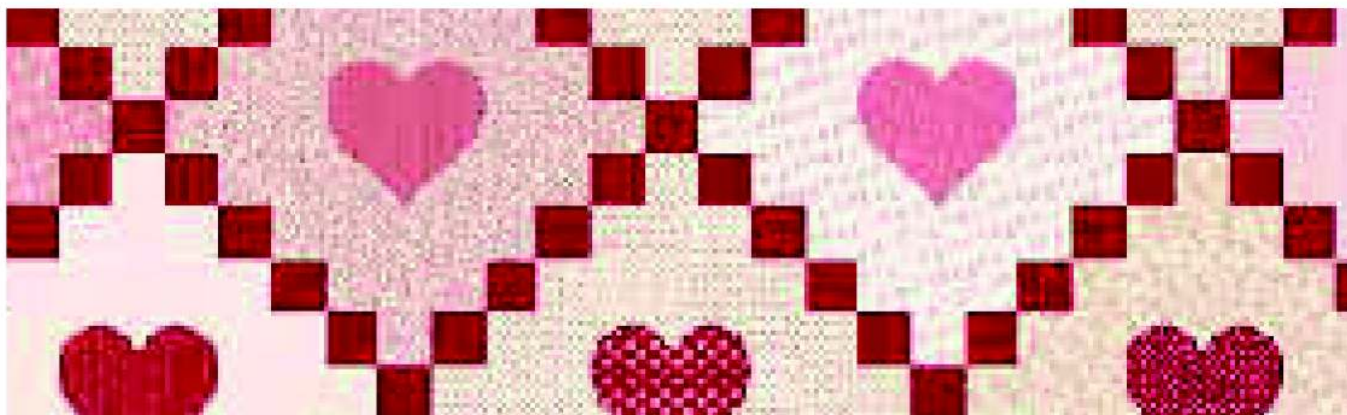


Meanderings

LeTort Quilters of Carlisle

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Be Mine by Janet Houts

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LeTort Quilters, Yes, we survived the winter wonder of snow, cold and wind! I hope you saw nature's beauty from the comfort of your warm home having fun sewing or creating with a cup of your favorite beverage. Despite our true winter weather in January, we had wonderful guild opportunities to be together to create, share, learn, and help. Our January retreat was lots of fun despite the snow that came in on Saturday and sent half the attendees home. As we cut, pressed, and sewed, we learned about Elvis, sang Mama Mia songs, and dug through the magic scrap box. I hope everyone enjoyed Tina Craig's "EPP vs FPP: The Showdown" in January. I thought her idea for the improv mug mat (EPP) was a very creative way to ease into EPP. You can check out more of Tina's designs and ideas at seaside-stitches.com. Thanks to the many hands who participated in our community service day on 24 January. As always, you showed up ready to work, have fun, and do good. Your time and energy are appreciated.

In February, we continue to have fun sewing and creating (shadow or no shadow). I am looking forward to seeing a great group at our in-person meeting on 4 February. This meeting is a great opportunity to learn from our own membership as we participate in an in-house trunk show. This is an expanded version of our show and share that is meant to help our members get to know each other and appreciate the craftsmanship and unique abilities in our group. On 19 February, we are delighted to have Rachel Derstine with us for "Keep it Simple, Pack a Punch." She will share her thoughts on how to choose great fabrics



in this issue

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BOARD UPDATE

GUILD HISTORY

and simple designs to create amazing quilts. For small group activities, please join the sewing bee at Bosler Library on Mondays or 28 February at South Middleton Township Bldg for a community service day.

We will open the March and April workshops up to non-members as of 5 February, so take the time to register for the workshops while at the 4 Feb Meeting. There's a lot going on in this guild including preparation for Quilt Bingo in April, so if you have questions about any event or activity, call another member or a board member and ask. We want our guild to thrive and be of value to every member. Thank you for helping us to make that happen by contributing your time, ideas, and energy.

See you soon,
Julie

UPDATE FROM THE LETORT BOARD

As a quarterly update on actions of your LeTort board, the following is provided. We last met in December, 2023, to continue discussions on the guild's by-laws, a 40th Anniversary celebration, the nominating committee, and quilt show possibilities.

- We are currently reviewing the by-laws to ensure we are operating within stated guidelines and to make any needed changes. We need your input. The by-laws are posted to our guild website so all members can read them. Please do! We are seeking input from the membership on needed changes. We value your suggestions; let us know what they are.
- This year is a big year for our guild—we are 40 years old! We want to celebrate this accomplishment. Let us know what you want to do to celebrate and how you can help. A picnic, a party, speakers, cake? We had two of the founding members at our service day on 24 January. It was fun to hear their stories of the beginning years and how happy they are with how the guild has grown and continued.
- We will need a nominating committee formed soon to find the next president(s)-elect and board members. This is an ad hoc committee that is formed in the spring and is dissolved once the positions are filled. If you have an interest in helping us fill the holes and find some of next year's leadership, let us know.
- We understand that many members are missing our quilt show. We are still looking for ways to display your beautiful craftsmanship and venues for that effort. Something in conjunction with Carlisle Summer Fair was suggested. Do you have any ideas to share? A quilt show is a lot of work, but it is also a joy to share, teach, and educate our community on a hobby we all love.

We need your input and help. Keep the good ideas coming,

Julie



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.

GUILD HISTORY

In November, 1983, a group of quilters took a class, "Christmas Quilt," at a shop called Needlecrafters, which was located on Pomfret Street in Carlisle. They already thought there was interest in starting a quilt guild, and this is a photo of the original sign-up sheet that was circulated during that class for those interested in organizing what became the LeTort Quilters. The group met in the spring of 1984 with Deb Tucker (yes, the one of ruler fame) as the first president.

The Letort Quilters was first established as the Carlisle chapter of the National Quilting Association (NQA). In the last 40 years, there have been many changes, many activities, and a lot of quilts made. As this year, 2024, marks the 40th anniversary of our founding, we will be highlighting some of the people, events, and activities that have given us the vibrant group we have today.

We are fortunate to have two scrapbooks that document our early history, but after 2013, our records are pretty sketchy. If anyone is interested in helping to document our last 10 years we could use a small group of folks who would like to pull together our more recent history.

We would also love to hear from those of you who have memories to share about the early days of the guild.

Contact Marty Jones to help and share. Martyjones900@msn.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:

February 4 - Quilting/Sewing

The themes are:

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

Other themes are:

- Gardening
- Cooking/Kitchen
- Pamper Me
- Family Fun Night

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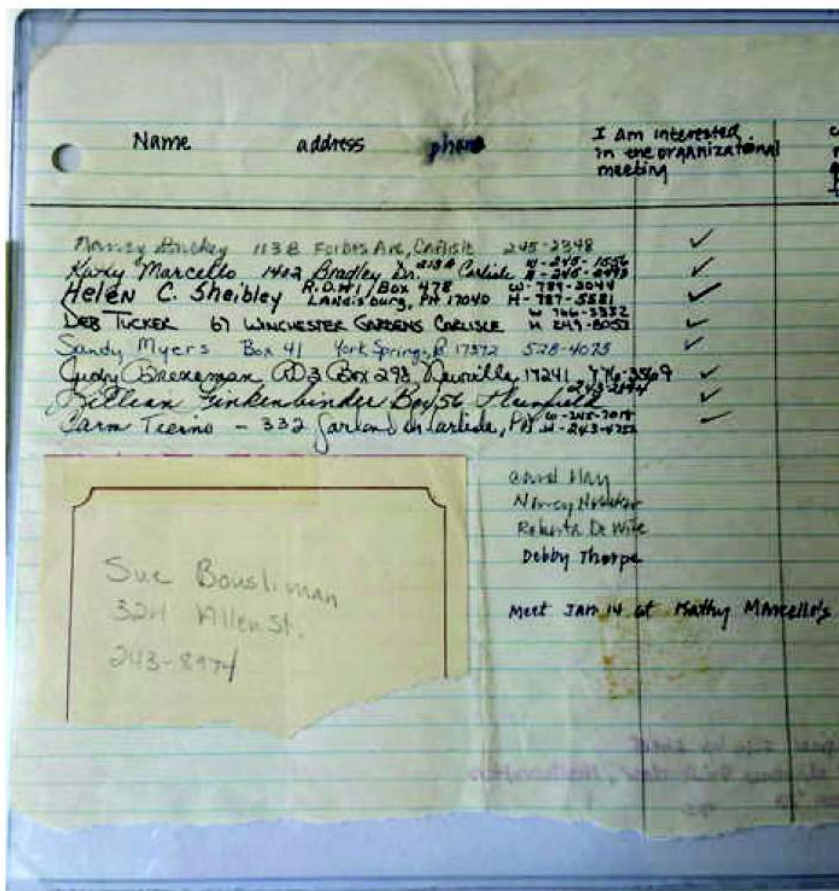
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TREASURER'S REPORT

By Becki Davis

Letort Quilters Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2023	
	Dec 31, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking - M&T Bank (LQ of C)	22,958.43
Total Checking/Savings	22,958.43
Total Current Assets	22,958.43
TOTAL ASSETS	22,958.43
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	38.06
Sales Tax Payable	35.09
Total Other Current Liabilities	73.15
Total Current Liabilities	73.15
Total Liabilities	73.15
Equity	
Education Fund	10,795.81
General Fund Retained Earnings	1,203.07
Retreats - Equity Account	8,281.46
Net Income	2,668.00
Total Equity	22,885.34
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	22,958.43

Letort Quilters Profit & Loss July through December 2023	
	Jul - Dec 23
Income	
Membership Dues	1,045.00
Misc. Income	
Bingo Tickets	1,770.00
R Tickets	881.20
Workshop Fees	1,582.00
Misc. Income - Other	1,204.17
Total Misc. Income	5,097.17
Total Income	7,056.33
Expense	
Bingo	139.08
Comfort Quilts	357.08
Facilities Rental	487.50
Insurance	265.00
Misc.	175.00
Officer Supplies	294.07
P.O. Box Rental	173.00
Pet Beds	144.63
Printing and Reproduction	23.85
Promotional (shirts, etc.)	-37.50
Workshops/Lecture	2,339.01
Total Expense	4,375.73
Net Income	2,680.60



February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you all!

2/2 – Denise Highlands

2/5 – Carlene Brenize

2/9 – Joan Gavigan

2/9 – Cheryl Hayward

2/12 – Marcia Brumbaugh

2/17 – Carolyn Jones

RETREATS

May 2024 Retreat aka Quilting with Friends!

The May Retreat at the Bongiorno Conference Center will be held May 8-12, 2024. Sign up at the February 4th 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	



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 717-919-3470 or Lin Keller 717-979-0506.



HELPING THE COMMUNITY

COMFORT QUILTS

The Pappus House quilt has been completed and delivered to the facility. Many thanks again to all who assisted in the completion of this project, from picking out fabric, preparing kits, stitching blocks, to adding borders, quilting, and binding. One special note that warrants passing along: MaryEllen Wical did the quilting and commented how easy it was to quilt, given that 13 different people worked on the pieced blocks. Nice work, ladies! (You know who you are.)

We had fabric left over, and that will be made into a pillow sham or two, which will be sent along to Pappus House upon completion.

Our work continues with "regular" comfort quilts, and there will be kits available at the meetings. If you are in need of supplies between in-person meetings, contact Carlene at 717-462-0037 or Sue at 717-422-5484.

Sew long for now,
Carlene and Sue



FIDDLE (FIDGET) QUILTS

Thank you for continuing to sew fiddle quilts and returning them at meetings.

Currently, we have various kits for fiddle quilts and fiddle items ready to be sewn at service days and signed out for home sewing. These kits include fiddle quilts, stuffed bears and characters, soft cloth books, and 6" square blocks to be embellished later. Some of these items will be attached to fiddle quilts.

Thank you,

Jane Shull & Susan Beinhaur



HELPING THE COMMUNITY

Upcoming Community Service Days

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.

BINGO

Donations for the raffle baskets are coming in from companies that we have contacted and also from local quilt shops.

We are still in need of donations to help make the baskets special so that a lot of tickets are purchased in hopes of winning one of the baskets.

At the February 4 meeting, we will have recipe cards that we would like for guild members to take and complete with one of their favorite recipes. Please use your very best handwriting when completing the cards.

The February theme for basket collections is quilting and sewing, but we will happily take donations for any of the baskets.

We will have updated information about donation inventory at the February 4 meeting.

Thanking everyone in advance!

Basket Committee
Carmen Eiserman
Sandy Kohler
Karen Pinker
Sue Rynex

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

jJanuary Retreat and January 24 Service Day



MEETING SCHEDULE 2023 - 2024

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

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