



Keystone Quilters News

Basking in the Glow of the Quilt Show!

President's Letter:

Hello Friends!

Hopefully all of you had a chance to participate in our recent quilt show. Whether you chaired a committee, served on a committee, volunteered to help at the show, or you invited friends and family to go to the show, you all helped to make it a big success.

I can't say enough about the quality of our Quilt Show. Great appreciation goes out to Sue Edwards and Kathy Pogue for co-chairing the show.

Personally, I worked with Mary Ann Smith in the Boutique. We heard so many comments from attendees. "This is the best show around", "We always attend your show", "We never miss your show". I'm sure you all can appreciate how good it makes you feel to hear these wonderful comments about your guild.

Jamee Pemberton has volunteered to be our 2026 Quilt Show Chair. I'm confident you will want to be part of her team in some manner. Jamee is looking for a co-chair. You can step up and be that person. Any and all help is appreciated. In the end, you will feel a great reward.

Pat

A note to all members of Keystone Quilters -

Kathy and I hope everyone (and your family and friends) got to enjoy our 2024 Quilt Show! We had a very successful and beautiful quilt show and would like to thank everyone at Keystone Quilters for their hard work and dedication before and during our 2024 Quilt Show. Putting on a quilt show is a HUGE undertaking and would not be possible without everyone's help. Our committee heads were awesome. We know by the end of the show everyone is tired but this year in particular take down seemed to go so fast and the cleaning and putting back of furniture was done in record time. We received a note from Brandon from Finland stating "A special thank you again for the way you respect the campus, cleaning after you have completed and returning everything as you found it. It does not go unnoticed or unappreciated."

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Upcoming Events:

Nov 25 – *Round Robin*

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

We thought the quilts this year were just beautiful and encourage all members to work on submitting a quilt (or 5 or 10) for 2026...and perhaps even having it judged! Finally, many many thanks to all the members who have given their time and talent to make our 2024 quilt show the best yet! It takes a village to have a successful quilt show!!

Sue and Kathy
2024 Quilt Show Chairs

Highlights of the Quilt Show:

HOW MANY MEMBERS DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE A RAFFLE QUILT?

Lots! We start out with asking for someone to come up with the raffle quilt design. This show, it was Jamee. Jamee had an idea for a quilt and she and Kathy came over to Sue's house to look through Sue's stash (and there IS a stash) to pick some fabrics for the quilt. Jamee then went shopping to get the rest of the fabric she needed for the quilt.

Meanwhile, we had decided that we would like our members to be able to put together blocks. So, Jamee and Connie started cutting out material and making little packets for the members to take and to put together. Kathy and I were so pleased when we finally got over to Jamee to get our packets and they were all given out. Sewing begins in earnest and the blocks are completed and given back to Jamee. Jamee and Connie then put them together to make the quilt top (which, honestly, can, at times, be quite challenging as there can be many variations on the ¼ inch seam).

Once the quilt top is complete, then the quilt travels over to Lynn's house. Kathy Pogue and Gina Grekula helped put the quilt into the frame. Deb Ott did the basting around the perimeter of the quilt. Lynn and her merry band of hand quilters meet over at Lynn's house and start the hand quilting. Never quite sure how long it will take, but it always looks awesome when it is done. This show quilt took 3 ½ weeks, 108 hours, and many guild members to quilt. Lynn Lentz, Sandy Everitt, Carol Gehris, Melissa Yates, Jamee Pemberton, and Linda Curry did the detailed hand quilting. Binding is sewn on as well as a sleeve by Jamee and the quilt is ready to make its debut at a guild meeting night.

The membership then votes on a name for the quilt. Pictures are taken for use in the raffle ticket packet as well as for quilt show promotional cards.

The quilt eventually goes to Alicia who takes it out to different venues to sell raffle tickets and also to promote our quilt show along with our guild!

The raffle quilt is brought to the quilt show and tickets are sold there. When the show is over, the winning raffle ticket is pulled. And, the next quilt show's raffle quilt is already being thought about!

More Events:

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

June 23 *Guild Dinner Meeting* TBD



THE QUILT SHOW IS NOT RUN BY ONE PERSON ALONE!

Well, what a whirlwind couple of days! Here is the list of Show Chairs and Sue gives brief overall comments along with the profits made for each section. Thank you to all the Show Chairs – you are the best!

1. Admissions headed by Gina. All the members signed up to help Gina did a great job! Kathy and I remarked several times how friendly the admissions group was! On Friday we had 321 guests and on Saturday we had 221 for a grand total of 542 (I had in the budget 500, so this is awesome). Finland Mennonite used 7 of their 8 free passes. We had upped admission to \$10. We even apparently had parking in the overflow lot on Friday! I thought the admissions table worked really well being at the front door!
2. Boutique/Recycle Room/Scraps – OH MY GOSH! It was crazy busy! Mary Ann and Pat put a lot of work into measuring fabric and then setting up the rooms. KQ made a profit \$3127.50 (In 2022 KQ made a profit of \$1094.46).
3. Café – Betty Ann unfortunately had her time off rescinded from work for Thursday and Friday and Deb Witt graciously agreed to help get the café ready for the show and to work it. Using just dollars on the menu without coins seemed to work well. Profit was \$933.11.
4. Chance Auction - Alicia was given some great items for the chance auction. We upped tickets to \$8 or two for \$15. Total profit was \$1252.25.
5. Demos – Jean did a great job lining up members to do demos. Kathy and I will definitely be sitting in on some of those at the next quilt show.
6. General Expense – Lynn figures out how many poles, drapes and tables we need. It is quite the job but she does it so well. We knew adding the hanging poles was going to increase our costs and I upped our budget to \$2680. Our bill this year was \$2696.32; not too bad since they charged us extra mileage.
7. Guild Displays – Deb Ott. They were just awesome. Deb and her crew did a great job.
8. Judging – Sue & Kathy. Our judge was from Massachusetts. We really liked her and have tentatively asked her back in 2026. Judge Mary was very willing to educate, something you don't always get. Bringing in a judge from out of town is expensive and we try to do our best to keep expenses down (Marriott points.... thanks Barry). I did have a snafu with mileage when I forgot while doing the budget that I had to include the judge going home. Yikes! So, we were over on budget about \$125.
9. Programs/Show Cards – Lynn – We did well and stayed within budget. I did feel that we needed a few more show cards – I know I was handing them out EVERYWHERE. We ended up ordering 1040 more after the initial order. Lynn suggests ordering 6000 show cards in 2026. Programs - we squeaked by with having just a few left over after the show ended.
10. Publicity – Sue Wilsey - Sue came in under budget. We had decided early on to pay \$50 for the shop hop magazine ad. Continuing this is something that will need to be discussed.
11. Quilt Raffle – Kelly Wenhold and Alicia. Quilt raffle did great! Having our membership pay upfront for the raffle tickets really helped with the amount of raffle tickets we needed to purchase. KQ made a profit of \$2634.23 (last show's profit was \$2241.82) and the quilt was so pretty.
12. Registration – Jamee. Registration fees were increased this year and KQ made a profit of \$1745 compared to \$1015 last show. We also started getting ready for registration/judging on Monday afternoon which worked well – it made Tuesday an easier day and not so long.

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

13. Rental/Donation – Kathy & Sue - We LOVE Finland Mennonite Church. We have given them a donation check for \$1650 – in addition to the \$100 donation we paid in 2022 to hold our spot for the 2024 quilt show. Jamee has already been in contact with Finland and is working with them for the 2026 quilt show.
14. Set-up and Take Down – Lynn has her diagrams and sheets so organized. It seemed to go well with lots of people helping!
15. Signs – Mary Ann – Budget was \$200 and Mary Ann spent \$169.60 to refurbish some signs and buy a few new ones.
16. Sign-up Sheets – Joan does a great job making sure everyone is signed up to help!
17. Vendors – Judy did great this year – KQ Profit was \$1270 (last show was \$983).
- Our total profit was **\$10,000**. This doubled last show's profit. Well done! This will help us get some nice future speakers.

Now, the big question:

WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS IN THE JUDGING ROOM???

The judging room “crew” for this year's quilt show was:

Back room – Dee, Arlene, Heather, Barb;

Fanners were Kathy P and our judge in training Dawn;

Ribbons – Trudy and Joan; Lynn does special ribbons;

Typists – Jean and Jamee, and Denise does the paperwork on the judge's comment sheets;

Sue checks, checks, and checks again to make sure all quilts are in the right place where they need to be.

All these members do an excellent job and make the judging day go so much smoother. Often, they don't get the proper acknowledgement, but they do a great job!

So, the quilts are brought from the locked storage room and put in the back room where they are already in the proper categories. The back room has the judging order and brings the first category into the judging room. Kathy and Sue doublecheck the correct quilts are in the correct category (after being checked by the back room and the day before in registration). Dawn and Kathy “fan” the quilts so the judge gets a brief look at all the quilts in the category. The category is called out along with the number of the quilt and judging begins. To say you can hear a pin drop is not an exaggeration. There is absolutely no talking during judging unless Jamee or Jean has a question on what the judge has said. The judge then judges every quilt either releasing or holding for possible ribbon or a specialty ribbon. At the end of the category the judge looks over her “holds” and awards ribbons along with possible holds for specialty ribbons that wait until the end of all the judging to finalize that. As the ribbons are called out, Trudy and Joan spring into action and get the ribbons on the quilts and the quilts are taken away, but not the 1st place as that will be on “hold” until the end of judging as all 1st place ribbons go in for Best of Show (except kits/BOM). Then the whole process starts again for the next category.

When all the categories are finished, then the quilts that are held for specialty ribbons (Best Machine Quilting, Best Interpretation of Theme, etc.) are judged for that category. Lastly, all the blue ribbons are brought out and judged again for Best of Show. Whew! It is a long and intense day, but it is fun!

Note from the Writer of the Newsletter:

I was remiss in getting a picture of Sue and Kathy. I really should have because they are the true “stars” of our quilt show. They worked tirelessly for two years to make this phenomenal show happen. We are blessed as a guild to have had them in charge of the last three shows. If you notice, nowhere in here do they ever discuss the number of hours they put in, the problems they had to handle or the personal issues they may have had to put aside in order to make this show the true success it was. If you see Sue or Kathy, take time to thank them. You will benefit from their hard work when you attend our Guild Programs, the December Tea, and Saturday Specials. All these programs and more come to fruition because of the quilt show success. So, I want to personally and publicly thank Sue and Kathy for their efforts and dedication to this guild. Sincerely, Annemarie Kammler

QUILT SHOW 2024 – *Star Struck. Yes, there are pictures!*



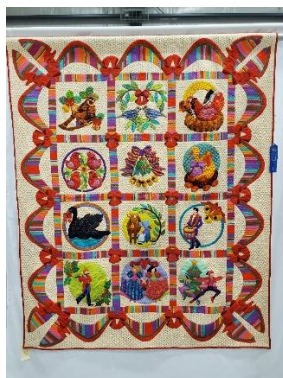
Best of Show - Sue Edwards



Viewer's choice quilt. Congrats to Tom Marino.



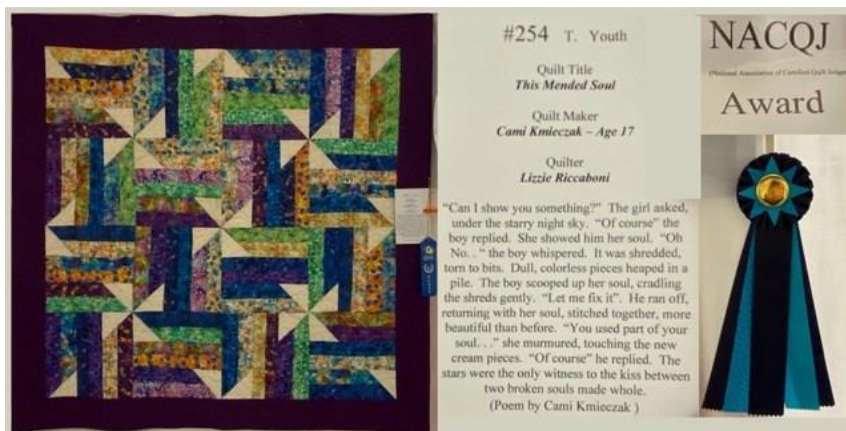
Best Machine Stationary –
Connie Stephens



Team – Medium- Ann Kennedy



Best Hand Quilting & Best
Interpretation of Theme -
Lynn Lentz



NACQJ Award. Congratulations
Cami Kmiecak!

Below are some candid shots of our tireless volunteers:





Looking Forward to 2025

The proceeds from the quilt show help pay for our programs and in recent years with the increased cost of guest speakers, the show alone has not been able to support the cost of our programs. Alicia Wilhelm and Sue Wilsey are co-chairing a fundraising committee – more to follow soon!

Guild Meeting Business

Welcome to our newest members, **Connie Hughes and Janet Seeger!**. Seek them out and get to know them.

MEMBERSHIP: Renewal forms will be on the website. Dues are \$40.00 after July 1st. New member dues are \$40.00. Payments are cash or check. Prompt payment of your dues is required and appreciated. Thanks! Any questions – See Nancy Kranyecz.

Block of the Month: The 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](#)

Fabric Lottery: The fabric lottery will continue this Fall. To participate, bring two fat quarters to the Fabric Lottery table as indicated above. Write your name on a slip of paper for each fat quarter brought. Names of winners will be pulled at random. Winners usually receive 1½ yards of fabric. The fabric can be a solid or a print. The theme is deliberately broad, and there are no wrong answers.

Month announced	When to bring fat quarters	Month awarded	Theme
October	November March *	March	Cozy Country
March	April, May	May	Bright and Bold

June Dinner Challenge - Arlene Kushinka establishes a theme and each member can submit an entry. The results of the challenge are displayed at the June dinner meeting. The 2025 theme TBD soon.

Quilt Camp 2025 at Camp Innabah: Dates are set for January 14th to 19th. Mark your calendars. Bobbie Dewey is the coordinator. The forms are available and registration is due Nov 1. There are only 24 spots and it's a wonderful way to get those projects done and spend time with your quilting friends.

2025 Keystone Quilters Guild Day Camp

March 20-22, 2025, 9am to 9pm at St. John's Lutheran Church Activity Center 26 1st Avenue Richlandtown, Pennsylvania.

Registration is Open and only a few spots are left. Limited to 20 members per day. Your choice, attend 1, 2 or 3 days. Each attendee will be provided their own table. Must share iron with at least one other person so we don't have electrical outages!

Cost \$14 per day. Must pay at the time of registering – Cash or Check

First Come, First Serve - Sign-up at Oct 2024 or Jan 2025 Guild Mtgs. Select your seat location at the time of registration. Coffee, tea, bottled water, and breakfast treat will be provided

Suggested Things to Bring:

- ✓ Sewing chair or pillow to put on folding chair
- ✓ Sewing machine – cleaned and oiled
- ✓ Iron & ironing board – need to share
- ✓ Extension cord and power strip
- ✓ Sewing projects (precut your fabrics and bobbins ready to go)
- ✓ Sewing lamp
- ✓ Scissors, pins, rotary cutter, mat, ruler, thread, extra machine needles
- ✓ Cell phone charger
- ✓ Bag lunch
- ✓ Cash...we will order takeout for dinner
- ✓ Snack to share
- ✓ Mug w/lid for coffee and tea

Need more info, please contact Kelly Wenhold 267-261-7516 kellywenhold@gmail.com

****Quilt frame for sale.**

Louise Smith gave Sue Wilsey photos, at the Quilt Show, of her quilt frame she has for sale. She will have them at the Oct meeting.

No price discussed. Sue has her information.

The **4H Plumsteadville Sewing Group** had a great time this month. There were 5 girls in attendance. Our guild ladies showed them samples of quilts and other items they have made. Then, the girls were instructed on how to make a basic pumpkin applique. The pumpkin pieces were precut for them but the stem and leaf were left to them. Each girl machine appliqued her pumpkin. A few girls were even able to attach a back to make a pillow cover. How they chose to finish their project was left to them.



Charlie Brown had a quilt accepted into the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza and it won a ribbon! The ribbon was for Best Use of Color in the innovative category. Congratulations Charlie! This quilt was also displayed in our quilt show as well.

Andrea Hoke is a quilting instructor from The Old Country Store in Lancaster PA. Andrea did an impressive job speaking about her quilting journey. She was a fantastic speaker to begin our 24-25 season.



Other quilt happenings in the area:

Nov 8-9, Lebanon Quilters Guild – *Exhibition of Quilts*. Entry \$10. Lebanon Expo Center 80 Rocherty Rd Lebanon, PA. More info at www.lebanonquiltersguild.com

From the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center:

Dec 7-8 PA German Christmas, Christmas market and raffle.

May 16-17, 2025 Penn Dry Good Market

April 4-5, 2025 Homemakers Country Quilters – *History Revisited Quilt Show*. Entry \$10 cash or check only. 4H Center
1015 Bridge Rd Collegeville, PA 10-4pm

Tentative – Oct 9 – Oct 10, 2026– KEYSTONE QUILTERS 2026 QUILT SHOW – Mark your calendars. You have two years notice so NO EXCUSES!!!!

Other Quilt Guild Newsletters

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

County Line Quilters www.countylinequilters.org/newsletters

Berks Quilters Guild www.berksquiltersguild.org/

Main Line Quilters www.mainlinequilters.org/

Penn Rose Quilt Guild www.penn-rose.org

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