



Keystone Quilters News

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New Year, New Projects and Possibilities.

President's Letter:

Seems appropriate that I am working on a Christmas tree skirt on this snowy Monday. I normally follow a pattern for my projects but my son-in-law, Eric, requested I make a skirt with pine trees. No problem. I looks through several quilt books and found a tree skirt panel that I think will work. I also found scrap material to complete the panels. Good reason to hold on to all the books, magazines, and especially scraps. LIKE WE NEED TO HAVE A RESAON!

Isn't it great to have someone make a special request that only you can do? Do many of you get requests from family or friends to make something? Maybe we should have members bring "special requests" to one of our next on-site meetings.

Here's hoping you are having fun making new things for yourself or someone special.

Pat

Upcoming Events:

Mar 23 – Trunk Show by Meryl LaSal

Apr 27 – Quilts of Valor by Patricia Piasecki

May 18 - American Pride by Pat & Arlan Christ

June 2026 Guild Dinner Meeting



Highlights:

Holiday Tea

Thank you, Alicia, for another festive, fun, awesome holiday tea!!!
Great food, bingo with prizes for all, gift exchange, and time with friends.



Saturday Specials and Workshop Events:

March 21, 2026- Charity Day

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

Charity Day will be held on March 21, 2026 at Indian Valley Library in Telford from 10-4.

Kits for Quilts for Kids will be available as will be materials for port pillows. Feel free to bring your own project For charity to work on.

In honor of the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding, this year's challenge will serve two purposes.

- One will be the June dinner meeting challenge and
- the other will be a display of said challenges for the October quilt show. This year's theme is called "Freedom of Expression" - what that means to you.

The guidelines are as follows:

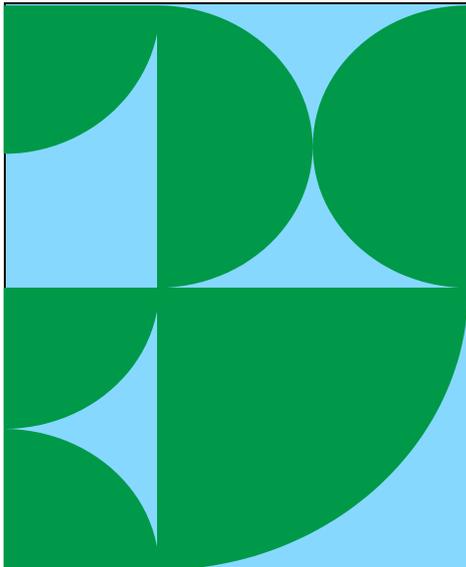
1. 20-24" on a side
2. Must be three layers and quilted
3. No restrictions on color or design
4. Must be available for display at quilt show

Good luck and happy quilting

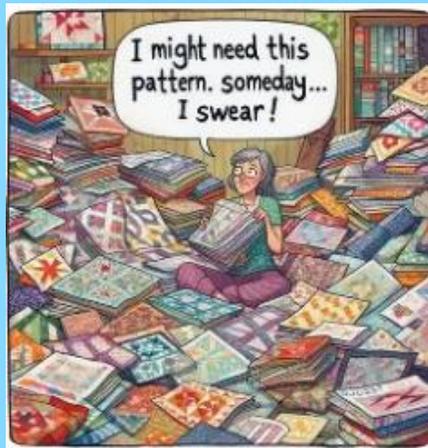
Thank you,
Arlene

The Tuesday library Bee presented Betty Raab's daughter and grandson with the last quilt Betty was working on. Members of the bee along with Arlene Kushinka finished the quilt, quilted and bound it. Jen. The daughter had tears of joy.





For those of you who saw Lynn Lentz' black & white table runner at our last in person Guild meeting and asked about the pattern: The name of the pattern is "Sunny Dream". The pattern is available on etsy.



We have big news at Pocono Sew & Vac!

We just purchased the contents of an entire warehouse that was packed with sewing supplies and now we need to clear out our classroom!

We're talking thousands and thousands of items, all specially priced to move. Many items will be marked down to pennies on the dollar.

This is not a small sale or a clearance rack.

This is a full-on warehouse blowout!

Fabric, notions, accessories, sewing tools, and more!
Once it's gone, it's gone.

If you love a good deal this is the time to stock up.

Stop in early on Monday for the best selection.

**This is your chance to stock up and save!
This sale will last for a very limited time only.**

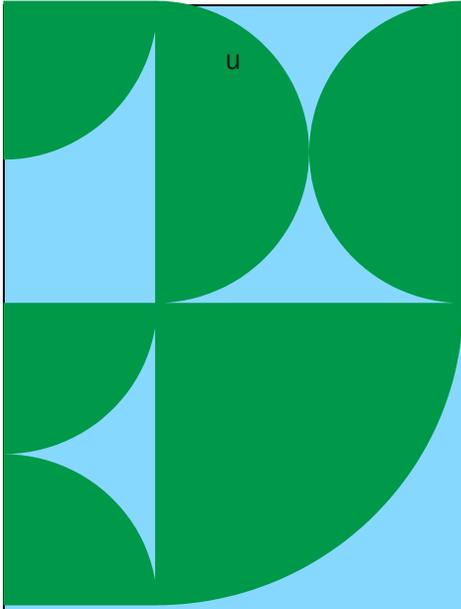
Wholesalers welcome!

Larger discounts will be offered for large quantities purchased.

PLUS, March is here! That means quilt show pricing on all machines in the store. Now is the time to upgrade if you've had your mind on a new machine.

Come see us!

**POCONO SEW & VAC
567 MAIN STREET
STROUDSBURG, PA 18360**



Kristin Laura Designs - "A Lesson in Every Quilt" (Feb 22nd Speaker)

Instagram: <https://kristinlaura.com/>
https://www.instagram.com/kristin_laura/
<https://kristinlaura.com/shop/free-stuff/>

Free binding class:
<https://courses.kristinlaura.com/>

Fun Facts

Quilting has been both a necessity *and* a popular hobby across the years, with origins that date as far back as [3,400 BCE!](#)

That's right: evidence of the first-ever quilt is housed in the British Museum, and sits on the shoulders of an ivory figure of an Egyptian pharaoh. The figurine is wearing what looks to be what we recognize today as the modern quilt.

When you think of quilt designs today, they may not feel nearly as "ancient" to you as much as...well, antiquated. While your mind probably associates quilts with "grandma's favorite accessory" more than medieval blankets worn for warmth and comfort, the truth is that the history of the quilt extends *much* farther back than you probably imagined.

Dresden Plate

- Est. year of origin:** Early 20th century
- Origin/nationality:** German
- Popularity:** Common
- Significance:** Decorative

First inspired by the design of German porcelain plates (presumably produced in the city of Dresden), the Dresden quilt pattern forms flower-like designs that contain fruit, flowers, and other nature-inspired images in each block. It is reflective of the [romantic era](#) that occurred in Europe beginning in the 19th century.

Often colorful and cheerful, the Dresden pattern is created by piecing together the petal-shaped cut-outs of the design. Once a cut-out flower has been sewn, it is then stitched to a block of the quilt.

Did you know?

Like other quilts around this time period, women who sewed Dresden-patterned quilts made them out of feedsack material. They would save and trade feedsacks until they had the colors and patterns they needed for a complete quilt; often, they would send their husbands into town with swatches, who would try to obtain the desired material for their wives.



Log Cabin**Est. year of origin:** Mid-19th century**Origin/nationality:** English/Irish**Popularity:** Common**Significance:** Symbolic

The Log Cabin quilt is associated with early American history, but actually, its true origins begin across the pond in [England and Ireland](#). Early American settlers—namely, Puritans—continued the quilting tradition, using it as they adapted to a new life. Thus, the Log Cabin pattern is primarily known as North American.

This type of design is a [patchwork quilt](#) that consists of narrow strips of fabric resembling logs (hence the “Log Cabin” moniker). Blocks of this pattern typically alternate between light and dark, and are repeated throughout the quilt.

The most common type of fabric for this quilt is cotton, but historically depended upon the quiltmaker’s economic status. The fabric could be anything, from wool to silk to velvet.

Did you know?

The pattern of the Log Cabin quilt was quite meaningful to pioneers traveling to the American West. To them, it was [symbolic](#) of home, warmth, and security, with the center square of the quilt traditionally red to represent the hearth—the focal point of a home. Moreover, the light and dark color scheme of the Log Cabin design were symbolic of the sun’s movements across the sky, portraying both light and shadow.

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

Quilt Show 2026 – Freedom of Expression

Dates of Quilt Show 2026

Monday, October 5, 2026: 1-5 PM Registration Room Set up for Next Day

Tuesday, October 6, 2026: 8AM-5:30 PM Quilt Drop-off/Registration, 9-5 PM Boutique drop off

Wednesday, October 7, 2026: 7AM-5:30 PM Judging Day

Thursday, October 8, 2026: Time? Gym Set-up

Friday, October 9, 2026: Quilt Show 10AM -5PM (7:30AM-5:30PM)

Saturday, October 10, 2026: Quilt Show 10AM-4PM (7:30AM-9PM)

Quilt Show 2026 News

The Raffle Quilt "Freedom Rings" is currently on the Quilt Frame, and as of this writing, it is more than 50% done. Thanks to all the guild members who contributed to making blocks and quilting. A true group guild project!



Raffle Quilt Tickets will be available at the March meeting. All members are required to sell tickets. Prepay in advance \$25 cash or check and receive your booklets. Thank you.

Chance Drawing donations from members will be accepted starting at the March meeting. See Alicia Wilhelm. Favorite/Popular items include: The large Tilda bags, table toppers/runners, lottery tickets with baskets, fabric baskets.

Mug Rug Door prizes: We currently have 31 mug rugs as door prizes for the quilt show. We would like to try to have one for every quilt show attendee as done in the past. If you would like to donate mug rugs for the show, please make no larger than a 5" square. Use your creative juices, these mug rugs were a big hit at our past shows!

Quilt Entry Forms are available now and posted on the website. They will also be sent to all members via email. Submissions can start anytime now. Deadline to submit quilts for the Quilt show is September 1, 2026. **Save the date: August 1, 2026**, there will be a **registration help session at the Indian Valley Public Library**, to help anyone with filling out their quilt entry forms.

Special Exhibit: This year there will be a special exhibit "Freedom of Expression" (June Dinner Challenge) displayed at the Show, details from Arlene Kushinka.

Program Show Cards: Available at the March meeting. Please help get the word out for our Show. If you go to any of the local shops or quilt shows, consider distributing show cards at these locations.

Demonstrations:

Please let Jean Perry if you would like to spend 30 minutes sharing your topic or project or to check it out further. You can email her (jean_perry@outlook.com) or call her (215-534-5631) and she will be happy to work with you on timing or questions.

Scrap conditions/rules:

- Must be 100% Cotton
- Must not be smaller than a 2 ½ inch square.
- Should be less than a fat quarter. If it is a fat quarter or more, it should be priced as \$1 yardage.
- Do not store in perfumed garbage bags.
- Start saving now, but do not give to Mary Ann until the show week as she has no room to store.

Thank you dear members for your generous creative energy and donations to make our Quilt show extra special!

Jamee Pemberton
2026 Quilt Show Chairperson

Quilt Show Meetings via ZOOM -7PM – All Chairs should plan on attending. All KQ members are welcome at the quilt show meetings. Please Mark your calendars.

- Monday, June 15, 2026
- Monday, September 21, 2026
- Monday, October 19, 2026- Post Quilt show Wrap-up.

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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, Perkasie, PA 18944
- **VENMO** = @Tracy-Smith-56140, or
- **PAYPAL** = @tracyr705

Email Tracy for any questions tracyr705@gmail.com

 <p>February 15 - Wendy Weaver 19 - Yvonne Detweiler 25 - Melissa Steich-Willauer</p>	<p align="center"><u>Upcoming Birthdays</u></p> <p>March 07 - Melody Schmidt 09 - Lyn Rossanese 11 - Janet Seeger 17 - Cindra Lohan 19 - Diane Alex 30 - Jean Perry 30 - Arlene Kushinka 30 - Christine Beck</p>	<p>April 02 - Claudia Barnett 05 - Alicia Wilhelm 07 - Connie Stephens 07 - Judy McMichael 08 - Barbara Bachman 17 - Sue Wilsey 24 - Annemarie Kammler</p>
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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
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.*

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.

SHOP HOPS:



Participants buy a passport and visit our 7 participating stores. At each store the hopper picks 2 fat quarters of their choice. Those 2 fat quarters are included in the price of the passport. When you get all your stores punched on the passport you will get the Mystery Quilt pattern. The mystery quilt is an exclusive quilt designed specifically for the hop and will remain a secret until the hop is over.

**The first hopper to present a completed (quilted and bound) quilt at each of the 7 stores will receive a first finisher prize

***Participants who finish the quilt before Saturday May 23rd will get entered in the prize raffle.

***Participants who finish the quilt by June 30 will have an excellent chance of being displayed in our Mystery Quilt exhibit at PNQE quilt show at Oaks Convention center in September.

mysteryquiltshophop.com



We are streamlining the All Mid-Atlantic Shop Hop so you can focus on **Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania**. Don't worry, we're not forgetting Virginia and West Virginia. They will be joining North Carolina to form the new [All Blue Ridge Shop Hop](#) (May 1 – June 30).

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/
- Lebanon Quilters Guild www.Lebanonquiltersguild.com
- Main Line Quilters www.mainlinequilters.org/
- Penn Rose Quilt Guild www.penn-rose.org

March 19 – 21, 2026

Fabulous Fabric Sale by Homemakers Country Quilters

Farm, Home and Youth Complex
1015 Bridge Rd
Collegeville, PA.

Sale dates and times:

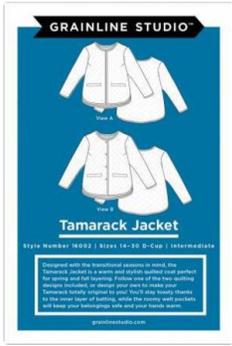
- Thursday, March 19 4-8 PM
- Friday, March 20 10 AM-8 PM
- Saturday, March 21 10 AM-4 PM.

The sale is in the classrooms on the second floor of the building. Park in the back of the building and look for the entrance signs. If you know our quilt show recycle room sale, you know this is the best in the area.

All quilter's fabric, (mostly \$4.00 a yard) notions, yarn and buttons at bargain prices. You don't want to miss this fabulous fabric sale. Stock up for all your spring and summer projects. Free parking and admission plus credit cards accepted.



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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