



POCONO MOUNTAIN QUILTERS' GUILD

The Quilt Line

January 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

Happy New Year to everyone. A big thank you to all for joining us at the annual Holiday Party. As you know we raised money for the West End Food bank and you all came through, as usual. We were able to donate \$1,000.00 to the food bank for them to help families in need.

Hopefully January's weather will be a little kinder to us. Our first meeting will start the New Year off with Laura giving us good advice on stretching and taking care of aches and pains. Do not forget about the workshop later this month with Laura as well, if you do not want to take the workshop just come and sew for the day, work on anything you would like. Are working on a challenge? The Historical Society's Challenge deadline is not far away, our challenge for guild is a little while off yet. There is still time to complete a challenge for both

Remember your name tag for the meeting, if you do not have one paper tags will be provided. Thank you for the get-well cards, recovery from surgery was slow to begin with, but I am feeling a whole lot better now.

Your President, Lorraine Hare

Membership

After reviewing the recent survey forms it was brought to our attention that members do not know the names of everyone in our group. We are asking all members to wear their name tags to our meetings. For members who do not have one or can't find theirs, we will have paper name tags available at the sign in table. We will be planning a sewing session to make name tags sometime in the future. We will also be changing the way we set up the tables to provide for easier socializing.

Minutes

Our annual Tricky Tray held at the Holiday Party raised \$810.00. A motion was made by Laura Lyman to raise the donation to \$1,000.00, seconded by Kathy Parrish. The motion was passed.

A quilt made by Lorraine Hare and Barb Wenton was the Ways and Means prize this month. Members could purchase tickets for \$3.00 each. The quilt raised \$269.00 which Lorraine stated the money would be put towards programs.

Submitted by Jenn Walker

Calendar

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! Show and tell.

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.

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/Bingo meeting will be held. Please join us if you are interested in getting more involved with the Bingo, we welcome new ideas!

February 11th: Regular Business Meeting come and join your fellow members in "Speed Chatting". You will have to wait for the meeting for more details. Show and tell.

February 25th: 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.

April 8th: PMQG Quilt Challenge - "Garden Walk" are due.

August 8th: Quilt Lover's Bingo

Block of the Month:

January's Block of the Month will be a scrappy disappearing 9-Patch. Members will cut eight 5" squares from a variety of blue fabrics and one 5" square from yellow. The directions are attached to this newsletter and are on the website. The Bowtie blocks are due this month.

Submitted by Kathy Parrish/ Sheryl Flatt

Community Quilts:

Thank you to Sarah Pierson and Barb Wenton for each donating a quilt, also to Ann Wingert for placemats. We will be having a sewing session in January. We will meet at the VFW on January 28th at 6:00pm. Kits for lap quilts will be available. Members can work on community quilts or any project they choose.

Submitted by Kathy Parrish

Sunshine and Shadows:

Please keep Doris Masten in your thoughts as she deals with the passing of her mother.

Congratulations to Judy Reinhardt 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.

February's meeting: these members signed up to bring in refreshments Kathy Parrish, Sheryl Fatt, Ann Marie Kizer and Linda Doll.

Treasurer's Report

As of: December 15th, 2025

Beginning 11/29/2025 - Ending 12/29/2025

Checking account balance on 11/29/2025

\$16,212.49

INCOME

Tricky Tray	\$810.00
Christmas Party	\$25.00
Quilt Raffle	\$269.00
INCOME TOTAL	\$1,104.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Copies – BOM	(\$5.00)
Batting – Bingo/Community Quilts (50/50 split)	(\$167.96)
Bingo Sign Holders	(\$18.01)
Holiday Party Cake	(\$48.99)
Name Tags for Meetings	(\$6.35)
Subtotal Check #1544 for Kathy P. (\$246.31)	
West End Food Pantry	(\$1,000.00)
Mullally's Glenbrook Café	(\$1,152.00)
DISBURSEMENTS TOTAL	(\$2,398.31)

CHECKBOOK BALANCE ON 12/15/2025 **\$14918.18**

Difference +/- (-) **(\$1,294.31)**

<u>Checks Issued</u>	<u>Ck #</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kathy Parrish	1544	Xmas – BOM-Bingo	(\$246.31)
W. End Food Pantry	1545	Donation	(\$1,000.00)
Mullally's Café	1546	Xmas Dinner	(\$1,152.00)

Business Meeting: December 14th Holiday Dinner

For Your Information

Library Display: Thank you to Kathy Parrish, Lorraine Hare, Barb Wenton, Sheryl Flatt and Laura Lyman who set up the display at the Hughes Library during the months of December and January. The display case was recently changed to reflect some of our Community Service work, placemats, quilts and mug rugs. We will have the opportunity to display there again during May and June, when we are going to put an emphasis on Quilt Bingo.

Bargello Workshop

Laura Lyman is presenting this Bargello workshop. The new date is Saturday, January 24, 2026, to be held at VFW at 20 Fawn Road, East Stroudsburg from 10:00 - 4:00. Sign-up sheets will be available at January meeting. 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 a monetary donation 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!

Everyone will choose a flower to cultivate from our garden (aka the pack of ID cards) 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 and Barb Wenton for making the Christmas quilt that was raffled off at the Holiday Party. The fabric all came from Lorraine's stash. The quilt raised \$269.00 and was won by our newest member Marshell Oldknow. 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!

Challenge: Monroe Historical Society

The Historical Society is putting on a quilt challenge and exhibition, which celebrates America's 250th anniversary. The challenge is officially open to anyone.

Here is a link to the 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.

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



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.

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.



January's Birthdays

01-01	Barbara Wenton
01-06	Rose Frailey
01-12	Bobbie Long

Please Note:

PMQOV 88526: all are welcome to attend. Thank you to the members of Pocono Mountain Quilters Guild for the beautiful blocks, the gorgeous quilt tops, and the quilting of quilts. **Every stitch helps immensely.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS in 2026 for Sew Day and Weekend Retreats:

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

Two Retreats are planned: Day: Middle Smithfield Community and Cultural Center, Route 209 in Middle Smithfield, **Saturday February 7th from 10 am-4 pm OR Weekend at Camp Ladore, Ladore, PA - 2/6-9 or 10th.** *A Quilt Ceremony and Presentation will be held for 2 Veterans, currently.* For more information

email: nanmad2022@outlook.com or mvkasson@aol.com. Need not be a member to join in the fun of either the day sew-in or the retreat weekend but sewing for QOV.

Raffle Tickets are still available for the quilt which will now be drawn during our rescheduled Holiday Party "Festivus" on Wednesday, January 21st at the American Legion 927, Gilbert. **Please reach out to Barb Rodgers (631-879-88) brodgers918@aol.com or Kathleen McCarthy (917-453-0002) poconoqov@gmail.com**

Wednesday, March 18th Next Sew-In Date for PMQOV: March 18th, Wednesday, American Legion Post 927, Gilbert 10am-2pm. All are welcome, need not be a member to help come cut a kit, sit and sew, enjoy the fellowship!

For more information, please reach out to poconoqov@gmail.com.
Kathleen McCarthy, Group Leader



Officers

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