

The Voice of the Turtle

Turtle Creek Quilters Guild

Established 1983

Next Guild Meeting March 17, 2024

Doors Open at 12:30 PM -- Meeting Starts at 1:00PM
Location is Switlik

March Program: Ann Holte of Filaments Studio will present “Quilts for a Cause”

The subsequent Guild Meeting will be April 21, 2024

President’s Message

Thank you, Carol Ober, for a great program! I think all will agree that the team project was a lot of fun!

Thank you, Ginger Barlow, Geri Wolf and Debbi Oriolo for agreeing to serve on the nominating committee. A reminder, we will be electing a President and Vice President for two year terms and a Treasurer to serve the vacated position as per the bylaws. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please contact a member of the nominating committee before the April meeting.

Quilt on!

BJ

Meeting Dates for the Upcoming Year

	UFO SATURDAYS	GUILD MEETING	QOV SATURDAYS
	Hamilton Library	Switlik Pavilion	Switlik Pavilion
	9 am to 5 pm	1 pm to 4 pm	10 am to 5 pm
March	2	17	23
April	6	21	27
May	18	19	25
June	1	9	22 Ham. Library
July	6		27 Ham. Library
August	3		24
September	7	15	28
October	5	20	26
November	2	17	23
December	7	15	28

Minutes of the Last Meeting – submitted by Ginger Barlow

BJ Drews called the meeting to order at 1:30.

There were 37 members (including 1 new) and 1 guest in attendance.

There are currently 54 active members in the guild.

The QOV basket brought in \$112 and Yoko won.

Louise reported the teacup auction netted \$29.

The minutes were approved as presented as well as the treasurer's report.

Charity report:

There were several quilts donated to Afghan displaced people last month and a machine was also donated. Many of the women know how to sew and the machine was very appreciated. If you are interested in donating a machine, please reach out to Mindy to see if there is an additional need.

The April program will be a charity event.

Louise also mentioned the collection of placemats. They can be other shapes besides just the hexagon.

The teddy bear project is ongoing.

Sunshine and Shadows:

Kathy reported sending 1 birthday card.

The BOM had great response so the blocks were split into 12 blocks for 1 winner and 15 for the other. Maryann Y won 1 set and Chris Crum won the other.

Pat presented the 2 new blocks for the constellation quilt. One block has 2 different layouts.

Next month's program will be Anne Holt discussing Quilts for a Cause.

The May program will be secrets and salads. Joann passed out fabric but you can still get some from her next month.

The June program will be the auction and ice cream social.

Elections will be coming up in May for the new President and Vice President. Geri, Ginger and Debbie are the nominating committee and will present the slate at the May meeting.

BJ pointed out that there were 2 tables set up at the meeting with free items.

BJ made the motion to adjourn. Barbara Shock approved and Janice accepted. Meeting was adjourned at 1:37 and show and tell commenced.

Treasurer's Report – February 2024 – Submitted by Joann Tarateta

Treasurers' Report	Feb-24
Beginning Balance	\$7,772.22
Raffle	QOV
Name Tags & Guests	\$0.25
Tea Cup/Year End Auction	\$29.00
Membership	\$40.00
Website	-\$47.97
Miscellaneous	\$2.00
Balance in Treasury	\$7,813.50
Beginning Balance	\$1,312.61
April 2024 Retreat Payments	\$1,960.00
June 2024 Retreat Payments	\$150.00
May 2024 Payments to Cocalico	
July 2024 Payments to Cocalico	
Misc Retreat Reimbursements	
Retreat Balance	\$3,422.61
Adjusted Balance in Treasury	\$11,236.11

Joann

Program News

Looking Ahead (Location - Switlik Pavilion):

March – Ann Holte of Filaments Studio will present “Quilts for a Cause”. Please join us for this informative lecture and trunk show. Ann will also bring items to purchase (Books, Patterns and Templates). In addition, we will have Block of the Month and Constellation Challenge.

April – Charity Committee Program. We will also have the Block of the Month and Constellation Challenge. Note: Thinking ahead we are “tentatively” looking at October for the Constellation Showcase.

May – Secrets and Salads Challenge and Block of the Month.

June – Auction and Ice Cream Social.

Summer Recess

September - Annual Teddy Bear Challenge, Big Show and Tell, Block of the Month.

October – Block of the Month, Constellation Showcase and possibly a “Make and Take Project” ... so be prepared to bring your sewing machines and supplies.

November – We will have Brita Nelson – The Questioning Quilter present “Now You See it, Now You Don’t. The Magic of Disappearing Blocks” and she will have patterns for sale. Plus, Block of the Month.

December – Block of the Month and for those of you who want to participate: ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas (\$10 Gift).

*** Constellation Quilt Challenge ***

72” x 84”

· The program will run April 2023 through March 2024

· Click on this link to see a picture of a completed quilt top:

<https://link.shutterfly.com/Cy5q3VIA3yb>

· Fabric requirements follow:

o By now you should be well on your way. There are only a few remaining blocks to be completed and then you can focus on assembling the quilt top, followed by borders, backing, etc. As most of us know, it’s better to have a bit more fabric than less.

o Borders: Ladies ... listen up! It all depends on what you decide to do. The following measurement is based on the instructions handed out. However, if you decide to add more than 1 border, the measurements will vary. (Remember: Betty’s quilt top was made up of 3 borders of varying widths). So, if you do more than 1 border, you’ll have to do some math. Betty suggests you wait until the quilt top is almost complete before proceeding with your decision on the borders.

o Backing: 5 yards

o Binding: ¾ yard (or, see “Border” yardage, above)

· If you are participating:

o This is your chance to choose and use your favorite colors for your quilt. You have a chance to explore new combinations of colors and be bold

o You are responsible for providing the fabrics for your quilt {top, backing, batting (unless it will be donated) and binding}

o Constellation Showcase – tentatively October 2024!

o The quilt will be yours to do with as you please: keep, gift, or donate. Your choice!

o Lastly, the Program Committee reserves the right to tweak the rules!

February 2024 QFK’s Program

A “Big Thank You” to Carol Ober and Ann Vannozzi for putting together kits and leading February’s Program for QFK’s. Ten beautiful quilt tops were completed. The teams had fun in the process. Thank you to all for participating.

February 2024 BOM (Moda Blockheads 5 “Celeste” 12-1/2 Unfinished/12” Finished):

Twenty-seven beautiful blocks were completed and submitted along with one itsy-bitsy block.

The blocks were divided. Two names were drawn. Mary Ann Yurcisin received 15 blocks.

Chris Crum received 12 blocks. Please congratulate both Mary Ann and Chris. We look forward to seeing their finished quilt tops at the next Viewer's Choice.

If there are any remaining kits or blocks in anyone's possession, please get them to Chris.

March 2024 BOM (Fabric406 "Cups and Saucers" 12-1/2 Unfinished/12" Finished): Off-white/beige background fabric was GENEROUSLY donated by Betty Kiss. Special thanks to Betty for choosing this beautiful block, cutting the fabric and preparing the kits. You provide the scrappy assorted prints! The results will be a controlled scrappy block! Instructions were sent out. We look forward to seeing the completed blocks next month!

Additional Rules for Block of the Month Programs:

- For ambitious quilters: if you submit additional blocks, you'll receive an additional entry for each block submitted. For example: Submit 2 blocks this month and you'll receive two entries for the drawing.
- You may transfer all or part of your entries to another guild member.
- If you are unable to make the block, we ask that you return the kit(s) as quickly as possible so they may be given to the winner of the blocks in a timely manner.
- If you've completed the block and want to be entered into the drawing but cannot attend the meeting, we ask that you email me, Pat Walker, a picture of your block. We ask that you do this no later than 6 pm the evening prior to our scheduled meeting (doing so will make things easier on the Program Committee).
- The drawing will take place during the meeting.
- It will be up to the members to get their block to the winner. Again, be conscious of the postage and packaging.
- Have fun! Any questions, please contact Pat Walker.

"Block of the Month Program" Fast Forward:

· For the winners of the "Block of the Month Program" (July 2023 – June 2024), we will have an additional contest (Viewer's Choice). We ask that the winners of the blocks complete a project, ready to gift, by our January 2025 meeting. The projects will be put on display and Turtle Creek Quilt Guild Members will vote.

· In addition, if you won a BOM, the Program Committee has offered to long arm your BOM Quilt top and ask the following:

- o You must supply the backing.
- o If the quilt is earmarked for charity, TCQG will provide the batting. Otherwise, you are responsible for providing the batting.
- o If you decide to take us up on this offer, we ask that you get the quilt to Pat Walker no later than the October 2024 Meeting.
- o Lastly, follow the steps outlined in "Guidelines for Getting your Quilts Long Armed" below.

Guidelines for Getting Your Quilts Long Armed

If you want a nice job, you must give us a nice top and backing. We are not Miracle Workers.

- Backing and batting should only be 4" around each side of the quilt top
- If the backing is pieced, the seam should be 1/2 to 5/8" and pressed open
- Ideally all threads should be trimmed from the front and the back. Most important are the threads on the back since dark threads will show through a light colored top.
- The edges of the backing must be even.

My sincere thanks and gratitude to Carol Ober and Ann Vannozzi for leading the QFK's program this past month, to Betty Kiss for the BOM kits, to Debbi Oriolo for proofing this portion of the newsletter and to all the volunteers and participants that make our guild great.

Sincerely, Pat Walker
Program Chair

Sunshine and Shadows (Kathy Travaglione)

A birthday card was sent to Charlotte Fletcher, the only member with a February birthday.

Please contact Kathy with any special good news or any sad news from members, so she can send an appropriate card on behalf of the guild.

Teddy Bear Quilts

Hi Ladies,

If you have any extra blocks or want to practice a new quilt pattern, why not make a Teddy Bear quilt? It's a great way to use up those items! Or maybe practice your free motion quilting...give it a shot and have fun! We always could use them!

I'm going to be making a trip to Capital Health after the April meeting so if you have any 25"x30" quilts or hearts made please bring them!

Keep stitching,
Chris & Meg

Photography

Photos can be viewed on Shutterfly in the link that gets sent via mail. Thanks to Jeanne Tharp, our historian and photographer.

Membership

We currently have 54 members. We welcome our newest member, Joyce A. Olshansky.

Please see the newest Membership List attached; it includes Joyce's contact information, and a new address for Mary Ford. As always, this list is only to be used for Guild Business. Any corrections or updates pertaining to this list can be emailed to: joeyt2@comcast.net

If any member would like a FQ of the Secrets & Salads fabric for the May program – please contact me and I will get it to them.

"Meet a Member Form" - please fill it in and return the form to me at the next meeting. We look forward to catching up with you and seeing what you are enjoying these days. Who knows, you may inspire us to take up a new interest or revisit one we have forgotten.

Fondly, Joann Tarateta

Turtle Creek Peacemakers Update – Submitted by Debbi Oriolo

The Turtle Creek Peacemakers Quilts of Valor group continues to produce beautiful QoV's, some of which are featured on the Turtle Creek Website under the "QoV Admin" page and pictures of in-person QoV presentations to vets are posted under the "Quilts of Valor" page. Also, in addition to our big presentation at Village of Buckingham Springs (55+ community with a large veteran population) in New Hope in June, we are also helping to support a newer QoV group in Yardley that can't handle large presentations. We have a contact with the American Legion in Bala Cynwyd, PA (between Phila & Montgomery Counties) and will be making an in-person presentation at their facility tentatively scheduled for March to honor 10-12 of their oldest veterans.

Charity Committee Report:

Eight quilts were submitted to the refugee resettlement organization this month, and the group was very excited to see the guild members' beautiful work. They also very much appreciated the sewing machine that was donated.

There are many new arrivals who can sew or want to learn, and the husband of one of them repairs sewing machines, so if you have any machines you'd like to donate, please contact Mindy to be put in touch with the group's liaison.

We have also received many placemats for Meals on Wheels, in advance of our April guild meeting program when we will all make them.

Thanks as always for your generous donations!

Judy, Louise, Mindy and Yoko

Editor's Note

The deadline for the April newsletter is **March 25**. Please email any input to Mindy Langer, langer4581@gmail.com or mail to Mindy Langer, 67 Cranbury Rd., Princeton Jct, NJ 08550, or call her at 609-306-6211.

In Other News:

If you have anything you would like to share, just send an email to Mindy Langer. This includes book and movie recommendations too!

Here are a few recommendations for this month:

From Kathy Travaglione:

I only just got it yesterday and love it. It's the Quiltfolk issue on New Jersey. I hadn't bought any other issues of this magazine because I didn't know what it was like so why would I pay over \$20 for a magazine. I splurged and ordered it from Old Country Quilts and loved it. It is a really well done issue on New Jersey quilts and quilters. It even has articles about some who have spoken to our group. There are nice articles on Mark Lipinski, Dana Balsamo and Lisa Shepard Stewart. Meg Cox, a speaker from years ago, wrote the forward and some of the articles. I highly recommend it.

From Debbi Oriolo:

Spring Radiance Quilt Show, from County Line Quilters Guild

10AM-5PM May 4 and 5, 2024

Bring a non-perishable food item and get an extra door prize chance

St Cyril of Jerusalem Social Hall

1410 Almshouse Rd., Jamison, PA 18929

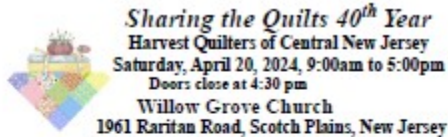
Door Prizes, Mini Quilt Raffle, Food

Expanded Crafts and Boutique, Vendors, and QUILTS!

Admission \$7, Children under 12 Free

For more information: www.countylinequilters.org

And finally, from Carol Oynyk, a show that she says is always nice, from a group her mom was in:



Variety of Art, Traditional, and Modern Quilts of all sizes, themes, techniques and patterns; "Charity Baby Quilts" as our Challenge

Karen Hochman: Lecture at 10:30 "Everything Old Is New Again, What Inspires You?"

Kathy Lee, Featured Quilter: Traditional Patterns with Non-traditional Fabric; Her Collection will be on Display in Library

More info: www.harvestquilters.com or find us at Harvest Quilters on Facebook
Queen size Quilt and Drawing Basket Tea Room: Breakfast and Lunch

Admission: \$\$ adult: \$3 Children under 12 \$1 off with this Coupon
"Quilts are the Homespun Art of Women's History"

A Reference Guide for Charity Projects

Project	Preferred Size	Finishing	Due Date	Guild Contact
Teddy Bear Quilt	Approximately 24 inches square And 25 by 30 and 28 by 28 (for Capital Health)	Quilted; NO embellishments!!	Ongoing project, quilts collected at all meetings	Meg / Chris
Foster Children	Approximately 40 x 50"	Quilted. Bindings should be machine-sewn for durability	Ongoing project, quilts collected at all meetings	Charity committee
Placemats	Various sizes		Ongoing project	
Capital Health Cancer Center and Princeton Medical Center	Approximately 40 x 60"	Can be quilted or tied	Ongoing project, quilts collected at all meetings	
Animal Beds Ongoing project	Approximately the size of a standard pillow case	Fill a pillow case-sized envelope with fabric and batting scraps; sew ends securely	Donate directly to Hamilton Animal Shelter, 2100 Sylvan Ave, Hamilton, or to the Trenton Animal Shelter	
Quilts of Valor	Finished size can be no smaller than 55" x 65" and no larger than 70" x 90. Ideal size approx. 60" x 80	Quilts should be washed prior to donation	Ongoing project	Debbi Oriolo and Margaret
Refugee families	Children's bed size or adult twin size or larger	May be quilted or tied	Ongoing project	Charity committee