

# Meanderings

LeTort Quilters of Carlisle  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LeTort Quilters, Happy December! Can you believe we are already at this wonderful time of year full of light and hope? I can't. This year has flown by with many happy sewing and quilting memories from guild retreats, workshops, and meetings because of all our generous guild members. Thank you for being a part of something special. Just this past month, Jill Coleman took us through her quilting journey. While she called her presentation "Forgotten Treasures," I commend her on the deliberate and creative way she has ensured antique quilts and feed sacks are not forgotten. By "taking it apart," she brought new life into many treasures! Marty Jones did a fun, get-it-done workshop on the Mondo Bag. Yes, we can all use another bag! It was a great way to learn the tricks of making a useful bag. Thank you to Jill and Marty for your willingness to help us explore and learn about our craft.

I hope you can join us for our last meeting in the calendar year 2023 on Sunday, 3 December. It will be a celebration of community and of our guild. During this meeting, we will collect the reading pillows for distribution to the Salvation Army Stuart House, Safe Harbour, and Community Cares. The Friends of Bosler Library have donated book/CD/DVD/puzzle coupons to go with the pillows, and many members have donated a book with their pillow. If you visit the Bookery like I do, please thank them for their generosity. They are not only giving a book but also an experience for each child to pick their own item and visit the library. Has anyone read Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems yet? Clarice recommends it. We'll also have the boutique open for great gifts and plenty of tasty desserts brought by our members to share as we celebrate.



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2024 will bring continued great adventures with LeTort Quilters of Carlisle. We start the year with a quilting retreat at the Bongiorno Center in Carlisle. We'll only have one meeting, on Monday night, 15 January, that will be conducted by Zoom. We'll have a community service day on Wednesday, 24 January, to work on comfort quilts, fidget quilts, and pet beds. Join us!

The LeTort Quilters board and I wish you many joyful moments this holiday season. Thank you to everyone who has attended a meeting, made a reading pillow, made and/or purchased a boutique item, or called a quilting friend you haven't seen in a while to say hello. Your small gestures of kindness stitch our world together. Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and best wishes for the New Year.

Julie

## MINUTES

Membership Meeting November 5, 2023

Jill Coleman made a presentation of her journey and showed us many of her quilts.

Comfort Quilts: Pappus House blocks are now complete. Carlene B. will piece the top, and MaryEllen W. will quilt it. Pappus House may open in Thomasville in a few weeks. Details are expected for a future open house.

Homeland Hospice requested 80 comfort quilts for their caroling event. Julie R. took a Hannukah quilt top kit to piece.

New member: We welcomed Ivy, who is from Gettysburg.

Fidget Quilts: Jane S. will deliver to nursing homes. She is planning a Dec. 6 workday in her home where new kits will be designed and packaged.

Retreats: Money for January is due on December 3 when we gather for the Dessert Blizzard.

Block of the Month: A ruler is available to borrow for the November block.

Workshops: April and May events are filling. Please arrive at 8:30 a.m. for 9:00 a.m. workshops to help set up tables and get the room ready for the class.

Book: Documentation project books are available for purchase. The book is a good gift idea for a look back at the historical quilts of Cumberland County.

Bingo: Pre-sale tickets will be available 12/3/23. Please pay by check. We need 25 non-playing volunteers. See Julie for various jobs. There are some jobs that can be done by those who also want to play.

## 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 October issue is September 23. Articles are welcome from all members. Email articles to [letortquilters@gmail.com](mailto:letortquilters@gmail.com)

## 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.

## Smile

Can you smile and say hello? Then you can be on the greeting committee. At each meeting, we like to have someone stand at the door and say hello to everyone that attends. Email me for the available dates. This is a very easy but important job for the guild!

Sandy Kohler  
[sandykohler@gmail.com](mailto:sandykohler@gmail.com)

## 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.

## Bingo Raffle Basket Collection Dates/Themes

The collection dates are:

December 3 - Christmas

February 4 - Quilting/Sewing

The themes are:

- Christmas - any Christmas themed handmade items, ornaments, cards, special candies, cookie cutters, cookie decorating supplies.

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## Board Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for 13 December, starting at 6:30pm. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Julie Rhen by December 11. The board meeting is open to any guild member who would like to attend.

At show and share, we saw several items donated by the longarm quilter who worked with the prior owner of Humble Stitch. She donated them to our bingo!

Boutique: Items to sell on 12/3 are needed. November 29 is a guild service day at South Middleton Twp building (where we make pet beds) to make items for the boutique. Debbie W. showed some samples of what she is making.

Pet beds: 1,054 so far! No scraps will be collected on 12/3. January 24, 2024, is the next community service day.

January 15, 2024, meeting will be via Zoom.

Drawings: 50/50, \$21 was won by Gay Weigand. The shop drawing was won by Beth S., and the name tag drawing was won by Linda Bishop.

Dickinson College has students with an interest in quilting. Evelyn H. introduced a guest, Amy, from Dickinson. She says they will need fabric donations.

Challenge Quilts: Distribution of fabrics is delayed to 12/3.

Reading Pillows: Due 12/3 to go to Community Cares, Salvation Army, and others serving children.

We enjoyed a time of show and share before adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Greevy

## QUILT GUILD CHALLENGES

The reading pillow challenge reveal will be at the 3 December meeting. We are going to brighten local kids' holiday spirits with many cozy pillows for the community. The fabrics for the scrap quilt challenge will be handed out to participants at the 3 December meeting. The reveal will be in six months, so there is plenty of time to design and create!



Bingo tickets are the perfect  
Christmas Gift.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

By Becki Davis

Lotort Quilters Profit & Loss October 2023	
Oct 23	
Income	
Membership Dues	195.00
Misc. Income	1,341.00
Royalties from Quilt Doc. Book	7.46
Sale of Quilt Doc. Book	30.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,673.46</b>
Expenses	
Facilities Rental	175.00
Insurance	262.00
Misc.	1,700.00
Officer Supplies	6.28
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>2,143.28</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-469.82</b>

Lotort Quilters Balance Sheet As of October 31, 2023	
Oct 31, 23	
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking - MET Bank (LQ of C)	15,254.67
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>15,254.67</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>15,254.67</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>15,254.67</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Sales Tax Payable	10.75
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>10.75</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>10.75</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>10.75</b>
Equity	
Education Fund	10,796.01
General Fund Retained Earnings	1,203.67
Retreats - Equity Account	2,770.89
Net Income	472.74
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>15,245.91</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>15,254.67</b>

## RETREATS

Final payment is due for the January Retreat at the December 3 meeting or mail your check to:

Becki Davis  
633 Whiskey Springs Rd.  
Boiling Springs, PA. 17007-9518

Amount due after deposit:

Days	Single	Double
Wed-Sun	\$350-75= \$275	\$310-75= \$235
Thurs-Sun	\$305-75= \$230	\$265-75= \$190
Fri-Sun	\$260-75= \$185	\$220-75= \$145

More information will be sent out later to those attending.

Any questions call Deb Weigle 717-460-8606 or Cathy Irwin 717-919-8470.



## Bees

Wool Bee — 2nd Monday of the month

- Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10

Handwork bee — 4th Monday of the month

- Skip Christmas Day, Jan. 22, Feb. 26, March 25, April 22, skip Memorial Day, June 24

Both bees meet at the Bosler Library in Carlisle from 1:30-4:00.

See the sign at the rear entrance for our room assignment for the day.

For both bees, we work on our own projects, share ideas and meet all year long!

We are a small group and would love to have you come and join us!

Any questions contact Cathy Irwin 717-919-8470 or Lin Keller 717-979-0506.



## December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you all!  
Patricia McKay – 12/3  
Jill Coleman – 12/5  
Marty Jones – 12/6  
Janet Fisher – 12/13  
Lynndee Nelson – 12/21

# HELPING THE COMMUNITY

## FIDGET QUILTS

### Work Day

Monday, December 4, 2023

9 a.m. to 12 noon (arrive when you can, leave when you must)

5258 Waggoners Gap Road

Landisburg, PA 17040

717-609-9954

[ibentravlin@comcast.net](mailto:ibentravlin@comcast.net)

There is no need to bring anything.

We will be creating kits.

We have plenty of mats made and tons for embellishments to design the kits.

Once mat designs are created, I place a kit # on top and take a picture. Then, we package them in zip bags.

I plan to have a pot of turkey corn soup for lunch, if you like.

Thank you, Jane Shull

## PET BEDS

Please hold your pet bed donations until February.

## A message from your presidents-elect

We want to thank you for your participation in our surveys. We hope you enjoy the opportunity to make your voice heard as much as we enjoy seeing the results. As a result of the Happy Feet! Sneaker class survey, we have decided not to schedule this class. For those of you who are interested in taking the class, you can visit the events page on Bucklebee Bags' website to find other places where Joan Radell is teaching the class. Who knows...you might find a new and exciting quilt shop.

### Events

[bucklebeebags.com](http://bucklebeebags.com)

Look for more fun surveys in the future. Quilty blessings to all.

Sandy and Lin

## COMFORT QUILTS

The quilt for Pappus House is coming along nicely, as you can see by the picture. We had help with the pieced blocks from Ann Allen, Susan Beinhauer, Ruth Cox, Becki Davis, Diane Fitzgibbon, Melinda Hillard, Vicki Knepp, Jane Landis, Lytle Markham, Sandy Moore, Jane Shull, and Lynette Ulrich, and the blocks came together beautifully! Now that the top is all stitched together, it is in the hands of MaryEllen Wical to be quilted. Once that is complete, we just need someone to bind it. The binding is already made, so if you are interested in attaching it, please see Carlene or Sue.

If you remember, our guild was asked to make a quilt for the room painted a pale peach color. The quilt stays with the room, so it had to be suitable for male or female. We sincerely hope our guild's contribution will give comfort to those who, by necessity, are occupying that room.

In other news, if you have made any doll quilts for Toys for Tots, bring them to the December meeting, and we will get them delivered. If you are unable to attend that meeting, place them in any Toys for Tots collection bin, and let us know how many you made.

As always, we have kits available at the regular meetings, and there will be some at retreat.

Tidings of Comfort and Joy,  
Carlene and Sue



# HELPING THE COMMUNITY

## Upcoming Community Service Days

24 January, 2024  
28 February, 2024  
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.



## PHOTO DIRECTORY

We're finalizing the photo directory in December, but there is still time to submit a photo of yourself or one of your quilts, if you haven't already. There are two options for getting your photo included:

- Email your photo: Send your photo to Sarah Burkett at [sbrktt@gmail.com](mailto:sbrktt@gmail.com). Don't forget to include your name in the email.
- In-person photo session: We will have one final in-person photo session at our upcoming December 3rd meeting. A dedicated station will be set up for you to have your photo taken.

A heartfelt thank you to all who have already contributed their photo.

Sarah

# QUILT SHOWS

<p><b>Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival</b> Hampton Roads Convention Center 1610 Coliseum Drive Hampton, VA 23666</p> <p>Thursday, February 29, 2024 - March 3, 2024</p>	<p><b>Lancaster-Lebanon Quilt Show</b></p> <p>Lebanon Valley Expo Center Lebanon, PA</p> <p>April 10-13, 2024</p>
<p><b>Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show</b></p> <p>Clarke County Parks and Recreation Center 225 Al Smith Circle, Berryville, Virginia, 22611</p> <p>Friday, April 12, 2024 10 AM - Sunday, April 14, 4 PM</p>	<p><b>Faithful Circle Quilters Quilt Show</b></p> <p>First Presbyterian Church of Howard County 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, MD 21045</p> <p>Thursday, May 2 - Saturday, May 4, 2024</p>
<p><b>Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza</b> Greater Philadelphia Expo Center 100 Station Avenue, Oaks, PA 19456</p> <p>September 19-22, 2024</p>	<p><b>Original Sewing and Quilt Expo</b> Fredericksburg Expo &amp; Conference Center 2371 Carl D. Silver Parkway Fredericksburg, VA 22401</p> <p>September 25-27, 2024</p>

## BINGO TICKET PRESALE

Tickets for quilt bingo will go on sale for guild members at the December 3, 2023, meeting. Tickets will be available to the public in mid-January.

Date: **April 27, 2024**

Time: Doors will open at noon; bingo starts at 2:00 p.m.

Location: Penn Township Vol. Fire Co., 1750 Pine Road, Newville, PA, 17241

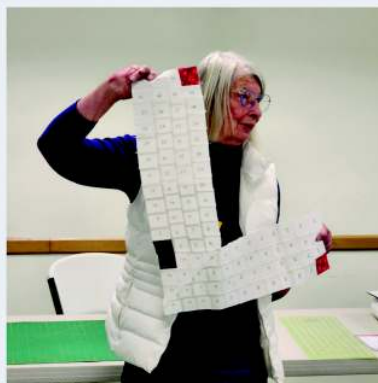
Lunch will be available from Penn Township FC Auxiliary.

Tickets are \$30.00 each, check only please.



# AROUND THE GUILD

November 5 Meeting with Jill Coleman and Show & Share, Mondo Bags with Marty Jones





# MEETING SCHEDULE 2023 - 2024

December 3, Sunday	Christmas Activity and Dessert Social Pocket Pillow Challenge Due Member Bingo Ticket Presale
January 15, Monday	EPP vs. FPP: the Showdown Tina Craig
February 4, Sunday	In House Trunk Show Guild Members
February 19, Monday	Keep It Simple, Pack a Punch Rachel Derstine
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

# The Fabric Center



We have Christmas gifts for all your "quilty" friends!

Letort Guild Members with an active membership card will receive a 15% discount through 12/31/2023. We will be moving to a reward based system in 2024.

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*Wednesdays 12:30 pm - 2 pm*

*Saturdays 10 am - 12 pm*

*or by appointment*

