



POCONO MOUNTAIN QUILTERS' GUILD

The Quilt Line

December 2024

***** Guild Purpose *****

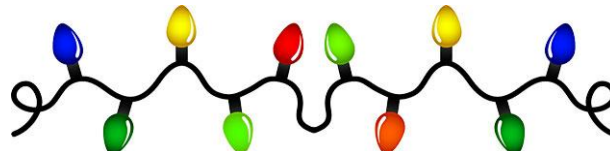
The purpose of the Guild is to promote friendship among persons interested in all aspects of quilting; to promote an interest in and appreciation of the art of quilt making; to share quilting information; and education and stimulation of high standards and technique. www.thepmqg.com

President's Message

Are you asking yourself where did this year go? Everyone can agree that as we age, it seems that the years pass by more quickly. I see my grandchildren growing and changing before my eyes. It is hard to believe that Tegan will be in kindergarten next year already.

Well, I hope everyone is having fun out there shopping and getting ready for the upcoming festivities. We will be our children and grandchildren this year, so it will be a fun time making memories with them. I am hoping 2025 will be a better year for us all.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Your President Lorraine Hare



Membership

The 2024-2025 directory is available in print. Members who did not get the directory at the November meeting I will have them at the December Holiday Party.

Please add the following members to your directory.

Linda Doll, 133 Lorne Dr, East Stroudsburg, Pa 18301, 570-269-8213

Patricia Pelosi, 3344 Windermere Dr., Bushkill, Pa 18324
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Minutes

PMQG Minutes November 13, 2024

Call to Order: President Lorraine Hare

Program: Santa Suit Ornament materials and directions provided by Barb Wenton for members to construct.

Treasurer: Ann Wingert - report in newsletter. Motion to accept: Mary Santoro, Seconded: Cindy Dougherty

Financial Secretary: Kathy Parrish. New directory handed out. 28 members present, 2 new members Patricia Pelosi and Pat Orange.

Secretary: Laura Lyman (Judy Mehl) - minutes in newsletter. Motion to accept: did not get who made the motion or seconded.

Vice President: Barb Wenton (Lorraine Hare) Calendar and Programs: Christmas Party last day to sign up was November 13. The party will be December 11 at Pepe's Bistro. Lorraine reminded us to be there by 6 pm. Tricky Trays needed. Fundraising recipients voted for by members. Suggestions: Street2Feet, East Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church, and Valor. Members chose Street2Feet.

A new quilt project idea involving 6 in. squares was proposed to be considered. Fifteen members were interested.

A "Sleep at Home Retreat" will be held Saturday Feb. 15th from 10 am to 10 pm and Sunday February 16th from 10 am to 8 pm. Members should bring their own lunch, beverages and snacks. Participants can work on their own projects. There may be a possible minimal charge for dinner.

Sunshine and Shadows: Ana Rivera—no report.

Community Quilts: Kathy Parrish announced that Nov 13th was the last day to hand in placemats for Meals on Wheels. October's Block of the Month can still be delivered in December. There will be no Community Quilts sessions in November or December. January will be reviewed later.

Hospitality: Judy Reinhardt reports there are three spots open to bring in food. Feel free to sign up.

Challenge: Jen Walker. Members may still sign up for this year's challenge, Roll and Sew.
Motion to Adjourn: Lori Smith

Show and Tell: Kathy Parrish reports 15 quilts are available for Angels Closet. Six members showed their quilts from the Plaidish Workshop: Judy Bago, Cara Staviski, Lorraine Hare, Andrea Gullion, Lori Smith, Ann Wingert and Christine

Others with quilts to show: Kathy Parrish, Sarah Pierson, Lorraine Hare, Peggy Jo Smith, Kathleen Hahn, Mary Santoro, Christine Walker, Judy Mehl, Pat Pelosi Pat Orange, Andrea Gullion, and Mary Dickson.

Submitted by Judy Mehl

Calendar

December 11th: Annual Holiday Dinner at Pepper's Ristorante, starting at 6:00pm. See more details below.

December 25th: Merry Christmas! No Community Quilt meeting. No Board Meeting.

January 8th: Regular business meeting. Four of our members will be doing a trunk show of their work. Show and tell. Please bring your own beverage.

January 22nd: Community Quilt Meeting – yet to be decided whether we are having this meeting. A Board meeting will be held, location to be decided upon.

February 12th: This meeting will feature a 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. Show and tell. Please bring your own beverage.

February 15th and 16th: "Sleep in Your Own Bed Retreat"

Save the dates. More details to follow.

Block of the Month:

The September blocks "Barbed Wire Fence" have been assembled and looks great. I will bring it to the January meeting.

The Red, Green and White "11th Grade Quilts" blocks will be accepted at the December Meeting and in January. There are still packets of the white background fabric which will be available at the December meeting.

For the months of December and January we will be making four different very simple blocks which will be combined for one quilt. The Quilt block "Country Stars" is a combination of 9-patch and snowball blocks. The guild will supply the white background fabric and a soft red fabric, precut for you. Members will use dark red and blue fabric from their stash.

The blocks which are made through this BOM program are all used for Bingo Quilts. Quilts Bingo is our primary source of income. Without the quilts we could not have a successful Bingo. We appreciate all members making an effort to contribute to this program.

Submitted by Kathy Parrish/ Sheryl Flatt

Community Quilts

I was able to deliver 10 baby quilts to Angel's Closet, 6 baby quilts to Nurse Family Partnership, 13 lap quilts to Hospice, and 60 more placemats to Meals on Wheels. Thank you to everyone who participates in our community outreach. There are always kits available at American Ribbon or contact Kathy Parrish. The organizations to which we donate our quilts are always very appreciative.

Thanks to Peggy Jo Smith, Judy Mehl, Kathleen Hahn and Sarah Pierson for the lap quilts they donated this month.

There will not be a community quilts sewing session in December due to the holidays. Hopefully we will start up again this winter.

Submitted by Kathy Parrish

Treasurer's Report

As of: December 7, 2024

Beginning 10/25/2024 - Ending 12/07/2024

Checking account balance on 10/25/2024

\$15,761.74

INCOME

Membership

\$75.00

Christmas Dinner

\$475.00

INCOME TOTAL

\$555.00

DISBURSEMENTS

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\$ 0.00

CHECKBOOK BALANCE ON 12/07/2024

\$16,311.74

Difference +/- (-)

\$550.00

Checks Issued

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Reason

Amount

Business Meeting November 13th 2024

No Board Meeting November 20th 2024

Note that the total is \$14.99 off from the checking account, as we have one check uncashed from August.

For Your Information

Holiday Party:

The Holiday Dinner will be held on December 11th at Pepper's Ristorante in East Stroudsburg, starting at 6:00pm.

There will be Show and Tell after a request for it to be held.

Santa's Bag of Goodies

At Guild's annual Holiday Dinner, members can participate in a small goodie bag exchange. Pick up your "Santa Bag" (a small red gift bag, fill your gift bag with goodies for an exchange with other members. Feel free to decorate your bag any way you like.

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 charity, Street2Feet. 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.

Note from Barb:

I appreciate the cards, love, support and kind words from everyone in the loss of my mother and former member, Edna Schaffer. She hasn't been quilting lately, but has continued with hand embroidery. You'll see some of her work at the Christmas dinner. Thank You, Barb Wenton

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 9th 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.

OMG! Challenge

PMQG 2024-2025

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.

Refreshments:

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

November's refreshments were provided by Ana Rivera, Lois Kirkwood, Sarah Pierson and Janette Kroener. Thank you to these members. There will be a sign-up sheet at this meeting for refreshments, please do what you can to volunteer.



December's Birthdays

12-25 Linda Doll

12-26 Marianne Bridges

January's Birthdays

01-01 Barbara Wenton

01-06 Rose Frailey

01-08 Louise Price

01-12 Bobbie Long

FABSCRAP: This organization recycles material. They have an on-line store and two physical locations in NY & Philadelphia. They also look for people willing to donate time as sorters.

Please Note:

PMQOV 88526:

Thank you for the donations of blocks, quilts and quilting: Lorraine Hare, Kathy Parrish, Barb Wenton, Laura Lyman and Donna Conto.

Meeting Dates:

Monday, December 16th - American Legion 927 646 Fairgrounds Road, Gilbert, PA, 10am-3pm (Holiday celebration)

2025 - National Sew Day Retreat/Day:

Weekend - January 31st - February 3rd, 2025, for more information, please contact Laura Lyman: lalyman@ptd.net and

Saturday, February 1st, 2025 - Moose Lodge 705 Stokes Mill Road, Stroudsburg, kits and material are provided. **10am-2pm**, contact poconoqov@gmail.com

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

Come join us to sew, need not be a member.



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Merry 
Christmas 

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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Stashbuster Block Exchange Foundation Piecing

This is a block exchange where you will make your blocks at home. Use “used dryer sheets” as your foundation (or you may purchase a lightweight interfacing (non 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

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”

Use these colors: blues, greens, purples, pink, teal, turquoise or gold (using lights or darks of these colors) DO NOT USE: Holiday fabrics, homespuns, DO NOT USE THESE COLORS: reds, oranges, yellows, black, beiges or browns, white

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. I cut my strips about 9” long.

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.

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.

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 December & January meetings
Payment due by January meeting, Cost is \$25, which 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

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