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All members are encouraged to participate

Dear Quilters,

It's amazing how fast time flies especially when we have our meeting a week later than usual due to New Years Day!

I'm anxiously awaiting to see what Joan and Rene have up their sleeves for this year. It sounds like it is just what I need to get my sewing mojo back into gear. Between moving and surgery I haven't done much and while my knee has healed fine I now have hip issues so my mobility is still limited not to mention my comfort level. Please remember to extend patience during the transition from Joanne Sentman to Kelly Miller as treasurer. I appreciate Kelly taking over the role and have the utmost confidence she will do an amazing job.

If you haven't signed up for a committee, please give it some thought. The assignments are listed on our website <http://www.twincityquiltersguild.org/> so you can easily see which committees can use a helping hand. If you signed up for a committee and I missed you - please accept my apologies - and let me know so I can amend the listing.

Deb

Minutes from the January 8, 2025 meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:35 by President Deb Marshall

Officers present:

President – Deb Marshall

Co/Vice Presidents –Joan Rockenbrock and Rene’ Harbison

Treasurer – Kelly Miller

Secretary – Donna Clark

Guests: Maer Rose

Carol Carney made the motion to accept the November minutes and Kelly Urtel seconded, after the minutes were corrected by deleting the second sentence in “A budget line for the Christmas Party was established for \$700. It will be reimbursed from members’ payments for the party.” It was approved. Financial Report is on tables.

The program tonight was the revision of the By-Laws. Members were e-mailed a copy of the revisions for perusal. Notes in black were the same as the 2018 By-Laws, red were changed, added or deleted, and green were suspended. Discussion was held on a few areas. Carol Carney motioned to accept the revisions, Kelly Urtel seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Remember to update Liz Wheeler (membership) of any address/email/phone number changes. There was no other old business.

New Business:

The Treasurer’s books need to be audited, since there was a change in Treasurer. Marty Held and Jayne Crummet will audit.

Carol Carney was selected to receive \$100 for the member’s quilt.

Please volunteer for committees.

Rather than developing a phone tree, it was decided that if North Tonawanda, Wheatfield or Amherst schools are closed, there will be NO Guild meeting.

Shining star pins were presented to Cindy Hubacher, Doris Gierke, Bonnie Victor and Barb Donn, after being nominated by Linda Szmanda. An additional star was awarded to Linda Szmanda.

Linda Berwaldt requested small items for the N.T. library display in March, be brought in to the February meeting with your name and phone number attached. No other new business.

Refreshment break after singing Happy Birthday to January birthdays. Please sign up for Quilt Show committees.

Committee Reports:

All committees weren’t reported on due to starting the New Year.

Christmas Party: Linda Barrett summarized the successful party and thanked her committee of Cheryl Shoemaker, Sheryl Lynch and Rene’ Harbison.

Quilt Show: Theme – “Quilts For All Seasons”

Cheryl Shoemaker explained that by January 14th, information needs to be in to the Quilters Consortium, to be included in this year's Passport. Members presenting Passports at the Quilt Show will receive \$1 off admission to the show. A stamp will be provided to stamp Passports.

The silent auction, headed by Linda Smyth and Diane Brodfuehrer, will consist of higher ticket items that will have an opening bid, a minimum bid and no cut given to the guild. The bidder's number and amount bid will be put on the bid sheets.

We will have a "Square" for charges at the boutique and silent auction.

Liz Wheeler will head demos. She's looking for more volunteers to sign up for demos.

If your quilt entry is a Quilt of Valor or will be used for a future class, let Cheryl know, so she can advertise it.

Please donate magazines, grouped and tied together.

The following are vendors – Country Treasures, Fluffy's, Marie's, Aunties Attic, Creekside, Around the Block, Town and Country Quilting and Donna's baskets. One 10X8 booth is still open.

Advertising – bookmarks and posters will be handed out in February. Cheryl will advertise on Facebook. Please like.

Donations for basket raffle (no baskets needed), mystery bags (fabric, patterns and notions, NO books), Linus fabric pool (larger than 2") and food (donut holes, coffee cakes, picky things for grazing) are ALL NEEDED.

Judging will be Saturday, April 5th at Salem Church in Tonawanda. Drop off 9-9:30, pick-up 3:30-4.

Miniatures are determined by size of block, not size of quilt.

Programs: Joan and Rene' explained that they're focusing on precision. We will be making a mystery quilt with help. A layer cake and 1+1/2 yards of background material are needed. Every month a demo and hint will be presented at the meeting and then printed in the following month's Newsletter.

Wheelchair/Walker bags: Barb Newman gave a summary of 2024, which covered 10 nursing homes.

254 – walker bags

257 – wheelchair pouches

24 – lap robes

140 – hats

26 – crocheted slippers

9 – afghans

Linus: Linda Szmanda received 13 quilts tonight, with a grand total of 7,117.

50/50 - \$22.00 – Judy Lilac

We are NOT doing UFO's this year.

Show and share

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Clark

Message from the Vice President

This year the programs and workshops will focus on precision. Using a Mystery Quilt format, each month you will receive a new clue and during the meetings our programs will focus on ways to make the monthly piece as accurate as possible. For February we will go over the prep, how and why it is important. Needs for the mystery part: If you have a layer cake (10 X 10 cuts of a fabric line) laying around and don't know what to do with it, this mystery quilt will be perfect. If you don't have one or do not wish to use the one you have, you can make it scrappy. The only clue you will receive this month is: in an upcoming month you will need 3 to 5 large flowers. Large being 3-5" in diameter. These can be cut from fabric or made from petals using scraps. I have a few pieces of fabric that are appropriate and will bring them to the Feb meeting for anyone who is in need. The only decision to be made this month (February) is color or fabric style. Pick a color that you love or will coordinate with your stash or a style (30s, civil war, bright, pastel etc). If you have any questions, Rene or I will be happy to answer them.

Milestone Madness

Begin searching through your unfinished projects and choose as many as you would like to get some or all of it done. This means it doesn't have to be totally completed; bound and labeled. There may be a project that has applique and this has stalled the project. Your goal this year then might be just to get the applique done. You may have a project that is missing fabric. Your goal this year might be to just either find the fabric or pick a substitute. What you will do in the next 2 months (February/March meetings) is to bring in to the guild meeting your list with the Name of the Project and your goal for that project this year. I will have The Official File Folder to keep your goals in. Make sure to keep a copy for yourself and have your name on the list you bring in. At meetings throughout the year, bring in your project that you have "finished" for show and share. For each goal reached, your name will go into the Milestone Madness Box and at the December party names will be pulled for Lovely Parting Gifts. Thus you will have two gifts: The gift of reaching a goal and a prize. We will go over this at the meeting so if you have any questions, we can discuss them then. Joan/Rene

Hostesses for February meeting

Donna Clark

Liz Wheeler

Linda Szmanda

Pam Schnell

Kathy Wozniak

Dee Judy

Let's wish a "**Happy Birthday**" to the following quilters for the month of February:

Greg Mangin 2/2

Kelly Urtel 2/7

Donna Mileham 2/18

Carole Anderson 2/24

Marty Held 2/28

Pam Schnell 2/6

Anna Muscato 2/10

Kathy Gray 2/19

Jill MacDougall 2/27

Linda Szmanda 2/28

TCQG 2025 Challenge

We have kits made up and will be selling them at the February Meeting. You have 10 months to complete the challenge. Come one come all.



PROJECT LINUS

Month	Quilts made from kits	Quilts made from their own Stash	Totals	Grand Totals
2024				7104
1-2025	10	3	13	7117
2-2025				
3-2025				
4-2025				
5-2025				
6-2025				
7-2025				
8-2025				
9-2025				
10-2025				
11-2025				
12-2026				
			2025 Grand Total	

As we are looking forward to 2025 -----wondering what the year’s total will be?

We are always looking forward to the wonderful quilts you make.

We will continue make our 10 ½” “Crumb squares”, collecting 12 to make a quilt top—

We need volunteers to add sashing to complete the quilt tops.

Just a quick reminder of the Project Linus Quilts Guidelines:

Please use new 100% cotton fabrics, fleece and yarn.

Sizes: 30” x 40” 40” x 50” 50” x 60” and twin size 58” x 85” (for the older teens).

While you are busy sewing your quilts—or sewing for our excellent Quilt Show Boutique—Remember to save your useful scraps—for the Linus Pool---please bring them in next month.

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

Quilt Judging Entry Form

QUILT Number _____

Please check every category that you want this quilt to be judged in.*

CATEGORIES:

_____ Large Quilt (280" or larger)

_____ Medium Quilt (200" to 279")

_____ Small Quilt (100" to 199")

_____ Miniature Quilt (99" or less)

_____ Home Decor

_____ Wearable Art

_____ Mixed Techniques (3 or more separate techniques)

_____ Machine Applique

_____ Hand Applique

_____ Machine Piercing

_____ Quilting - Long Arm

_____ Quilting - Mid Arm

_____ Quilting - Domestic Machine

_____ Original Design

_____ Modern Quilt

*Note: The judges retain the discretion to move a quilt to another category to be judged in whether the box is checked or not.

****DID YOU REMEMBER TO COVER YOUR LABEL/NAME ON THE BACK OF THE QUILT?????**

