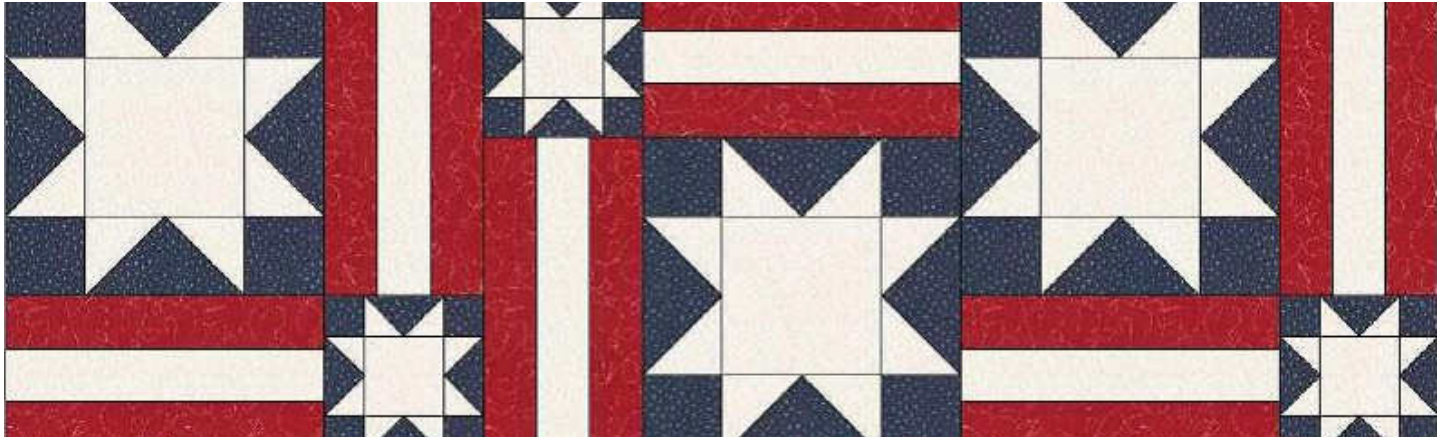


Meanderings

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A Tribute to Yoda, Lisa Southerland

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WOW! I am humbled and excited to kick off another great quilting year as your guild president. I know I might be a new face to many long-time members. I joined the LeTort Quilters of Carlisle guild in 2018 after learning about the guild from Debbie Weigle. While I consider myself a semi-beginner to sometimes confident beginner, I took my first quilting class in 1996 in Texas. It was fun and creative, so I started taking more classes. The learning continues to this day. I hope you will join me this year as we explore quilting, sew new seams, provide comfort, and strengthen our bonds. With many members contributing their time and talent to ensuring our guild's success, I am looking forward to continuing the threads of connection and community in 2023-2024. I am appreciative for all members who have answered "YES" to the call for involvement.

We continue to seek a member to volunteer to fill the role of president-elect. Many members have said no for various reasons, but we only need one member to say yes. If you want to say yes, but have questions about the position responsibilities, let's talk. Together, we will find solutions. Together, we will find success. Together, we will continue this quilt guild's journey building on 39 years of assembling a guild one block at a time.

While you are enjoying summer sunshine and family fun, remember that September is right around the corner. The Program Committee has planned another fun and educational year for 2023-2024! Are you ready? I think there is something for every member. Our fall lineup starts in September. We'll have our first meeting of the year on Monday, September 18, at St. Matthews



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RAFFLE TICKETS

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

RETREAT INFORMATION

United Church of Christ (3240 Spring Rd, Carlisle 17013). Join us at 6:30 p.m. for social time, sign ups, and refreshments. The meeting officially starts at 7 p.m. We'll have some fun, share some stories and quilts, and talk about the coming year's activities and events. Bring a friend or two! We'd love to meet them.

Happy 4th of July. I wish you a wonderful celebration of freedom and family.

Julie

RETREAT NEWS

The next retreat is September 7-10, 2023, at Bongiorno, located in the beautiful hills above Carlisle. Note the updated costs below. If you are interested in joining us for this retreat, mail a \$25 deposit to the address below, or contact Debbie Weigle at LeTortretreat@gmail.com. Your place at the retreat is not reserved until you have paid the deposit. Let her know the day you would like to start and if you want a single or a double room. The retreat runs Thursday through Sunday and includes Friday lunch and dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday lunch.

The balance for the retreat is due by August 31. Mail your check to:

LeTort Quilters of Carlisle
633 Whiskey Springs Road
Boiling Springs, PA 17007-9518

September, 2023, retreat costs are:

Your Start Day	Single Room	Double Room
Thursday	\$285	\$245
Friday	\$242	\$203

BINGO

Do you recognize this quilt?

This beautiful quilt was left at the Fabric Center as a donation to quilt bingo. We have no idea who made it but would like to recognize the maker for her contribution. If you made this quilt or know who did, contact Vicki Knepp at 717-254-9345 or vknepp@kuhncom.net. Thank you.



Meeting Reminder

Remember, for Monday meetings, the doors open at 6:30, and the meeting starts at 7:00. For Sunday meetings, doors open at 1:30 and the meeting starts at 2:00.

NEWSLETTER

If you have information on upcoming events, quilty news, sewing items for sale, or tips and tricks, the deadline for articles for the September issue is August 23.

Articles are welcome from all members. Email articles to letortquilters@gmail.com

Block of the Month

In celebration of our 40th year as a guild, the Block of the Month committee gathered all the past blocks of the month dating back to 1989 through present. There are nine heirloom blocks and you get to choose how to set them. Watch your inbox for the blocks, we will be sending them all out sometime in July.

We are looking forward to seeing your creative spirit at the big reveal in June.

Thank you to the committee; Jackie Kreitzer, Julie Rhen, Becki Davis, Linda Doty and Deb Weigle for meeting, going through all the blocks and selecting a representation of the blocks throughout the years.

MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 4

By Nancy Herd

President Debbie Weigle called the last meeting of the guild year to order just after 2:00 p.m. She welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for helping out during the guild year. Debbie recognized committee members and board members.

Announcements:

- Retreat – September 7 – 10. See Cathy Irwin to sign up. Twenty-one members have signed up so far.
- Membership – Sign up now for the new guild year, which runs from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. It is still \$25 to join. If you are going to mail in your membership, include a stamped, self-addressed envelope so your membership card can be sent to you.
- Block of the Month – a meeting to discuss the BOM for the next guild year will be held on June 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the South Middleton Township Building.
- The next Board Meeting will be held June 22, 2023, at the Sunnyside Restaurant in Carlisle. Let Debbie or Julie know if you are planning on attending.
- Carol Richardson is the refreshment coordinator for the new guild year.
- Becki Davis – informed everyone that the National Quilt Extravaganza will be held September 14-17, 2023, in Philadelphia. Further information will be in the next newsletter.
- Show and Share – nine members shared their beautiful projects with everyone.

Bingo:

- Karen Kay Buckley, Vicki Knepp – co-chairs
- Carmen Eiserman – raffle baskets; she will be sending out letters in October seeking donations. Let Carmen know if you have an idea for a basket and would be willing to help make it.
- Debbie Weigle – door prizes; we will need 40+ prizes.
- Julie Rhen – volunteers; will need 23+ volunteers. She is looking into purchasing aprons for the volunteers to wear.
- Vicki Knepp – collecting the quilts for prizes; we will need at least 35 quilts.
- Karen – guild members will have first dibs on bingo tickets going on sale at the December meeting for \$30 per ticket. There will be eight to a table, and we will do our best to seat groups together if the tickets were purchased at the same time.
- Tickets for the general public will go on sale around January 15, 2024.
- If you are good at designing, volunteer to help design posters.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are now available! The board encourages all members to pick up at least one packet of tickets (30) to sell. Tickets are only \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The point of contact for raffle tickets is Miriam McMechen.



July Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you all!

7/1 Karen Pinker and Treva Smith

7/6 Helen Schroll

7/12 Laraine Hicks

7/15 Rhonda Edminson and Miriam McMechen

7/16 Jane Shull

7/20 Nancy Class and Kathy Slentz

7/23 Tammy Long

7/26 Susan Rynex

7/27 Joan Bowser

7/29 Patty Miller and Patricia Montgomery

August Birthdays

8/3 Jean Ilgenfritz

8/8 Julia Majury

8/14 Donna Lohman

8/15 Jessica Diehl

8/17 Pat Szabo

8/19 Shirley Anderson

8/21 Deb Lohman

8/24 Marianne Manning

8/26 Lori Smarr

8/30 Patricia Loomis

- Tickets for the general public will go on sale around January 15, 2024.

Pet Beds:

- We have been doing this about 2 ½ years and have donated 780 pet beds to local animal shelters.

The challenge quilts were displayed. There were 17 members who participated, and each member pointed out the “ugly” fabric in their project. They were all beautiful.

Debbie Weigle then handed the reins over to the new president, Julie Rhen.

Julie presented Debbie with a coffee cup with a flower inside, a bird feeder, the bird blocks made by the membership, and a couple of president pins.

The meeting was adjourned about 3:30 p.m.

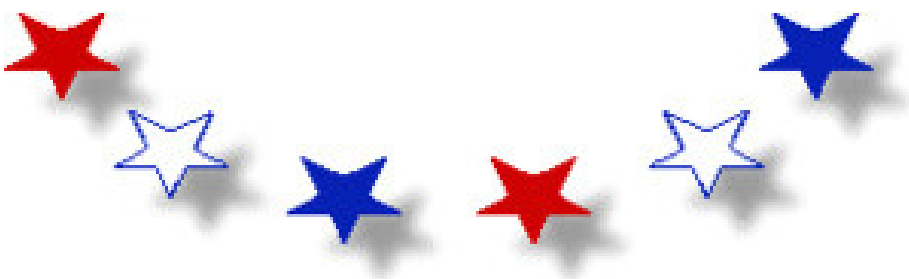
Have a great summer, and we will see you in September!!!

MEETING MINUTES - NOTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022/2023

By Nancy Herd

Here are a couple of items the board of directors has been working on over the 2022/23 guild year.

- Discussed and approved bingo to be held April 27, 2024, instead of a quilt show. The co-chairs are Karen Kay Buckley and Vicki Knepp.
 - Completed quilts – Vicki Knepp
 - Door prizes – Debbie Weigle
 - Volunteers – Julie Rhen
 - Raffle baskets – Carmen Eiserman
- New board members were voted on to replace those members whose terms have expired.
- 2024 is the guild’s 40th anniversary.
- As of this date, there still is no one willing to step up to be the president-elect for 2023/2024 and then become the new president for the 2024/25 guild year. The guild cannot continue to work without a president so, unfortunately, there is the possibility the guild could dissolve at some point in the future.



York Quilt Guild

The York Quilters Guild is inviting you to Rachel Rossi's Trunk Show.

Rachel is a modern quilt designer with a collection of quilt patterns, aprons and home decor. With an interior design background, her designs are diverse, focus on form, function, and impact. All of her patterns, tutorials, and fabrics are fashioned with the end user in mind, allowing for both visual artistry and practicality. There will be a \$5.00 donation for guests.

For details please contact Darlene Schardt, York Quilters Guild
President at: dlschardt@yahoo.com




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Fidget Quilt News

by Jane Shull

On June 12th, I had another fidget quilt workday in my big garage to create more kits from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Thank you to Sue Aigeldinger, Susan Beinhaur, Ruth Cox, Linda Bishop, and my church friend, Dorothy, for gathering with me to create 30 fidget quilt kits. This time, we focused on making fidget quilts for men and women in memory care locations.

My next goal is to create more of the actual mats at the June 28th service workday. This involves sewing the mats like placemats. Thank you to Susan Beinhaur for helping me to cut the mats to be ready for sewing.

We are now using plastic keys, measuring spoons, and small measuring cups on the fidget quilts for children. Look for these items at summer yard sales.

Please continue to gather zippers, jean pockets and zippers, thread spools, neckties, shoelaces, cording for stringing items, and keys (my husband, Larry, is able to smooth them for safety for the adult quilts). Be creative and gather other items we might be able to use. We are staying away from buttons for safety.

Finally, I am a member of the Wild Ones Native Plants SCPA local chapter. On Sunday, July 23, we are having a garden tour event at my gardens near Landisburg. Contact me for details if you would like to attend. Other dates can be scheduled.

Jane Shull 717-609-9954 or ibentravlin@comcast.net (If you text, please include your name in the text so I will know who you are.)

Comfort Quilts

We have lots of kits ready to be made into comfort quilts, so if you are in need of a project, contact Carlene at 717-462-0037 or Sue at 717-422-4584.

We have received lots of donations of beautiful fabric recently, but our biggest expense seems to be batting. Our standard size needed is 45" x 60." Most of our quilters prefer to use cotton batting, but we welcome polyester or blends as well. Thanks for keeping this in mind if you have extra cluttering up your space!

We'll try to schedule another cutting day over the summer, so be on the lookout for that.

Sew long for now,
Carlene and Sue



Membership

by Laura Dries

Happy summer to everyone! Thanks for taking part in last year's guild programs and activities. Make sure you renew for the exciting year that starts in September. The membership form can be found on our website (letortquilters.com) and can be mailed to LeTort Quilters, PO Box 260, Carlisle, PA 17013. If you would like your membership card before the September meeting,

enclose a SASE with your form. Memberships need to be renewed by the October 16 meeting to continue receiving the newsletter and to receive your membership roster.

Also, the newsletter will only be sent via email; the guild will no longer be printing and mailing out newsletters.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS

Dear LeTort Quilters,

We face a pressing issue: no guild member has volunteered as the president-elect for the next year, jeopardizing the future of Letort Quilters. Without a president-elect, we cannot sign contracts for events beyond June 2024, including retreats, meetings, and workshops. We need more members to step up and support the guild to ensure its continuation.

While we have had a successful year, we now require additional help. Many of you expressed a willingness to assist during meetings, but we need individuals who can take on leadership roles and commit to committees. With your involvement, we can maintain the quality and variety of programs that have been enjoyed. If interested, contact Julie Rhen for more details or to express your willingness to become the president-elect. Your support and input are crucial for finding a way forward.

Thank you for your attention and dedication.

Sincerely
Julie Rhen



Have a safe and happy summer! See you in September!



You are Invited

Quilt Maven Dave Sirota's Lecture "What Makes a Quilter Tick"

On Wednesday, July 26, 2023, join Dave for a laugh-out-loud and interactive look at ourselves as quilters. We will examine the little quirks, passions, idiosyncrasies, and obsessions we all share.

The \$5.00 guest fee is waived if you are taking the workshop.

Dave's Storm at Sea Workshop

Location: Epiphany Lutheran Church
1100 Colonial Road, Harrisburg,
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Date: Thursday, July 27, 2023

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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For details please contact Evelyn L. Hunt at Jordon291@juno.com



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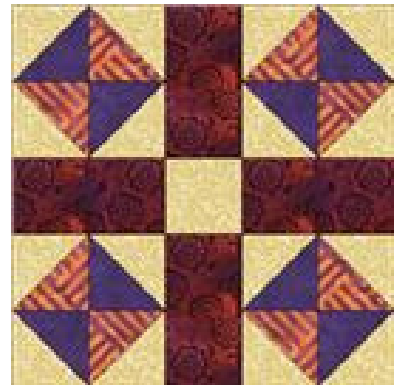
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In this this and future editions of the newsletter we will feature quilts donated to Quilt Bingo.

The quilt below was pieced by Joan Gavigan and quilted by Nancy Edmondson.

