



TWIN CITY QUILTERS GUILD

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Dear Quilters,

It was great to see so many of you at the first meeting of the Guild this new year. Thank you all for signing up for another year and always thankful for the new members. I've been a member of the TCQG since the days our meetings were held at the North Tonawanda Public Library and was elected Treasurer along the way.

Thank you to our guest speaker, Christine Braunschidle, for her presentation about the many years as a fellow quilter and showing some of the quilts she made. Thank you also for the members that brought goodies for snack time – don't forget to sign up during the year to bring a snack to share.

Getting every member to sign up to serve on a committee is difficult sometimes as some committees need more members than others. We want to get everyone participating in one way or another - whether it be getting kits ready for sewing Linus Quilts, wheelchair or walker bags, chemo pillows, Christmas stockings, etc. or sewing a kit.

As always, we love it when you bring anything you made to show during our "Show 'n' Share" time.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting!

Marty Held, President

Minutes from Wednesday, January 7th, 2026 Meeting

Meeting called to order 6:36 pm by President Marty Held

Officers Present:

- President- Marty Held
- Vice President- Joan Rockenbrock
- Treasurer- Kelly Miller
- Secretary- Jessica Tribunella

Guests- Al Crane and Danie Lynn Billmax

Joan Rockenbrock announced Members Quilt- \$100 to those who sign up, to buy material, patterns, etc to make a quilt. This activity can also include asking other members to help make blocks.

Marty would like the committee members to get acquainted with one another. She announced all members included for each committee (list to follow)

Our New Member Beverly Brown will be assisting Liz with Membership

Joanie shared Milestone Madness. This can be simple or complex, make a list and a copy for Joanie, as items are completed let her know and show them off during Show & Share. There will be a white elephant sale in April- bring things to sell or trade with other members.

Linda Barrett suggested adding new pictures to our website, modernizing, and updating it. It was suggested we contact Gerry Jensen who is our webmaster.

Cheryl Shoemaker asked for us to utilize our newer facebook page, share photos, engage, and show our community.

Rene Harbison shared schedules for programs and workshops.

Deb Marshall offered a reminder to bring items into our February meeting for our Library Display.

Kelly would like to pay our storage fees. A motion to pass by Pam Labushesky, second by Barbara Newman. Vote, all passed.

Donna asked for an official report from the April 2025 quilt show, Cheryl Shoemaker will strive to complete the reports and provide it at our next meeting. Our next show is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of April 10, 2027

Linda Littell 50/50 winner

Program-

Renee announced the program with our Guest Christine Brounshidle. Her entry into quilting began with garment sewing, stretch & sew, and her first quilt was made in the early 1980's/ She enjoyed learning from others who were skilled in handwork and quilting- tracing patterns onto cereal boxes and adding a drawn seam allowance.

Chris showed a temperature quilt, a tie quilt, a 1930's feed 8pt star quilt with no batting made by her grandmother (from marriage), a gingham quilt using 3 colors, a jelly roll race quilt, and shared how much she enjoys scrap quilting.

Show & Share-

Joan Rockenbrock

Cheryl Shoemaker

Liz Wheeler

Deb Marshall

Donna Mileham

Linda Szmarda

Rene Harbison

Dorothy Glosser

Judy Lilac

Linda Barrett

Kelly Miller

Meeting Adjourned 8pm

Submitted,

Jessica Tribunella

Hostesses for February

Liz Wheeler	Pam Schnell
Judy Lilac	Linda Wegrzyn
Joan Rockenbrock	Donna Mileham

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

Cathi Garito 2/6	Pamela Schnell 2/6
Kelly Urtel 2/7	Donna Mileham 2/18
Kathy Gray 2/19	Carole Anderson 2/24
Marty Held 2/28	Linda Szmarda 2/28

Library Display

The Library Committee is collecting small projects to show in the library. Make sure you have your name on the items you are giving to the committee for the display. Pin your name on the back if no label is attached. Bring the small projects in on our meeting in February. Let's show the public what we are capable of creating.

Vice President Report

On January 24, 2026 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Salem UCC Linda Hunter will be giving a workshop on finishing your quilts. We will be getting years of her experience making sure our quilts are finished to perfection. There are still a couple of seats available, so if you wish to attend and have not signed up, please e-mail (rockenbrockjoan@aol.com) or text 716-998-8350 me. Lunch will be available for a \$5.00 fee or you can bring your own. On the menu is: pulled chicken, cole slaw and dessert. In regards to the weather - other than a travel ban or the teacher can't make it, the workshop will be held.

At the February meeting we will have a sign up sheet for the next workshop at the front table, which is the Starburst quilt taught by Deb Marshall on February 21. (see below for picture and fabric requirements after Project Linus).

The white elephant sale will be coming up also, so start collecting all the treasures you can now part with. Prices are up to the seller.

Milestone Madness continues. There is an overachiever already. This person handed in a list and finished an item in the first week. Make a list of the things you would like to accomplish this year. Arrange my thread by color can be on the list, throw out any and all old thread, or wind 4 white bobbins. If you wish to complete an entire quilt, list steps: finish blocks, sew a row together, sew another row together etc until your list has enough points to get the quilt finished. During show and share, bring your item in or let me know what you have accomplished. I will cross it off your list, you cross it off your list, I put your name in the box and at the Holiday Party, there will be gifts.

Happy quilting and stay warm

Joan and Rene

Pink Ribbon Pillows

Here is a great way to start the new year! On January 7th I was able to make a pillow drop off to one of the breast cancer doctors offices that we support! And they were hoping that I would have more by the middle of February! Well I hope so.

In order to accomplish that mid February goal I hope you will consider coming to the Stuff and Sew at the NT Library on Saturday January 17th! I will have plenty of supplies, just bring scissors.

If you have completed any of the kits that you took at the January meeting, you could also return them at that time. Otherwise please bring them to the February meeting. I will have more kits for you to sew.

Thank y'all for supporting the return of the breast cancer pillows committee. I look forward to finding out who's in this group and how we would like to get together to do some cutting!

And did you know that the chemo caps have been ongoing all this time? If you would like to help with that aspect of the pink ribbon committee please see Linda Smyth!



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				
3-2026				
4-2026				
5-2026				
6-2026				
7-2026				
8-2026				
9-2026				
10-2026				
11-2026				
12-2026				
			2026 Grand Total	

We are forever grateful to all the dedicated members who, month after month
donate their talents, time and own stash to keep Project Linus totals raising each month---
the Grand Total for 2025 is 7334, which means a Grand Total of 230 for the year.

We are trying to make kits, as easy and quick as possible, which is why we have been using simple panels (less piecing the top) --a few will need borders (to increase the size), then assemble as normal.

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

Anyone interested in a new 2026 Challenge?????

Let's see if we can make 250 quilts for the year---that's just over 20 a month-- we are off to a great start with over 13 for January--we are off and running!!

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

Basic Starburst
Baby size 5X6 blocks
Kid size 6X7





Starburst Quilt February 21 Class

Fabric requirements for basic quilt - no border -

Each block requires 3 - 5" pieces of fabric

Baby quilt has 30 blocks

Kids size quilt has 42 blocks

Charm packs work really nice; but keep in mind charm packs are generally 40 pieces per pack, so you will need to cut a few additional 5" squares.

Baby quilt needs a total of 90 - 5" squares (2 charm packs plus)

Kid quilt needs 126 - 5" squares (3 charm packs plus)

Fabric that forms the stars:

1 yard for Baby size

1 ½ yard for Kid size

Additional fabric is if you want to add border - $\frac{1}{3}$ yard

