



Keystone Quilters News

Let it snow. I can quilt!

President's Letter:

I wish you a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

How many of you make New Year resolutions? Personally, I usually include losing a few pounds and eating more healthy food. But, do you include quilting related resolutions?

I will buy less fabric.

I will keep my craft room organized.

I will complete unfinished projects.

I will learn a new quilting skill.

Whether you make resolutions or not, I love that I have quilting as a hobby. For me, quilting is a great way to spend my spare time and it makes me happy to complete a project and excited about picking my next one.

Pat Royer

Highlights:

Our November meeting was a round robin by four members of our guild. Jamee Pemberton, Lynn Lentz, Alicia Wilhelm and Linda Curry did a fabulous job with 15-minute talks on a variety of subjects.

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Upcoming Events:

Jan 27 – *Fun & Games in Quilting* by Mel Beach via Zoom

Feb 24 – *Color It Beautiful* by Ellen Lindner via Zoom

Mar 31 - *Trunk Show* by Barbara Harr

April 28 - *Rock Your Quilting* by Eleanor Levie

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

June 23 *Guild Dinner Meeting* TBD

Jamee talked about Big Stitch Quilting. Her thread preference was DMC # 8 but she showed us a variety of threads she uses for tighter quilting or want of a thinner or thicker look. Jamee suggested short thread lengths due to fray and sashiko needles or tulip big eye.



Lynn Lentz did a quick class on Needle Turn Applique. She likes thin thread. Her preference is 60 wt but also likes 100 wt silk. Some of her other favorite supplies are sz 10 Jeana Kimbell straw needles, Kaffe fassett fabric, tracing cloth and surgical tape.



Alicia Wilhelm did a quick tutorial on making a thread catcher using a rectangular tile and some plastic 1/2 in pallet ties to shape her basket. She also displayed and talked about her journey on the Northeast Shop Hop where she visited 90% of the stores.



Linda Curry regaled us with Little Bits You Need to Know and I Wish I Had about quilting. It was a fun, 18 to 20 pieces of information about things she wished she knew from the beginning of her quilting journey.



Saturday Specials and Workshop Events:

Feb – Charity Day

Mar 8 – Stone Soup Table Runner by Kathy Webb and Ellen Cicak

April 5 – Kawandi Quilt by Jamee Pemberton

April 28 – *Workshop* Weave a Quilt with Me by Eleanor Levie

May 3 – Ruler Carry Bag By Eileen Bell

June 7 – 3D Quilted Vase by Annemarie Kammler

December Tea was a hit!

As always, everyone had a great time at our December Tea. Thanks to **Alicia Wilhelm**, her helpers and everyone who brought food. The bingo was a fierce, but fun, competition and the popular gift exchange didn't disappoint.



*Some recipes from the tea event were asked to be shared. They are listed at the **END** of this newsletter.*

Charitable accomplishments within the guild:

Joan Cahill created a **Quilt of Honor** and donated it through Linda Wackerman, a retired Navy Admiral and guild member. Linda collects Quilts of Honor and said, "The quilt will be given to a returning warrior. It's our way of thanking them for their service while wrapping/embracing and welcoming them home." Thank you, Joan, the person who receives this stunning quilt will be so very humbled. Thank you, Linda, for both your dedication to warriors and for your service.



The Tuesday evening library bee donated 13 lap quilts to the Genesis Quakertown Center Nursing Home. The quilts were very well received by the recipients. The 13 lucky recipients were chosen by the center. Thanks to Alicia, Nancy, Eileen, Carol, Betty and Annemarie.

Guild Meeting Business

Welcome to our newest members, **Kate Templeton, Bethanne Curley, Barbara Henry, Judy McMichaels, Leann Russell, Donna Shull, and**

Wendy Weaver! Seek them out and get to know them.

QUILT SHOW 2026 News

It is a go! Our next Quilt Show will be Friday and Saturday, Oct 9 & 10, 2026 at Finland Mennonite Church! Please save the dates! We will not be meeting in person until March, so it is best to communicate via email during these next few months. My email address is: jamezetta@gmail.com.

A few other items to mention:

- 1) March/April of 2025 we will need to pick a theme for our next quilt show. Note that 2026 is the 250th anniversary for the USA, we **MAY** want to incorporate that into our Show theme. Please email any theme ideas to me and I will collect them and the guild can vote when we meet in March.
- 2) I am currently considering designs for our next raffle quilt, if you have any ideas or patterns that you love that you would like me to consider, I very much would appreciate your input! The next raffle quilt design will be decided also in March of 2025.
- 3) Finally, A volunteer quilt show committee chair for **signage** is needed. If you are willing to chair this position, please let me know. All other committee chair roles have been filled. Thank you, Keystone Members, you are the best!

Jamee Pemberton

Saturday, Feb 15th our guild will hold a sew day at the Indian Valley Public Library. It is for the ladies that took our class at the Souderton High School to finish their projects but it is open to the public. So come join us. Finish your UFOs and talk to or help out our evening class ladies.

MEMBERSHIP: Renewal forms will be on the website. Dues are \$40.00 after July 1st. New member dues are \$40.00. Payments are cash or check. Prompt payment of your dues is required and appreciated. 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.

Month announced	When to bring fat quarters	Month awarded	Theme
October	November,	March	Cozy

	March		Country
March	April, May	May	Bright and Bold



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.

Dear Keystone Quilters:

I want to thank all of you for the many cards, the kind words, and the thoughts and prayers that were sent to me on the loss of my husband Bill.

This has been a very difficult time but knowing how supportive you all have been, has been extremely comforting for me. I truly appreciate each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
Edna Reiss



Wishing Tam Larson and Kathy Shorter speedy recoveries. Good thoughts and well wishes to you both.

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. The 2025 theme TBD soon.

Quilt Camp 2025 at Camp Innabah: Unfortunately, Quilt camp has been **cancelled** this year. It was with a sad heart that Bobbie Dewey had to call and tell those who had signed up and were looking forward to the camp, that it was cancelled due to lack of response. Eleven had signed up, but about 20 were needed in order for the camp to continue. Hopefully, we are able to gather enough people next year because it truly was a fun, bonding event in the past. Thanks to Bobbie for her hard work.

Since the January Quilt Camp was cancelled...we have decided to have a **FREE SEW DAY!**

Saturday, January 11, 2025 – 9am to 9pm

Trinity Lutheran Church’s Yerger Building, 102 N Hellertown Rd, Quakertown

Yerger Building is across the street from the church –

use parking lot at the rear of the building and enter the door closest to parking lot

Bring a snack to share!

Bring lunch and/or dinner if you want...or...The Trolley Barn is a block away for a variety of foods. Limited to 20 people! Only 7 seats left!

Contact Kelly Wenhold to register 267-261-7516 kellywenhold@gmail.com

2025 Keystone Quilters Guild Day Camp

March 20-22, 2025, 9am to 9pm at St. John's Lutheran Church Activity Center 26 1st Avenue Richlandtown, Pennsylvania. *Enjoy uninterrupted time to sew with your fellow Keystone Guild Members on projects of your choice!*

Registration is Open and only a few spots are left. Limited to 20 members per day.

- Thursday, March 20 – SOLD OUT!
- Friday - SOLD OUT!
- Saturday, March 22 - Only One Seats Available

Each attendee will be provided their own table.

Must share iron with at least one other person so we don't have electrical outages!

Cost \$14 per day. Must pay at the time of registering – Cash or Check

First Come, First Serve - Call Kelly Wenhold to reserve your seat 267-261-7516.

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 board – need to share
- ✓ Extension cord and power strip
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Cash...we will order takeout for dinner
- ✓ Snack to share
- ✓ Mug w/lid for coffee and tea

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

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. This year alone, we have donated 150 quilts so far! 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



****Quilt frame for sale**

Louise Smith gave Sue Wilsey photos, at the Quilt Show, of her quilt frame she has for sale. No price was discussed. Sue has her information if you are interested.



Other quilt happenings in the area:

March 26-29, 2025 Lancaster Lebanon Quilt Show - At the Lebanon Valley Exposition Center, 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA. The show features over 55+ vendors, 150+ quilts and 30+ classes. It also includes free admission, free parking and free lectures. For more info visit <https://www.aquiltersdestination.com/lancaster-pa>.

April 4-5, 2025 Homemakers Country Quilters - *History Revisited Quilt Show*. Entry \$10 cash or check only. 4H Center 1015 Bridge Rd Collegeville, PA 10-4pm. For more info visit <https://homemakerscountryquilters.org/>.

From the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center:

May 16-17, 2025 Penn Dry Good Market

****Tentative** Sept 20, 2025** – Keystone Quilters Quilt Bingo – Tylersport Fire Station, 10:30 am.

Oct 9 – 10, 2026– KEYSTONE QUILTERS 2026 QUILT SHOW – Mark your calendars. You have two years notice so NO EXCUSES!!!!

Shop Hops :

3/1/2025 - 3/9/2025 *Mystery Quilt Shop Hop* - Philly & northern suburbs Check out the Shop Hop page on our website for more events later in the year.

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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Bee Keeper Alicia Wilhelm	Membership Nancy Kranyecz
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Challenge Arlene Kushinka	Nominating Committee Lynn Lentz
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December Tea Alicia Wilhelm	Publicity Sue Wilsey
Fabric Lottery Melissa Yates	Quilt Show 2026 Chair Jamee Pemberton
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Library/Magazine Subscriptions Angie Horner and Janet Schmill	Sunshine Trudy Salvatore
Meeting Raffle Barb Harr and Betty Lou Hess	Webmaster Tracy Smith

RECIPES

-Here is the link for the **Avgolemono Soup** that Lynn Lentz made for the December Tea:
skinnyspatula.com/avgolemono ENJOY!

-Here is the salsa recipe from Bev Mott:

GRANNY SMITH APPLE SALSA

Beverly Mott

- 1 large tomato cored and finely chopped.
- ¾ cup finely chopped sweet onion
- 3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice.
- 1 large jalapeno Chile cored seeded and finely chopped.
- 2 Granny Smith apples
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro.
- 1 tablespoon honey
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper (to taste)
- Corn chips

Stir together tomato, onion, lime juice, and jalapeno in medium bowl.
Quarter and core apples and cut into fine dice. Stir apples into the tomato mixture.
With cilantro, honey, salt and pepper.
Refrigerate for up to 6 hours before serving.
To serve, spoon the salsa into a serving bowl and place a bowl of corn chips alongside.
Makes 6-8 servings.

-Gelatin by Denise Rosch

Orange Gelatin Salad

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| 1 – 6 oz, Orange Jello | 1 – 8 oz. can crushed pineapple |
| 2 cups hot water | 1 – 8 oz. container Cool Whip |
| 1 – 8 oz package cream cheese softened | |
| 1 – 11 oz. can Mandarin Oranges Drained | |

In a 9 x 13 inch pan thoroughly dissolve Jello in hot water. Add softened cream cheese to Jello and mix in well.
Drain juice from oranges and add oranges to Jello mix. Add pineapple and juice

Refrigerate until it begins to set then add Cool Whip. Mix well. Refrigerate until firm.