



NEWSLETTER ♦ JAN. 2025

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January Birthdays

- 4 - Ann Register
- 6 - Linda Charley
- 8 - Nisse Hoge
- 8 - Sue Meadows
- 12 - Michelle Gogliotti
- 12 - Jan Sloan
- 15 - Judy Hauch

Member to Member

From Michelle Gogliotti: I'm interested in doing a temperature quilt this year and was wondering if anyone else would like to do it along with me. If you have questions about what that is or are interested, reach out to Michelle via our private FB group or by email at mimigog@gmail.com.

If you have anything for Member to Member, let me know. - Linda

From Our Guild President:

As we start a new year there is much talk about setting goals or New Year's resolutions. I'm also hitting a milestone birthday this week (40!) and it has me thinking about who I am. So this year, instead of goals, I'm going into the year with a mindset.

Being true to myself and being unapologetically me. Knowing my strengths and weaknesses and knowing that it's ok to have weaknesses. Doing things I love to do and passing on things I don't want to do, without feeling guilty about it! Remembering to try new things because I never know what I may end up liking. Not being scared to take on things that might be outside of my comfort zone and not being worried about asking for guidance. Being present for my family and my friends that are my "village", especially for my daughters and husband. My next milestone birthday will be when our youngest turns 18 so I want to feel like I'm setting a good example for our daughters to live by.

Have you set goals/resolutions for the year? After the bustle of the holidays January is a great time to slow down and reflect.

Wishing all of you a Happy New Year! I can't wait to see what this year brings!

Nisse Hoge

Membership Photo Directory

Kate Shafer has created a Member Directory with many member's photos (file attached)! This will be very helpful for new members to put names with faces and for longtime members to get to know new members! Thanks, Kate for putting this together and thanks to Michelle G. and Tricia for providing photos from the past effort!

2025 Raffle Quilt Update

We have a completed 2025 Raffle Quilt! Thank you to all who helped by donating fabric, sewing strips, and putting blocks together to make it happen. 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 Kathy Hoge 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 11 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

January Zoom Meeting, Thurs. Jan. 9

The January meeting will be held via Zoom. We have one Zoom link, so we will be having the board meeting via Zoom first (starting at 6pm; Zoom room opens at 5:45pm). There's a waiting room set up, so when you log in before 7pm to make sure your technology is working, you might find yourself in the "waiting room". Don't worry! As soon as the board meeting wraps up, I'll click everyone into the regular Zoom room.

Here's the Zoom meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86842814622?pwd=a0iSwnutO0tPHDagbZqwlsjdqak1Nb.1>

Or, if you log in a different way and need the specifics:

Meeting ID: 868 4281 4622

Passcode: 2025

Our January speaker is Allie McCathren of the Exhausted Octopus

<https://exhaustedoctopus.com/> alliemccathren@gmail.com

Instagram [@exhaustedoctopus](https://www.instagram.com/exhaustedoctopus)

Allie works primarily with fabric and thread, but is also a painter, working with acrylics and watercolors. She uses fabric as if it were paint, working with scraps of fabrics that may not typically be thought to work together. As someone who saves every scrap, she has learned how to look at fabric as color, as a painter looks at paint. In this lecture, Allie guides you through her process of organization and usage of scraps so that you may learn to look at fabric in a new way.

Allie McCathren is an artist with a background in marine biology. She lives in Houston, TX with her three sons. Her love of science and nature tends to find its way into her work, whether she intends it or not.



Preview for February Zoom Meeting, Thurs., Feb. 13

Rebecca Silbaugh <http://rubybluequilts.blogspot.com/>

Ruby Blue Quilting Studio began with quilt patterns but now offers custom longarm quilting. She will be talking about her journey, prepping quilts for quilting and her process in relation to quilting those beautiful quilt tops! Bring your questions that you have wanted to ask her!

Wesley Center Sew Bee

TUESDAY, Jan. 28

9am to 3pm at the 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!

2026 Quilt Show

Time to start planning for the next show. There are going to be some changes, not for any reason, just to try something different. Going with the saying "You will never know unless you try". There will be more detailed information in the coming months.

What we do know for a fact so far:

The show will be in November 2026.

It will be a Christmas theme:
"The Night Before Christmas"

The raffle trees will be back. The trees are mostly 3' this time instead of 4.5'. I do have a few left if you are interested in putting a raffle display together. They are green, but I will flock them closer to the show if you would like a flocked tree. You decide the theme. We figure if there are two "snowman" themes (or other Christmas related), they will still look different. FYI for new members: We did the trees in 2022 and they raised \$4500.

We would like every guild member to enter something in the show. We are working on the categories and will have them at the March meeting. This is where one of the new changes will be apparent. There will be no category with less than 5 entries. You can only enter at most two items per category. You may have questions about these changes. They will be answered when we are together again in March.

There will be the "Boutique", however, we are adding "Santa's Gift Shop". We feel people shopping in the boutique expect bottom line pricing, which is fine for the used, no longer wanted items. However, there were several new, very nice items that should have sold for much more. Moving them to "Santa's Gift Shop" will let guests know the prices will be what they should be. If you have any ideas for the gift shop, please share.

The quilt show is the main money maker for the guild. It takes all of us to have a successful show.

Thanks!

Linda Charley and Jane Carhart

Quilts of Valor 2025

Important QOV Dates:

- 3/13** • QOV labels will be available at our monthly guild meetings.
 - Sign-up sheet will be at our monthly meetings when we start meeting in person. 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** • Clara to share recipient information for donation quilts.
 - Completed Recipient Forms are due to Clara.
 - 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 volunteer to make a donation quilt, please follow through and do so. When someone volunteers and does not make the quilt, we are left scrambling to ensure the veteran is not disappointed.

We've ordered a bolt of backing fabric to provide to those who volunteer to make donation quilts only (this does not apply if you are making a quilt for someone you know). The fabric is in transit; we hope to have it available no later than the March meeting.

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
- 2 people to hold up quilts - 1 of these individuals would introduce Clara's recipients
- 2 to sell tickets for raffle quilt

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 UFO Challenge

Most quilters have UFOs (Unfinished Objects)... projects they started and then set aside for some reason. Sometimes it's a project that was just too challenging at the time (but probably something you could finish now on your own or with the advice of another guild member). Other times, it was a class project that you started and never finished. Maybe your reason for making it changed, maybe you weren't enjoying it, or maybe you just plain forgot about it when you moved. But this year, anyone from the guild is invited to participate in the 2025 UFO Challenge, our first of two special projects for the year. Let's turn some of those UFOs into FOs (which IS NOT really a slang term in the quilting vernacular).

UFO from your list (if it can't come to show-and-tell), or sending me a picture via text or email. Also, keep track of finishes on YOUR COPY of the list.

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; if you need a different version, let me know. See my form (below) as an example.

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 4 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. I'm working on the scrappy challenge for later this year, but 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.

2025 Pieces from the Heart Quilt Guild UFO Challenge Submission Form

#	Project Name	Project Status	Date Finished
1	Beer Quilt #2	To be quilted and bound	
2	Beer Quilt #3	Cut	
3	Kevin's QOV	Piecing started	
4	Dave M's QOV	Cut	
5	Annie's Quilted Bags (many)	Sewing started on some	
6	Sunflower Quilt	Piecing/Applique started	
7	Jill's Quilt	Cut	
8	Orange Daisy Quilt	Units made?	
9	Pink & Green Baby Quilt	Piecing started	
10	Minky Baby Quilt	Piecing started	
11	Notebook Covers	Sewing started on some	
12	Plus Sign Blue Taupe Quilt	Piecing started	

3. Keep a copy and get me a copy (between now and the March meeting). Form can be filled out digitally and emailed to me--save it as "UFO" and your name (ex. UFO Linda Augsborg). Or, print it, fill it out by hand, and then get me a copy.
4. Start working on those UFOs!
5. Notify me when you've completed one—calling it to my attention at show-and-tell, posting a photo in our private FB group and mention that it's a

2025 Charity Project

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

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. I am hoping we can have them all by the May meeting, because I know we will be gearing up for Quilts of Valor in August!

Any questions, let me know!

Michelle mimigog@gmail.com



2024 Quilt Show Financials Wrap-Up

Here are the final numbers for the 2024 Quilt Show – our profit was **\$8,344.68!** I again want to thank EVERYONE who helped with the show for all of the time each of you spent getting things ready for the \$6/yard room, boutique, bake sale, raffle baskets and quilt, vendors, entry, judging, and more, as well as everyone who gave their time setting up, working during the show, and helping with take-down. Also, thanks to everyone who entered quilts! I’m so grateful for everything Holly did to make the show happen as well, and we couldn’t have done it with the support of each and every one of you!

There is traditionally a donation to a charity of some of the profits from the raffle quilt; that amount is not removed from these totals, as that number was not accounted for in previous show numbers and I wanted to keep the financial presentation consistent. We haven’t made that donation yet as we were waiting on a response from one of the charities we were considering, but I expect a vote on that at the Jan. board meeting.

Here’s to Linda Charley and Jane Carhart for chairing the 2026 show, which I’m sure will be even more successful!

– *Linda*

2024 Home is Where Our Quilts Are Quilt Show			
INCOME			
Vendors	\$	1,020.00	
Raffle Tiers	\$	1,751.00	
Boutique	\$	1,548.00	
\$6/yd fabric room	\$	3,186.00	
Raffle Quilt (total)	\$	2,762.00	
Bakery	\$	849.00	
Entry	\$	1,835.00	
Total Income	\$	12,951.00	
			PROFIT: \$ 8,344.68
EXPENSES			
Boutique	\$	105.15	
Raffle Quilt	\$	715.00	
Venue	\$	1,500.00	
Rack Rental	\$	1,416.29	
Judges (2)	\$	300.00	
Show Bookmarks	\$	94.88	
Adv in Shop Hop mag	\$	475.00	
Total Expenses	\$	4,606.32	

Note: There is no expense line for the ribbons, as those were donated. Some other items were donated as well. Since Penny set up Zelle, there weren't credit card fees. For comparison: 2022 show made \$10,322.50 profit. The 2019 show made \$8,959.88 profit.

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

2024 Quilt Show - Jane Carhart & Linda Charley

Retreat Coordinator - Nisse Hoge & Kathy Hoge

Quilt of Valor Chairperson - Clara Bal