

POCONO MOUNTAIN QUILTERS' GUILD

The Quilt Line

February 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

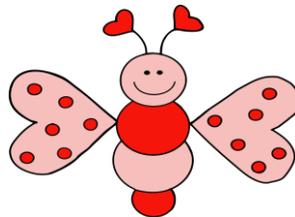
President's Message

It's hard to believe we are in the middle of February already and winter is not nearly done yet. I would love to see the grass for a change, anything other than white! I have a trip in April to New Orleans, it will be warmer there, but April seems a long way off.

A big thank you to Laura Lyman who ran the program for us last month. I am now thinking about how I am sitting and trying to stretch more. This month we will have a more social meeting, hoping you can join us for "speed chatting". I also wanted to thank Kathy Parrish for her help with getting us coordinated with the library for the months we had the quilted items on display. It was a great way to advertise the guild. Talking of advertising we need all members help in this area to advertise Bingo for this year. There will be flyers available at the meeting for you to take and distribute to churches or groups you belong to.

The workshop coming up on March 21st will be a good day to help out with Bingo projects. If you want to get a little bit more involved here is your chance.

Your President, Lorraine Hare



Membership

Please remember to wear a name tag. Be creative or use a sticker name tag. Please welcome our newest members: Theresa Duston, Karen Martinez, Laurie Cicalo and returning member Amy Henry.

Minutes

Meeting Date: 1/14/2026

Speaker / Program: Laura Lyman

Topic: Ergonomics in the sewing room

Officer Reports

Vice President:

- Upcoming Programs:

- February - speed-chat (like speed dating) - small valentine party
- March - First quilt show & tell
- Workshops - 1/24, Bargello by Laura - 10am, at the VFW - no fee, but accepting donations - members are also welcome to come and sew your own project!
- 3/21 - Middle Smithfield Cultural Center - 5200 Milford Rd, East Stroudsburg
- assembling bingo blocks and working on Community quilts.

Treasurer: Nothing to report

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by: Jeanette Kroner, seconded by: Judy Mehl

Financial Secretary: Half price membership for guests to sign up

Membership updates: Attendance: Members present: 23 members

Guests: 4 guests - 2 joined after the meeting

Secretary: Read correspondence / announcements:

MAIL - Meals on Wheel - Xmas card with thanks for the continued donations throughout the year

West End Food pantry - thank you for your recent donation, because of your generosity they are able to feed struggling families in our local community.

Nurse-family partnership - Xmas card with thanks for all the beautiful quilts they're able to provide to their moms

Motion to accept minutes from previous meeting: Motion made by Cyndy Dougherty, seconded by: Linda Doll

Committee Reports

Community Quilts: accepting quilts for babies, children, placemats and mug rugs for Meals on Wheels

- Library display - going strong! Last month we have it, it's on the 2nd floor of the Stroudsburg public library, we've also asked to display in May and June this year to advertise Bingo with a display of the quilts.

Block of the Month:

- still accepting bow tie blocks - if there are stragglers that want to make them
- blue and yellow tossed 9-patch being accepted

Challenge: Due April meeting, come see Jen if you have questions or forgot what you picked

Bingo: August 8th here at the VFW - more room so more tickets can be sold.

- First bingo meeting is February 28th

Ways and Means: Amount collected: \$82

Winners: Donna Dickey, Karen (guest) and Linda Doll

Old Business:

- Tricky tray for bingo - donations are great, and they don't mind making the baskets, but if they can come pre-made that would be much appreciated! Also looking for filling, bows, and cellophane donations for the basket themselves, not just the items.

- also accepting fat quarters for the big fat quarter basket (give to Mary Dickinson or Kim Kimler).

New Business:

A proposed workshop by Jen for a French braid class

Motion to Adjourn: Andrea Gullion

Show and Tell: Kathy Parrish, Jenn Walker, Peggy Jo Smith, Andrea Gullion, Cyndy Dougherty. Ann Wingert and Linda Doll.

Submitted by Jenn Walker

Calendar

February 11th: Regular Business Meeting come and join your fellow members in "Speed Chatting". Something like Speed Dating, ha-ha, you might make a new quilt friend!

Questions for Chatting will be provided, just to start up a conversation. Come for the fun! Show and tell.

February 25th: Community Quilts The **first daytime sew day** is February 25 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!

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: 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.

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

August 8th: Quilt Lover's Bingo

Block of the Month:

The "Garden Path" quilt with the appliqued squares and pieced stepping stone squares is assembled and looks stunning! Thank you to everyone who helped make blocks, especially the appliqued ones. I will have it at the February meeting.

This the last meeting to turn in the "Bowtie" blocks. The "Disappearing 9-Patch" blocks are due this month also.

The February block will be a "String Block". The foundation paper will be provided by the guild. This is a scrappy quilt and a great way to use up random strips. The directions will be on our website and attached to the newsletter. The foundation paper will be available at the meeting and at American Ribbon Fabrics.

Submitted by Kathy Parrish/ Sheryl Flatt

Community Quilts:

Thank to those members who came to the January session- Lorraine Hare, Barb Wenton, Laura Lyman, Ana Rivera, Mary Santoro, Andrea Gullion and Sarah Pierson.

Thank you to Ana Rivera for donating 2 lap quilts, Lorraine Hare for 1 lap quilt and Linda Doll for 2 baby quilts.

Our next session will be on February 25th. We will meet at the VFW. There has been some discussion about having a daytime session for sewing. We will decide at the February Business meeting if there is enough interest in moving this activity to the daytime. We can move it permanently to daytime; keep it as it is in the evening or alternate months. When this has been decided a message will be sent out to all members.

Submitted by Kathy Parrish

Sunshine and Shadows:

Sending healing thoughts out to Kathleen McCarthy who was suffering from a case of Shingles and trouble with sciatica.

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 February meeting:** Kathy Parrish, Sheryl Flatt, Ann Marie Kizer and Linda Doll Thank you in advance for your contributions.

March's meeting: these members signed up to bring in refreshments: Ana Rivera, Linda Jurasits and Andrea Gullion.

Treasurer's Report

As of: February 1st, 2026

Beginning 12/29/2025 - Ending 2/01/2026

Checking account balance on 12/29/2025 \$14,918.18

INCOME

Membership \$63.00

Ways and Means \$82.00

INCOME TOTAL **\$145.00**

DISBURSEMENTS

Xmas Dinner Refund **(\$25.00)**

Postage and envelopes **(\$23.32)**

DISBURSEMENTS TOTAL (\$48.32)

CHECKBOOK BALANCE ON 2/1/2026 \$15,014.86

Difference +/- (-) **\$98.68**

<u>Checks Issued</u>	<u>Ck #</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Peggy Jo Smith	1547	Xmas Dinner Refund	(\$25.00)
Kathy Parrish	1548	Postage & Envelopes	(\$23.32)

Business Meeting: January 14th 2026

Board Meeting January 28th 2026

February



For Your Information

Workshop: March 21st

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. Remember, Bingo is our only fundraiser, let's get these tops done!

November's Member's Survey

The Board met to review and discuss all of your answers and suggestions from the survey. Overall, everyone loves Show & Tell and the social time that our monthly meetings allow. Suggestions were to have members wear name tags, having a daytime sew day (community quilt), more workshops, and a possible trip, just to name a few. Please remember to wear your nametag and if you forget, there are paper name tags on the sign-in table for you to use. On February 25, we will have a daytime sew day (community quilts or anything else you want to work on) at the VFW from 11:00 - 4:00. Trip idea possibilities will be discussed at future meetings. Something that members wish Guild would stop doing is "members talking during meetings", so, in future, please be respectful of those who have the floor. This month's meeting (February) will include social time to meet other members in the form of Speed Chatting. You might make a new quilt friend in the process! Some members wish we didn't need to read minutes, treasury report and have a business meeting, but unfortunately, that is something that we, as an organization, must do, sorry ladies. The Board will review the rest of the survey answers during the year and implement what we can.

Bargello Workshop

Thank you to Laura Lyman for teaching the Bargello workshop. Each quilt at the workshop was different. Participants were Laura Lyman, Lorraine Hare, Marshell Oldknow, Janette Kroener and Ann Wingert with Beth Albert coming to visit with us all. A generous donation of \$80.00 was raised from the workshop.

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

Winners for January were Donna Dickey who won a bag (a boxy bag made by Barb Wenton), Linda Doll who won a set of bags (made by Laura Lyman) and Karen Martinez (guest) and now new member who won a small tin of goodies (bag, seam ripper, tape measure and fabric donated by Lorraine Hare). \$82.00 was raised.

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

The Historical Society is due this month.

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

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

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.





February's Birthdays

02-10 Cara Staviski

02-13 Laurie Cicalo

02-14 Ann Marie Kizer

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.

Next Sew-In Date for Pocono Mtn Quilts of Valor:

February 18th, (Wednesday) American Legion Post 927, Gilbert, PA from 10am-2pm.

All are welcome, need not be a member to help come, cut a kit, or sit and sew, and enjoy the fellowship!

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



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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