



POCONO MOUNTAIN QUILTERS' GUILD

The Quilt Line

May 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

As many of you are now aware, Peggy (Plasencia) Walter passed away on April 25th. She battled with pancreatic cancer for eight weeks. It has been a shock to so many people to hear of her passing. It was with a very heavy heart that I said goodbye to Peggy four days before she passed. Her and I have been friends for many years, Peggy always said I was her "Sista" from another mother. I will fondly remember all the good times we had together. We all have fond memories of Peggy; she was a person who could make anyone's day feel brighter with her bright smile and kindness.

I was glad to see that so many members participated in the April's meeting special Show & Tell of member's previous challenges. Thank you to those who participated: Kathleen Hahn, Peggy Jo Smith, Sarah Pierson, Andrea Gullion, Mary Santoro, Kathy Parrish, Sheryl Flatt, Marianne Bridges, Cyndy Dougherty & Barb Wenton (2).

Unfortunately, I will miss this meeting as well, as I am off on a quilting retreat, going up to Benton, PA to a remote log house with seven other ladies. Ana Rivera and I went last year and it was relaxing and a fun time being with new people. My trip to New Orleans last month went off without a hitch, no problems at the airport and smooth flying. The shower went well and a good time was had by all.

It is time to have a change of officers. Thank you to the nominating committee for looking for members to take positions. It is always a hard transition, but I am sure it will work out. Attached to the newsletter are some suggestions on how we can change things up a little bit, please read through this as it will be discussed at a later meeting. Everybody's input is important if we want to run the Guild successfully.

Your President, Lorraine Hare

Membership

Welcome to new member Carol Keegan.

Minutes

PMQG Meeting Date: 4/08/2026

Program topic - Guild challenges

Vice President: Upcoming activities

April 22nd - Day time community sewing 11am - 4pm at VFW

April 25th - French Braid workshop with Jen at Saylorsburg Firehall

May – Speaker Joyce Hughes - Art quilts and thread painting, her journey through quilts

Treasurer: Motion to accept Treasurer's report from Newsletter

Motion by: Beth Albert, seconded by: Kathy Parrish

Financial Secretary: Membership updates: None

Members present: 26 members, guests 1

Secretary: Correspondence / announcements: Post cards were sent, they are on the front table

Correction that it was \$63 for Ways and Means

Motion to accept corrected minutes from previous meeting

Motion by: Laura Lyman, seconded by: Lori Smith

Committee Reports

Community Quilts: Kits will be cut during the daytime community sew day

Block of the Month: Going to collect the blocks (new block pattern disappearing 9 patch) - drawing will be done for who gets the block - for each block you make, it will be one entry

Bingo: Tickets are for sale, see Kathy or pick up at American Ribbon. Advertising - grab some flyers to help get the word out, looking for volunteers to reach out to media outlets as well.

VFW has given permission for us to come in the night before to set up rather than the day of, will need volunteers for set up the night before and day of Bingo.

Tricky Tray:

Need Baskets, filler, cellophane bags to wrap them in, don't be afraid to make it non-quilting themed

Challenge: It's done! We had 13 people completed the challenge

Ways and Means: Amount collected: \$48. Winners: Peggy, Donna, Mary S, and our guest.

Old Business:

Make sure to collect your name tag from Cara

New Business: Barb checked in to renting a bus or van to go to Lancaster, it's a little too expensive at this time to make it feasible for everyone.

Nominating committee - Ann Marie, Sheryl, and Kathy P reported that ALL POSITIONS ARE OPEN, no officer is planning to return. Please think about running

Motions (if any): No July Meeting and postponing election voting to August

Motion by: Ann Marie Kizer

Seconded by: Sheryl Flatt

Vote / Outcome: All in favor

Motion to Adjourn: Ana Rivera, seconded by Laura Lyman
Show and Tell
Submitted by Jen Walker

Calendar

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 27th: 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 short Board/Bingo meeting will be held.

May 30th: Stash Sale

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

June 10th: Regular Meeting - speaker, Lisa White Reber from Dippy Dyes.

She specializes in dying fabric and recently made a trip to Japan. Her lecture will include highlights from her trip and the workshops she attended. Show and tell.

August 8th: Quilt Lover’s Bingo

Block of the Month:

This last call for any of the Ribbon Friendship Star blocks. This block will be used for our final Bingo Quilt this year. Thank you to Laura Lyman for the beautiful quilting to the Flower Block quilt.

The Disappearing Hourglass blocks are due at the May meeting. All members who bring in a block will be in the drawing to win all the blocks which are turned in. If you cannot be at the meeting and still wish to participate you can drop off your block at American Ribbon or with Kathy Parrish prior to the May 12th meeting. If you bring more than one block you put your name in the hat for each block donated.

The block for May which will be due at the June meeting is the "Barbed Wire Fence". This will look familiar as we used it for BOM in September of 2024. Members will use their own fabrics to create a scrappy look. Dark fall colors and cream/beige tone on tone. One of the contributing members will win these blocks at the June meeting.

Submitted by Kathy Parrish/ Sheryl Flatt

Community Quilts:

Thank you to Ann Wingert and Barb Wenton for their donations of lap quilts.

Thanks to Ann Wingert, Barb Wenton, Laura Lyman, Sheryl Flatt and Sarah Pierson for joining us at the April Community sewing day. We were very productive making 35 kits for children and adult lap quilts. Our next community sewing day will be May 27th and will be on evening session, 6-9pm.

Submitted by Kathy Parrish

Sunshine and Shadows:

Peggy (Plascencia) Walter passed away on April 25th peacefully in her sleep, please keep her husband in your thoughts and prayers. A card was sent to him on behalf of the Guild.

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 May's meeting**: Christine Walker, Janette Kroener, Kathy Balch and Judy Rienhardt.

April's meeting: thank you to Barb Wenton, Ana Rivera, Andrea Gullion for providing refreshments.



Some of the 2026 Bingo Quilts displayed at the Hughes Library on North Ninth Street in Stroudsburg.

Treasurer's Report

As of: April 28th 2026

Beginning 3/29/2026 - Ending 4/28/2026

Checking account balance on 3/29/2026

\$14,163.07

INCOME

Quilt Bingo Tickets

\$125.00

Ways and Means

\$48.00

INCOME TOTAL

\$173.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Quilt Bingo Fabric

(\$49.43)

Staples -Bingo Copies

(\$6.10)

Community Quilts Copies

(\$17.17)

VFW – 2 meetings @ \$50.00/meeting

(\$100.00)

Selective Insurance

(\$499.00)

PO Box Rental Fee

(\$276.00)

Challenge Fabric Prizes

(\$171.33)

DISBURSEMENTS TOTAL

(\$1,119.03)

CHECKBOOK BALANCE ON 3/29/2026

\$13,217.84

Difference +/- (-)

(\$946.03)

Checks Issued

USPS

Ck #

1557

Reason

PO Box Rental Fee

Amount

(\$276.00)

Kathy Parrish

1558

Quilt Bingo/ Comm. Quilts

(\$72.70)

VFW

1559

Room Rental

(\$100.00)

Selective Insurance

1560

Yearly Insurance Bill

(\$499.00)

Jen Walker

1561

Challenge Fabric/ Prizes

(171.33)

Business Meeting: April 8th 2026

Community Quilts Meeting March 22nd 2026



For Your Information

Challenge: Garden Walk

Thank you to Way to go everyone! They all looked amazing!

Viewer's Choice: Cara Staviski

Runner ups: Beth, Judy and Peggy (tie for 3rd)

Submitted by Jen Walker



Nominating Committee

Kathy Parrish, Sheryl Flatt and Annmarie Kizer

All positions are open for elections this year. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary. Please consider running for one of these offices. Members can consider running as a team and be co-president or co-vice-president. Current officers will mentor and assist any member who would be willing to volunteer. Please feel free to ask questions. You can contact any officer or the nominating committee.

The nominations for the 2026-2027 board will be announced at the June Meeting with elections at the August meeting.

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

French Braid Workshop: We had a great time at the workshop! There were 10 of us in total, including Jen's cousin, June W who came as a guest. Everyone had some fantastic fabric choices and I can't wait to see them all! We are going to show our finished tops at the June meeting to give everyone some extra time to get them done.

Special thanks to Donna Conto for coming and letting us in and setting us up for success! We were also able to donate \$126 to the firehall.

Thank you to Jen Walker, Barb Wenton, Ana Rivera, Lorraine Hare, Christine Walker, Lori Smith, Linda Doll, Marshall Oldknow, Ann Wingert and June (cousin of Jen's) for attending.

Ways and Means

Winners for April were:

Peggy Jo Smith won a plant, fat quarters and thread

Donna Dickey won fat quarters, small notebook and bookmark

Mary Santoro won reuseable shopping bag and machine needles

Carol Keegan won a project pouch.

Thank you for donations by Lori Smith, Lorraine Hare and Barb Wenton (2).

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. Thank you to everyone who has helped to keep this going.

Quilt Lover's Bingo - NEW DATE!

Please try to get the word out about the Bingo through other organizations you belong to, churches, family members etc. 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!**

Tricky Tray for Bingo

A friendly reminder about Tricky Tray donations. Finished baskets are preferred, but any parts of a basket are appreciated too! We could use med. size baskets, clear bags for baskets, rolls of clear cellophane, paper or plastic grass - any colors, bows, tape. Don't feel comfortable making

a basket alone, get together with a friend or friends and gather items for a basket or two!! Perhaps purchase a gift card to a fabric or craft store, restaurant, retail store, bakery, to name a few. Everyone would love quilted placemats, table runners, throws, tote bags or other quilted items.

Themes could be: garden, kids, boy, girl, teens, holiday, book or movie or the always loved, wine and many others! Don't have a basket, cover a box with wrapping paper or get creative with containers, beach theme using a sand bucket.

You could also bring your donations to a meeting or drop off at American Ribbon and we could put a basket together. A place and time for pickup can be arranged too. If donating a completed basket, please list the items included and attach to the outside, so it can be removed easily. We will be thankful for any donation you are able to make, big or small. You can all help to make our Tricky Tray and Quilt Bingo successful! Thank you so very much! Let's make this year's the best ever!

Submitted by Mary Santoro and Andrea Gullion

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.



May's Birthdays:

05-01 PeggyJo Smith
05-05 Sheryl Flatt
05-12 Debbie Shortino
05-24 Beth Albert
05-30 Janette Kroener

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: Thank you very much for the donation of the beautiful blocks to help build our next quilt. Our recipients are in awe of the quilts and thank each of you for your time and donations.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Upcoming Sewing/Cutting Meeting Dates:

Next Sew-In Dates:

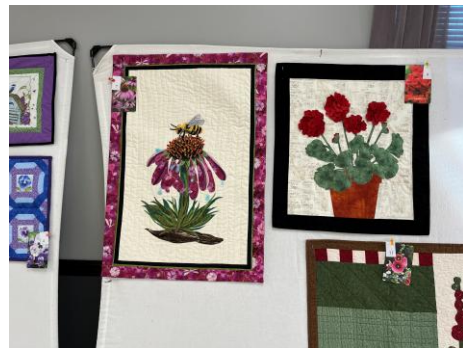
Wednesday, May 20th: American Legion Post 927, Gilbert, 10am-2pm.

Saturday, June 6th: Community and Cultural Center, Middle Smithfield, 10-4pm.

All are welcome, need not be a member to help come cut a kit, sit and sew, enjoy the fellowship! If you would like to become a member, please reach out to Kathleen McCarthy at poconoqov@gmail.com. Interested in finding out more, go to www.qovf.org

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



Challenge Quilts 2026

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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