



# Keystone Quilters News

## Summer Quilting!

### President's Final Letter:

My Final Hello as President,

This is my last President's Letter—and it's important to me to tell you ALL a big "thank you"! It's been a great couple of years for me—I've learned so much, enjoyed working with so many of you, and had a great opportunity to be part of an amazing organization.

I think I joined the guild in 2013—so it's been eleven years! (I had to look it up, or would not have guessed that long!) But I really didn't have a full appreciation for the workings of the guild until that past eight years when I went from Treasurer, to Secretary, to VP, to President! Every step of the way, I learned more about the guild's history, function, and members! If you haven't taken on a role as an officer or committee chair, you probably don't have a full appreciation for how great a group of ladies you all are! You are amazing to work with, to learn from, and to share ideas with!

My thoughts first go to the amazing leadership for our last several quilt shows and membership committee with Sue and Kathy! I mean, really, what masterful planners and leaders they have been! And, the outstanding job of Kathy Shorter in planning outstanding meeting programs with our limited budget! And what guest wouldn't feel totally welcome and at ease coming to a meeting and being pleasantly greeted by Jean Perry at the guest table! Of course, we will miss Joan Cahill's detailed minutes and information in the past year as our secretary (not to mention her leadership in so many other roles over so many years with us)! These ladies are 'retiring' from their current positions, but I think they're all sticking around—and I know we'll all still be seeking them out for their good suggestions and support even as they step back from the 'official' designations. It is awesome that we've had members volunteer to step into these positions and continue to support our guild with their leadership talents.

It seems that no matter the assignment or job to be done, someone always steps up to take on the task or pursue the goal! We were so blessed that Annemarie

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### Upcoming Events:

**July 22 - Ice Cream Social**  
Molasses Creek Park 6:30 pm

**Aug 3 – Quilt**  
Registration forms help at  
Indian Valley Public Library 10am - 4pm

**Aug 17 –Trunk Show** by  
Janet Schmel. 2 pm  
Molasses Creek Park

**Sept 30 – My Quilting Journey** by Andrea Hoke

**Oct 11 & 12 Quilt Show**

**Oct 28 – Scrapstashtic Quilts** by Janelea MacBeth

**Nov 25 – Round Robin**

took up the Newsletter role and totally slayed it with her beautiful information-packed publications this year. And, we are currently developing plans for our first Quilt Bingo fundraiser and our first Quilting 101 enrichment classes! It is amazing to me, that someone suggested these two ideas and VOILA!, the exciting plans are in motion! Special thanks to Alicia, Sue, Annemarie, Ginny, Tracy, and Jamee for working on these.

It was an honor that you all allowed me to be President of the guild for the past two years; it was truly a fun time for me! I appreciate the support and encouragement I have received along the way. I am excited for our future plans and know that we have great leadership for the next year with Pat, Alicia, Jamee and Ginny as the incoming Executive Team.

Thank you to everyone!

Mary Ann Smith

**More Events:**

**Dec 7** – *December Tea*

**Jan 27** – *Fun & Games in Quilting* by Mel Beach via Zoom

**Feb 24** – *Color It Beautiful* by Ellen Lindner via Zoom

**Mar 31** - *Trunk Show* by Barbara Harr

**April 28** - *Rock Your Quilting* by Eleanor Levie

**May 19** – *Creativity Journey* by Julie Brown Neu. \*\* Hybrid Meeting

**June 23** *Guild Dinner*  
Meeting TBD

A big thank you to Mary Ann Smith for her constant dedication as president for the past two years and her years of service in other positions before that. We appreciate you! To the right is a signature quilt gifted to her from the guild.



## Highlights:

### Home Tweet Home Saturday Special was a success!

**Thank you** to Barb Harr for teaching Home Tweet Home Class. She and all the participants did a great job. These were displayed at the April guild meeting.



### Our May speaker was our own, Heather Bitner

Her topic was preparing your quilt for the long-arm quilter. She gave us great tips on how to make sure your quilt is prepared for quilting.



### May Saturday Special was a Casserole Carrier

What a fun Saturday Special. **Thank you** to Arlene Kushinka who taught her family pattern for a durable and fancy casserole carrier. Almost everyone finished before they left.



### Saturday Specials and Workshop Events:

**Feb** – Charity Day

**Mar 8** – Stone Soup Table Runner by Kathy Webb and Ellen Clark

**April 5** – Kawandi Quilt by Jamee Pemberton

**April 28** – *Workshop* Weave a Quilt with Me by Eleanor Levie

**May 3** – Ruler Carry Bag By Eileen Bell

**June 7** – 3D Quilted Vase by Annemarie Kammler



## June Saturday Special was Tote and Small Bag

Kelly Pauling taught the tote bag Saturday Special. It got rave reviews. Everyone worked really hard but no one finished at the class. A good time was had by all just being together and seeing the fabric choices everyone brought.



## Our Quilts For Kids Charity



A delivery of 41 quilts was made to **Quilts for Kids** on May 23rd. Lyn Rossanese, Meryl LaSala, and Arlene Kushinka made the delivery and the quilts were warmly received. **Quilts for Kids** now has a few more instructions that Arlene will post at a later date. Thanks to all who made a quilt.

Our **Guild dinner** was wonderful. Thank you to Deb Witt for setting that event up And for doing the block of the month.





Nancy Kranyecz knows someone who is giving away 2 large tables, 4ft by 8 ft and wanted to know if anyone in the guild is interested. They are quite sturdy and heavy. Whoever takes them needs to pick them up. They were used making draperies etc. Contact Nancy ([nankran2@comcast.net](mailto:nankran2@comcast.net)) and she will get you in touch with the person. Thanks

## QUILT SHOW 2024 – Our theme is *Star Struck*.

### Urgent Quilt Show need:

There are a couple of spots open for a 30- or 45- or 60-minute demonstration on either Friday or Saturday (or both!). If you're interested (and I hope you are), please consider taking a slot on. Contact Jean Perry, text: 215-534-5631 or email: [jlouweezy@hotmail.com](mailto:jlouweezy@hotmail.com). Thank you!

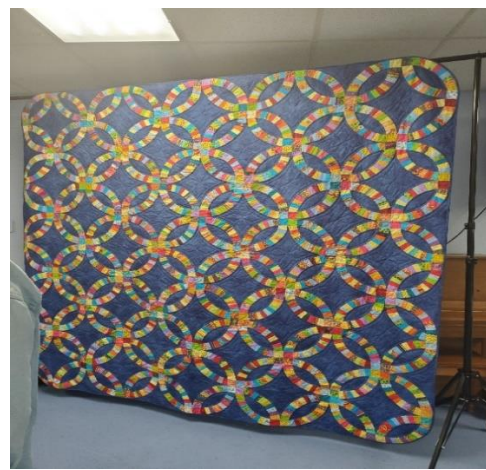
We are in full quilt show mode! Lots of items to talk about! The entrance fee is \$10 and you can have your hand stamped for re-entry. The raffle quilt, named "Circle of Friends" is completed and beautiful and many members took part in creating it.

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hours. That's how long it took to hand quilt the quilt. Invariably someone is going to ask you!

A record 3-1/2 weeks. **GREAT JOB!!**

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\*\*If you see a place where you think we can advertise that we might not have thought about (outside electric signs, businesses, ...), please contact Sue Wilsey so she can check it out.



The **registration forms** to enter your quilts into the show are now available. There will be paper forms available at the guild meetings or you can download it from our website.

Problems filling it out or questions? Sometimes, this process appears daunting to members. Come to the **Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>** meeting (starting at 10 am) at Indian Valley Public Library and we will guide you through the steps. Please remember – for judging purposes – Entrants are limited to **TWO** entries per category!

Summer is a great time to work on getting your quilts ready to enter the quilt show. Do not forget making mug rugs, items for the chance auction and the boutique as well. We continue to collect mug rugs for the 2024 Quilt Show and we currently have **363**. We will give out a mug rug as a free gift to every paid entry to the show. At the 2022 quilt show visitors expressed surprise and pleasure at receiving these gifts. Gina Grekula will collect completed mug rugs at our next few guild meetings prior to the show. Thanks to everyone who has contributed. They are fast and easy to make. Be creative and use your scraps.

**Raffle tickets** are available at every meeting. This year, to help keep our expenses down, we are asking members to pay for their raffle tickets (5 packs of 6 tickets for \$25) when they pick them up from Kelly Wenhold at the guild meeting. Please bring cash or check to do that! We encourage ALL members to participate. Raffle quilt ticket purchases help tremendously with the success of the quilt show! As always, you can purchase your 5 packs in smaller quantities or buy additional raffle tickets from Kelly at any guild meeting. We are selling raffle tickets at several places this year: Perkasie Day on Aug 10, Coopersburg Community Day, and Pennsburg Community Day in September. People are needed to man the tables. It's a great day to sell tickets and let people know what our guild is about. If a ticket you sold wins, you get a seller prize. Over the years, our raffle quilts have been a great source of income for Keystone. Please do your best in selling raffle tickets!

**Chance auction** needs donations. Do you have an extra quilt product, material bundle, small quilt, or table runner that you can spare? Are you or your significant other talented in other crafts? Alicia Wilhelm will be collecting Chance Auction items. Our chance auction was fabulous last show and made a huge profit for Keystone! Thank you for your generosity.

**Scraps** will be sold at the show. Save scraps of fabric from 2½" to fat quarters. If you have a larger piece, please sell in the boutique with a #1 code to benefit the guild.

There will be **Demonstrations** at the show. We need volunteers to teach them. Do you have a talent or know a need that can be demonstrated in a short period of time? Jean Perry is organizing the schedule for demonstrations at our Quilt Show (just a couple of months away) and as you finish up your quilts and prepare them for the Show (😊), would you also consider sharing your knowledge of any quilting topic for a 30-minute Demo? (it goes by fast!)

**Volunteers** - Joan Cahill has set up a table at our regular guild meetings for sign-ups for the Quilt Show and we are off to a great start. Sign up for the areas you would like to work in. We need lots of member participation to pull off a successful show!!! Our guild thrives only if we help it to do so. Volunteer where you can to make this show, the success we know it can be. There will be signup sheets at the next couple guild meetings. Sign up for multiple positions at various times if you like variety, but ultimately, sign up. The dates of the show have been known for a while and should be blocked off on your calendar.

**Kitchen Help:** Looking to recruit volunteers for the 2024 Quilt Show kitchen (prep, bakers, soup makers, and the ever-popular Deviled Egg makers). The kitchen and its products have always been a hit. This success is due to our avid bakers and chefs. Can't cook? There are positions as servers, cashiers, and cleanup. You know where you'd fit in the best; sign up for that area. One day or both days, volunteers are needed. Sign-ups are at the meeting. If you have questions, please send an email to [ElizabethHoffman1956@gmail.com](mailto:ElizabethHoffman1956@gmail.com) or call her at 410-202-9078. Thank you!

## Coming Soon:

Quilt Connections Sampler will again be coming in October. Unfortunately, it is the same weekend as our quilt show, Oct 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have 72 hours to view the classes so don't count it out. It is extremely informative.

## Guild Meeting Business

**Welcome** to our new member Charlean (Charlie) Brown. If you see her at the next meeting, please introduce yourself and get to know her.

Nomination and Election of Officers – Lynn Lentz announced the Slate of Officers for nomination and requested nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming. A motion was made by Annemarie Kammler and seconded by Rita Hollinger to accept the Slate of Officers as presented. The officers will be installed at the June Dinner meeting.

President - Pat Royer

V. President - Alicia Wilhelm

Treasurer - Jamee Pemberton

Secretary - Ginny Savarese

Thank you to those women who are volunteering their time to the guild.



**Positions Open: We NEED a chair for the 2026 quilt show. Consider chairing with a friend or ask your Bee to step up and do it as a group effort.**

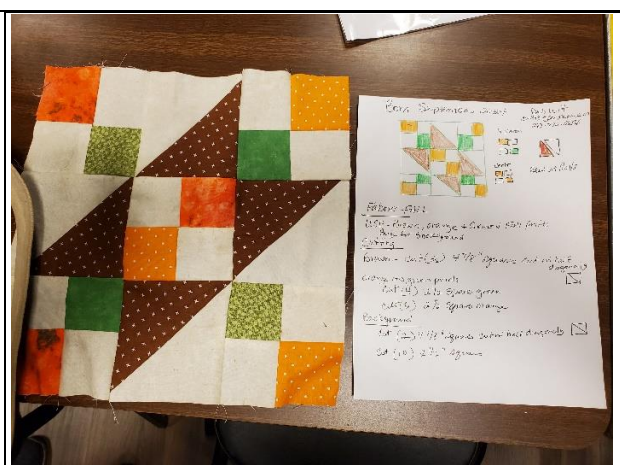
**QHS Scholarship:** We are pleased to announce that our scholarship did have a candidate this year and it was given out. Gage Lamberson was awarded a \$300 scholarship. He will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania for Fashion Design. Unfortunately, A miscommunication inside the High School prevented us from presenting it to him at the awards ceremony. He does have it in hand now and was thankful for the gift.

**MEMBERSHIP:** It is that time of year again! Membership renewal is due. Renewal forms will be on the website, at guild meetings in paper form, and you have received an email with the renewal form attached on about April 1, 2024

Dues are \$35.00 before **July 1<sup>st</sup>** and \$40.00 after July 1<sup>st</sup>. New member dues are \$40.00. Payments are cash or check. At the May and June dinner meeting, we will be accepting credit card payments with the appropriate fee (approx. 4%) added to the dues' payment. Once again you will be asked on the renewal form if you would like a membership card. Since this our last year as membership chairs, please pay your dues promptly. We will be trying to get membership set up for the 2024-25 year before we turn everything over to the new membership chair. Prompt payment of your dues is required and appreciated. Thanks! Any questions – see Sue Edwards or Kathy Pogue

**Fabric Lottery:** The fabric lottery will resume in the Fall.

**Block of the Month:** This Block of the Month is due in September. Block of the Month changes each month we meet in person. More info is available on our website including the current block and directions for assembly. For questions or clarification, contact [DEB WITT](#)





**June Dinner Challenge** - Arlene Kushinka had established this year's challenge as called "Go Green". As usual, it was exciting to see what members created with the theme. A big thank you Arlene.

Think about putting these creations in the quilt show.



**Quilt Camp 2025 at Camp Innabah:** Dates are set for January 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars. Bobbie Dewey is the coordinator.

**2025 Quilt Day Retreat** – The retreat will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 20-22 at the St. John's Activity Center. Time frame is from 9am – 9pm. Kelly Wenhold is the coordinator and you can sign up in the Fall.

\* [All of next year dates, workshops and Saturday Specials have been listed on the left panel](#)

### **In our mailbox this week:**

- Schwenkfelder Library recently sent us their Summer Newsletter. If you are interested in their upcoming events (Quilt Turnings) or workshops (Redware, basketweaving) check their website at [Schwenkfelder.org/calendar](http://Schwenkfelder.org/calendar).
- The Library and Heritage center is still hosting the International Quilt Contest selected "Tribes" textile artwork through July 14. The exhibit was debuted during the Penn Dry Goods Market earlier, but continues to be on display (only display in the US) for the next few weeks. It is definitely worth seeing! This is a new iteration of the artwork we supported with a cash donation in 2023, and the museum continues to acknowledge our support this year. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10-4 and Sunday 1-4pm.
- The monthly edition of the AQ American Quilter magazine was delivered to our mail box this week. Like all the issues, it is chock full of awesome patterns, suggestions, information, and quilt photos. The paper copy of this issue will be placed in our library to borrow! Of course, no need to wait for the paper copy, the guild is enrolled as a member giving ALL of us access to digital copies of all the issues. Go to our website and follow the links (and password) that Webmaster Tracy Smith has provided to us! You can peruse the magazines at your leisure, print pages (not a copyright violation) that are of interest to you, and revisit the magazines (without having to borrow from the library) at any time! It is a great benefit.

## Other quilt happenings in the area:

**June 27-30** Mid Appalachian Quilt (MAQ) Retreat - The Mid-Appalachian Quilters gather each summer for a three-day quilting seminar at Gettysburg College, 300 North Washington Street, Gettysburg, PA. We offer a variety of classes presented by some of the best teachers in the Mid-Atlantic area. For more info visit <https://maqonline.org/annual-educational-seminar/>

**June 29 - July 7** Kutztown Folk Festival Quilt Show.  
[www.kutztownfestival.com/quilters](http://www.kutztownfestival.com/quilters).

**Sept 11 - 14, 2024** AQS Quilt Week Quilt Show Spooky Nook Sports Conference Center, 75 Champ Blvd. Manheim, PA 17545  
[www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/event/landing/eventid/34](http://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/event/landing/eventid/34)

**Sept 12 -15** PA National Quilt Extravaganza <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/>

**Sept 27-29** Confetti of Color - Courthouse Quilters. Prallsville Mills, Stockton, NJ 10 - 4pm

**Oct 11-12** Keystone Quilters \*\*\* “Star Struck” quilt show \*\*\*\*.  
Finland Mennonite Church, Pennsburg, PA

**Oct 18-19** Valley Forge Quilt Show- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 132 E Valley Forge Rd. King of Prussia. Entry donation \$10

## Newsletter tip and topic:

I received this tip from Sandy Everett: Sorry for your experience Sandy, but thank you for the warning. You may save others that horrible experience.

If you regularly use Frixion pens to mark a quilt, be forewarned that it will not come out of batik fabrics. I used it for a lap quilt meant as a gift. When I discovered the marks didn't come out using steam, I went online where I discovered from a blog about Frixion pens that it does not come out of batiks easily. A product called Amodex was recommended, which I purchased online. I worked very hard to get out the markings on the lighter batiks. I didn't even attempt on the patterned fabrics, as the work was very labor intensive and required scrubbing with a brush and then laundering to remove the Amodex from the fabric.

How do you achieve the perfect quarter inch? These are some of the comments I received.

1 If your machine has a quarter inch foot, then it behooves you to buy it. It can be a game changer. Also, there is a magnetic guide you can use as well.

2 There is a ruler out there where you can line it up, put your needle down in the  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch hole and then tape the quarter inch edge off so as to correctly line up your fabric.

3 Using a ruler line up your quarter inch, and use any kind of tape to build up a little edge to guide your fabric along.

All of these should be tested each time you begin sewing by taking two  $1\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$  strips. Sew together down the long side. Press the way you like and measure the square. It should be  $2\frac{1}{2}$  square.

**FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:** How to pick colors for your quilt. If you have suggestions on picking the perfect color combinations, let me know ([kammler@comcast.net](mailto:kammler@comcast.net)) and I will pass it along for others.

What would you like to see in the newsletter each month? Feel free to send me **positive** feedback and I will try to adapt the newsletter to what the masses want to see and read. [kammler@comcast.net](mailto:kammler@comcast.net)

## Other Quilt Guild Newsletters

Valley Forge Homestead Quilters' Guild <http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/Info-News-Pg.html> .

County Line Quilters [www.countylinequilters.org/newsletters](http://www.countylinequilters.org/newsletters)

Main Line Quilters [www.mainlinequilters.org/](http://www.mainlinequilters.org/)

# Quilt Show News

## "Star Struck"

**October 11 & 12, 2024  
(Friday & Saturday)**

**Finland Mennonite Church  
1750 Ziegler Road  
Pennsburg, PA 18073**

### Dates for Quilt Show Business

**Aug 3** – Quilt Registration  
forms help at IVPL 10am

**Tuesday, October 8, 2024**  
– Quilt Drop off at  
Finland Mennonite  
Church

**Wednesday, October 9,  
2024** – Judging Day

**Thursday, October 10,  
2024** – Quilt Show Set-Up

**Friday, October 11, 2024**  
– QUILT SHOW!

**Saturday, October 12,  
2024** – QUILT SHOW! –  
4PM – Take Down

Our **2024 Raffle Quilt** is complete and ready to be displayed.

**Saturday, August 10** – KQ Raffle Quilt at Perkasio Farmers Market, 9 AM to 12 PM. See Alicia for details.

**Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** – ALL quilt registration forms must be mailed to Jamee Pemberton, 2425 Camp Rock Hill Rd, Quakertown, PA 18954. Quilt Registration fees – for members - \$10 per judged entry, \$5 per nonjudged entry, and no charge for Category X (i.e. KQ Bee, Charity, Challenge, Workshop, Saturday Special). Fee for Non-members is \$15 per entry.

**Saturday, September 7** – KQ Raffle Quilt – Pennsburg & East Greenville Community Day, Rain date Sept. 8. See Alicia Wilhelm for details.

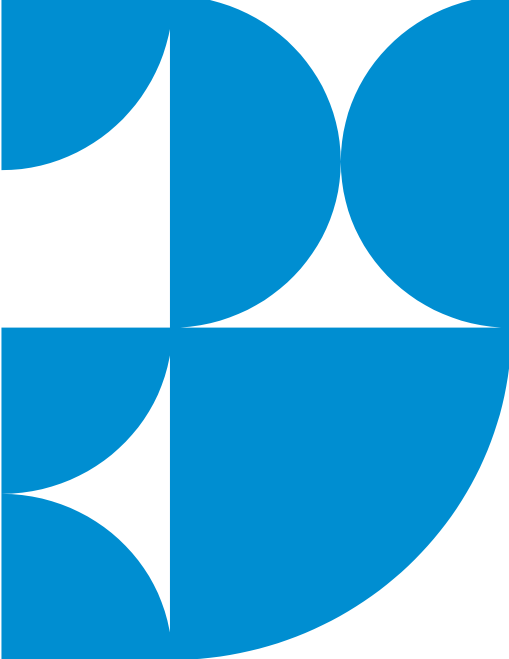
**Monday, September 16** – Our last Quilt Show Meeting via ZOOM, 7 p.m. This is a very important meeting to attend!

**Saturday, September 21** – KQ Raffle Quilt, Coopersburg Community Day, 10 AM to 5 PM. See Alicia Wilhelm for details.

**Tuesday, October 8** – Quilt Drop Off at Finland Mennonite Church 9 AM to 5 PM. You can also drop off Recycle/Boutique sale items.

**Wednesday, October 9** - Quilt Show Judging by our judge, Mary Walter, NACQJ.





**Thursday, October 10 – QUILT SHOW SET-UP!!** This is a very important day. Many hands make light work. Recycle & Boutique items must be dropped off by 6pm. Please sign up to help!!

**Friday, October 11 – QUILT SHOW!!! 10 AM to 5 PM**

**Saturday, October 12 – QUILT SHOW!! 10 AM to 4 PM** Once the quilt show closes, we need to get the show taken down and return Finland Mennonite Church back to its original layout. This involves a lot of work! Please stay to help with take down! Quilts will be available for pickup after 5 p.m.

**Monday, October 21 – Quilt Show Wrap Up Meeting.** ZOOM 7 p.m. All committee heads are required to attend.

**ANY QUESTIONS ON THE QUILT SHOW???** Contact Sue Edwards ([suzytypist@aol.com](mailto:suzytypist@aol.com)) or Kathy Pogue ([khpogue@verizon.net](mailto:khpogue@verizon.net)).

Think about where you want to **volunteer**. Sign Ups start in April.

**NEEDED** – Chair heads for the 2026 Quilt Show.

**REMEMBER** - During the spring/summer months would be an excellent time to work on your **Chance Auction** items, crafts for the **Boutique** and **Mug rugs** as our entrance gift.

**Quilt Show Meetings via ZOOM – 7 p.m. – All Chairs should plan on attending.** All KQ members are welcome at the quilt show meetings.

Monday, September 16, 2024

Monday, October 21, 2024 – post-quilt show wrap-up

**CATEGORY X:**

These are the 2023-2024 Saturday Specials that qualify for category X along with Bee products. This category is free to enter BUT you still need to fill out an entry. Category X is Display only, no judging.

3/11/23 Bindings by Kathy Shorter	4/15/23 Drunkards Path by Jamee Pemberton
5/6/23 Sewing Machine Cover by Tracy Smith	6/3/23 Mini Mosaic by Lynn Lentz
10/7/23 Greased Lightning Table Runner by Lynn Lentz	3/9/24 Barn quilt by Alicia Wilhelm
4/13/24 Condo Tweet Condo by Barb Harr	5/1/24 Casserole Carry Bag by Arlene Kushinka

6/1/24 Tote and Small Bag by Kelly Pauling	
4/25/23 Design Your Own Paper Piecing Project workshop by Tina Craig	Free Motion Quilting workshop by Karen Miller



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