

Next Guild Meeting September 15, 2024

Doors Open at 12:30 PM -- Meeting Starts at 1:00PM
Location is Switlik
Program: Teddy Bear Challenge

Welcome back to the Guild and welcome all new members!

**EDITOR'S NOTE: My apologies for the late arrival of this edition. Holiday weekend made me lose track of the date.*

President's Message

Welcome to our 41st year! I can't believe that the summer is almost over and fall is close behind. Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable and productive summer. From attendance at the summer UFO's, I know that many of you have been very busy. September's meeting with the Teddy Bear Challenge is always a fun meeting and **I'm sure** this year will be no exception.

A special "thank you" to BJ for being our President for the past 4 years and really helping us get through the pandemic. If she hadn't opened her backyard for our meetings it would have made the pandemic seem that much longer. And another thank you for taking over the task of Treasurer.

A "thank you" to Meg for being head of the Teddy Bear committee since 2013!
Welcome to Sally for taking over the task.

Also, many thanks to Pat who did an outstanding job as Program chair since February of 2019 and to Betty who coordinated the Block of the Month, Shoot for the Stars and Constellation. Thanks to Donna, Barbara McDowell and Cynthia for taking over the Block of the Month and for presenting the Y2K Charm Pack Challenge.

This coming year should be another great year for all of us, but we need your help in filling some of the open positions. Although Donna, Barbara and Cynthia have taken over BOM, we still need one or more ladies to step up to be Program Chair. Also the position of Historian is still open. If you think you may be interested in helping, feel free to ask me or any of the Board members.

Here's to another productive year. Remember - Quilting may not solve all our problems, but then again, neither will housework!

Chris

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
September	7	15	28
October	5	20	26
November	2	17	23
December	7	15	28

Minutes of the Last Meeting

There are no minutes since there have been no meetings over the summer

Treasurer's Report – BJ Drews

During the transfer of the treasury records from Chris to Geri to Joann to me, some records have become murky. As a result, the records I received do not agree with the bank statements. Try as I might, I could not reconcile them. Therefore, I am doing a "clean start." The previous balance indicated on my next report will not be the ending balance, \$9,631.62, as indicated on the report below but rather \$10,754.76 to agree with the bank.

BJ

Please see next page for the report.

	Jun-24
Beginning Balance	\$ 7,156.53
Raffle	
Name Tags & Guests	
Tea Cup/Year End Auction	\$ 2,583.00
Membership	
Newsletter/Membership Supplies	
Website	
Hospitality	\$ (107.91)
Charity	
Program	
Insurance	
Donations	
Teddy Bear Challenge	
Maqnet Membership	
Bank Fees	
*Miscellaneous	
Balance in Treasury	\$ 9,631.62
Beginning Balance	\$ 2,849.57
April 2024 Retreat Payments	
June 2024 Retreat Payments	\$ 600.00
April 2024 Payments to Cocalico	
June 2024 Payments to Cocalico	\$ (1,884.00)
June 2025 Payments to Cocalico	\$ (500.00)
Misc Retreat Reimbursements	
Retreat Balance	\$ 1,065.57
Adjusted Balance in Treasury	\$ 10,697.19

Program News – Pat Walker

Looking Ahead (Location - Switlik Pavilion):

- September - Annual Teddy Bear Challenge, Big Show n' Tell and Block of the Month.
- October – Block of the Month and Constellation Showcase.
- November – Brita Nelson – The Questioning Quilter presents “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, Viewer's Choice of finished and quilted Y2K Charm Pack Challenge.
- January - Annual Holiday Tea Social, Block of the Month and Viewer's Choice of “2023 –2024 Block of the Month” program. Please note the “2023 – 2024 Block of the Month” quilts must be “completed and ready to gift”.

*** Constellation Quilt Challenge ***

72” x 84”

- Constellation Showcase – tentatively October 2024!
- Click on this link to see a picture of a completed quilt top:

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

- Fabric requirements follow:

o Borders: Listen up! It all depends on what you decide to do. The following measurement is based on the instructions provided. 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 (perhaps more, if you add extra borders).

o Binding: $\frac{3}{4}$ yard (a bit more if you add extra borders).

- If you are participating:

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!

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Summer 2024 BOM (Rail Fence)

· Rail Fence BOM kits were distributed in June. The blocks will be collected, tickets dispersed, and a winner drawn at the September meeting.

Y2K Charm Pack Challenge

The Block of the Month Committee distributed thirty (30) Y2K Charm Packs. There will be a Viewer's Choice in December.

Additional Rules for Block of the Month Program:

- 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.
- 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 Donna Kolesar.

"Block of the Month Program 2024 - 2025" Fast Forward:

· For the winners of the "Block of the Month Program" (July 2024 – June 2025), 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 2026 meeting. The projects will be put on display and Turtle Creek Quilt Guild Members will vote.

· In addition, if you won a BOM, there are long arm quilters that offer 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 pursue this, it would be ideal to get your quilt to the long arm quilters no later than October 2025 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.

· 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 Block of the Month Committees. To Betty Kiss for all the work she did over the past several years related to Block of the Month Program, Shoot for the Stars and Constellation Challenges and to Donna Kolesar, Barbara McDowell and Cynthia Vitale for stepping forward to take over the Block of the Month and for the ideas and talent they will bring forth. Also, a Thank You to all the members who stepped up over the years to give a program to guild members and to the members who participated in these programs. Without all of you, we would not be a success!

Sincerely, Pat Walker

Sunshine and Shadows

Thank you to Geri Wolf who is taking over this position.

Happy birthday to those members who celebrated over the summer:

Linda Burch, Meg Heinemann, BJ Drews, Cecilia Maltese-Makai, Jane Laub, Betty Kiss, Andrea Zams, and Michele Rockwell.

Teddy Bear Quilts

The Teddy Bear Challenge will be held at the Guild meeting on Sunday, September 15th. The Prize Categories are as follows:

- Best for a Boy
- Best for a Girl
- Best Use of Fabric
- Best Quilting
- Best Applique'
- Why Didn't I Think of That?

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN!!!!

If anyone needs the special fabric that must be included, please let Sally Ward know.

Photography

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

Please note, the position of **Historian** is still open! (We love our photographs, but there is other history that must be maintained as well.)

Membership – Joann Tarateta

Guild membership dues will be collected at our Sept. 2024 meeting. The dues for the upcoming guild year remain at \$40. Checks made out the "Turtle Creek Quilters Guild"

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or exact change will be appreciated. There is a membership application for the new year attached to this email.

Turtle Creek Peacemakers Update – Submitted by Debbi Oriolo

The Turtle Creek Peacemakers kept busy over the summer making Quilts of Valor for future presentations to veterans/service members. We just honored two veterans in-person at Switlik Pavilion in August and have two more in person presentations on Oct 26th and Dec 28th. Feel free to stop by to see the presentation at 11:00 and meet the veterans we are so proud to honor. We are also happy to inform you that one of our QoVs, pieced and bound by Michael Morisco & quilted by Chris Crum, will be on display this fall at the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial & Museum in Holmdel, NJ. It's worth the trip both to see the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Wall and the museum, in addition to our Quilt of Valor proudly displayed.

Charity Committee Report (Judy, Louise, Mindy and Yoko)

During the summer, charity has been busy distributing 17 quilts to foster kids, 20 placemats to Robbinsville Meals on Wheels, and 130 port pillows to Penn Med Cancer Center. The September meeting will be the last collection of placemats. We have distributed over 500 placemats and everyone has loved them. We still have some if anyone has a place to deliver them to. Thank you everyone for your generosity, and we look forward to seeing and receiving any quilts you would like to donate. Our recipients, of various ages, genders, and backgrounds, are always delighted with your gifts.

The refugee group continues to accept donated sewing machines. 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. She says they are thrilled to receive machines. Anyone who is interested in teaching people to sew may contact Mindy as well.

Editor's Note:

The deadline for the October newsletter is **September 26**. Please email any input to Mindy Langer, langer4581@gmail.com or mail to Mindy Langer, 67 Cranbury Rd., Princeton Jct, NJ 08550, or call or text her at 609-306-6211.

In Other News:

A quilt show notice submitted by Debbi Oriolo:

"We are happy to announce our upcoming Quilts in the Mill Show entitled Confetti of Color presented by the Courthouse Quilters Guild held at the Prallsville Mills in Stockton, NJ. Please mark your calendars for Friday, September 27 to Sunday, September 29 from 10am to 4pm each day. The cost of admission is \$12 (\$10 per ticket when 10 or more tickets are purchased at a time).

There are plenty of exciting things happening the entire weekend:

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- Mini and Large Quilt Raffles
- Quilt Sale
- Over 200 Quilts on Display
- Vendor Marketplace
- Boutique
- Special Presentations, Exhibits & Demonstrations by Liza Lucy, Meg Cox, plus more!
- Wearable Fashion Show
- Lunch is available for purchase

Please see attached flyer or visit our website for more information <http://www.courthousequilters.org/quilts-in-the-mill-show.html>. Feel free to contact showchair1@courthousequilters.org for any questions.

We look forward to seeing you there, please spread the word!

Thank you,
Dyan Rosario
CHQ Publicity Chair”

... *And some books recommended by Geri Wolf:*

Like Mother, Like Daughter by Kimberly McCreight

The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali

House of Glass by Sarah Pekkanen

All worth reading into mysteries. Like Mother, Like Daughter is probably the best.

...Geri

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

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	Sally Ward
Foster Children	Approximately 40 x 50"	Quilted. Bindings should be machine-sewn for durability	Ongoing project, quilts collected at all meetings	Charity committee
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