

Keystone Quilters News

Hello and Happy Quilting!

President's Letter:

VOLUNTEERING: IT MAKES NO CENTS, BUT THE REWARDS ARE AMAZING!

Got to admit, I didn't make up that corny phrase. I saw it on the internet last week. It stuck with me, because it is true! I've volunteered for several organizations over my (many) years, and I have to admit in every case, the opportunity has been very rewarding. I've met some wonderful people, learned some interesting and useful skills, and actually enjoyed the ride!

Well, lucky you! There are lots of opportunities to volunteer with our organization right now! We are seeking a Vice President, Secretary, and Quilt Show Chair/co-chair! And, I'll bet many of our standing committee heads would welcome co-chairs to assist with the job they're doing!

We have been so blessed to have people in our leadership positions for many years! How many of you even remember a time when Sue Edwards was not standing ready at the membership meetings to greet us as we arrived? I've been around for about 10 years, so I don't! Apparently, Sue has done that job for 15 years! And, she's not alone: I hesitate to list all our long-term volunteers (because I know I will miss someone!), I know Deb Ott has led our Saturday Special plans for 15 years too! Joan Cahill has given so many years volunteering at various positions over the years, I can't even begin to count! And, as I repeat, there are many more who have been in leadership roles more years than I have been a member of the guild.

Now is a great time for you to search your soul (I'm being dramatic!) to consider volunteering for an opening! I promise you won't flounder in your new role. Everyone is so helpful with showing the ropes. It 'takes a village' to run the guild (and the quilt show), and very fortunately, we have a village



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Upcoming Events:

March 9

Barn Quilt

by Alicia Wilhelm

March 25

Member Trunk Show by
Joan Cahill and Jean Perry

April 13

Condo Tweet Condo
by Barb Harr

April 13-14

Global Quilt Connection
Online Sessions for all
members (log in info to
follow)

April 29

Round Robin themed
*"Preparation for our 2024
Quilt Show"*

May 4

Casserole Carry by Arlene
Kushinka

of skill and experience to pave the way! Specifically, Sue and Kathy (who have done an incredible job with our last two quilt shows) are inviting prospective co-chairs for the 2026 show to step up now and work with them to learn the steps they are following. AND, I'm certain they'd be a great source of advice as the 2026 show is being planned in two years. Without a quilt show, our guild will have some uncomfortable financial concerns! So, give it some thought. With so many great subcommittees already running smoothly in their particular roles, you'll be leading a village of skilled volunteers.

Trust me: you too will enjoy the ride if you take on a volunteer role with the guild!

Mary Ann Smith

Highlights:

QUILT SHOW 2024 – Our theme is *Star Struck*.

With the wintry weather, this is a great time to work on getting your quilts ready to enter the quilt show. Do not forget making mug rugs, items for the chance auction and the boutique as well. Mug rugs can be given to Gina Grekula at any time before the show. Most important, start thinking about where you would like to volunteer this year!

The raffle quilt will be in the process of being hand quilted when this newsletter comes out. Raffle tickets will be available at the April 29th quilt meeting. To keep our expenses down, we are asking members to pay for their raffle tickets (5 packs of 6 tickets for \$25) when they pick them up from Kelly Wenhold at the meeting. Please bring cash or check to do that! We encourage ALL members to participate. Raffle quilt ticket purchases helps tremendously with the success of the quilt show! As always you can purchase additional raffle tickets from Kelly at any guild meeting.

The April 29th quilt meeting will be dedicated to quilt show preparation. Kathy & Sue will be reviewing quilt preparation for judging. They will also have quilt registration forms available. Lynn will show us how to make a quilt sleeve (we are asking for ALL large quilts to have a sleeve).

More Events:

May 20

"Lessons for a Longarm Quilter" by Heather Bitner

June 1

Tote or Small Bag
by Kelly Pauling

June 24

Organizational Dinner
Meeting - North Penn Gun
Club

July 21 - Ice Cream Social
Molasses Creek Park

Aug 3 – Quilt Registration
forms help at
Indian Valley Public Library

Aug 17 –Trunk Show by
Janet Schmell
Molasses Creek Park

Mary Ann and Pat will talk about the boutique and Kathy will teach good binding techniques.

Just a reminder, on Saturday August 3rd, we will be at the Indian Valley Public Library to help members fill out their quilt registration form. Sometimes, this appears daunting to members and we will guide you through the steps.

Attention Hand Quilters: Our 2024 Raffle Quilt is in the frame and ready for hand quilting. Please contact Lynn Lentz if you would like to help with the hand quilting. Once she has your name, Lynn will send out individual e-mails as to the schedule. Lynn tries to be available every day (even weekends) for your convenience. In the past, it seems that Wednesdays and Fridays are popular days for quilters to gather around the frame.

For new members: There is word on the street that you must pass Lynn's 'test' to work on the quilt. While this may be somewhat true, please do not let it intimidate you. Simply come to her house and see the work that is being done and **you** will know if your work is like the others. Bring your thimble and scissors. Thank You!

Kitchen Help: Looking to recruit volunteers for the 2024 Quilt Show kitchen (bakers, soup makers, and the ever-popular Deviled Egg makers). One day, two day or all three days, volunteers are needed. Please send an email to ElizabethHoffman1956@gmail.com or give a call if you have any questions: 410-202-9078. Betty will have a sign-up sheet at the meetings to follow, as well. Thank you!

Charity Day was a success!

Arlene Kushinka did a wonderful job at organizing the Charity Day event. Despite the snow, there were 9 people at charity day with a few people who stopped in to visit. Everyone was productive and had fun as well. Approximately 40 port pillows were made and about 25 bear pillows were stuffed. We took in 6 quilts for kids and gave out 5 kits for finishing. We even had help from Lynn, a quilter from the County Line Quilters Guild. Thank You to all who participated.

Coming Soon:



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with teachers around the globe

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All Star Sampler Platter – April 13–14, 2024

April 13, 2024

Saturday 3:00 - 6:00 pm eastern

Karen Bolan Precision - How to Cut Curves with a Straight Ruler

Ana Buzzalino - Sheer Elegance: Text on Translucent Fabrics

**Tina Craig - Tina's Wonder Window for Fussy Cutting Any Shape
for English Paper Piecing**

Cathy Perlmutter - Turned Edge Piecing for Cityscape Quilts

Gunnel Hag - Create Your Own Fabric - Easy Stencils

Andi Stanfield - Stretch Those Blocks with HRTs

Rachel Derstine - Keep It Simple, but Pack a Punch

Diane Harris - Build a Scrap Quilt: Brick by Brick

Kestrel Michaud - Kestrel's Total Fray Elimination Technique



April 14, 2024

Sunday 3:00 - 6:30 pm eastern

Carol Wilholt - Lessons from a Potholder

Lisa Thorpe - Printing Palozza: A Sampler of Fabric Printing
Techniques

Pattie Klimek - How to Debone a Shirt in 5 minutes

Jenny Kae Parks - Create Classics Using Your Scraps

Scarlett Rose - Bias and Beyond: Classic to Modern

Laureen Smith - Elevate Your Fusible Applique!

Claudia Squio - Make Fabric Boxes Without Sewing
Using Cartonnage Technique

Margaret Willingham - Create & Make Mini Medallion

Cindy Grisdela - Fearless Improv Curves

Guild Meeting Business

We NEED a chair for the 2026 quilt show. Consider chairing with a friend or ask your Bee to step up and do it as a group effort. We are also looking for a Vice President and a Secretary. Please think about it.

MEMBERSHIP: It is that time of year again! Membership renewal is coming due. Renewal forms will be on the website April 1, 2024 and you will be receiving an email with the renewal form attached about the same time.

Dues are \$35.00 before July 1st and \$40.00 after July 1st. New member dues are \$40.00. Payments are cash or check. However, at the May and June dinner meeting, we will be accepting credit card payments with the appropriate fee (approx. 4%) added to the dues' payment.

Once again you will be asked on the renewal form if you would like a membership card.

Prompt payment of your dues is required and appreciated. Please help us out by renewing your dues promptly.

Fabric Lottery: Theme for February or March: **Shades of Spring**. To participate, bring two fat quarters to the Fabric Lottery table at the February or March guild meeting. Write your name on a slip of paper for each fat quarter brought. Names of winners will be pulled at random. Winners usually receive 1½ yards of fabric. The fabric can be a solid or a print. Bring something that says “Spring” to you.

Block of the Month: The BOM is **Scrappy Lattice** for the **February** meeting. The Block of the Month changes each month we meet in person. More info is available on our website including the current block and directions for assembly. For questions or clarification, contact [DEB WITT](#)

Quilt Camp 2025: Dates are set for January 14th to 19th. Mark your calendars.

In our mailbox this week:

- A reminder that the Kutztown Folk Festival is June 29-July 7 this year. The festival is a fun regional outing to not only see fabulous hand-made quilts, but also visit vendors, observe folk art and craftsmen, and taste some unique food items only known to the Pennsylvania Dutch community. If you are entering a quilt, wall-hanging, or throw into the show, the deadline is April 1st.
- Jennifer Chiaverini sent a newsletter about the coming release of her next (23rd) quilt related novels: The Museum of Lost Quilts. If you're a fan of this bestselling series of Elm Creek Manor quilt novels, you may want to seek out this novel. OR, ask Angie, Janet, or Virginia (our librarians) to purchase the novel for our library.
- The March 2024 edition of the AQ American Quilter magazine was delivered to our mail box this week. Like all the issues, it is chock full of awesome patterns, suggestions, information, and quilt photos. When we (finally) get together in February, the paper copy of this issue (along with two previous months) will be placed in our library to borrow! Of course, no need to wait for the paper copy, the guild is

enrolled as a member giving ALL of us access to digital copies of all the issues. Go to our website and follow the links (and password) that Webmaster Tracy Smith has provided to us! You can peruse the magazines at your leisure, print pages (not a copyright violation) that are of interest to you, and revisit the magazines (without having to borrow from the library) at any time! It is a great benefit that the guild provides for our members! Take advantage.

Other quilt shows in the area:

April 6 - Loose Threads Quilters' Guild 2024 Quilter's Sewing & Book Sale, 145 Chestnut Street, Spring City, PA 9 am – 2 pm

We will have a treasure trove of fabrics, patterns, notions, gadgets, gizmos, as well as books.

CASH ONLY PLEASE! Questions, theloosethreadsquilters@gmail.com.

April 10 - 13 Lancaster Quilt Show 2024

May 4 - 5 County Line Quilters Guild "Spring Radiance" 10am – 5pm. 1410 Almshouse Rd. Jamison, PA 18929. Admission is \$7. If you bring a non-perishable food item, you receive an extra door prize chance.

Check out their website for more information: www.countylinequilters.org.

June 29 - July 7 Kutztown Folk Festival Quilt Show

The deadline to register a quilt is April 1, 2024. To participate, you need to register online at www.kutztownfestival.com/quilters.

Sept 12-15 Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza Oaks, PA

Quilt Show News

"Star Struck"

**October 11 & 12, 2024
(Friday & Saturday)**

**Finland Mennonite Church
1750 Ziegler Road
Pennsburg, PA 18073**

Dates of the Quilt Show

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Aug 3 – Quilt Registration
forms help at IVPL

Tuesday, **October 8**, 2024
– Quilt Drop off at
Finland Mennonite
Church

Wednesday, **October 9**,
2024 – Judging Day

Thursday, **October 10**,
2024 – Quilt Show Set-Up

Friday, **October 11**, 2024
– QUILT SHOW!

Saturday, **October 12**,
2024 – QUILT SHOW! -
Saturday night – Take
Down

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June 17, at 7pm Just a reminder – there will be a quilt show meeting via ZOOM. All committee heads are asked to attend. A ZOOM invite will be sent a few days before.

Think about where you want to volunteer.

NEEDED - Have any kitchen towels that you are not using, the quilt show cafe could use them!

REMEMBER - During the winter/ spring months would be an excellent time to work on your **Chance Auction** items, crafts for the **Boutique** and **Mug rugs** as our entrance gift.

Quilt Show Meetings via ZOOM – 7 p.m. – All Chairs should plan on attending. All KQ members are welcome at the quilt show meetings.

Monday, June 17, 2024

Monday, September 16, 2024

Monday, October 21, 2024 – post-quilt show wrap-up



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