



NEWSLETTER ♦ MARCH 2025

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March Birthdays

Irene Gale - 8
 Carol Romberg - 11
 Betty Jo Chaplin - 19
 Jackie Gibney - 26
 Carol Hutchings - 31

2025 Dues

Dues are \$25 for the calendar year.
 You can pay dues by 3 options:

- 1 - Members may pay in person at the March meeting—see Kate Shafer.
- 2 - Mail a check to our PO Box: Pieces From the Heart Quilt Guild, PO Box 145, Morris, IL 60450
- 3 - Pay via Zelle: Use the email address: piecesfromtheheartqg@gmail.com.
Note: The name Monica Johnson will come up; that's Penny's legal name.

From Our Guild President:

Happy National Quilting Day! (Or month, as it's always better to celebrate longer right?!)

History lesson from quiltalliance.org: *In 1989, the Kentucky Heritage Quilt Society organized a "Quilters' Day Out" on the third Saturday of March to celebrate the rich tradition of quilting in Kentucky. In 1991, National Quilting Association officers were so enthused with the concept and success of "Quilters' Day Out" that they voted to take it to a national level. The first National Quilting Day was observed in 1992 and since then it has grown into a global celebration for all quilters and quilt lovers.*

As March is our first month back together, and to celebrate National Quilting Day, which is March 15th this year, we are going to do a little ice breaker at our meeting this month. See Heather's March Meeting information on page 2. I encouraged everyone to participate, as this will be a fun little way to help put names to faces! Don't forget to bring all of your show and tell that you've completed over winter!

Nisse Hoge

Treats Return to Meetings!

Members who have either a February & March birthday are invited to bring a treat for the March meeting—there are several of you so don't feel like you each need to bring a huge amount of treats! Members should bring their own beverages.

2025 Raffle Quilt Update

We still need a volunteer to quilt the raffle quilt!

At the Christmas Party, I passed out raffle tickets for those that were there. If you don't have your envelope yet, please reach out to me and we can meet up or I will see you at the March meeting.

The next step in making this a successful raffle is to take it on a road trip! If you are able to help with the quilt travel itinerary, please let me know. I will work on a calendar of guild meetings that we can visit. The drawing will be at the 2025 Christmas Party, so we have 9 months to sell tickets.

I will also work on getting a picture of the quilt posted on our Facebook page that can be shared too.

Kathy Hoge

Thurs. March 13 Meeting Details

For our March meeting, we will have a business meeting, an ice breaker, some much-needed social time with snacks, and show and tell. The meeting is downstairs at First United Methodist Church, 118 E. Jackson St., Morris, at 7pm.

With a number of new members, we thought it would be fun to reintroduce ourselves! For our ice breaker, we are asking that members consider bringing a cherished project, an example of their favorite type of project, or something similar to share with the group. No need for a speech and nothing to stress over, just an opportunity to tell us who you are and what you love to do!!!! We will draw some names for prizes as well!

Additional program updates for our June workshop:

I hope everyone is excited to try out some thread painting during our June workshop on Saturday, June 14th with Judy Bender!! Remember our June meeting will be **Friday, June 13th!** It will be a great skill to enhance wall hangings and table runners.

Cost for the workshop will be based on the number of participants. The cost should be about \$35, but, if we can get more than 20, the cost will go down a bit. A sign up sheet will be at the March meeting. We will explore lunch delivery options or you can feel free to bring your own lunch!

Most supplies for class will be provided by Judy such as fabric, stabilizer, sketches, thread nets, and some embroidery thread, but you will need to bring a regular (hand-embroidery type) embroidery hoop (anything from 6"-10"). Bring your regular sewing machine (not embroidery machine) with the ability to drop its feed dogs. Feel free to bring any embroidery thread you want to experiment with. Embroidery thread will be needed in your bobbin; Judy will also have some pre-wound bobbins for various machines available to use.

Thanks,

Heather

2026 Quilt Show: Fri. & Sat. Nov. 13-14

The show will be Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14, 2026. Mark the dates on your calendar, along with set up on Thursday. Quilt check in will be on Wednesday. More info on that later.

For our first-time-quilt-show guild members, we will give you as much information as we can think of. If you have any questions about the show, please ask.

I was asked if there is a pattern for the Christmas table runner. No, there is not. You can choose any pattern you would like to make, as long as it is a table runner. Please participate. Guests will be impressed if every guild member has an entry. There could be a "valuable prize" for the favorites! Favorites are chosen by guests attending the show and by the guild members. Two chances to win!

Next is something you will hear us talk about until the entry deadline. Please make something to enter in the show. It is only successful if the guests have quilts to look at. Guests are not going to pick apart your work, they simply want to get ideas and see quilts and other items they enjoy.

We have so much talent in our guild. We also have a wide range of likes. I like bright colors, others like

'40s fabrics or working with wool, some actually enjoy hand piecing. (Kathy made us try that and I failed miserably, but others do amazing work.) Some like specific fabric lines or designers. We have a thread painting speaker coming soon. Hopefully we will have a few more art quilts in the show. Bag makers have really been busy. Pillows, table toppers, embroidery projects and more. Whatever you enjoy, we would love to have displayed at the show.

Raffle Trees: We have several people signed up to do a tree. We did the trees in 2022 and they were a huge success (\$4500). This time we have mostly 3' trees. They can be any theme: seasonal or Christmas related. Add anything you want to the raffle. I will put a few photos of the past trees on the FB page for anyone wanting ideas. If you would be interested in doing a tree raffle, let me know. jane3530@aol.com

The show seems like forever away, but it will be here before you know it. Make your plans now of what you would like to enter. If you make it in 2025, all the pressure is off, you are ready and have 2026 to relax, or make more items...

Jane Carhart and Linda Charley

Quilt of Valor 2025

Quilt of Valor Ceremony will be held on Sunday, August 10th at 2pm in the Saratoga School Cafetorium. We have backing fabric available in 2 colors for donation quilts. There are about 9 yards available of the Navy, and 13 yards available of the Oatmeal. Please let me know if you need any; I will begin bringing it to the March meeting.

Important QOV Dates:

3/13: QOV labels will be available at our monthly guild meetings. Sign-up sheet will be at our monthly meetings beginning in March. You can always text or e-mail Clara your info.

6/12: Deadline to advise Clara that you volunteer to make a donation quilt. Invitations and Recipient Forms will be available to guild members.

7/10: Deadline to sign up to make a quilt for a specific recipient. Clara to share recipient information for donation quilts. Completed Recipient Forms are due to Clara. A rough number head count for attendance due to Clara.

8/07: Meeting is held 1 week earlier than our regular meetings. QOV Show & Tell at our monthly meeting (please have your quilts completed by this date). Pictures of completed quilts due to Clara for presentation.

8/10: Quilts of Valor Ceremony at Saratoga Cafetorium @ 1pm.

If you are planning to make a donation quilt, please try to attend the ceremony at Saratoga School. If you are unable to attend, please try to have someone stand in for you.

We will need volunteers for the following:

- 2 people at check-in table.
- People to hold up quilts—1 of these individuals would introduce Clara's recipients (Nisse Hoge & Joanne Hayes have volunteered).
- 1 to sell tickets for raffle quilt (Michelle Gogliotti has volunteered).

Volunteers need to arrive 1 hour prior to ceremony.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Clara @ 815-351-1464 or crazyleg3@comcast.net.

Thanks! *Clara*



2025 Charity Project

The Veterans Home in LaSalle is our 2025 charity project! Currently, they have 87 residents and only 4 are female. I have kits you can use, so please consider taking one to make a quilt for the Veterans Home (or busting into your own stash if you prefer).

I'll be collecting quilts at the March, April, and finally MAY meetings; if you could let me know what you plan to complete by May at the MARCH meeting, that would be very helpful. (We want you to have time to finish your Quilt of Valor quilts, so May is the deadline for charity quilts.)

As a reminder for any of our charity quilting... if you need someone to do the longarm quilting for you, please reach out. I have had several people

volunteer their time (me included) and we can get your charity quilt top quilted for free. I also have a roll of batting that was donated to the guild, so there will be no cost there either.

I know if we all work together we can make sure every veteran will have a beautiful quilt to keep them warm.

In addition, I had someone ask I would still be willing to deliver quilts to the CAC, so if you still feel like you want to make quilts for them, I'll continue to collect them and deliver them when we have a pile.

Any questions, let me know!

Michelle mimigog@gmail.com

2025 UFO Challenge

Here's how the PFTH 2025 UFO Challenge works::

1. Select 4, 8, or 12 UFOs* you WANT to finish between now and the November 2025 meeting.
2. Fill out one of the UFO forms (included in the email)—I'm attaching a fillable PDF and an Excel document.
3. Keep a copy and get me a copy (at the March meeting if possible or via email).
4. Start working on those UFOs!
5. Notify me when you've completed one. Also, keep track of finishes on YOUR COPY of the list.
6. Every 25% of your list completed earns you an entry in the prize drawing. So if you really only think you can complete 4 UFOs between turning in your list and the November meeting, you get 1 entry when you complete each one. If you want to feel the great satisfaction of REALLY making progress on your pile of UFOs, make a list of 12 and you'll get an entry for every 3 you finish (or 8 with an entry for every 2 you finish). There will be public praise for EVERY finish!
7. Projects must be completed by the November 2025 meeting to be included in the prize drawing which will be at the Dec. 2025 holiday party.

* UFO (unfinished object)—The specifics: The project has to be STARTED!! That means at LEAST fabric cut into pieces, ideally started more than 5-6 months ago (not a project you've been working on recently that's just not done yet), and, obviously, not yet completed. It's a project in process that got set aside at some point... from cut with no pieces sewn together to a quilt top not-yet-quilted or a quilted quilt just waiting to be bound. This is a great time to really go through your UFOs and choose 4-8-12 that have been sitting around too long that you really want to finish.

Thanks for playing along this year, quilting friends. This is a fun way to finish some projects and make some space in your sewing room (and your mind and heart!). Questions? Let me know!

Linda Special Projects Ljaugsburg@gmail.com

Note: It's tough to make this "fair" because maybe your UFOs pile is 8 quilts that just need binding that have been waiting for 2 years and it's weighing heavily on you that they're not done and someone else has 8 UFOs that are barely started from classes they've taken over the last decade, so others might not see the lists as "equal". Your UFO shouldn't be a quilt that has 2" of binding yet to hand-stitch in place or something you started yesterday and plan to get done by February. This challenge is for true UFOs – the kind that have been hanging out for a while.

PUBLIC PRAISE TIME!

Peg Ebert finished her Teal Tula Quilt on March 3 and posted in on Facebook! And **Linda Augsburg** (ME) finished the Wonky Beer Quilt on Feb 25 and it got tickets in the bag to win it and the winner was excited (she'd watched me work on one of the other ones at last year's retreat)! That's all I have so far unless I missed a post or message. Can I get some big WOHOHOs for their finishes!?

WOHOHOHOHOHOHO!!!!!!

I have lists from the following members:

Kate Shafer
Kathy Hoge
Peg Ebert
Michelle Gogliotti
Nisse Hoge
Linda Augsburg
Jane Carhart
Kati Vertrees
Holly Howard

Want to play along? Send me your list or bring it to the March meeting!!

Wesley Center Sew Bee

TUESDAY, March 25

9am to 3pm, Wesley Center, Morris

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jane via email at jane3530@aol.com. \$5 donation per person. 9am to 3pm. Thanks for setting this up, Jane!

2025 Pieces from the Heart Quilt Guild Officers

President - Nisse Hoge

Vice President -
Michelle Gogliotti

Secretary - Cindy McCormack

Treasurer - Penny Johnson

Membership - Kate Shafer

Hospitality - Tana Sheets

Webmaster - Lana Stafford

Newsletter - Linda Augsburg

Special Projects - Linda Augsburg

2025 Program Facilitator -
Heather Meyer

2026 Program Contracts -
Heather Meyer &
Michelle Gogliotti

2025 Raffle Quilt - Kathy Hoge

2026 Raffle Quilt - Linda Charley

2026 Quilt Show -
Jane Carhart & Linda Charley

Retreat Coordinators -
Nisse Hoge & Kathy Hoge

Quilt of Valor Chairperson -
Clara Bal

Salt Creek Quilters Guild
presents
A Kaleidoscope of Quilts
Quilt Show & Auction
2025
Saturday April 5th 9am-5pm
Sunday April 6th 10am-4pm
admission \$7.00
Live Quilt Auction
Sunday April 6th 1pm-3pm
A portion of the auction proceeds will be donated to
Wellness House of Hinsdale
**Highlands Middle School**
1850 Plainfield Road, La Grange, IL
Hundreds of quilts, special exhibits, shopping, bake sale, raffle baskets
www.saltcreekqg.org

Hands All Around Quilt Guild
of Central Illinois
For more
information
haaqq.com

2025
Quilt
Spectrum
Friday • April 4 • 9am - 5pm
Saturday • April 5 • 9am - 4pm
Interstate Center
1106 Interstate Drive
Bloomington, IL
Raffle Quilt Drawing
Saturday at 3pm
Vendor Mall & Demos
Raffle Baskets
Unique Boutique
\$1 Mystery Bags
Food Truck
Adults - \$10
Kids 6-12 - \$1
Kids 5 & Under - Free