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Keystone Quilters News

Tap into the designer within you.

President's Letter:

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to Fall, one of my favorite times of the year. The cooler temperatures. The brown, green, yellow, and red colors of Fall. It makes me happy to sit in my lounge chair and look around at my Fall decorations. There is the Halloween quilt, which I love, and remember the mistakes I made when piecing the blocks. Didn't our speakers Kathy and Ellen say we are all designers? I can now look at that quilt and not see the mistakes but my own creative design.

Happy quilting!

Pat

Upcoming Events:

Oct 27 - My Quilting
Journey and Wool
Applique by Jean Hoerr

Nov 24 - Round Robin at
St. Johns Activity Center

Jan 26 - Making
Meaning: How Quilters
Celebrate Life by Meg
Cox

Feb 23 - A Lesson in
Every Quilt by Kristin
Echols

Mar 23 - Trunk Show by
Meryl LaSal



Highlights:

BINGO- fun had by all!!

The **Bingo Fall Fundraiser** was held on September 20, 2025 at the Tylersport Firehouse on Ridge Road. Lots of beautiful quilts, amazing raffle prizes, and yummy food. The first Bingo was won by Michele Hollenbach and the Jackpot Quilt was won by Cecilia Fox of Bethlehem.



December 6th – December Tea.

Apr 27 – Quilts of Valor by Patricia Piasecki

May 18 - American Pride by Pat & Arlan Christ

June 2026 Guild Dinner Meeting

Saturday Specials and Workshop Events:

Oct 18, 2025 – I Spy Quilt by Ellen Cicak and Kathy Webb

Nov 1st - Workshop – Wool Applique Heart Pillow by Jean Hoerr

February 2026 Charity Day

Mar 7, 2026 TBD Bag by Kelly Pauling



Quilts of Valor

A good news story from some of our Guild Members who supported a recent QOV Event supporting the Navy Reserves and an annual Returning Warrior Workshop weekend. It was a successful Returning Warrior Workshop (RWW) event that was held from July 18-30, 2025 at the Sheraton in downtown Philadelphia

The quilts are presented as a surprise to each of the warriors at the Banquet of Honor scheduled on Saturday evening during the weekend where there was a formal Dining Out with our warriors and guests, an Admiral Guest Speaker, and QOV presentation and distributing of the quilts to our warriors. This year, the PA Representative for QOV spoke at the Banquet of Honor where we surprise and honor our warriors. We wrap them up in the quilts and symbolically welcome them home. These quilts are made to cherish them for their sacrifice for our freedoms and welcome them back.

From our Guild, 5 of the 55 quilts that were made came from our members who made the quilts either solo or with a bee. Thanks to the following members for their sacrifice, time, and thoughtfulness in recognizing our returning warriors and their families at this event. Joan Cahill, Jean Perry, Trudy Salvatore, Betty Lou Hess, Barb Harr, Eileen Bell, Deb Ott, and Pat Royer. Quilting for the bee was done by Ginny Spielman.

We are forever grateful for our warriors sacrifice and grateful to all of you who recognize them.



June Dinner Meeting

67 guild members attended the end of year dinner meeting at the North Penn Gun Club. Delicious food and great time had with friends.

Africa Challenge – Arlene Kushinka had each of the 15 challenge entries presented by their creator. They were a plethora of creativity and color.

The winners were: 1st- Lyn Rossanese

2nd Nancy Kranyecz

3rd Kathy Webb

4th Ellen Cicak

Saturday Specials and Workshop Events Cont.:

April 11, 2026 Quilted Jacket by Jamee Pemberton. See the writeup at the end of the newsletter

May 2, 2026 Christmas Ornaments by Alicia Wilhelm

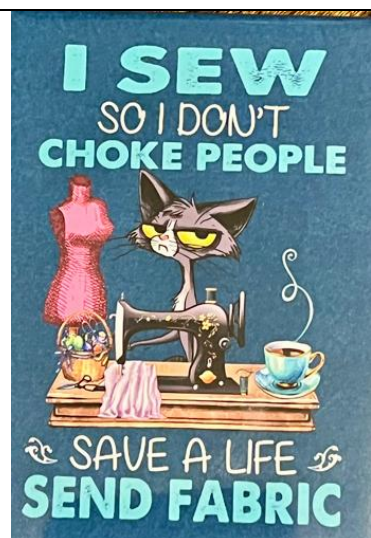
June 6, 2026 Large Duffle Bag by Lyn Rossanese



Hausman's Fruit Farm

We displayed our quilts at the Hausman's Fruit Farm over the July 4th weekend.





Presentation at September 29th Guild Meeting (Kathy Webb/Ellen Cicak)

Kathy Webb and Ellen Cicak are skilled quilters, designers, inventors of quilting tools, and certified quilt instructors. As sisters, their presentation was not only very informative but also filled with jokes and humor. They shared funny and insightful stories about building their business, "Running with Scissors," illustrated with a visual display of their beautiful quilts. It was interesting to see that some of their designs were carefully planned, some resulted from mistakes, and others came from simply wanting to make something different. Kathy and Ellen explained that every time you change the fabric or add something to an existing quilt pattern, you become a quilt designer, making the audience feel included as designers. It was an inspiring and delightful presentation.

Here is the information on the shops they shared during the presentation.

The shop is SEW IT IS, located in Endicott NY. The shop is on Facebook and also has an ETSY page, the ETSY page is not inclusive of all the fabric.

<https://www.facebook.com/sewitisquiltshop/>

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/SewItIsQuiltShop>

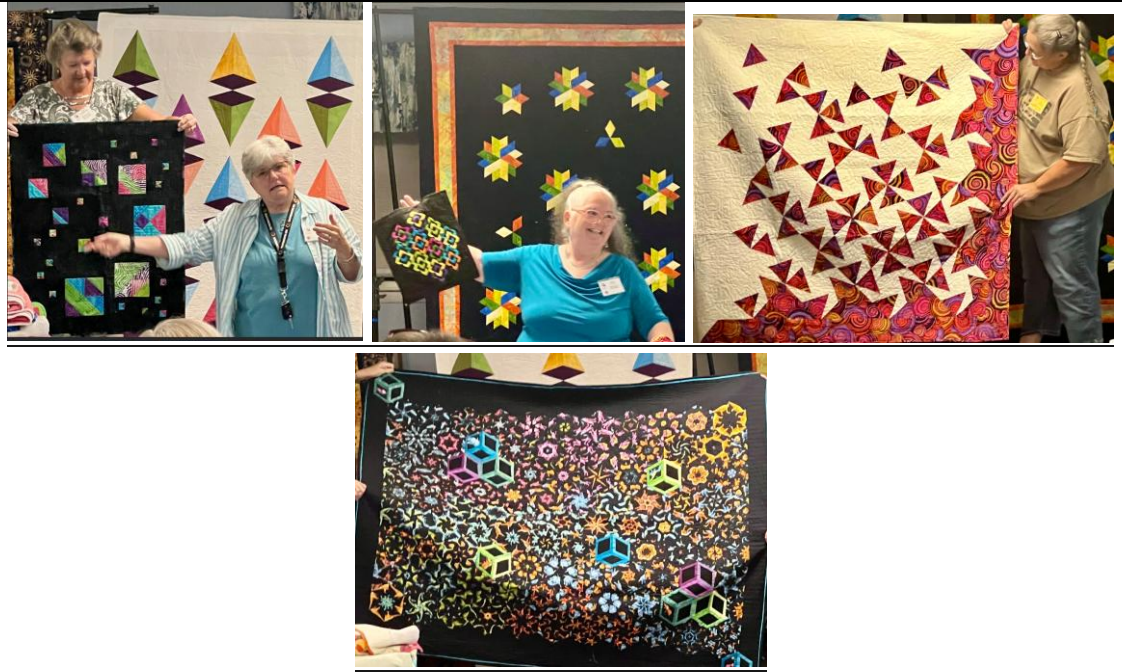
If you want to take a road trip the shop is about 2.5 hours from the Quakertown Turnpike interchange. There is another shop about 5 miles from SEW IT IS, Patchwork angels. This shop has a lot of variety. If there is interest in a road trip, Kathy Webb or Ellen Cicak might be interested in going.

<https://www.facebook.com/PatchworkAngels>

Before travelling to either shop, make sure you verify the hours for the day you are visiting.

There has been some interest from members about EQ8, a software program for quilt design. If anyone is interested in learning about how to use EQ8 please contact Kathy Webb, kwebbquilt@gmail.com.





Quilts of Kids

Lyn Rossanese, Barb Bachman, Arlene Kushinka, and Meryl LaSala delivered 48 quilts to Quilts For kids on Sept. 24th.



BRING A FRIEND TO JOIN THIS COMING YEAR. THE MORE THE MERRIER.

Quilt Show 2026 News: Our next Quilt Show will be Friday and Saturday, Oct 9 & 10, 2026, at Finland Mennonite Church! We have chosen a theme. The theme for the 2026 Quilt Show will be **FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION**.

Please save the dates! With any correspondence, it is best to communicate via email during these next few months. Jamee's email address is: jamezetta@gmail.com.

A volunteer quilt **show committee chair for signage** is needed. If you are willing to chair this position, please let Jamee know.

The **raffle quilt blocks** have been pre-packaged and are ready to stitch. They include instructions. If you are interested in being part of the quilt construction, talk to Alicia or Jamee about getting a block. All blocks will be due by the September meeting so the blocks can be pieced and the quilt finished. There are blocks for all skill levels. The directions and recommended videos are excellent.

Keystone Quilters Guild Day Camp - October 23-25, 2025 - 9am to 9pm at Trinity Lutheran Church – Yerger Building, 102 N Hellertown Ave, Quakertown
(the Yerger Building is across the street from the church---parking lot behind Yerger Building)

Enjoy uninterrupted time to sew with your fellow Keystone Guild Members on projects of your choice! Limited to 20 members per day. Your choice, attend 1, 2 or 3 days.

Each attendee will be provided their own table. You must share an iron with at least one other person so we don't have electrical outages!

Cost \$11 per day. Must pay at the time of registering – Cash or Check. First Come, First Serve - Sign-up at May or June Guild Mtgs. Coffee, tea, bottled water and breakfast treat will be provided

Suggested Things to Bring:

- ✓ Sewing chair or pillow to put on folding chair
- ✓ Sewing machine – cleaned and oiled
- ✓ Iron & ironing mat/board – need to share
- ✓ Extension cord and power strip – optional – guild has some we can use
- ✓ Sewing projects (precut your fabrics and bobbins ready to go)
- ✓ Sewing lamp
- ✓ Scissors, pins, rotary cutter, mat, ruler, thread, extra machine needles
- ✓ Cell phone charger, Bag lunch, Snack to share, Mug w/lid for coffee and tea. For dinner, we can walk to Trolley Barn which is a block away.

Please note that are NO REFUNDS, however, you can transfer your seat to another guild member if you find that you are unable to attend.

Need more info, please contact Kelly Wenhold 267-261-7516 kellywenhold@gmail.com

KEYSTONE QUILTERS EMBROIDERED APPAREL by Tracy Smith

I've confirmed with our supplier that we can "mix and match" our order. Meaning that we are not limited to *just* t-shirts or *just* sweatshirts. Use the following link to shop the catalog ...

<https://catalog.companycasuals.com/>

If you find an item, you'd like pricing on, please send me the item number so I can get pricing for you. tracyr705@gmail.com

the *t-shirt* suggested at our meeting is item number **PC61**

the *sweatshirt* suggested at our meeting is item number **PC90**

HOW TO PAY

Make payment directly to Tracy Smith

- **Cash** \$\$,
- **Check** = payable to Tracy Smith, mailed to 509 Penny Lane, Perkasio, PA 18944
- **VENMO** = @Tracy-Smith-56140, or
- **PAYPAL** = @tracyr705

Email Tracy for any questions tracyr705@gmail.com

**Upcoming birthdays:****October**

04 – Karen Lewandowski
 07 - Karen Fluck
 07 – Ruth O'Connell
 08 – Heather Bitner
 08 – Nancy Kranyecz
 12 - Ginny Savarese
 13 – Donna Shull
 19 – Barbara Harr
 22 - Kathleen H Pogue
 30 - Joanne Alburger-
 Yeastedt

November

01 – Carol Gehris
 05 – Dot Fabian
 07 – Vicki Derenick
 07 – Kathleen Shorter
 11 - Carol Liebel
 11 - Gina Grekula
 16 – BT Clark
 23 – Ellen Cicak
 25 - Sue Edwards
 28 – Linda Hill
 28 – Angela Horner
 30 - Debbie Ott

Block of the Month: 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](#)

Fabric Lottery: To participate, bring two fat quarters to the Fabric Lottery table as indicated below. 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. The theme is deliberately broad, and there are no wrong answers.

Note: a fat quarter is a quarter of a yard of fabric that measures approximately 18 x 22 inches. You can cut pieces from your own stash or purchase something new. The fabric should be 100% cotton.

Month announced	When to bring fat quarters	Month awarded	Theme
August September	September October	October	Batik
October	November March *	March	Low volume **
March	April, May	May	Yipes! Stripes!

*Meetings for January and February are virtual.

** *Low volume refers to white, cream, neutral or pale colored print fabrics often with a delicate self-colored pattern or subtle design.*



Sunshine - Is there a member who may need an extra dose of sunshine in their lives? If one of us has a death in her family, is under the weather or you feel as though she may need a pick-me-up let Trudy Salvatore know. *If you have spare sympathy, or get-well cards, please give them to Trudy. With the cost of stamps rising, most of her budget goes to stamps.*

Member updates:

Sue Edwards

I finished chemo in mid-August and am now working on my recovery. I look forward to coming back to keystone quilters when I am able.

Barry is back to his normal health and feeling good.

Thank you to all members who sent get well cards. They were deeply appreciated and definitely lifted my spirits!



Quilts for Kids:

Quilts for Kids requirements have changed. The new requirements are on the website

<https://www.quiltsforkids.org/>. Any further questions, contact [Arlene Kushinka](#). Please consider making one for this year. Thanks. In 2024 alone, we donated 150 quilts. Keystone Quilters are so generous with their time! Thank you, Arlene for your dedication!

Here are new guidelines:

- 1- Size remains the same at 38-40W X 45-48L
- 2- Use bright colors
- 3- Quilting about 2-3 inches apart
- 4- Binding applied by machine
- 5- Needs a 'Quilt for Kids' label
- 6- Label must be sewn on all four sides
- 7- Quilt must be washed before submission.

Other quilt happenings in the area:**Clean-Out**

Oct. 12, 2025; 10 am - 2 pm
422 E. Butler Ave.
New Britain, PA 18901



Crafts, Jewelry, Material, Yarn,
Fiber, Sewing Machines, Accuquilt,
Weaving, Quilts, Knitting, Soaps
& more.

Come, enjoy the day, add great things
to your stash!

Unbeatable prices

Oct 17-19, 2025 - Undercover Quilters Quilt Show, "Quilty as Charged", Brookhaven Municipal Center, Brookhaven, PA.

Peace by Piece – Garden State Quilters Guild Show

Saturday, October 18 - 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, October 19 – 10 am to 4 pm
Chatham Township Municipal Building
58 Meyersville Road, Chatham, NJ 07928

- 175 Quilts Exhibited - Traditional and Modern
- A Variety of Vendors

- Raffles of Little Wishes (small decorative quilts)
- Raffle of Custom-quilted Queen-sized Quilt
- Unique Boutique – handmade household items, stuffed toys, holiday gifts, knitted/crocheted items, and so much more!

Admission: \$12

www.gardenstatequilters.com @gardenstatequilters
<https://www.facebook.com/GardenStateQuilters>

Oct 9 – 10, 2026 - KEYSTONE QUILTERS 2026 QUILT SHOW “Freedom of Expression” – Mark your calendars.
Finland Mennonite Church.

SHOP HOPS:

October 24 - November 8th, 2025 - Eastern PA Shop Hop – Theme- "Inspired Blooms". All shops are closed on Sunday with the exception of American Ribbon and 118 Fabrics & More. Pottstown Sewing has decided not to participate in the 2025 Shop Hop.

April 11-19, 2026- Philadelphia Suburbs

Other Quilt Guid Newsletters:

Valley Forge Homestead Quilters' Guild <http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/Info-News-Pg.html>.

County Line Quilters www.countylinequilters.org/newsletters

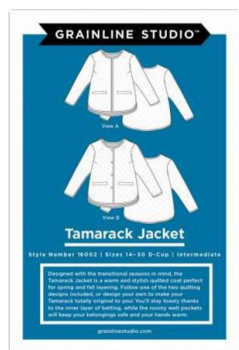
Berks Quilters Guild www.berksquiltersguild.org/

Lebanon Quilters Guild www.Lebanonquiltersguild.com

Main Line Quilters www.mainlinequilters.org/

Penn Rose Quilt Guild www.penn-rose.org

Saturday Special



Tamarack Quilted Jacket

Saturday Special: April 11, 2026, 9AM-4PM

Taught by Jamee Pemberton Cell: 267-377-9542 Email: jamezetta@gmail.com

Let's get creative and make this fun quilted jacket! It is very warm and comfortable and pretty easy to make! There are infinite ways to make this Jacket your own unique style. The jacket pattern is shown as a short waisted jacket with welt pockets, but there are many ways to easily modify the style. I, for instance, easily increased the length by 6 inches, and opted to add patch pockets. There is a separate pattern you can purchase if you want to add a collar or hood (BTW, should you opt to make this jacket with the welt pockets, you are on your own at figuring how to do them, as I have not made those and they are more complicated.)

Here are some fun ways you can create this quilted jacket with **your own unique twist:**

create your own quilted fabric (This is what I did)

purchase your favorite designer cotton fabric{s}

purchase already quilted fabric

use linen, or other exciting fabrics.

hand quilt with big stitch quilting, or just embellish with big stitch quilting (My friend Linda, did this, BEAUTIFUL! A very nice

added touch!)

cut up an old quilt to use to make this jacket, the options are endless!

Supply List

You will need to purchase on your own, Tamarack Jacket Pattern, by Grainline Studio you can get it at grainlinestudio.com and in some quilt shops. It is easy to find on-line.

Sewing Machine in good working order

Thread

Scissors

Pins

Tissue paper/Paper to trace your size of the pattern (optional) (the pattern comes with a wide range of sizes, You have to select the size you need and cut to that size.

Fabric and Lining per the pattern measurement

Batting

Buttons or Snaps or Hooks and Eyes

Walking foot for quilting

Bias binding

Bring all materials to class, if you want to create your own fabric, you might want to make it beforehand or not, it is your choice.

INSPIRATIONS: Search Tamarack Jacket on Google, Instagram, Facebook or Pinterest, this is a very popular pattern.



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