



## TWIN CITY QUILTERS GUILD

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Dear Quilters,

First I need to apologize for dropping the ball(s) numerous times at the last meeting. After reviewing our Bylaws, I realized that I should have just appointed folks to be on the search committee after no one volunteered. It's not in my nature to strong arm people into doing something they are not comfortable doing. With that being said, we still need candidates to fill the roles of vice president and treasurer.

My second mess up was not having the members vote on the charity group presented to them. I've asked Bonnie/Doris (co-chairs) to send a brief article for the newsletter about Jacks That Care, an offshoot of the Family Resource Center. Please look for it further in this publication.

I've asked Rene to hold off purchasing a microphone system. I want to make certain we think this through thoroughly - such as who will be responsible for bringing the equipment to every meeting and housing it in between. I understand the frustration that this issue has presented but none of us are getting any younger, and I'll be moving to a smaller house with no storage. I am currently waiting for a return call from Gail Connery at the Center regarding the ongoing situation with their equipment. As a reminder, if you are a Chair for a committee, please make certain your notes go into the folder for designation - making it easier for whomever is chairing in the next following years.

Whew...enough said? Please extend courtesies to Jayne in my absence, I appreciate her filling in for me. One final note - knee surgery will take place

In early December unless there is a cancellation. Whoop whoop!

Deb Marshall

## **Message from the Vice President**

The October program will be a demonstration of "Quilt as You Go" provided by Linda Szmanda.

### **Minutes from the September 4, 2024 meeting**

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

Officers present: President – Deb Marshall

Vice President – Jayne Crummet

Treasurer – Joanne Sentman

Secretary – Donna Clark

Guests: Loretta Crane and Donna Universal

Kelly Urtel made the motion to accept the June minutes and Donna Mileham seconded. Approved.

No Financial Report given

Deb introduced our program presented by the vice president of the New York Quilters Consortium, Lisa Phelan. She welcomed our guild to the Consortium and went through the programs available, where to find information on activities and benefits of membership. Information will come to our representative, Judy Phillips, who should share with our membership. She also asked for new ideas to bring back to the group and received several – partnering with other guilds seeking National level teachers, opening at other guilds retreats and meeting members from other guilds. The next quarterly meeting will be Saturday 10/12/24 at Camp Cory on Keuka Lake, register by 10/1. There are 37 guilds in the QCNYS.

#### **Old Business:**

Thank you and appreciation to the Picnic committee.

Remember to update Liz Wheeler (membership) of any address/email/phone number changes.

Let us know if you're a long arm quilter in our group, with amount charged.

Another generous donation received for Pink Ribbon from garage sale profits.

Thank you Project Linus for moving to foyer.

Rene Harbison reported that a new speaker and microphone, to handle our room, would cost between \$350-\$500. Judy Phillips made a motion to purchase a microphone and speaker up to \$500. Dorothy Glosser seconded the motion and it was passed.

#### **New Business:**

Shining Stars were presented to Linda Wegrzyn, our new newsletter editor and Kelly Urtel, for her many years of service in that capacity.

Joan Rockenbrock notified us of her stepping down as coordinator of Pink Ribbon. All supplies are kept at Salem Church. We need someone to step up and fill this role.

The new Erie/Niagara coordinator for Project Linus is Christine Hunter-Biggie. The drop off will now be in Lockport.

Vice President and Treasurer will be needed. No volunteers for a search committee. Please let us know if you're interested in being on the committee or would like to run for either office.

Jayne Crummet will be filling in for Deb Marshall in October.

Dee Manor has a Singer machine for sale -\$100. Contact Deb for her number.

PLEASE read Newsletter, minutes and check website for correct dates on events. The wool workshop is now on September 21<sup>st</sup>, not the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sue Skinner questioned why there wasn't room at the head table for the treasurer. It was answered that extra chairs were provided, but treasurer felt it was too crowded (guest speaker was also sitting at the table).

Refreshment break after singing Happy Birthday to September birthdays.

### **Committee Reports:**

Christmas Party: Linda Barrett informed us the menu and more information will be given at the October meeting. The party will once again be held at Rescue Fire Hall.

Christmas Stockings: Sue Cahill will collect in Oct./Nov. Thank you for all received.

Pink Ribbon: Joan Rockenbrock will remain as a liaison with Salem Church. Bags of stuffing and pillow "bones" were distributed for members to stuff and bring to the next meeting.

Programs: Jayne has list of supplies for wool workshop on 9/21. Linda Szmanda will give a demonstration of "quilt as you go" at the October meeting.

Project Linus: Linda Szmanda informed us Stitch Buffalo donated panels. Pam Labushesky informed us we may hit her challenge of 7,000 quilts at the October meeting. We came into the meeting at 6:29, left at 7:03!! Linda is looking for a long arm quilter for Community quilts.

Quilt Show: Cheryl Shoemaker informed us the show will be week after Easter, April 26-27, 2025, with set up on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Theme - "Quilts for All Seasons", thank you Jill MacDougall. After checking with past chairs, she may need new volunteers. She has plenty of vendors. Advertising will be varied again and ALL are asked to help. Save patterns and books for book room, bring fabric for mystery bags, and baskets for Kelly Miller. List of categories will be available at next meeting. Mixed media needs 3 different media.

Quilter's Challenge: Dee Judy announced there are 10 kits left.

Raffle Quilt: Doris Gierke, Bonnie Victor and Karen McMurdo informed us tickets will be printed, and "Jacks That Care", a family resource center at North Tonawanda High School, will be the recipient of this year's profits. There are two dates they will be selling tickets at the Farmer's Market in N.T.

Refreshments/Kitchen: no comment

Picnic: no comment

Sunshine: Jill MacDougall stated nothing sent out

Wheelchair/walker bags: Jennie Wigle thanked us for those turned in tonight and there are a few kits left.

Fat Quarters: Linda Szmanda (6)

50/50 - \$32 - Anna Muscato

Show and share

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Clark

## Hosts for October meeting:

Sue Cahill  
Liz Wheeler  
Pam Schnell

Sharon Drumm  
Jill MacDougall  
Kelly Tooley

## Information about the charity Jack That Care

Jack That Care is a work based learning program at North Tonawanda High School for students with disabilities to help prepare the students for further education, employment and independent living. A part of the program involves the student making a large grocery bag from fabric (without pins!), shopping for groceries from a check-off list. These bags are then distributed to each school within the North Tonawanda school district, for families in need. The students learn measuring, cutting, folding, ironing, sewing, list making, grocery shopping, money skills and the value of community service. Monies donated from our raffle quilt will be used for grocery purchases and fabric if needed.

## Block of the Month

- January - find a fat quarter that is just as interesting on the back side - refold it so the reverse side is showing for **National Backward Day**.
- February - It's time for **Pistachio Day** - that means the color this month is green
- March - **National Jewel Day** is in March - time for jewel toned fat quarters
- April - **National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day** - who knew??? Think of the colors of this sandwich!
- May - shades of yellow are perfect to celebrate **Lemonade Day**
- June - time to look down the dairy aisle for your color selection when we celebrate **National Cheese Day**
- September - just look up for your shades of blue for **International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies**
- October - time for pink because it is **Breast Cancer Awareness month**
- November - **World Vegan Day** offers a wide variety of bright shades as you travel down the vegetable aisle



### PROJECT LINUS

Month	Quilts made from kits	Quilts made from their own Stash	Totals	Grand Totals
2023				6669
1-2024	7	12	19	6688
2-2024	2	38	40	6728
3-2024	21	18	39	6767
4-2024	17	6	23	6790
5-2024	22	41	63	6853
6-2024	27	23	50	6903
7-2024	5	15	20	6923
8-2024	6	-	6	6929
9-2024	23	87	110	7039
10-2024				
11-2024				
12-2024				
			2024 Grand Total	7039

We have been “CHALLENGED TO REACH 7000 QUILTS” this year—Guess What---

**YOU DID IT!!!! YOU DID IT!!!! YOU DID IT!!!!**

**YOU DID IT ---IN A SPECTACULAR WAY WITH 110 QUILTS TURNED IN September!!!!!!**

We are in awe and stunned at the outpouring of your generosity of the 87 quilts from our members and some former members—you all deserve a round of applause.

We are still looking for volunteers for our new idea of “Community Quilts”—

Some of you like to sew just the tops-

Some like to add the backing, batting, and the quilting-

Some like to add the binding-

We need more to please step-up to quilt the tops—it's not fair to the handful who have offered to quilt the tops—stitch-in-the-ditch, diagonal, horizontal, and vertical lines are all wonderful designs for the quilt tops---

Don't be scared, kids love them no matter the quilting!!!!

Please call, email, or text me if you wish to be added to this group (716-695-5613).

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 children).

### NEW LINUS AREA AT MEETINGS

We have decided to move the Linus Committee table to the foyer.

This will be less interruptive at the meetings.

We will still be very happy to accept your quilts and check-out kits,

Before and after the Meeting—just at a new location.

We are asking you to enter your name into the contest box for prizes at the Christmas Party.

We are very grateful to all who have donated to Project Linus.

Co-chairs Cindy, Cindy, Linda

My car was loaded with your quilts—Carole and Barb held bags on their laps!!!!



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

10/29 Sharon Drumm  
10/10 Cindy Hubacher  
10/23 Karen McMurdo  
10/24 Judy Phillips  
10/14 Sandy Wardour

## **Pink Ribbon**

New chair needed for Pink Ribbon. Joan Rockenbrock is stepping down; she will remain as liaison with Salem Church. All supplies are kept at Salem Church.

## **QCNYS Fall Quarterly Meeting Registration Saturday, October 12, 2024**

(Registration deadline is October 1, 2024)

Camp Cory on Keuka Lake

140 E. Lake Road Route 54, Penn Yan, NY 14527

Don't miss The Parade of Quilts. You are invited to bring and show your quilts!! Periodically throughout the meeting, we will ask a group of people to walk around with their quilt and let us admire their work!

Bring your passport and get your QCNYS square stamped. AND at least 2 vendors, Fluffy's Quilt Patch Plus and Sally's Emporium, will be at the meeting to stamp your shop hop page.

Wee Little Quilts will be for sale to benefit next year's scholarships and don't miss some great raffle baskets (one of which will be only for passport holders)!

Our speaker is Karen Miller, a Master Educator for Aurifil thread, presenting an inspiring and informative program that is "All about Thread." Karen will review available thread weights, needle sized and tension settings so you can achieve brilliant results with a variety of thread weights.

Lunch and all of the above is included with your \$10 registration fee. (Pay at the Door)

BUT WAIT! You can sign-up to attend a special class with Karen Miller after the meeting. This class will still occur, from 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm, after the main meeting. Registration for both the meeting and class together is \$40. (Pay in Advance)

**Click here for Registration, Agenda and Information**

<https://qcnys.org/meetingregistration/>

**Class Description - Sunflowers or Spring Flowers  
Faux Ruched Flowers brighten any Quilt Project by Karen Miller**

Join in the fun of the morning, enjoy lunch with friends and fellow quilters and then sit down to take a very relaxing and informative class with Karen Miller!

Join local quilt educator and creator, Karen L. Miller of Redbird Quilt Co for an exercise in ruching, preparing bias stems and an overview of turned applique - hand stitched techniques than can be used to adorn most any project.

In this three-hour session, Karen will guide you through transforming a square of fabric into a beautiful ruched flower, demo the ease of preparing bias tape stems from scratch and review steps to stitch turned edge or raw edge leaves.

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**THE ODDS ARE IN YOUR FAVOR!  
EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

Is there a fabric/fiber class or technique that you've been wanting to learn? Make 2025 the year that you go for it!

The QCNYS Educational Scholarship is open to all members of QCNYS.

(if you are a member of a guild who is a member of QCNYS, you are a member!)

The application period for 2025 Scholarships is open until December 1, 2024

Applications are made online only.

Educational scholarships are an awarded amount of \$100

Scholarship recipients will be chosen by lottery at the QCNYS December 2024 Member Meeting

2024 Scholarships must be used before December 1, 2025.

Complete the scholarship application at <https://qcnys.org/scholarship/>



## Upcoming Quilt Shows:

Month of September **WNY Fiber Arts Guild**

Admission Free

North Tonawanda Library

505 Meadow Dr

North Tonawanda NY 14120

October 5, 2024 **Fall in Love With Quilts**

Admission \$5

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Cobblestone Arts Center

1622 State Route 332

Farmington NY 14425

Ph# 585-398-0220

October 18th & 19th 2024 **Stitches in Time**

Admission \$6

10:00 am to 5:00 pm children 10 and under free

Alexander Fireman's Recreation Hall

10708 Alexander Rd (Route 98)

Alexander NY

Ph#585-880-0456

Website: [www.themuseumquiltguild.com](http://www.themuseumquiltguild.com)

November 2nd 2024 **Patchwork & Pies Quilt Show & Bazaar**

Admission Free

9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Williamson United Methodist Church

4146 East Main Street

Williamson, NY

