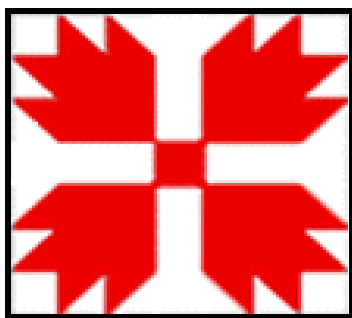




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## **TWIN CITY QUILTERS GUILD**

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Dear Quilters,

Found a quilt top I finished awhile ago.....forgot I even had the Halloween themed prints....now I just need to buy the backing, get it quilted, and sew on the binding. OK, so that sounds like a big job! I was told a long time ago to take one step at a time. I'm now making a list of unfinished projects and projects I haven't even started yet. Many of you have become much more organized than I am, but I'm getting on the right track again and I thank you for your inspiration ❤️ !!

Marty Held, President

## **No July Meeting/No Minutes**

## **No Hostesses for August**

Let's wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to the following quilters for the month of August:

Liz Wheeler 8/2      Paula Wasieczko 8/11

Ann Barberio 8/16      Rene Harbison 8/24

JoAnn Evans 8/30

**Milestone Madness:** During the warmer weather we like to be outside so I am sure that some of projects might take a backseat but if you do finish something, please either call me: 716-694-5732 or email me: rockenbrockjoan@aol.com and let me know, so you can get credit and don't have to wait till September.

In September we have a speaker and a workshop on September 26 at Salem. I will bring a sign up sheet to the picnic and of course in September.

We are working on finalizing the October and November events so we will let you know.

**At the end of this year Rene' and I are finished with our term and we cannot run again. Therefore, we will need someone or two someones to step up and take the reigns. We will be happy to assist and get you going, the job is really not that hard, just stay organized (or consume wine) and all will work out.**

Joan and Rene

💕 Pink Ribbon 🎀 Comfort Pillows 💕

Summertime is fun and quilting time in air conditioning!

A group of seven members and myself joined forces at the North Tonawanda Library on Saturday July 11th to stuff and sew comfort pillows. We ended up finishing 65 and at least 10 others were completed by someone at home! Picture is attached.

That being said, we totally used up my stash of bones that were sewn together and waiting to be stuffed! Soooo I hope some of you will take some that I have already cut out and help me sew them together. That way in a few months we can have another stuff and sew gathering! I will have some at the picnic for those of you who already know how to assemble them. For those of you who do not, I hope to have a quick demonstration at an upcoming meeting.

On 7/13, I delivered 20 comfort pillows to Niagara Falls Memorial Hospital. They have a branch of Roswell breast cancer care and are always appreciative of the pillows! Then on 7/14, I went to 800 Park Club to deliver 40 more to them! They are by far and away our largest requester.

Keep sewing the chemo caps, wheelchair walker bags, Christmas stockings and as always, Linus quilts.

Keep smiling, keep cool and think 💕 Pink...Dru



## 2026 Challenge

This year our TCQG Challenge Committee is offering two challenges:

**Low Bridge, Everybody Down!** Create a work commemorating your favorite site or memorable moment along the Erie Canal.

**Let's Go Fly a Kite!** Create a work dedicated to kites.

This is the perfect project to unleash the creative quilter in you! Both challenges require the use of multiple techniques. Our committee encourages you to explore your imagination, try something new, stretch your skills! Here are some ideas for tapping into your creativity: piecing, appliqué, couching, coloring/dyeing, embroidery, stamped design, thread painting, sashiko, beadwork, paper piece a focus area, chenille, decorative stitching, consider a facing rather than a traditional binding.

Need some inspiration for your **Low Bridge** challenge piece? You are in luck! The **Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village** has a new exhibition, *The Erie Canal: Corridor of Change*. The exhibit opens July 25! More info at the BNHV website: <https://bnhv.org/>.

Need some inspiration for your **Fly a Kite** challenge? Your luck continues! The Great Lakes Kitefliers Society has several Kite Fly events at Gratwick Waterfront Park. The events run 12noon to 4pm, usually on the first and third Sundays (weather permitting): August 16; September 6, 20; October 4. These events are free and you can watch al fresco or from the air-conditioned comfort of your vehicle. More info at <https://www.flyglks.com/glks-home>.

**Get started now!** Each kit has specific guidelines, some unusual embellishments, and a handful of interesting fabrics to help inspire AND challenge you. Your project will be judged by your fellow quilters and prizes will be awarded during the annual Christmas Party.

Get your kit before they are gone! There are 7 **Low Bridge** kits and 1 **Kite** kit remaining. Once kits are gone, they are really gone. The cost of a kit is \$5.00 (exact change appreciated) PER KIT, but could be free IF you complete AND display your project at the annual Christmas Party. You can get a kit from Kelly T (rear corner table) at any of our TCQG monthly meetings while supplies last. Yes, you can get one *Low Bridge* AND one *Kite* challenge kit if you wish (total \$10.00). **Yes, you can pick up a kit at our annual Picnic in August!**

Please direct any questions to *any* of our 2026 Twin City Quilters Guild Challenge Committee members: Linda Wegrzyn, Dee Judy, Kelly Tooley, Jessica Tribunella, Dorothy Glosser.

**\*\*\* PLEASE CONSIDER DISPLAYING YOUR WORK AT OUR 2027 QUILT SHOW! \*\*\*** Our Quilt Show is an excellent opportunity to showcase the incredible talent evident within our membership.

## **August Picnic**

When: August 5, 2026

Where: Wheatfield Senior Center

Time: 6:30

Catered by Yubbs

The last call to attend was July 15th. If you haven't sent your \$14.00 in by now, you are out of luck. And we will see you in September. (Reminds me of a song)

## **Upcoming Quilt Shows**

### **Hudson River Piecemakers Quilt Guild Show**

“Every Quilt tells a Story”

August 1 & 2    Saturday 9-4 Sunday 9-2

At Hadley - Luzerne High School

273 Lake Ave

Lake Luzerne NY 12846

### **Morning Star Quilt Guild**

“Harvest of Quilts”

Sept 18 & Sept 19

At Grange Bldg at Erie County Fairgrounds

5600 McKinley Pkwy

Hamburg NY 14075





### PROJECT LINUS

| Month   | Quilts made from kits | Quilts made from their own Stash | Totals           | Grand Totals |
|---------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 2025    |                       |                                  |                  | 7334         |
| 1-2026  | 7                     | 6                                | 13               | 7347         |
| 2-2026  | 6                     | 10                               | 16               | 7363         |
| 3-2026  | 20                    | 17                               | 37               | 7400         |
| 4-2026  | 25                    | 15                               | 40               | 7440         |
| 5-2026  | 20                    | 17                               | 37               | 7477         |
| 6-2026  | 3                     | 12                               | 15               | 7492         |
| 7-2026  |                       |                                  |                  |              |
| 8-2026  |                       |                                  |                  |              |
| 9-2026  |                       |                                  |                  |              |
| 10-2026 |                       |                                  |                  |              |
| 11-2026 |                       |                                  |                  |              |
| 12-2026 |                       |                                  |                  |              |
|         |                       |                                  | 2026 Grand Total |              |

You have been very busy turning in 15 quilts this month-----

Bringing our total to 7492

Remember our challenge to make 250 quilts this year in honor of America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary--- our total so far is 158

We only need 92 more to reach our goal---WE CAN DO THIS.

We are very, very grateful to everyone who likes to use their own stash.

Just a quick reminder of the desired size of the quilts:

40 x 50, 50 x 60, 60 x 70 and twin size.

Please remember to sew with 1/4 " seam allowances.

Remember the kids don't care if your seams match--they are just grateful:  
to hold and cuddle in a quilt to feel the love that was sewn into every stitch

As always, with very grateful hearts---Co-chairs, Sue, Cindy, Linda