

\$164.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Quilt Bingo Fabric

(\$71.14)

Staples -Bingo Copies

(\$16.74)

Staples – Membership Copies

(\$9.22)

VFW – 2 meetings @ \$50.00/meeting

(\$100.00)

Name Tag Magnets

(\$34.11)

DISBURSEMENTS TOTAL

(\$231.21)

CHECKBOOK BALANCE ON 3/29/2026

\$14,163.87

Difference +/- (-)

(\$67.21)

Checks Issued

Kathy Parrish

Ck #

1554

Reason

Quilt Bingo & Membership

Amount

(\$97.10)

VFW

1555

Room Rental

(\$100.00)

Cara Staviski

1556

Name Tag Magnets

(\$34.11)

Business Meeting: March 11th 2026

Community Quilts Meeting March 25th 2026

For Your Information

Nominating Committee

Kathy Parrish, Sheryl Flatt and AnnMarie Kizer have agreed to be this year's nominating committee.

Since Co-Vid, Board Members have had their terms extended and swapped their positions several times. The By-Laws state- "Officers serve a term of one year from September to August", and "No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office". The obvious reason is to bring different ideas and energy to our guild. Although the current officers have enjoyed their positions it is felt that it is time to return to more normal elections.

We will be looking for volunteers to run for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

Members can consider running as a team and be Co-President or Co- VP in order to share the responsibility. It is also going to be a recommendation of this committee to create a Program Committee of which the VP will chair. This will take the responsibility of arranging all Guild Programs from just the VP to a group of members working together. This policy is noted in our By-Laws.

There will be a description of each of the positions in this newsletter. Starting at the May meeting the nominating committee will be asking for those members interested in running for an office. Any questions please ask any of the nominating committee members. Remember that you will have the support of the entire guild to assist in the responsibilities of these offices.

Description of Officers Duties

President - Shall set an agenda and preside at all meetings. Shall schedule Board meetings as needed. Shall appoint Committee Chairs. Shall serve as an ex officio member of all committees except the nominating committee. Shall appoint a member to stand in for any absent Officer as needed. Shall communicate to members any changes or cancellations of planned meetings. Shall schedule a joint meeting of out-going and in-coming Boards in August. Maintain a list of all Guild equipment and supplies and the location of all items. Maintain a president's notebook and present to the next president.

Vice -President - Shall preside at meetings at the request or in the absence of the President. Shall serve as the Chair of the Program Committee, arranging all Guilds activities with the approval of the Board. Shall present Program information to the Newsletter Editor monthly in time for publication. Shall handle registration for Programs or appoint a representative to do so. Shall maintain a Program notebook and present to the next VP in August.

Secretary - Shall record attendance at each meeting. Shall record minutes of all meetings of the membership and the Board. Shall present minutes of all meetings to the Newsletter Editor monthly in time for publication. Shall conduct all correspondence for the Guild. Shall maintain a notebook of Correspondence and a notebook of Minutes and present both to the new secretary in August.

Financial Secretary - Shall maintain a record of paid members. Shall introduce new members and Guests to the guild at each meeting. Shall create a Directory of members to be distributed to members at the November meeting each year. Shall collect all monies paid to the Guild, keep an accurate record of all monies collected and turn all monies collected over to the Treasurer. Shall present the Financial Records to the next Financial Secretary in August.

Treasurer - Shall receive and bank all monies from the Financial Secretary. Shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements. Shall provide a Financial Report to the Newsletter Editor monthly for publication. Shall serve as Chair of the Budget Committee. Shall present the Treasurer's records to the Audit committee in July of each year. Shall file the 990N form with the IRS prior to January 1st each year.

Workshop: April 25

Jen Walker is presenting a workshop on the French Braid pattern on Saturday, April 25, at Blue Ridge Hook and Ladder Fire Hall, 797 Rt. 115, Saylorsburg, PA from 9:00 - 3:00. Two quilts made from this pattern will be shown at our April meetings. Sign-up is required. There is no workshop cost, but we will be collecting donations for the fire hall on the day of the workshop. Bring your sewing machine and usual sewing supplies, your fabrics, lunch and beverages. We suggest you bring a side table and small iron, so you can press your project as you work on it. (You and a sewing buddy could share a side table and iron). Park in the back of the fire hall, use the ramp to enter the building.

Ways and Means

Winners for March were: Cindy Dougherty, Rose Frailey and Andrea Gullion
Thank you for donations by Chris Walker, Barb Wenton and Mary Santoro. \$63.00 was raised.

If you have anything you would like to donate to be used for Ways and Mans, 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!

Quilt Lover's Bingo - NEW DATE!

Mark your calendar as a new date has been set for 2026. **August 8th.** So, clear your calendar for that day we need all hands-on deck as we move forward at our new location.

There are flyers to pick up at the meeting for members to take to other events or their churches/social groups. **Also, tickets are now on sale!**

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.



April's Birthdays:

04-06 Judy Bago

04-11 Jen Walker

04-14 Peggy P. Walter

Please Note:

PMQOV 88526: all are welcome to attend. Thank you to all who support our joint efforts by covering our local Veterans and Service Members.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Upcoming Sewing/Cutting Meeting Dates:

Saturday April 11th, 10am – 4pm at Middle Smithfield Community and Cultural Center, Route 209 in Middle Smithfield

Wednesday April 15th, 10am – 2pm at American Legion Post 927, Gilbert

Presentation Date. All are welcome --

Sunday, April 12th, 10:30AM at American Legion Post 927, Gilbert, PA where 5 Veterans will receive their *Quilts of Valor*.

*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 health with the beginning of Spring! Kathleen McCarthy, Group Leader*

Officers

President - Lorraine Hare
Vice President - Barbara Weton
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 - Committees
Hospitality - Kathy Balch, Kathy Verbel, Cynthia Dougherty



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