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TWIN CITY QUILTERS GUILD

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Dear Quilters,

My gosh, September is going by so fast, some trees are already changing. Yikes!

I hope you enjoyed our preview for an upcoming workshop by Linda Hunter and thank you for the warm welcome that you gave the new Linus coordinator, Chris Biggie.

I had the opportunity to talk with Kellie Beckwith (owner/designer of Tulip Cottage Quilts) at a recent AQS show. She's a WNY local gal, and is receptive to doing a trunk show/workshop for our Guild! Let's keep that idea alive and arrange something for next year before her schedule gets too busy.

Remember, Board elections are fast approaching. Jessica Tribunella (did you know she owns a quilt shop in Ransomville, Stitching Corner?) has offered to be the next secretary, but we are still looking for someone to fill my shoes. Think about it, please.

Deb

Minutes from September 3, 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: Sally Malone, Linda Hunter and Chris Biggie

Liz Wheeler made the motion to accept the June minutes and Dru Lis seconded it.

Financial reports are on the tables.

Program – Joan Rockenbrock explained that adding a 4" border would finish the mystery project quilt. She displayed the finished quilt and said final instructions will be in the newsletter.

She then introduced Linda Hunter, who discussed "Playing with Pre-cuts." Pre-cuts are anything cut out previously. After presenting some of her quilts, she gave and explained some table runner and applique patterns which could be used with pre-cuts.

On September 20th from 9-3:30 she will be teaching a workshop on Italian Tiles. A package of 42 - 10" squares, which should be paired 1 light/1 dark, and an 8" square ruler (or larger), besides basic sewing supplies, should be brought. Lunch will be available for \$5. Another workshop may be available in the New Year using 2 ½" strips to make a Carpenter's Star. A list of those interested in this workshop will be started.

Linda Szmanda introduced Chris Biggie, the new Erie and Niagara County Project Linus Coordinator. She passed a list around of those who Project Linus gives quilts to. About 3,500 quilts are donated per year. They prefer quilts to knit blankets and 36"X36" or smaller quilts for babies are fine. Quilts are needed for newborn to 18 year olds. Penny McDowell donated 20 quilts tonight.

Old Business – Thanks were given to Marty Held and her committee for the successful picnic. No other old business.

New Business – The Clarence Quilt Guild has printed shirts. Linda Berwaldt is checking into getting TCQG shirts made. There was a definite interest by the membership in this.

Liz Wheeler discussed the recruiting committee's work and they have one possibility for president. She also informed us that Greg Mangin will take over membership while she is out for minor surgery.

Project Linus Day is September 27th. A signup sheet was passed around.

Cindy Primosch has raffle tickets for the Southtown's Piecemakers Quilt Guild raffle quilt.

Sally Malone displayed the quilt which will be raffled off at their October 17-18 show.

There was no other new business.

There was a refreshment break after singing Happy Birthday to September birthdays.

Committee Reports –

Christmas Party – Kelly Urtel is waiting on prices.

Christmas Stockings – Sue Cahill is still collecting stockings for the military. She has pre-cut stockings and material. She received many tonight.

Quilter's Challenge – Linda Wegrzyn said there are a few kits left – make an apron that includes embellishments from the kit (\$5). Cannot use pre-made apron.

Refreshments – Faye Vogt needs people to sign up for October and November snacks.

Summer Picnic – Marty Held thanked all for bringing food. It was a good time.

Sunshine – Jill MacDougall sent cards to Linda Smyth, Barb Newman, Marty Held, Linda Barrett and Kelly Miller. A sympathy card was sent to the Morris family.

Walker/Wheelchair bags – Barb Newman said there is a shortage of walker bags. She thanked all who've been sewing and also thanked Sandy for knit hats.

50-50 -\$30.50 – Jenny Wigle

Show and Share

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Clark

Milestone Madness

Check out your UFO's and make a list of what you want to do with them. Make a list to bring to the guild and keep one for yourself. If you want to finish it, if it needs to have binding on, if it needs more fabric, if it needs to be cut and even if it needs to go to another home put it on your list. If you accomplish it, bring it to the guild meeting and we will check it off your list. For each accomplishment your name will go into the Milestone Madness box and at the December party there will be prizes.

Any questions: Joan 716-694-5732

Hostesses for October

Sue Cahill

Linda Littel

Linda Szmanda

Joan Rockenbrock

Jim MacDougall

Jessica Tribunella

Jan Brauer

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

Cynthia Hubacher 10/10

Sandra Wardour 10/14

Karen McMurdo 10/23

Sharon Drumm 10/29

Final Clue for Mystery Quilt

This last part of the mystery quilt will be the layout and the applique. A picture of the finished quilt will be attached in the newsletter. If you can't open the picture, the pattern is free from Missouri Star: Floral Fence Rail Quilt. We did 1 adjustment to the original pattern, we deleted 1 rail fence block and added the pinwheel block.

For the applique. You can cut flowers, stems and leaves from your large floral print. You can use your favorite method; hand or machine applique, place your flowers in the upper right hand corner of the background squares of the quilt. At the October meeting we will go over the applique options and information.

A few tips to keep with the theme:

Hand Quilting: Use a needle with the smallest eye possible. Threading can be difficult but there are gadgets for this. The key hole shaped wire holder is very useful. You can see the eye of the needle better if there is a white or very light background. Pulling too hard and/or having thread that is too large for the eye can cause the wire at the end to pull out. Clover has a several types of desk needle threaders. In my experience they work perfectly on small eyed needles and not as well on large eyed needles but they are extremely helpful. Thread: Always use the newest thread possible. You will be keeping this items for years to come and you don't want the appliques to fall off after the first washing because the thread had dry rotted. It's a small cost to prevent a large problem. When threading your needle always thread from the spot where you cut. Thread is not actually 1 thing piece of fibre. It is spun on to the spool just like spinning wool and there are small fibers that stick out from the core and threading from the cut will allow the eye of the needle to smooth the strays back into the core. If you are trying to thread your needle and it is not going well, cut your thread at an angle and try needling

the thread. Place the cut end of the thread between the thumb and pointer finger of your nondominant hand and just keep the smallest piece of thread to appear between your fingers - approx 1/32" and holding your needle parallel to the ground slide the eye of the needled onto the tiny section of thread. The trick is to have as little thread as possible between your fingers which holds the thread stiff enough not to move when the eye of the needle is being threaded.

For machine applique: Placing the cut flowers, stems and leaves where you like and stitching using a straight stitch approximately 1/8" from the edge will give you a fluffy edge after washing. You can use a blanket stitch to adhere your flower, stem and leaves. For machine applique best results require a great prep. Press your fabric areas where the applique will be using starch or Best Press. Press at least 3 times letting the fabric dry in between each spray. If you are using steam a seam on your applique, make sure your steam a seam is larger than your applique, press it to the back and when cool, then trim your applique. If you are not using steam a seam, you can iron starch or Best Press on your applique and when dry use water soluble glue or a glue stick to adhere your items to the background. When using a glue stick you have the ability to move items around and make sure you have them exactly where you want them.

For the border my added a 4" strip which made the final size

If you have any questions, I can answer them at the Oct meeting.

Joan



Dear Fellow Quilters:

As a reminder, this is not our (Rene nor my) first rodeo. It's not even our second and third.

Over the years we have gotten to a place where we know all the steps needed and when they need to be accomplished in order to obtain the best possible workshop. We work closely with each other, the venue and the teacher. One of the most difficult lessons was when to provide the needs list. In the early years we allowed too long of a time and it was a fiasco. We heard: the dog ate my list, my husband deleted the e-mail, I can't find my e-mail can you send it again and then again and then again, aliens came down and would you believe it, the only thing they took was my needs list. We resent and reprinted so many lists, I could have wall papered my living room. Therefore, we know how far in advance participants need the information. If a participant will be out of town or unavailable when the lists are provided they can contact a vice president and make arrangements. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

However, if anyone feels our process is not satisfactory and would like to volunteer for Vice President, neither of us would be offended and may be able to take a nap one day.

Thank you, Joan and Rene



TCQG Christmas Dinner

Rescue Fire Hall/Martinsville Grove
1241 Strad Ave, North Tonawanda

Wednesday December 3th 2024, 6PM

Menu

Chicken and Roast Pork, mashed & au gratin potatoes, candied carrots, green beans, coffee, tea & dessert.

Price 25.00 each

Please make your checks out to Twin City Quilters Guild.
Kelly Urtel will accept checks at the October and November meetings.

Checks can also be mailed to Kelly Urtel 908 Park Avenue,
North Tonawanda NY 14120.

Deadline for reservation will be November 15th, no exception.

Any questions please text or call Kelly Urtel 716-510-0226

Thank you, The Christmas Party Committee



**United in Quilts
Country Neighbors Quilt Guild Quilt Show
Saturday September 27**

10:00 – 3:00

Sunday September 28

10:00-3:00

Place:

**The Sweden/Clarkson Recreation Center
4927 Lake Road South, Brockport NY 14420**

Featuring:

**Quilts, Vendors, Sales Table, Opportunity
Quilt and Baskets, Refreshments, Free
Parking**

Admission: \$7.00

Bring a non-perishable and save a dollar

Note:
Make one block
cutting on

Quilts at the Kenan 2025

Presented by Kenan Quilters' Guild

November 7, 8, 9, 2025

Hours 10 to 5, Sunday 11 to 4

Admission \$6 Cash only

Kenan Arena
195 Beattie Avenue
Lockport, NY 14094
716-433-2617

www.kenanquiltersguild.org





2025

QUILTERS OF HOPE

Quilt Show

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2 EAST MAIN STREET
ARCADE, NY 14009



Kenmore Quilters Triennial Show 2025

**Friday, October 3, 2025
10am to 5pm**

**Saturday, October 4, 2025
10am to 4pm**

Admission: \$5.00

**St. Bartholomew's
Anglican Church
2368 Eggert Rd.
Tonawanda, NY**



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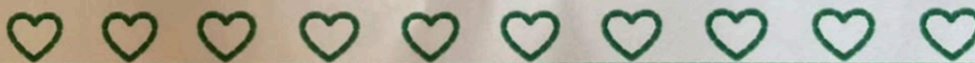
The Southtowns Piecemakers
Quilt Guild presents:

QVILTED TREASURES: A QVILT SHOW

Friday, Oct 17, 2025- 9AM-5:30PM

Saturday, Oct 18, 2025- 9AM-4PM


The Event Center located at the Fairgrounds
in Hamburg, N. Y. - Grange Building





Charity Quilt Raffle


Tickets
\$1 each


86" x 101"


 Free Parking


 \$5 Admission

 Quilt Exhibits

 Vendor Mall

 Members Boutique

 Mystery Bags

 Basket Raffle

NEW THIS YEAR:

Scissor Sharpening

A portion of the show proceeds will be donated to
P.U.N.T. Pediatric Cancer Collaborative

Please join us for
Fun, Friendship, prizes



TCQG LINUS DAY 2025

SATURDAY, September 27

9:00-3:00

SALEM CHURCH, tonawanda

Please use the Main street entrance

If you plan to sew--please bring your machine

If you wish to crochet--please bring your hook

If you want to join in the friendship--you can iron



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	10	22	32	7149
3-2025	16	1	17	7166
4-2025	15	11	26	7192
5-2025	15	15	30	7222
6-2025	7	9	16	7238
7-2025	2	0	2	7240
8-2025	1	3	4	7244
9-2025	6	28	34	7278
10-2025				
11-2025				
12-2026				
			2025 Grand Total	

We wish to a huge Thank You to Chris Biggie, the Erie/Niagara County Project Linus Coordinator

She provided the list of 31 Quilt Recipients that she delivers the quilts to. (see attachment)

She also mentioned that if you know of a child/teen in need to contact her.

She said she distributes on average 250 quilts per month.

Thanks so much for your tireless dedication.

Please mark your calendars for our **Linus Day---Saturday September 27th 9-3**

Lunch will be provided, but please bring your own coffee/beverage.

Come join us, ALL ARE WELCOME--we need sewers, ironers, crocheters

Sign up at the September meeting, or contact me at 716-695-5613.

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

