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Honor, Charity, and Community

President's Letter:

Hello Ladies!

Now with September here, it's time to swing into high gear with prep for our quilt show on Oct 9th and 10th. Hopefully, you've submitted your registration for your quilts! We've shown our raffle quilt to the public three times already with two more events planned. We were just at Pennsburg community day and lots of people are commenting on how stunning the quilt is when they stop at our booth. I wish every member could hear the praise from random people on the street at these events. I take great pride in telling them it is hand-quilted and was a true team project. I want to thank all our members that donated fabric, made blocks, and hand-quilted it. And a special thank you to Jamee Pemberton and Connie Stephens who cut the pieces, made the kits and then pieced the top when the kits were all handed in.

Awesome job everyone!

Alicia

Upcoming Events:

Oct 9-10, 2026- Quilt Show

Oct 26, 2026- *"The Quilt Painter"* by Diane Phalen

Dec 5, 2026- Member's December Tea

Jan 25, 2027- *Julius the Paper Piecer* via ZOOM

Feb 22, 2027- Rachel Derstine *"Artful Quilting and Sewing"*



Highlights

I had the honor of seeing this quilt at the National Quilt Museum in Paduka KY. It is a tribute to 911. Every part of the quilt symbolizes some part of 911. It touches your heart & is forever in your memory.

"9.11.2001 represents our national tragedy through a series of imagery. Nine blue fabrics, for the ninth month, with dark to light blue fabrics signify rising to hope from darkness. Standing together as an eleven are the Twin Towers, using 3,052 different fabrics representing each person who died at the WTC, Pentagon, and on the four airplanes. Floating the sky, surrounding and supporting the eleven, are stars, with 50 different white fabrics for each state. The pearl buttons spell 2001 in braille. The imagery is used to represent our nation's overall blindness to the attack, the pearls for all the journalists killed while working. The red and blue borders represent the fearless fire fighters and police officers who responded. The rope signifies the many knots of friendship tied across our country since 9.11.2001. This project is a reminder that with perseverance, family, and friends, we can accomplish our goals. Hopefully no quilter will have to do another commemorative quilt of this magnitude. And let it be known that this quilt, alongside the hundreds of other September 11th quilts worldwide, is a reminder that we will forever honor and remember the innocent and brave."

Saturday Specials and Workshop Events:

Nov 7, 2026- Poinsettia Pine with Kathy Welch and Ellen Clark

Mar 13, 2027- Rope Bowl with Alicia Wilhelm

Apr 10, 2027- Improv Lettering with Jamee Pemberton

May 8, 2027- Bunny Rabbit with Ellen Ciccak

Jun 5, 2027- Woven Fabric Basket with Ginny Savarese



July Quilt Retreat



**A NEW STUDY
SHOWS THAT BUYING
FABRIC AND SEWING
SUPPLIES PROLONGS
YOUR LIFE.**



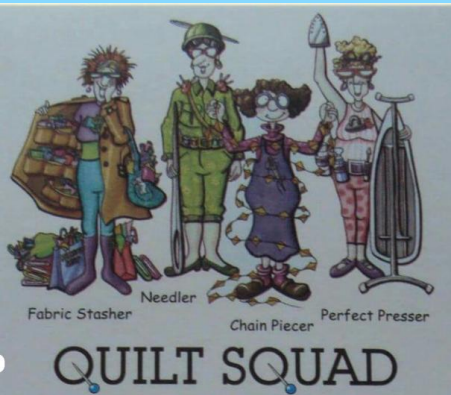
**LOOKS LIKE I'M
GOING TO BE IMMORTAL**

June Dinner Meeting

Challenge



Quilt to Pat- Outgoing President- thank you for your service.
2026/2027 President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer



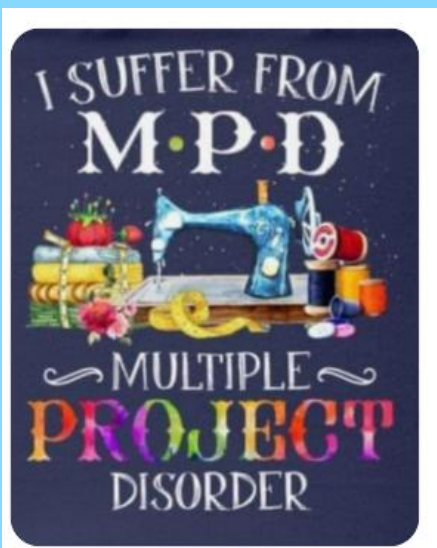
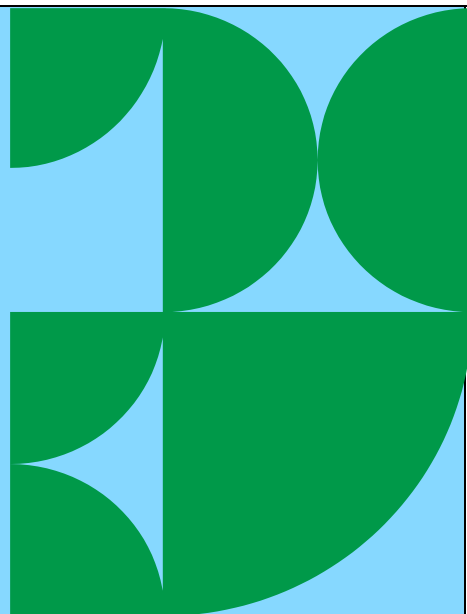
Quilts of Valor by Patricia Piasecki

We had an inspiring speaker, Patricia Piasecki, at our April meeting. She is the Eastern PA representative from the Quilt of Valor Foundation whose mission is to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war in comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. She said the definition of a veteran is a person who wrote a blank check for up to and including their life.



March Charity Day at Indian Valley Library in Telford.
41 quilts were delivered to Quilts for Kids on 7/23/26.





4H Community Outreach

We mentor 4-H girls as they develop their sewing abilities and confidence.



Fun Facts

Quilts have been used to send messages

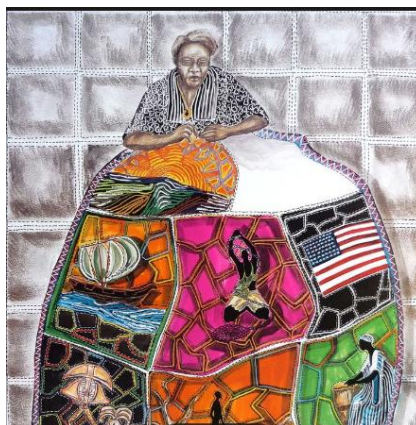
Quilts have played a significant role in communication throughout history, particularly in early America. During this time, quilts were used for warmth and comfort and as a means of conveying messages and aiding in the fight against slavery.

In the context of slavery, quilts became a powerful tool for communication among enslaved individuals seeking freedom. The Underground Railroad, a network of secret routes and safe houses, utilized quilts as symbols and signals to guide escaping slaves to safety. Each quilt pattern held a specific meaning, providing valuable information about the journey ahead. For example, the "Monkey Wrench" pattern indicated that it was time to gather tools and prepare for escape, while the "Bear's Paw" pattern signaled that it was safe to follow the path set by the North Star.

These quilts, often called "freedom quilts" or "slave quilts," were meticulously crafted with hidden messages and symbols. Quilts allowed enslaved individuals to communicate discreetly, as quilting was an everyday activity in many households at the time. By incorporating these messages into their quilts, they could pass on vital information without arousing suspicion.

The resilience and resourcefulness of enslaved individuals and those helping them to be liberated by utilizing quilts to navigate the treacherous path to freedom are a testament to their strength and determination.

As quilting has evolved over the centuries, it is vital to recognize and honor the historical significance of quilts as a means of communication during this dark period in American history. The stories embedded within these quilts serve as a reminder of the struggles and triumphs of those who fought for freedom and equality.

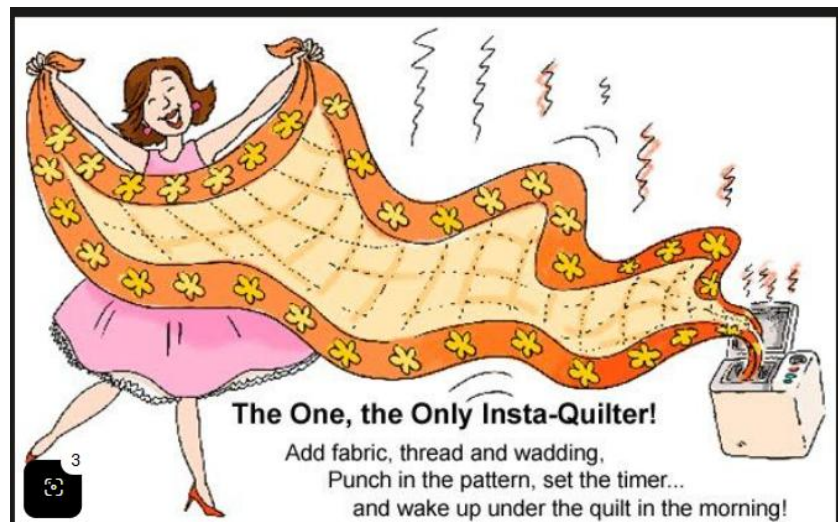


On a sad note, Tam Larson passed away at home on September 4th. Tam was the member that showed Alicia around when she first visited a guild meeting. She did attend the ice cream social, and Alicia told her it was great to see her. And she quipped " It's great to be seen!"

Services for her will be on Saturday Sept 26th at 11 am, at
Deep Run Presbyterian Church
[16 Irish Meetinghouse Rd](#)
[Perkasie Pa 18944](#)

Cards can be sent to her son,
Eric Larson and family
[1725 West Rock Road](#)
[Perkasie Pa 18944](#)

**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: 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)

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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

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](#)



ACCESS TO THE GUILD'S

AQS MEMBERSHIP

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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.

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



FREE ONLINE QUILTING CONFERENCE

September 21 - 28, 2026

DAY 1: SEPTEMBER 21ST- Piecing & Precision

DAY 2: SEPTEMBER 22ND- Scrappy & Sustainable Quilting

DAY 3: SEPTEMBER 23RD- Machine Quilting & Embellishment

DAY 4: SEPTEMBER 24TH- Design & Creative Exploration

DAY 5: SEPTEMBER 25TH- Projects, Tools & Finishing Touches



Keystone Quilters 2026 - 2027 Executive Board

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2026 - 2027 Committee Heads

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BOM - Debbie Witt

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December Tea - Alicia Wilhelm

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June Dinner Meeting - Debbie Witt

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