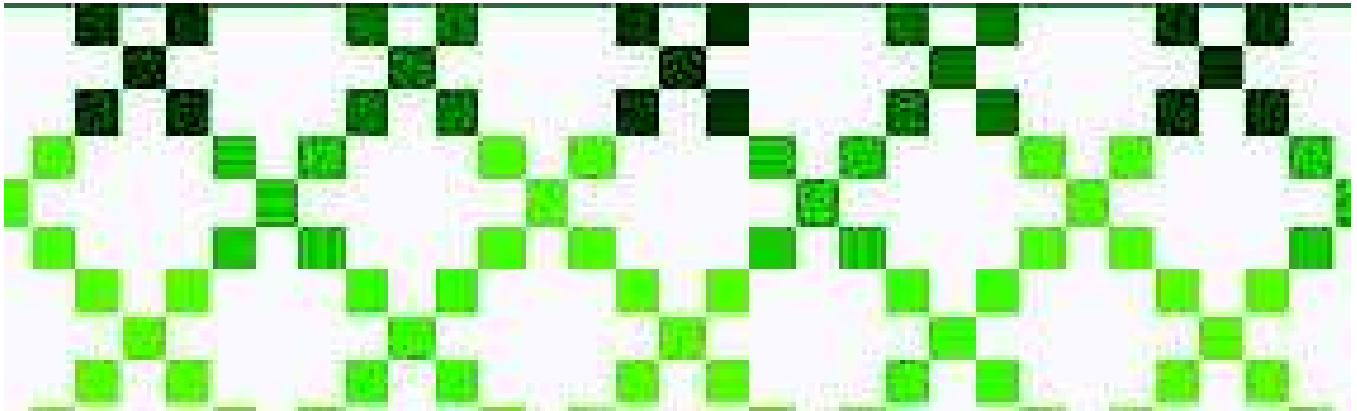


Meanderings

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LeTort Quilters, Hello and Happy March. How are you? Have you been enjoying the wonderful sun and warmth of Spring on its way. I am looking forward to seeing you again at our March meetings in person. February was a busy month even with two snow days! A big thank you to Marcia Brumbaugh, Jean Ilgenfritz, Lynndee Nelson, and Sherry Simmeth who shared their quilting journey and quilts with us at the 4 February meeting. What eye candy! The color, the stitching, the FUN! These four ladies represented the guild well and showed us again what talented creators we have among us. Thank you, Marcia, Jean, Lyndee, and Sherry. A group of quilters “tested” out bingo in February, so we are ready for our April quilt bingo. It was a fun, winning evening that gave us first-hand experience. What did you learn from Rachel Derstine’s presentation? Are you inspired to give hand dyed fabrics or metallic thread a try? How about painting your quilts with Jacquard paints or using Mekong River Textiles? Her craftsmanship was truly beautiful. Another big thank you to everyone who showed up on 28 February for our community service day. A fun working day for sure. Thanks to the many hands that continue to provide smiles and comfort to our county through quilts, fiddle quilts, and pet beds. Your time and energy are appreciated. I know many of our members traveled south to Raleigh, NC, for QuiltCON at the end of February; we are looking forward to hearing any good nuggets from this modern quilt show.

Thank you also to everyone who participated in our guild by-laws discussion. Not as enjoyable as sewing, but it is a necessary part of the organization’s health and wellness. It is helpful to hear your thoughts and ensure that the guild is focused on the group’s intent. We want to be still growing and going strong in another 40 years.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MEETING MINUTES

GUILD HISTORY

We need YOU for our 3 March meeting. This Sunday afternoon meeting is our Tips, Tools and Techniques meeting—time to share with the guild any new gadgets, processes, or ideas you have to make our sewing lives better. Found a tool at Lowe's or Home Depot that you use in your sewing room? Took a class and learned a technique that saves fabric or time? This fun meeting is every member's opportunity to share and help us all grow. Please bring your tip, tool, and/or technique to share! We will also have the pleasure of hearing from Miki Howell, our member, at the Monday, 18 March, meeting. She will talk about her individual quilting journey and how she sees creating and quilting now. It is sure to be informative and fun. If you want to get an in-depth dive into Miki's creative process, join us for the Textile Fusion Workshop on Friday, 15 March.

I hope you are looking forward to Spring as much as I am. There are so many opportunities for creative expression in our guild. Spring into a new challenge or event to help grow in community and connection.

As Rumi said, "Don't be satisfied with stories, how things have gone with others. Unfold your own myth." Thanks for being you and for being a guild member,

Julie

MEETING MINUTES

Feb 4 Minutes

The meeting started with show and share of newer members: Jean Ilgenfritz, Marcia Brumbaugh, Lynndee Nelson and Sherri Simmeth.

Updates

- Pillow Project: Salvation Army sent thank you notes from the recipients.
- Safe Harbour donated poly fill for us to use. This will likely go to dog beds. In the past, we have donated comfort quilts to Safe Harbour.
- Bingo: We need more items for bath, Christmas, gardening, family fun night, and kitchen baskets. Vicki Knepp will collect quilts until March 3. We have 42 now but could use additional for "tie" situations in bingo. We have 22 volunteers and need about three more. Sarah Burkett did a wonderful job on posters and flyers. We have 100 door prizes made by members. To make this a success, we need members to promote ticket sales and get the posters into the community. There are 100 of a total of 250 tickets sold. To purchase tickets, people can email to LeTortbingo@gmail.com
- Workshops: Marty reports we still have room for the Spring workshops, but they are filling and will now be opened to other guilds.
- History: Marty has an archive of items and would need committee members to help with using them in planning our 40th anniversary celebration.
- Retreats: Cathy reports the dates are May 8-12. We need more sign ups. The reservation fee is \$75.
- By-laws: Julie reports that the work is ongoing, and questions from membership are welcome.

Next meeting is 2/19/2024 via ZOOM.

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 March issue is February 23. Articles are welcome from all members. Email articles to letortquilters@gmail.com

Board Meeting

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m., 62 Meade Drive, Carlisle. Members are reminded they may attend. We just ask that they let us know in advance so that we can plan for seating.

Monday Meetings

If it's a Monday meeting, there is dinner at Brad's!

Are you looking to meet friends and enjoy a meal together? You are welcome to meet us at Brad's on Spring Rd, Carlisle. We arrive around 5:15, order at the counter, and join the group.

Gathering time for the guild meeting is 6:30, so there is plenty of time to visit.

Any questions, please contact Deb Weigle.

Global Quilt Connection is available. Julie took a survey of interest in it. The dates are April 13 and 14. We have 48 hours to access the content.

More show and share happened before the drawings.

Name tag winner was Gail Sollman; 50/50 drawing was Sue Beinhaur \$19; we were blessed with three shop drawings: Janet Nelson, Sue Aieldinger and Pat Loomis were winners.

Respectfully submitted:

Melissa Greevy

Feb 19 Minutes

February 19, 2024, LeTort Quilters of Carlisle Meeting Minutes

Rachel Derstine, an art quilter from Philadelphia, made an interesting presentation at this month's Zoom meeting.

Guild Service Day: next one happens 2/28 (Wednesday) from 9-3.

Next meeting: Sunday, March 3. All are invited to bring tips, tools, and techniques to share.

Next Board Meeting: March 14, 2024. Let Julie know if you want to attend so that she has enough chairs.

Textile Fusion Workshop: March 15. Mikki Howell will teach. This workshop still has space.

Second March Meeting: March 18. Miki Howell will present.

Bingo: Karen K. Buckley reports that if all pay, 169 of 250 tickets are sold. More member efforts are needed to post flyers, use social media, and talk up ticket sales.

Meeting adjourned about 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Greevy

RETREATS

May 2024 Retreat aka Quilting with Friends!

We still need a couple of people to sign up for the May Retreat.

The May Retreat at the Bongiorno Conference Center will be held May 8-12, 2024. Sign up at the March 3rd or 17th meeting, with a \$75 deposit. If you can't be at the meeting, call or text Cathy Irwin to sign up. You can mail your \$75 deposit to the Letort Quilters mail box: PO Box 260, Carlisle, PA, 17013. Hope you can come!

Prices:

	Single	Double	Triple
W-Sun.	\$355	\$310	\$285
T-Sun.	\$305	\$265	
F-Sun.	\$260	\$220	



Quilters Attic

Quilters Attic will be at the 68th Annual PA Relief Sale on Friday, April 5, (4-9pm) and Saturday, April 6, (8am-4pm). The sale is held at the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg.

If you have been there before, you know that we sell all things quilting-related. Fabric, blocks, UFOs, old quilts, patterns, books, magazines, notions, etc. Come and check us out!

Of course, there is also the quilt auction with usually around 200 quilts. There is strawberry pie and many other foods to choose from. Many things to see and do. If you want more information, call me! Cathy Irwin jckji@aol.com or 717-919-8470.

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.

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you all:

3/7 – Debbie Weigle
3/16 – Nancy Herd
3/18 – Susie Horner
3/22 — Ann Allen

GUILD HISTORY

When the LeTort Quilters first started 40 years ago, they started two traditions that lasted for most of the years since. The first was to make a quilt to raffle and the other was to hold a quilt show.

We continue to raffle quilts in many ways. The tradition of having a quilt show at least every other year continued until the pandemic in 2020. If you have special memories of the shows and of our raffles, the guild would love to hear from you. A number of members and their friends and relatives have been winners of our raffles - why not share some of your photos!

Below are photos of that first raffle quilt with the winner. The others are of the brochures and flyers made to promote the show.

Marty



Patchwork

Your life is like a quilt
And everybody weaves their share
Some weave huge great tapestries
And some weave tiny squares

Some squares bring you laughter
And some will bring you tears
Some are stitched and sewn by those
Who are no longer here

In places there are threads
From people choosing not to stay
And every time you touch these
threads

It brings back all the pain

But every little thread
That weaves its joy and pain and fun
Has stitched a quilt together
Of the person you've become

And every little tiny part
Has slowly taught you how
To weave your contribution
Into the blanket you have now

So I know there are squares that
comfort you
And some that you dislike
But without them all you wouldn't have
This patchwork of your life

Becky Hemsley 2020

FB Becky Hemsley Poet

www.BeckyHemsley.com

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TREASURER'S REPORT

By Becki Davis



Letort Quilters Balance Sheet As of January 31, 2024

	<u>Jan 31, 24</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking - M&T Bank (LQ of C)	15,478.84
Total Checking/Savings	<u>15,478.84</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>15,478.84</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>15,478.84</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Sales Tax Payable	36.06
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>36.06</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>36.06</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>36.06</u>
Equity	
Education Fund	10,796.61
General Fund Retained Earnings	1,203.67
Retreats - Equity Account	1,054.90
Net Income	2,387.60
Total Equity	<u>15,442.78</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>15,478.84</u></u>

Letort Quilters Profit & Loss January 2024

	<u>Jan 24</u>
Income	
Membership Dues	25.00
Misc. Income	
Bingo Tickets	270.00
Total Misc. Income	<u>270.00</u>
Total Income	<u>295.00</u>
Expense	
Bus Trips	200.00
Officer Supplies	8.00
Works hops/Lectures	350.00
Total Expense	<u>558.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-263.00</u></u>

Global Quilt Connection

LeTort Quilters- We have registered for the Global Quilt Connect Sampler Platter on 13 and 14 April. This is a great way to get quilting and creation ideas from the comfort of your own home. The Guild participated last fall; if you enjoyed the presentation then, check out what is new for spring. If you are busy over the weekend and can't watch, the presentations will be available for 72 hours. We will send out the link in April (closer to the event). Join the fun!

Saturday April 13, 3-6pm Eastern

Sunday April 14, 3-6pm Eastern
The stream recording will stay up for 72 hours.



Bees

Wool Bee. 2nd Monday of the month

Handwork Bee. 4th Monday of the month

We meet at the Bosler Library from 1:30-4.

Bring your own project and join us!

Any questions, call or text Cathy Irwin 717-919-8470 or Lin Keller 717-979-0506.

HELPING THE COMMUNITY

FIDDLE (FIDGET) QUILTS

Thank you for continuing to sew fiddle quilts and returning them at meetings. In April, I will be requesting help to sew more of the mats we use for the fiddle quilts.

Currently, we have various kits for fiddle quilts ready to be sewn at service days and signed out for home sewing. These kits include fiddle quilts and 6" square blocks for mat kits to be embellished later.

I am reaching out to the nursing homes where I delivered fiddle quilts in December. I will share their feedback in April.

Thank you,
Jane Shull & Susan Beinhaur



Happy Easter

Upcoming Community Service Days

29 May, 2024

26 June, 2024

What is a community service day?

- A time when we gather together to work on comfort quilts, fidget quilts, and pet beds

Where is the community service day?

- South Middleton Township Bldg, 520 Park Drive, Boiling Springs

What time?

- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Upcoming Guild Service Days

27 March 2024

What is a guild service day?

- A time when we gather together to work on projects for the guild boutique, door prizes, or a challenge project.

Where is the guild service day?

- South Middleton Township Bldg, 520 Park Drive, Boiling Springs

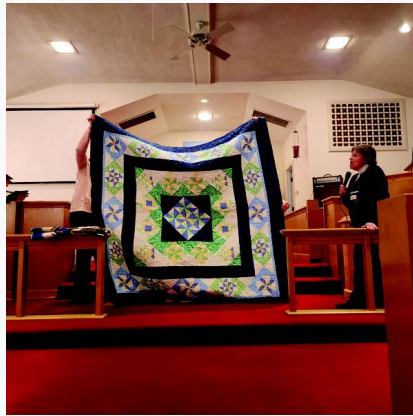
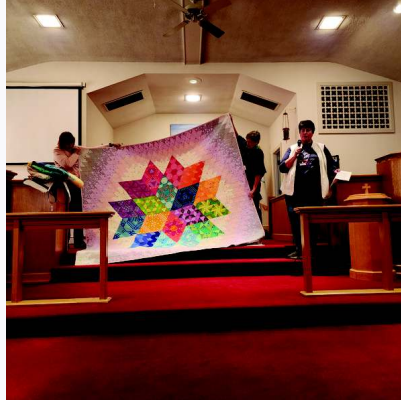
What time?

- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bingo tickets are still available. If you wish to purchase tickets, please see Karen Buckley at a meeting or email her at letortbingo@gmail.com. Purchase is by cash or check only.

AROUND THE GUILD

February 4 Meeting, New Member Trunk Show and Show & Share



MEETING SCHEDULE 2023 - 2024

March 3, Sunday	Tips, Tools, and Techniques Guild Members
March 18, Monday	Breaking Free Miki Howell
April 7, Sunday	Before & After: Repeating Patterns Timna Tarr
April 15, Monday	Back to Basics - Round Robin Guild Members
April 27, Saturday	Quilt Bingo Guild Members
May 5, Sunday	More Than Just Quilts Dawn Gerber
May 20, Monday	New England Quilt Museum/BOM Reveal Leslie Robinson
June 2, Sunday	EOY Celebration

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE 2023 - 2024

March 15 Friday 9 AM - 3 PM South Middleton Township Building	Textile Fusion: Inspiration for Art Quilts Miki Howell
April 6 Saturday 9 AM - 3 PM Monroe Township Building	Stitched Mosaics Timna Tarr
May 17 Friday 10 AM - 2 PM Monroe Township Building	Rope Bowls Joan Gavigan



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