



TWIN CITY QUILTERS GUILD

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Dear Quilters,

I hope you are not only staying warm, but are busy quilting. Hopefully, we won't have too long of a wait for the weather to stay above freezing.

If you don't feel you have the time to start or finish a large project at this time, we have wonderful charities that need our skills, so at the next meeting, please take a kit (or two) home to complete.

A great advantage to being a member of our guild is welcoming guest speakers and "free" workshops arranged by us. You just have to pay \$10 when signing up to hold your space and when you attend the class, you get your \$10 back!

Come to the next meeting and hear what opportunities Joan and Rene have planned for us now.

Marty Held, President

Minutes from Wednesday, February 4th, 2026 Meeting

Meeting called to order 6:40 pm by President Marty Held

Officers Present:

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

Guests- none

Joan Rockenbrock thanks those who wore their new shirts. January minutes need correction, Co-Vice President Rene Harbison was left off, approved with correction from Deb Marshall seconded by Mary Wells approved by members

Committee budgets increased kitchen from \$50 to \$100, website from \$80 to \$100, quilt show from \$2700 to \$3000.

Linus will receive a donation from the winner of the Raffle/Auction kit.

Joan Rockenbrock- Reminds us February 21 Deb Marshall will be teaching a starburst quilt. It looks tricky but an easy pattern. The fabric requirements were sent for those who signed up, Salem Church at 930am. March 4th meeting program will be Kelly Beckworth teaching on March 21st, April white elephant sale.

Mystery Quilt is made of HST's and has two options for block size- 6 inch-36 x 54, or 9 inch-54 x 81. A background with a print and 2 prints. Yardage and HST's required will be provided in the newsletter. 6 across by 9 down- total 54 blocks and they can really be any size.

April Garage Sale- bring your stuff and cash. This will happen during our scheduled meeting

Auction of Bundle has sold to Joan Rockenbrock for \$15

Marty has cards for Members Quilt, but must not have won in the past. They will receive \$100 for materials. Committees and the members will be published in the newsletter, and we may need to consider rearranging to be sure each committee has enough members.

Deb Marshall will have help from the greeters for Kitchen

Doris Gierke has won the member's quilt drawing \$100

Library Committee- Linda Berwaldt needs things with your name on it, the cases look naked and would like to see if the Library will let us fill their cases early.

17 Linus quilts- 7,364 quilts total

Pink ribbon- 3 deliveries NF memorial, 2 facilities in Williamsville.

Christmas Stockings- 8 have been turned in.

Challenge committee- Kelly Tooley. Please see the newsletter for the details of each kit. New to this year, please use the index card to name your piece, inspiration, and what challenged you.

Judy Lilac 50/50 winner \$25.50

Program-

No program, committee updates

Show & Share-

Joan Rockenbrock

Bonnie Victor

Doris Gierke

Dorothy Glosser

Faye Vogt

Donna Clark

Jeannine Ellis- will make one more eye spy quilt but no more and she wants it in writing

Kim

Liz Wheeler

Pam Labushesky

Meeting Adjourned 8pm

Submitted,

Jessica Tribunella

Hostesses for March

Deb Marshall	Cathi Garito
Dee Judy	Kathy Wozniak
Paula Wasieczko	Donna Clark
Brenda Boyle	Linda Szmanda

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

Deb Marshall 3/8

Loretta Crane 3/14

Library Display

The Library Committee is still 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. For the members that haven't given me items, you can still do so. Items can be dropped off at my house , 2509 David Dr. It is off Witmer Rd. Or you can bring them to the Library on February 19, The Committee and I will be there at 10:00 am .

We are setting up the cases early because they are empty, and we can start our display early.

We still need items from Project Linus, and Wheelchair/Walker Bags.

Thanks for your support,
Linda Berwaldt

Vice President Report

The Milestone Madness is coming along wonderfully. We have not only more people involved but the lists are longer than last year also. It's very encouraging to see all the progress and participation. Remember, you can join at any time, you can add to your lists at any time.

The first installment for the mystery quilt is included in the newsletter along with the instructions for cutting 8 at a time half square triangles. This will give you your yardage for each of the fabrics needed. If you are not sure your fabrics will work, you can bring them to the meeting and we can make decisions then. Next month we will be cutting our first set of half square triangles.

By the time you receive the newsletter, we may have completed Deb Marshall's class and I am sure we all had a great time.

At the March meeting, we will have Kellie Beckwith give a program and she will give a few details about her upcoming workshop. The workshop will be held at the center on March 21, 2026 beginning at 9 a.m. She will be teaching Springtime at Tulip Cottage. The pattern is \$12.00 (mandatory purchase) and very adorable.

The April meeting will be the White Elephant Sale. Bring in your duplicate, I am not going to use this, what was I thinking or this needs good home items. There will be tables set up to place your items. Bring in change and your best bargaining spiel.

We are working on programs/workshops for the remainder of the year and will provide updates when we have them.

Joan/Rene

Pink 🎀 Ribbon Pillows

The Stuff and Sew at the NT Library on Saturday January 17th was so successful that we ended up with 95 completed comfort pillows! 15 members of the guild participated that day, which was a perfect number!



Now on to deliveries!

1/28 - 11; Niagara Falls Memorial Hospital

2/3 - 48; 180 Park Club

2/3 - 29; 199 Park Club

2/5 - 11; 180 Park Club

Adding comfort one pillow at a time....

Please remember that Linda Smyth is still making and delivering chemo caps, let her know if you want to help.

Think pink- Dru

2026 Mystery Quilt

You will be making many half square triangles, therefore, at the end of this message you will be given the instructions to make 8 at a time. At the next meeting I will have a sample in case you need a visual. You don't have to make your triangles 8 at a time, if you have triangulations or thangles, you can use these or any method you choose.

Choosing fabric: Fabric A is the fabric you will need most of and works best if it is a busy stripe, tone on tone or a small print. Fabric B should coordinate with Fabric A. This can be the same value but needs to be a fabric that contrasts with Fabric A. Fabric C is the background and works best using white, cream, or VERY light color that goes with A & B. For your first one, I would recommend sticking with white or cream.

If you use 6" finished half square triangles your finished top will be 36 X 54 without borders. You will need 1 yard of fabric A; $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of fabric B and $\frac{5}{8}$ of a yard for fabric C.

If you use 9" finished half square triangles, your finished top will be 54 X 81 without borders. You will need 2 yards of fabric A, 1 yard of fabric B and $1\frac{3}{8}$ yards of fabric C.

Sewing half square triangles 8 at a time:

Formula: Start with your measurement of your finished square. Add $1\frac{1}{4}$ " and multiply by 2.

If you want a 2" finished square: $2 + 1\frac{1}{4} = 3\frac{1}{4}$ " X 2 = $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Cut 1 $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square from 2 different fabric, place right sides together and draw 2 diagonal lines from upper right hand corner to lower left hand corner and from upper left hand corner to lower right hand corner. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam along both sides of these two lines. Press making sure all layers are flat. Your first cuts will be in the center of the square vertically and horizontally. If your square is $6\frac{1}{2}$ " your first cuts are to cut the squares in half, horizontally and vertically ($3\frac{1}{4}$ " from the right side and left side and $3\frac{1}{4}$ " from the top and bottom). Your next cuts will be on your drawn diagonal lines. You now have 8 half square triangles. Trim to $6\frac{1}{2}$ "

2026 Challenge

Hi Quilters!

We are off and running for the 2026 Challenges. This year we are 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

Each kit has guidelines and some challenging embellishments and fabrics to help inspire you. The cost of a kit is \$5.00, but could be free IF you complete your project AND display your project at the annual Christmas Party. Your project will be judged by your fellow quilters and prizes will be awarded during the annual Christmas Party. This year, your kit also includes a title card with an anonymous, *brief* summary of your work that includes: 1) title of work, 2) what inspired you, and 3) what challenged you. Please do NOT include your name on the title card.

Get your kit before they are gone! You can get a kit from Kelly T (rear corner table) at any of our TCQG monthly meetings **while supplies last**. Kelly T will need your full name and \$5.00 cash (exact change appreciated) PER KIT. Yes, you can get one *Low Bridge* AND one *Kite* challenge kit if you wish (total \$10.00).

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.

Project Linus

Linda Szmanda	Co-Chair
Sue Skinner	Co-Chair
Cindy Warthling	Co-Chair
Brenda Boyle	
Barbara Donn	
Pam Labushesky	
Doris Gierke	
Karen McMurdo	

SunShine

Jill MacDougall	Chair
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Walker & WheelChair

Barbara Newman	Chair
Judy Lilac	
Faye Vogt	
Mary Wells	
Kim Scott	
Linda Barrett	

Membership

Liz Wheeler	Chair
Beverly Brown	
Jessica Tribunella	

Raffle Quilt

Linda Berwaldt	
Jessica Tribunella	
Kelly Urtel	

Christmas Party

Jane Crummet	

Challenge Committee

Kelly Tooley	Chair
Dee Judy	
Linda Wegrzyn	
Dorothy Glosser	
Jessica Tribunella	

Library Display

Linda Berwaldt	Chair
Diane Brodfuehrer	
Anne Barberio	
Cindy Primosch	
Pamela Schnell	

Kitchen

Deb Marshall	Chair
Brenda Boyle	
Carol Carney	
Donna Clark	
Jeannine Ellis	

Greeter

Joann Pietrzykowski	Chair
Sandy Wardner	
Linda Barrett	
Carol Carney	

Christmas Stockings

Sue Cahill	Chair
Jan Brauer	
Diane Brodfachrer	
Linda Littell	
Donna Mileham	
Joanne Sentman	
Carole Anderson	

Pink Ribbon

Dru Lis	Chair
Cathi Garito	
Rose Maer	
Paula Wasieczko	
Bonnie Victor	
Annamae Watson	
Linda Smyth	

Summer Picnic

Kelly Miller	
Jayne Crumnet	
Marty Held	

Program Helper

Jan Brauer	
Diane Brodfuehrer	
Loretta Crane	
Rose Maer	
Annamae Watson	

Quilt Show

Cheryl Shoemaker	Chair
Jessica Tribunella	

**JOIN US FOR OUR
PROJECT LINUS DAY**



SATURDAY March 28TH

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Salem Church (please use Main Street Door)

114 Morgan Street, Tonawanda 14150

We will provide lunch, drinks, fun and friendship.

Feel free to bring a treat or snack.

Please bring your sewing machine and supplies, or crochet hook.

Questions contact:

Linda Szmanda 695-5613

Sue Skinner 688-0176



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

You have been busy turning in 16 quilts this month-----
 -This is a corrected count --for a total of 7363.

Come join us for fun and friends

Save March 28--Linus Day at Salem Church

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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