



Keystone Quilters News

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My creativity is blooming!

President's Letter:

When people say it “takes a village” I can really relate to that statement in so many ways. Your Board met via Zoom Monday the 14th, and I am truly impressed with this group of people for their dedication and passion for making Keystone Quilters the best guild possible. Whether we were working on the proposed budget, discussing programs/workshops/Saturday Specials, planning fundraisers, organizing camps, or getting our name out in the community, every person had the opportunity to provide their input and advice in our decision-making process. Next time we get together, take a moment to shake the hand of one or more of these amazing people and let them know how much you appreciate their efforts.

For your part in our village, think about volunteering to make our Bingo a success. You can make a much-needed quilt, volunteer your quilting services, put together an auction basket, make a table runner or placemats and lastly, volunteer to work at the event. Talk to Sue Wilsey or Alicia Wilhelm about how you can contribute. This is a new event for us. Let's make it a successful one.

Soon we will be asking everyone to make a portion of the Show Quilt. This shouldn't take a lot of your time and the pride you feel when the quilt is ultimately finished and shown, is priceless. Lastly, we still need someone to head the signage portion of the quilt show. This position gives you a spot on the Quilt Show Committee and more pride in the success of the show. It doesn't take much time but is a necessary job.

We are heading into our last months of the 25-26 fiscal year. Help us to make 25-26 a great year!

Upcoming Events:

May 19 – *Creativity Journey* by Julie Brown Neu.
** Hybrid Meeting

June 23 *Guild Dinner*
Meeting TBD

July 4-5 Hausman Fruit Farm Event – Guild Quilt Display

July 28 Ice Cream Social
Molasses Creek Park 7pm

August 16 Trunk Show
by TBD – 2pm
Molasses Creek Park

Highlights:

Membership renewal time: It is time to **renew** your membership to the Keystone Quilters Guild. Dues remain at \$35.00 for the fiscal year 2025-2026. It will jump to \$40 on July 1st. The membership renewal form can be found and printed from this newsletter and the guild website under the membership tab.

All members are asked to please complete and return the annual renewal form to Nancy Kranycz. There is valuable information on that form which we utilize for a variety of guild business. You will notice an additional line on the form about donations. This line is optional and the amount is at the discretion of the guild member. Remember, being a 501(C)(3) makes the donation tax deductible.

You can mail your form and payment to Nancy's home address (printed on the form), or you can bring to the guild membership meetings. The deadline is June 30, 2025, for renewal. Members who have not responded by July 1, 2025, will be contacted. If no response, they will be deleted from the membership roster.

Lastly, to encourage visitation to our website, we will no longer send out the directory or birthday list to everyone. All that information is kept up to date on the Members Only part of the website. If you want a copy for your records, download it from the website or notify the Membership Chairperson and she will email you a copy. A new directory will not be available before mid-July.

Sadly, our May Saturday Special **Ruler Carry Bag** was cancelled due to lack of sign-ups. Eileen Bell and Alicia Wilhelm did put a lot of work into the class so it was decided to table it for another time, possibly just a small impromptu gathering for those who had signed up or couldn't make the date.

There is however, one more Saturday Special to consider. June 7th is the **3-D Quilted Vase Class**. A sample will be at the meeting. Come make a vase and enjoy the company of a small group.

Saturday Specials and Workshop Events:

June 7 – 3D Quilted Vase
by Annemarie Kammler

Save the Date for *Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platter* on May 3 & 4, 2025. The key will be sent by email but is also on the member only page on the website. These classes are short lessons but contain a lot of interesting information. They remain available for only 24 to 48 hours after they are aired.

Hausman Fruit Farm Event – July 4 & 5. The guild will have about 10 quilts displayed. We need volunteers to help man our station and quilts to display. Sign-up sheets for this event will be present at the April & May general meetings with 4-hour time slots. Any member's quilts on display will require the quilter to volunteer time at the event. This is a 2-day event and a great opportunity to bring our guild and its mission into the community limelight.

BINGO News: The upcoming **Bingo Fall Fundraiser** will be held on September 20, 2025 at the Tylersport Firehouse on Ridge Road from 12:30 to 5 PM with the doors opening at 11 AM. It will be \$25 a ticket for admission and open to the public. Bingo Committee is only selling 200 tickets. A total of 20 quilts will be needed for Bingo prizes as well as baskets and other quilted items. Alicia Wilhelm will start collecting donations at the March in-person guild meeting. ***Please consider either donating a quilt or basket. Not all bingo attendees will be quilters so a variety of baskets for the chance drawing is appreciated. You can also donate table runners, placemats, and such for the tie-breaking gifts, but the hope is to get the very much needed 6 to 10 more quilts to run the show. We could also use longarm services as well.***

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. All other committee chair roles have been filled. Thank you, Keystone Members, you are the best! *Jamee Pemberton*

*** This is a trailer on youtube for a Netflix documentary that Sue Wilsey found. It's about prisoners in Missouri that make quilts for kids in the area foster care program. Interesting!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1j8RoliMi8>

Our March Saturday Special, *Stone Soup Table Runner* by Kathy Webb and Ellen Clark was a big hit. The runners turned out beautifully and everyone had a great time. **Thanks Kathy and Ellen.**



Our first Spring in-house retreat was held in March. It was a three-day event. Some took advantage of all three days; others only a day or two. Either way everyone reported they had a blast and got a lot accomplished. Many helped to make quilts for our new Bingo event coming up in September.





Our March speaker was one of our own members, **Barb Harr**. Her trunk show of items was spectacular and abundant. It went through a year of quilts that she displays in her home as well as some keepers and favorites. Barb also sells merchandise at two judged craft shows; Kringle Christmas shop and Pearl S. Buck. Her products are varied and stunning. A big thank you to Barb for taking time to prepare a well thought out and interesting event that entertained the guild.



Although Sue Edwards could not be at the Homemaker Quilt Show, she was very well represented by her quilts. Stunning as always. Wishing her a speedy recovery. The quilt show was a very nice event.



The April Saturday Special “Kawandi Quilt” took place with some excitement. About an hour and a half in, people came in to set up for a baby shower. Apparently, we were there on the wrong day 😊. Good thing this was a special that involved only hand stitching and we vacated in less than 15 minutes. Pat graciously offered her house to finish up the class. Thanks to Jamee for the interesting lesson. It was fun to learn a new “organic” way to sew.

QUILTS FOR KIDS AND CHARITY DAY

*** Our Charity Day in February was cancelled due to weather. The new date is May 3rd at the Indian Valley Public Library. Let’s hope we can get those quilts and port pillows made and distributed. Space is limited but there are still spots. Contact Arlene Kushinka if you are interested in attending. If you can’t make the date, you can always ask Arlene for a kit or directions to use your own fabric.

Our Guild Finds Permanent Home for Some Local Quilts

On March 27, Pat Royer and Mary Ann Smith delivered five quilts/tops to the Schwenkfelder Library. These were the items dropped off for us at our Quilt Show last fall. The owner, Vincent Hamm, had no thoughts on how these family quilts should be preserved or maintained. After exploring options, our guild determined that the quilts should be permanently preserved at this local museum. Upon further discussion with Mr. Hamm, he agreed with our thoughts on the quilt’s next home. The most interesting (and valuable) of the five quilts was made circa 1880 by Vincent’s grandmother Susan Hamm of Wetherby, PA. Candice Perry, Curator of the museum

collections, gratefully accepted the quilts for the library's rotating quilt collection. (Candice appears in the photo with this 19th century quilt.) You may recognize Candice, as she previously presented some of the museum's quilts to our guild at a membership meeting. Thanks to our relationship with the museum, Candice generously offered free admission to the Penn Dry Goods Festival and future guild membership lectures as we may request.



Penn Dry Goods Market May 16-17

The Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center in Pennsburg (105 Seminary Street) has offered members of our quilt guild free admission to this year's Festival again. Note the new dates in May this year. Candace Perry, Curator, told us the flea market of quilt notions and fabric (lots of fat quarters she says!) will be huge this year—so there's surely something we each need! In addition to the flea market, vendors and antique displays are open to view during the festival. Plan to attend. For free admission, just tell the ticket collector that you are a Keystone Quilt Guild member. This year, the museum will again be hosting an international quilt exhibit from France. That exhibit will be arriving in June (not during the Dry Goods Market this year). The theme is "Oceans" and will be worth another, (no charge), visit this summer. The "Oceans" exhibit dates will be announced soon.

	<p>Upcoming birthdays:</p>	
<p>May 02 - Kelly Wenhold 03 - Angela Stofflet 11 - Judy Pfeiffer 18 - Charlie Brown 18 - Kelly Pauling 18 - Linda Wackerman 20 - Mary Lou Barlieb 27 - Cindy Teta</p>	<p>June 07 - Jamee Pemberton 07 - Linda Curry 08 - J. Taylor Matthias 19 - Barbara Henry 20 - Nancy Rourke 21 - Dee Marino 25 - Betty Anne Hoffman</p>	

Guild Meeting Business

Welcome to our newest members: While we had no new members sign this past month, we should celebrate the ones who signed this fiscal year. They are: Claudia Barnett, Charlie Brown, Bethanne Curley, Dot Fabian, Barbara Henry, Connie Hughes, Rochelle Lind, Judy McMichaels, Leann Russell, Janet Seeger, Donna Shull, Kate Templeton, and Wendy Weaver. Welcome all! Bring a friend to join this coming year. The more the merrier.


How the MAY HYBRID meeting will work: The May meeting is a hybrid meeting. It may confuse people so this is a blurb to hopefully clarify things for you. The May meeting will be held at St. Johns as usual. We will have the Block of the Month, Fabric Lottery, Saturday Special Sign-ups, sign-ups for Hausmann Fruit Farm Event and the usual guild business meeting. The only difference you will see in the hybrid meeting is the speaker. She will be speaking through zoom. We are hoping this type of meeting is a success so we can increase our speaker opportunities and still meet in person.

Keystone Quilters Embroidered T-shirts are back. Tracy Smith will have a sample of this particular tee (Hanes Authentic Cotton T-shirt) at our April 28th guild meeting where she will be accepting orders. Once orders are taken on the 28th, Tracy will place our order so that the t-shirts can be delivered at our May Guild meeting. Any questions, please contact Tracy Smith tracyr705@gmail.com, home 215-453-7471. Payment can be made in cash or check. Make check out to Tracy Smith.

The pricing would be as follows (we are hoping to be in the 13+ column):

Size	1-5 pieces	6-12 pieces	13+ pieces
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S-XL	\$26.00 ea.	\$21.00 ea.	\$18.25 ea.
2XL	\$29.00 ea.	\$24.00 ea.	\$21.25 ea.
3XL	\$32.00 ea.	\$27.00 ea.	\$24.50 ea.



Product Specification
Product Measurement
Decoration Spec Sheet
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5250
Hanes® - Authentic 100% Cotton
T-Shirt

Adult Sizes: S-5XL

	Aquatic Blue		Ash
	Black		Carolina Blue
	Charcoal Heather		Daffodil Yellow
	Deep Forest		Deep Red
	Deep Royal		Denim Blue
	Fatigue Green		Gold
	Kelly Green		Lavender
	Light Blue		Light Steel
	Lime		Maroon
	Navy		Orange
	Oxford Gray		Pink
	Purple		Safety Green
	Safety Orange		Sand
	Smoke Grey		Stonewashed Blue
	Stonewashed Green		Teal
	White		Violet Pink
	Yellow		

Product Description

- 6-ounce, 100% cotton
- 99/1 cotton/poly (Ash)
- 60/40 cotton/poly (Charcoal Heather, Oxford Grey, Safety Green, Safety Orange)
- 90/10 cotton/poly (Light Steel)
- Tear-away label
- Set-in 1x1 rib crewneck
- Self-fabric neck tape for comfort
- Quarter-turned body
- Classic fit

Please note: This product is transitioning from tag-free labels to tear-away labels. Your order may contain a combination of both.

MEMBERSHIP: Renewal forms will be on the website. Dues are \$35, \$40.00 after June 30th. New member dues are \$40.00. Payments are cash or check. Prompt payment of your dues is required and appreciated. We are adding a new line this year to the form; a donation line. This is optional; **not** a requirement. We are a 501(C)(3) organization so donations are tax deductible. Thanks! Any questions – See [Nancy Kranyecz](#).

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: The fabric lottery will continue this Spring. 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
March	April, May	May	Bright and Bold

Keystone June Dinner Meeting:

June 23, 2025 is the date for the June dinner meeting held at North Penn Gun Club. The cost will be \$27.00, same as last year. There will be a sign-up sheet at the April and May meetings so you may sign up as well as pay. Check or cash will be accepted. Check made out to Keystone Quilters. Last day to sign up is June 1st. Questions, please contact Debbie Witt at 267-762-0654. Thank you.

June Dinner Challenge - Arlene Kushinka establishes a theme and each member can submit an entry. The results of the challenge are displayed at the June dinner meeting.

*** Announcing the challenge for the dinner meeting in June 2025. The theme this year is "African Safari". Each participant has received a brown paper bag with fabric. Projects have no limitations other than quilting on a flat project. Talk to Arlene Kushinka about a bag if you don't already have one.



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.*

Sending condolences & positive thoughts out to **Meryl LaSala**. Her husband Jerry passed away March 31st.

Linda Hill is recovering from breast cancer surgery. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Sue Edwards has begun her chemo journey for breast cancer and her husband Barry (who many of you know from the quilt show!) is having surgery mid-May for kidney cancer. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



Please get you mammograms!

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 is a synopsis of the new guidelines:

- 1 -Size remains the same at 38-40 W by 45-48 L
- 2 -Use bright colors
- 3 -Quilting about 2 to 3 inches apart
- 4 -Binding applied by machine
- 5 -Needs 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:

May 3, 2025 - Airing of the Quilts - In historic downtown Palmerton, PA and Palmerton High School. For more info visit <https://www.theairingofthequilts.com/> .

May 8, 2025 – Penn Dry Goods Pre-Show Zoom evening lecture featuring **Julie Silber's** quilts. Lecture tickets are \$25 each, includes show admission. Register at <https://www.schwenkfelder.org/program-schedule-registration> .

May 16-17, 2025 - Penn Dry Good Market - From the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center. 105 Seminary St Pennsburg, PA 18073-1832 <https://www.schwenkfelder.org/penn-drygoods-market> .

The Penn Dry Goods Market is a textile-focused antiques and vintage show with dealers hailing from Pennsylvania and other locations on the east coast. Our dealers are among the best in antique textiles, offering samplers and other needlework, quilts, coverlets and woven objects, linens, yardage, sewing smalls, sewing tools and equipment, buttons, baskets, and general Americana. Visitors will find treasures from across the country and around the globe at a variety of prices!

June 26-28, 2025 - Road to Virginia Quilter's Conference and Showcase - A new quilt show sponsored by the Road to California, Inc. It is at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 N 3rd Street, Richmond, Virginia. For more info visit <https://www.road2va.com/>.

July 4-5, 2025 - Folk Arts On The Farm – Hausman Fruit Farm. 282 Limeport Pike Coopersburg, PA 18036 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The festival will not replace the Kutztown festival but showcase similar crafters along with other new crafters, live music, craft demonstrations, farm demonstrations, hayrides, baked goods, spirits, food vendors, fresh roasted corn, and seasonal fruits and vegetables around the farm's large fields, pavilions, and barn. <https://hausmanfruitfarm.com/events>

Sept 20, 2025 – Keystone Quilters Quilt Bingo – Tylersport Fire Station, 11 am doors open. Start 12:30 pm. For digital tickets call Sue Wilsey 267-261-6202. Physical tickets can be purchased as well from guild members.

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

SHOP HOP:

October 24 - November 8th, 2025 - Eastern PA Shop Hop - Shops are closed on Sunday. Pottstown Sewing has decided not to participate in the 2025 Shop Hop.

Other Quilt Guild 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/

Main Line Quilters www.mainlinequilters.org/

Penn Rose Quilt Guild www.penn-rose.org

Lebanon Quilters Guild www.Lebanonquiltersguild.com



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<u>COMMITTEE HEADS</u>	<u>COMMITTEE HEADS (con't)</u>
Bee Keeper Alicia Wilhelm	Membership Nancy Kranycz 2025-26 Membership Dot Fabian/ Donna Shull
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KEYSTONE QUILTERS

Date: _____

2025-2026 Membership Information

_____ **NEW** _____ **RENEWAL** _____ **RENEWAL WITH CHANGES**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE # with AREA CODE: _____ CELL PHONE# _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ BIRTHDAY: _____

DUES ENCLOSED: _____ \$35.00 - Renewal - before July 1st. Cash or Check
_____ \$40.00 – Renewal - after June 30th. Cash or Check
_____ \$40.00 - NEW MEMBER – Cash or Check.

Donation: _____ *** Optional - Donation is tax deductible.

Total enclosed: _____

**If paying by credit card, there will be a 4% fee charged (ex: credit card charges for new member dues only, will be \$41.60). Credit card payments are only accepted at the April and May guild meetings, and the June dinner meeting.

Would you like a membership card? Yes ___ No ___

FYI – Some quilt shops will give a discount if you show a membership card.

Working? Full-time _____ Part-time _____ Are you retired? _____

Are you available on weekends? Yes ___ No ___ Limited Availability _____

Special Talents? Office ___ Homemaking ___ Teaching ___ Accounting ___ Library ___ Newsletter ___

Computer ___ Marketing ___ Organizational ___ Other ___

I consider myself: Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced ___

Guild Programs/Speakers/Topics I would be interested in _____

Saturday Special classes I would like to see offered: _____

I would consider teaching a class for a Saturday Special: Yes ___ Not at this Time ___

If you have not yet signed up to be in a small Group or 'Bee, are you interested in doing so? Daytime ___
Evening ___ Weekend _____

Interest for bee: General _____ Specific _____

NOTE: The list of interested people will be available at all regular guild meetings. Please see the "Bee Keeper (Alicia Wilhelm) for help in joining or starting a new bee.

If mailing - PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTIRE PAGE, ALONG WITH DUES (CHECK MADE OUT TO KEYSTONE QUILTERS), TO MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON:

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