



POCONO MOUNTAIN QUILTERS' GUILD

The Quilt Line

March 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

National Quilting Day the third Saturday in March, we hope you will be joining us that day at the workshop planned at the Middle Smithfield Cultural Center.

Finally, the weather is beginning to break and hopefully it will not too long before we see some sunny days. My trip to New Orleans, is coming up, it's 76 degrees there today and I know when we will be there it will be around that temperature, if not warmer. I can put up with that and some humidity! I am not sure I had mentioned why I am going, our daughter Rhiannon and her husband are expecting their first baby, so we are going down for a baby shower. It's all pretty exciting.

Well, our speed chatting went well last month, even though we all did not get to chat with each other. Thanks to Barb Wenton it was another successful meeting, I am glad there were more members attending Community Quilts last month. I was unable to attend as I was down in Ocean City with friends, sewing for the week. Barb was unable to attend as well as she had a cold. I came home with a cold and subsequently gave it to my husband! Its nice to be able to share things!

We hope to see more members at our meetings now that the evenings are getting lighter and the weather keeps improving.

Your President, Lorraine Hare

Membership

We do have several new members in our guild. We do not like to put this information in the newsletter as it is available online. I will have a printed list for all members at the March meeting. Please remember to wear a name tag. Be creative or use a sticker name tag.

Submitted by Kathy Parrish

Minutes

Meeting Date: 2/11/2026

Officer Reports

Vice President: Upcoming programs

- Feb 25th - Daytime community quilt at the VFW between 11-4pm
- March community quilt will be at night
- March 11th - Members first quilts (or earliest in your journey)
- March 21st - Workshop at Middle Smithfield Cultural Center - Cultural center will be on the left (library on the right). You will be working on bingo blocks, they will have the instructions and information will be in the March newsletter - 10am-4pm

Treasurer: Motion to accept Treasurer's report

Motion by: Peggy Jo Smith, Seconded by: Cindy Daugherty

Financial Secretary:

Membership updates: Attendance: 33 in attendance, members present. Guests: 0

Secretary: Correspondence / announcements:

Mail - Thank you from Meals on wheels, they loved the mug rugs and were able to include them with cocoa packets which their clients loved, it means a lot to them to receive things that have been made just for them

Thank you from NCC for our contributions in 2025, our generosity has played a pivotal role in empowering them to fulfill their mission of providing excellent, accessible, and comprehensive learning experiences for the community.

Motion to accept minutes from previous meeting. Motion by: Linda Doll, Seconded by: Cara Staviski

Committee Reports

Block of the Month:

String quilt - use up scrap strips, instructions online and in newsletter - don't trim it and don't tear the paper out, Kathy will take care of both of those

Last night for the tossed 9 patch block

- finished the applique top, Cara will be quilting it for us

Challenge: fast approaching! Get going

Ways and Means: Amount collected: \$66. Winners: Laurie Cicalo and Ann Wingert

- Still accepting donations for prizes

Old Business:

- Flyers now available for Bingo

New Business:

Name tag option: Buttons! Would need the button making machine unless

someone has one. Cara has also offered her embroidery machines to make them so they can be made into pins into magnet options instead. Motion by: Kathy Parrish, Seconded by: Kathleen - Survey summary read

Motion to Adjourn: Beth Albert, who then handed out Valentine's goodies to everyone. Show and tell.

Submitted by Jenn Walker

Calendar

March 11th: Regular Business Meeting this meeting will include a Special Show and tell of member's first quilts. There is no sign-up ahead of time, just come to the meeting with the first quilt (or **one** early in your quilting journey) you made and a little story of how you began your quilting journey. Hopefully, you all have something to bring, if the first quilts Show and tell goes over our time limit, we will have another Show and tell at a future meeting.

March 21st: National Quilting Day Workshop at Middle Smithfield Cultural Center, 10.00am to 4:00pm. See more information in this newsletter.

March 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. Time to be determined.

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

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.

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 March and 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.

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:

The "String Quilt" blocks are due at the March Business meeting. The Bowtie quilt is finished and will be presented at the March meeting.

The March block will be a "Ribbon Friendship Star". Members will be given the fabric for the center and four corners. The rest of the block will be made from member's fabrics using a white-on-white and a coordinating fabric to match the corners and center. We will ask that blue, aqua, teal or purple be used. This block is composed primarily of 1/2 square triangles and is easy to put together.

A special thank you to Annmarie Kizer and Linda Doll for all behind the scenes help they have given with designing and assembling the quilt tops using the block of the month blocks.

Submitted by Kathy Parrish/ Sheryl Flatt

Community Quilts:

We had our first daytime hours sewing session on Wednesday February 25th. It was great fun with 13 members getting together. Members worked on a variety of projects. There was lots of socializing and laughs. We will be planning more daytime sessions for our group while also planning evenings for those who work. We will discuss at our next business meeting the best way to address this.

Thank you to Theresa Duston, Kathy Parrish, Sheryl Flatt, Beth Albert, Christine Walker, Cara Staviski, Ana Rivera, Sarah Pierson, Cyndy Dougherty, Marshall Oldknow, Laurie Cicalo and Donna Dickey for participating in the February sewing session.

Thank you to Debra Shortino for the donation of 38 placemats and 38 mug rugs, and Andrea Gullion for the baby quilt.

Our next sewing session will be on March 25th. Times to be determined.

Submitted by Kathy Parrish

Sunshine and Shadows:

Keeping Andrea Gullion in our thought and prayers on the passing of her mother Lorraine, who passed at the age of 99 on February 8th.

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 March meeting**: Ana Rivera, Linda Jurasits and Andrea Gullion. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

April meeting: these members signed up to bring in refreshments: Lois Kirkwood, Donna Conto, Barb Wenton and Judy Mehl.



Treasurer's Report

As of: February 1st, 2026

Beginning 2/01/2026 - Ending 2/28/2026

Checking account balance on 2/01/202

\$15,014.86

INCOME

Bargello Workshop

\$80.00

Ways and Means

\$66.00

INCOME TOTAL

\$146.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Sunshine/Postage

(\$15.60)

Website

(\$432.23)

Bingo flyers

(\$10.00)

Bingo material

(\$55.63)

Bingo copies

(\$16.32)

VFW – 8 meetings & \$50,00/meeting

(\$400.00)

DISBURSEMENTS TOTAL

(\$929.78)

CHECKBOOK BALANCE ON 2/28/2026

\$14,231.08

Difference +/- (-)

(\$783.78)

Checks Issued

Peggy Jo Smith

Ck #

1549

Reason

Sunshine Postage

Amount

(\$15.60)

Lorraine Hare

1550

Website & Bingo Flyers

(442.23)

Kathy Parrish

1551

Quilt Bingo Expenses

(\$71.95)

Void

1552

(Bad Handwriting)

VFW

1553

Room Rental

(\$400.00)

Business Meeting: February 11th 2026



For Your Information

Workshop: March 21st

National Quilting Day: This workshop will be held at Middle Smithfield Township Cultural Center, 147 Municipal Drive, East Stroudsburg, PA. The Cultural Center is in the same building as their library. It's scheduled from 10:00 - 4:00 and we will work on Bingo blocks and tops and/or Community Quilts. Bring your lunch, snacks and beverages and of course, your sewing machine and supplies. The building has a large horseshoe driveway; you can unload your car right in front of the door and then park next to the building in their large parking area. Bingo block patterns and fabric will be provided.

March Workshop Block:

The workshop which is scheduled for March 21st is going to be an opportunity to make Bingo Quilts. We will be making a "Pieced Flower Block". Members will be asked to bring to the workshop floral print fabric and a coordinating tone on tone fabric. Think spring colors- pink, blue, yellow, purple or teal. No green as that will be used in the sashing. You will only need two 6 1/2' squares of the print and two of the solid. Bring as many sets as you think you will want to make that day. The guild will provide a white fabric which will be used in the blocks. The sashing will be green and white. The goal is to assemble the entire top that day. We will also assemble the "Disappearing 9-Patch" blocks. We will have paper and fabric strips for those who would like to work on the string quilt blocks. To offer variety we will also have community quilt kits available. We will have fabric to cut into community quilt kits. Members who want to cut should bring cutting supplies. Members should bring sewing machines and supplies. There will be plenty to do that day, but it should be a fun way to spend the day.

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 March and 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 & 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.

Challenge

2025-2026 PMQG Quilt Challenge - Garden Walk

Due – April 8th 2026 meeting

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

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

Winners for February were: Laurie Cicalo who won stationery and chocolates and Ann Wingert who won pouches and a diamond gem craft kit. \$66.00 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!

The Historical Association has extended the date that quilts for their Stars & Stitches Forever Quilt Challenge will be accepted to March 27, 2026.

Also, in addition to their theme “interpret your family’s journey of migration or immigration to America”, they will accept quilts with the theme of our country’s 250th anniversary. The quilt must be 30” x 30” in size, must have at least 1 star or 1 star block, and have either theme incorporated. Also, a 2” finished rod pocket sleeve on the back is required. The quilts will be displayed beginning May 5 and run until the end of the year. You can drop off your quilt to the Historical Association at 900 Main Street, Stroudsburg, using the new entrance on 9th Street. They are closed Saturdays, Sundays & Mondays. For their complete instructions, please go to their website: monroehistorical.org



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.



March's Birthdays:

03-01 Donna Conto
03-05 Ann Wingert
03-21 Cynthia Dougherty
03-22 Amy Henry
03-23 Kathy Verbal
03-28 Jenny Rourke
03-30 Donna Dickey

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.

March 18th (Wednesday) Sew-In for PMQOV: 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.
submitted by Kathleen McCarthy, Group Leader, PMQOV #88526



Bargello Quilts: (L to R) Ann Wingert, Marshall Oldknow and Lorraine Hare's finished quilt tops from the workshop taught by Laura Lyman.

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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