



Keystone Quilters News

Let it snow. I can quilt!

President's Letter:

It's been several months since we have been able to spend some face-to-face time together but that all changes in March. We have a Saturday Special "Stone Soup Table Runner" coming up and the general meeting "Trunk Show". I'm looking forward to seeing all of you.

I've been keeping myself busy as I continue to declutter. I've heard it said that everyone should move every 5 years. That way you may not keep so much of everything. Well, I've been in my house since 1978—46 years—so I have accumulated a lot of stuff.

Fortunately, my youngest daughter, Alicia, has been helping me through the process. So far, we have filled and donated 12 50-gallon bags of clothing. What a great feeling to un-load all these items I no longer want, need, and cannot fit into.

Wish me luck. I still have a long way to go.

P. S. My fabric stash is off limits.

Pat Royer

Ode to My Wife, The Quilter (Author: unknown)

She learned to quilt on Monday. Her stitches were very fine.
She forgot to thaw out dinner, so we went out to dine.
She quilted miniatures Tuesday. She says they are a must.
They really were quite lovely, but she forgot to dust.
On Wednesday, it was a sampler. She says the stipplin's fun.
What highlights! Oh what shadows! But the laundry wasn't done.
Her charm quilt was on Thursday, Green patches, blue and red.
I guess she really was engrossed; she never made the bed.
It was wall-hangings on Friday, In colors she adores,
But she never seemed to notice the crumbs on all the floors.
I found a maid on Saturday! My week is now complete.
My wife can quilt the hours away; the house will still be neat.

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Upcoming Events:

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

Well, it's already Sunday. I think I'm about to wilt
I cursed, I raved, I ranted ... The MAID has learned to Quilt!!

Highlights:

Our January zoom meeting had a wonderful speaker. **Mel Beach** is an award-winning fiber/mixed-media artist who loves to create through play each and every day. She was a participant on the All-Star Sampler Platter hosted by Global Quilt Connection in September 2024. She introduced the use of enticing games to develop one's creative ability in quilting including through dice, playing cards, connect the dots, word games, grids, target games, crayon etched artwork, Legos and use of playful spaces. Her 100 Days challenges demonstrated the artistic development over a period of time. If you would like to look into her further, check out her website at <https://melbeachquilts.com/> and join her newsletter.

Our February speaker was the colorful **Ellen Lindner**. She is a very funny, talented, and informative quilt artist and teacher, who is passionate about making fabric into art. Her motto is, "A little bit of fire gives you more drama". Ellen is an accomplished quilter and was featured on three episodes of Quilting Arts TV, as she explained her techniques and design tips. Her quilts have won both local and national awards. They have been included in many prestigious shows, including those in Paducah, and Houston, as well as in art galleries, museums, and U.S. embassies, both near and far. Her website is at <https://adventurequilter.com/> if you'd like to learn more.

Save the Date for Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platter on May 3 & 4, 2025.

Bingo 2025 News

The upcoming **Bingo Fall Fundraiser** will be held on September 20, 2025 at the Tylersport Firehouse on Ridge Road from 12 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 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 20 quilts to run the show.

Quiltshow 2026 News

Our next Quilt Show will be Friday and Saturday, Oct 9 & 10, 2026, at Finland Mennonite Church! 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.

Saturday Specials and Workshop Events:

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

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

A few other items about the quilt show to mention:

- 1) March/April, we will choose 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 Jamee. She will collect them and the guild can vote when we meet in March/April.
- 2) Jamee is currently considering designs for our next raffle quilt. If you have any ideas or patterns that you love and you would like her to consider, she would greatly appreciate your input! The next raffle quilt design will be decided also in March/April of 2025.
- 3) Finally, 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

QUILTS FOR KIDS

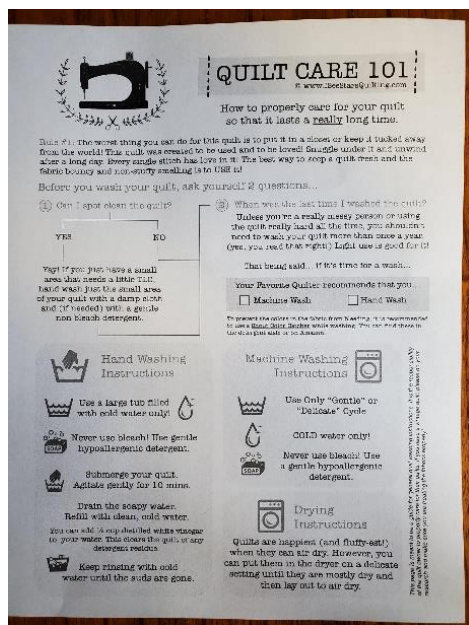


On Monday, Feb 10th, guild members Barbara Bachman, Angie Horner, Arlene Kushinka, Lyn Rossanese and Susan Cake delivered 30 quilts to Quilts for Kids. Thank you to all members who have contributed a quilt.

*** 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 have better weather so we can get those quilts and port pillows made and distributed.

Washing tips from the Quilted Virtual Summit held mid-February:

Creative uses for quilt leftover pieces:



Framed art	Doll quilt
Banner	Gift tags
Placemat	Dog bandanas
Flag	Car blanket carrier
Front door banner	Improv quilt
Sweatshirt embellishment	Quilting practice
Patchwork apron	Shower curtain
Skirt pocket	Travel case
Mending patches	Organizer
Journal cover	Pattern weights
Tablet case	Bowl Cozy
Pie carrier	Laundry bag
Fabric basket	Drawer sachets
Headbands	Reusable snack bags
Tissue box cover	Yoga mat

Are you a **paper piecer** kind of quilter? If so, this may interest you. Apply to be a pattern tester. This site was found because she was a speaker on the virtual summit in mid-February. Check into it fully before deciding. The link is [julius handmade tester](#).

Guild Meeting Business

Welcome to our newest member, **Rochelle Lind**. She will be at the March meeting. Stop, say hello and welcome her.

Signup for the **April workshop with Eleanor Levie** — “Weave a Quilt with Me” on 4/28 afternoon. It is the day of our general meeting on April 28th with Eleanor Levie, “Rock Your Quilting”. Any questions contact Kathy Shorter at kmvs@rcn.com.

A **donation** of \$300 was announced to be given to the St. John’s Activity Center to help with the repairs on the parking lot and sidewalk instead of a scholarship this year. It was further suggested that if guild members would like to make an additional personal donation to this project, a collection will be taken up at the in-person March meeting. The sidewalk repair will be a direct advantage to our guild. It will keep our guild members and guests safe from falls and injuries.

MEMBERSHIP: Renewal forms will be on the website. Dues are \$35, \$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. 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
October	November, March	March	Cozy Country
March	April, May	May	Bright and Bold

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 will receive a brown paper bag with fabric. Projects have no limitation other than quilting on a flat project. Because we have a zoom meeting in Feb., the bags will be given out at our March meeting.



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.

Sending positive thoughts out to **Sue Edwards**. She had surgery this month. Let's all hope she obtained the best outcome and recovers as quickly as possible.



Wishing **Betty Raab** all the best with her cataract surgeries. Hoping to see her back at the meetings again soon.



Upcoming birthdays:

March

- 07 – Melody Schmidt
- 09 – Lyn Rossanese
- 11 – Janet Seeger
- 17 – Cindra Lohan
- 30 - Jean Perry
- 30 - Arlene Kushinka
- 30 – Christine Beck

April

- 02 – Claudia Barnett
- 05 - Alicia Wilhelm
- 07- Connie Stephens
- 07 – Judy McMichael
- 08 - Barbara Bachman
- 17 - Sue Wilsey
- 24 – Annemarie Kammler

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 – One Seat Available!
- Friday - SOLD OUT!
- Saturday, March 22 - Only One Seat 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

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. 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:

Quiltfolk <https://www.quiltfolk.com/> Guilds have a coupon for 15% off (GUILD33) through March 31 to use on the website. It may only be for purchasing items, not for workshops.

March 7 & 8 – Susquehanna Valley Quilt Guild “Valley in Bloom” Run Area Fire Dept., 1st Street, Allenwood, PA

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

Sept 20, 2025 – Keystone Quilters Quilt Bingo – Tylersport Fire Station, 11 am open. Start 12 noon..

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

Shop Hop:

3/1/2025 - 3/9/2025 *Mystery Quilt Shop Hop* - Philly & northern suburbs.

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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