



# Keystone Quilters

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## JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER



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28 – Kerry Kastle  
30 - Jean Perry  
30 - Arlene Kushinka  
30 – Christine Beck



### KEYSTONE Quilters Guild

For more information or  
questions about our guild,  
please email us at:  
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## 2023 PROGRAMS

**St. John's Activity Center**  
**7:00 PM**

**Karen Miller of Redbird Quilting:**  
**Aurifilosophy**  
Zoom Meeting on 1/30/2023

**Member Trunk Show:**  
**Cindra Lohan & Melissa Yates**  
February 27, 2023 at 7PM  
at St. Johns Activity Center

**3-27-23 Round Robin**

**4-24-23 Tina Craig**  
"Joy of Group Projects"

**5-22-23 Joyce Hughes**  
"My Journey into Quilting"

**6-26-23 Organizational**

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year Keystone Quilters!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and are starting out the new year in good health!

Did you make any New Years Resolutions? I always do! You know, lose weight, eat healthier, read more, and last (but not least) finish some UFOs! I bet I'm not the only quilter with a stack of UFOs in a closet! I did get ahead of myself this year by cleaning out my quilting room in the fall and stacking all my UFOs in one (big) closet! I was horrified with the big stack—but at least they're all together now.

As the first days of January came around, I started to get lots of emails from various quilting/sewing/embroidery/fabric/etc. groups with advice on this very subject—apparently, I'm in good company! [Frankly, I sometimes wonder how much more time I'd actually have to sew if I stopped reading blogs, emails, and Facebook posts on the topic!]

But I did get a few pieces of good advice I think, so I'll pass some along to you—mostly these are not my ideas, but things I read recently:

1. Get organized—I got that stack all in one place, just have to find the missing parts to finish them.
2. Prioritize—pick out what is most important (maybe it's the one that you can actually finish in a few hours —wouldn't that give you a literal pat on the back!) Perhaps some of the projects just need to go away because they don't appeal to you anymore! I often see 'kits' of half-complete projects at quilt show recycle sales—and I think I have to give myself permission to dismiss some projects from the stack—once out of sight, I will no longer feel guilty about not being done!
3. Pick a project on the first of each month. That is the focus for one month—at the end of the month, reward yourself for any progress you made. If it's still not done, and you want the project to be next month's focus, carry on; but give yourself permission to throw it back on the pile and start on a different one. And, don't feel guilty, as long as you made some progress, you should feel good about it!

## **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont'd)**

4. Find a buddy to share your progress—ask them to hold you accountable for showing progress, but also to always be kind. For me, there are times when nothing on the “to-do” pile is as inviting as starting yet another new project—and if that’s what it takes to get reinvigorated, don’t hold back on something new and exciting to try.

5. Document your progress—at the end of the year, take inventory---if you have less on the to-dolist than you started the year with, you’ve kept your resolution! Congratulations!

Good luck—I just hope I can take some of this advice to heart and make it happen at my house this year!

I’ll let you know in 2024 (or maybe 2025....)

Mary Ann Smith

## **CHARITY DAY**

We will be working on Quilts for Kids, port pillows and bears.

Supply list:

Sewing machine

Cutting mat

Rotary cutter

One or two basic rulers

Scissors

Thread

Pins

Available will be kits for the quilts,

Fabric , Velcro and stuffing for the pillows and stuffing and ribbon for the bears. If you have bear fabric cut out please bring with you. If you have a kids quilt started bring that also.

Any questions please call me.

Thanks, Arlene

## **Saturday Specials 2022-2023**

**One Saturday a month, usually January through May or June, guild members offer a workshop presenting a project, teaching a technique or process, or providing a day of quilting with others.**

**Saturday Specials are held at St. John's Activity Center, 26 1st Ave, Richlandtown from 9 am to 3 pm**

**2-11-23 - Charity Day**

**3-11-23 - Bindings - Kathy Shorter**

**4-15-23 - Drunkard's Path - Jamee Pemberton**

**5-6-23 - Sewing Machine Cover – Tracy Smith**

**6-3-23 - Mini Mosaic – Lynn Lentz**

**Questions call Deb Ott or email**

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Karen L. Miller



## Keystone Quilters Host: Aurifilosophy

An inspiring & informative Lecture & Trunk Show that's ALL About the THREAD!  
Monday ~ January 30, 2023 ~ 7:00pm Eastern



The search for Knowledge and Truth, especially about the nature & behavior of Aurifil thread.

A program designed to unlock the mysteries of thread, educate, inspire, and enable YOU to achieve brilliant results.

During this program Karen L. Miller of Redbird Quilt Co. will share her Aurifil-centric trunk of quilts while giving a structured, in-depth presentation about cotton thread including information on weights, ply, process, spool positioning, needle recommendations, tension settings and more. Karen offers helpful tips & tricks while addressing projects and photos aimed to inspire and expand your knowledge of cotton threads.

Each attendee will receive a small spool of thread and supporting product guide from Aurifil.

Don't miss this inspiring and educational event by Master Educator and Aurifilosopher,  
Karen L. Miller of Redbird Quilt Co.

Enjoy a 15% product discount online through Feb 14, 2023 with coupon code "Keystone15" at checkout ~ [www.redbirdquiltco.com/shop](http://www.redbirdquiltco.com/shop)



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## **2023 QUILT CHALLENGE**

This years quilt challenge is “Celebrate Summer Table Runner”

Rules are as follows:

1. Make the size you want
2. Your choice of colors
3. Scrappy is good
4. Must be quilted
5. Have fun !

Due at the June dinner meeting and they will be displayed.

Any questions call Arlene.

### **A NOTE FROM OUR WEBMASTER**

Hello Quilters,

Just a reminder that we have a private FACEBOOK group where you can connect with other guild members, share information, and just keep in touch. If you would like to join ... here is the link;  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KeystoneQuiltGuild>



Check out our website at;  
<https://www.keystonequilters.org/>

We have a MEMBERS ONLY section too where you'll find the current roster, information on member only activities, members classified section, etc. Take a minute to check it out. The password is printed on the back of your membership card.

If you have any questions, suggestions see something that needs correcting for our Facebook Group OR Website, please contact Tracy Smith



## FABRIC LOTTERY SCHEDULE 2022-2023

This time the theme is Polka Dots. Check your stash and see if you have any polka dots to share.

Please remember that the fat quarters should be 100% cotton fabric.

### POLKA DOTS 2022-2023

Theme Announced	Bring Fabric	Winners Awarded
July and August	September, October	October
October	February, March	March
March	April, May	May



**OPEN COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS**

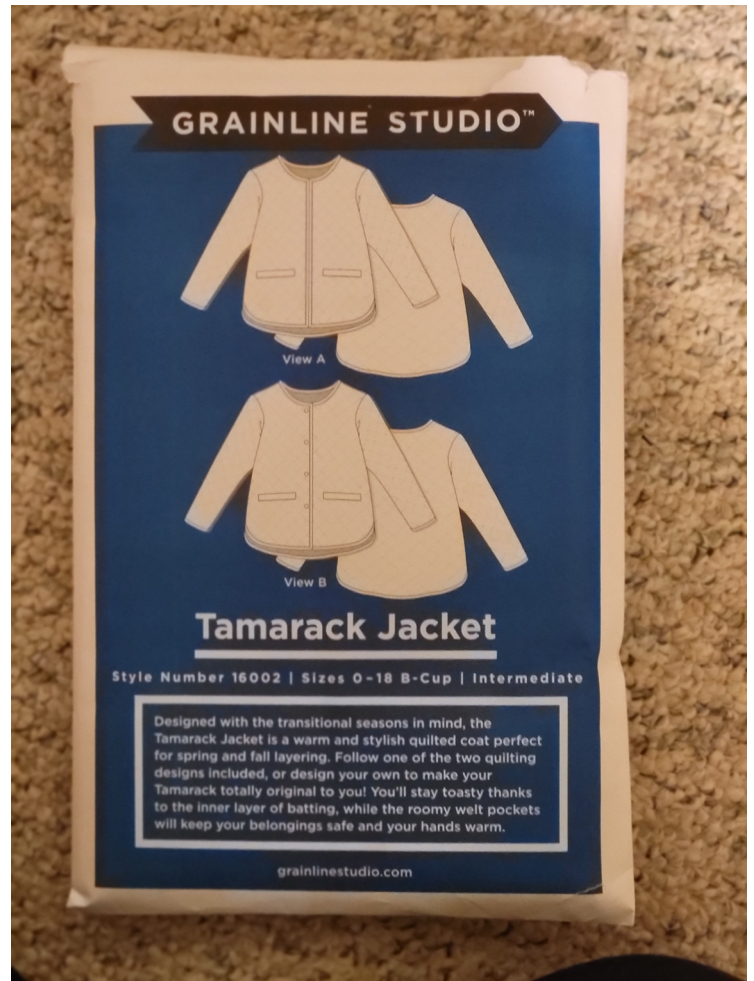
There are 1 position open for committee chairs.

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If you are interested call Kelly Wenhold



## SOME SHOW 'N TELL



JAMEE PEMBERTON'S TAMARACK JACKET AND THE PATTERN BY GRAINLINE STUDIOS



Joanne Alburger:  
Start of Bonnie  
Hunter Mystery  
"Chilhowie".