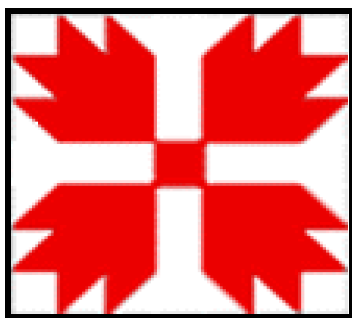




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Dear Quilters,

Our June guest speaker, “Busy Needle”, brought many ideas beginning from when she lived in Switzerland and the years since, now in the U.S. She showed us a variety of different battings and endless colors/shades of thread in addition to samples of her work.

Don’t forget – we need a name for our Quilt Show next April!

Marty Held, President

Minutes from the June 3, 2026 meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:34 by the President:

Officers Present:

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

Guest- Angela Myers

Secretary's May minutes approved by Paula Wasieczko and seconded by Kelly Tooley.

Treasurers report approved

The speaker for the June meeting was Elita Sharpe. Missing eagle. Quilting is her favorite part, not the piercing. In her career she is a longarm quilter, has worked on machines, taught many classes, and hosts retreats. There is a retreat in Ellicottville in the fall. Elita makes service calls for machine service. Elita's website is www.busyneedle.net.

Refreshment break after singing Happy Birthdays for June & July birthdays.

The catering menu for Yubb's is on the tables, August is our guild's picnic. 28 voted yes for Menu 1. \$14 for the meal with tax, tips, delivery, and cookie/brownie dessert. Orders need to be submitted and payment goes to Kelly Miller. Checks are made out to Twin City Quilt Guild.

The challenge committee has a few kits remaining. The sky is the limit with your Kites!

Stockings have a few kits remaining, our goal is 2000 for the year

Drew won't have more kits until July

Cheryl- Quilt show 9,10,11 of April 2027. September really kicks off planning. October for sign ups, details, etc. we need a name for the show. Raffle quilt as a cover photo and post card vs a bookmark. No Silent auction this time, it didn't work out last time we tried it. Keep patterns and books for the show.

Heather Ashback is the speaker for the guild's September meeting on Deb Tucker rulers

Linus has 15 finished quilts turned in.

Send Joan Rockenbrock your Milestone Madness accomplishments so she can keep track while we are away.

Joann is the winner of 50/50 \$33.50

Show and Share:

Joann farmers wife
Drew applique butterflies
Bonnie Kellie beckwith quilt
Doris gierke strip quilt
Doris charms quilt
Liz wheeler, pre Covid quilt
Kim- lost birds
Linus quilts

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted,
Jessica Tribunella

No Hostesses for July

No guild meeting in July

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

Jennie Wigle 7/6
Kelly Miller 7/20
Cheryl Shoemaker 7/24

Susan Cahill 7/9
Carol Carney 7/22

Vice President Report

Good day everyone:

Mystery Quilt: Somewhere in the newsletter there is a picture of the next steps for the mystery quilt. This portion you will make 2 rows using the background fabric and the fabric you chose for your #1 fabric. You have till the first meeting in September to catch up. In September you will receive the last of the row construction and in October you will receive the final layout and they will all be beautiful.



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.

FREE IRONS/IRONING BOARDS: We received a phone call from Christy (forgot her last name) and she has taken over a property that used to be a hotel. She is developing the land into something other than a hotel and has the irons and ironing boards from the rooms that are in great shape and would like to donate them to a good home. If I remember she has about 85 of each. I know we could always use an iron backup or use one when doing applique so if the bottom gets sticky we haven't ruined our good iron. So I am thinking that if you wish to take some off their hands you can give me a call and I can arrange to pick them up all at once and then you can come and get them from me or her number is: 585-457-7026 and she is on the property Monday thru Friday till 3:00 p.m.

Rene let me do this newsletter solo because after her surgery she might be loopier than usual on pain meds. Speedy recovery to her.

Joan and Rene

💕 Pink Ribbon 🎀 Comfort Pillows 💕

Well June is indeed busting out all over! And oh my goodness we will have so much fun celebrating the 4th of July! Think 250 🇺🇸

I had two more deliveries in May since last we chatted. On 5/20 I delivered 23 more comfort pillows to 199 Park Club and then on 5/29, 19 went to 180 Park Club!

This really turned out to be perfect timing since the bedroom was perfect for my grandson's visit from Tennessee!

I have arranged to have the community room at the North Tonawanda Public Library again for other stuff and sew!

This will be held: Saturday, July 11th 9:30 - noon

I will have plenty of already sewn together bones, stuffing and some needles and thread. You're welcome to bring your own needles and scissors.

Please let me know if you think you are going to be able to attend....

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

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 (e.g.: piecing, appliqué, couching, coloring/dyeing, embroidery). Our committee encourages you to use your imagination, try something new, stretch your skills!

Here are some additional ideas:

- incorporate a stamped design
- add some thread painting
- stitch sashiko
- consider a facing rather than a traditional binding
- try a little beadwork
- paper piece a focus point in your work
- add some chenille
- try out a decorative stitch you've never used before

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

***** 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. My first quilt show EVER was OURS in 2025 and I was blown away by the creativity!

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



August Picnic

When: August 5, 2026

Where: Wheatfield Senior Center

Time: 6:30

Catered by Yubbs

If you plan to attend, and you didn't already pay at our last guild meeting you need to send a check in the amount of \$14.00. Please make a check out to Twin City Quilt Guild, send to Kelly Miller by July 15th so we have a head count for the picnic.

Kelly Miller's address is 254 Currier Avenue Sloan New York 14212

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 250th 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