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TWIN CITY QUILTERS GUILD

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Dear Quilters,

It won't be long before we are viewing another successful quilt show in our 'rear view mirror'. I am thankful for the contributions so many have made of their time and energy to help with this endeavor. Thank you everyone with an extra thank you to Cheryl for her amazing organizing skills.

With the quilt show complete, it is now time to work on the next installment of the Back to Basics 'mystery quilt' that Joan and Rene have been presenting. Also, if you gave Joan a list of UFOs you hope to complete this year, select one and put your nose to the grindstone and feel that sense of accomplishment! And let's not forget our charitable projects. Sew, sew, sew.

Deb

Deadline: The 12th of each month.
All members are encouraged to participate

Minutes from the April 2, 2025 meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:35 by President Deb Marshall

Officers present:

President – Deb Marshall

Co/Vice Presidents – Joan Rockenbrock and Rene' Harbison

Treasurer – Kelly Miller

Secretary – Donna Clark

Guests: None

Liz Wheeler made the motion to accept the March minutes and Dru Lis seconded.

Financial reports are on the tables. Kelly Miller asked that anyone needing start-up money for the quilt show notify her.

Program – “Going Back to Basics” presented by Joan Rockenbrock

Pressing – if you stitch, **PRESS**. The next block for our mystery quilt is an 8” **finished** pinwheel block. She suggested several ways to make 2” **finished** half square triangles. You can use Thangles, half square triangle papers or the standard way. Cut 3” squares, 2 right sides together. Draw a diagonal and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ ” on each side of the line. Cut on the line. Press the seam flat first to set the seam. Then press OPEN, then press to the dark side. It takes 4 HST’s to make a pinwheel. Make sure they all go the same way. Make 4 pinwheels for a block. Need to contrast between dark/light or medium/light {can use background}. You need to make one block. It can be scrappy or all the same material. Directions will be in the next Newsletter. Press the center of the completed block. If it’s too thick, hammer it. Your **unfinished** block will measure 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ” and will be made of 4 pinwheel blocks (16 HST’s)

Old Business:

Remember to update Liz Wheeler, Membership Chair, on any changes of address, e-mail or phone number. Thanks to Library Display committee, headed by Linda Berwaldt.

New Business:

Judy Lilac will take raffle ticket money and tickets.

Pam Labushesky discussed the NYS Shop Hop, from May 1-June 30. Magazines currently sell for \$12.95 which include maps, hours, patterns and page to be stamped for prizes. There are currently 16 Shop Hops going on in the country. New York’s has 5 regions, with 59 shops, approximately 12-15/ region. Riley Blake designer made NY fabric which is \$12.95/yd. and can be pre-ordered to pick up after May 1st. Each shop has a “hopper” on shelf. If you find and bring to register, you’re eligible for a weekly prize.

Cheryl Shoemaker discussed the NYS Consortium. Next meeting June 18th in Palmyra. She needs a volunteer to attend. Anyone attending the Toronto Show and who made a deposit, will be receiving material soon. We have Consortium Passports for our quilt show. It is a shop hop for stores and quilt shows. All are in the NYS Shop Hop. ANYBODY can buy a Passport and you need 8 or more stamps to turn

in for prize drawing. It's \$5 for a passport, and they will be located by the raffle quilt. Your passport should be turned in by December 1st. There is a 20% coupon in it for Aurora sewing stores. We'll have a basket at the show, value \$50, for Consortium members only.

Refreshment break after singing Happy Birthday to April birthdays.

Committee Reports:

Christmas Party: Rene' Harbison booked next year's party for December 3rd at 6pm. At Martinsville Fire Hall. Same location and caterer as last year.

Christmas Stockings – Sue Cahill asked us to please keep turning in. She'll bring fabric in September.

Library – Linda Berwaladt thanked her committee and asked people to contribute more next year.

Linus – Linda Szmanda said 25 turned in tonight with total of 7,191.

Programs – Joan R/Rene' H. – Don't forget "Milestone Madness" list. In June will have a "Swing Into Summer" event. If you bring a small handmade object with a little treat, you can exchange with someone else.

Challenge – \$5 to be returned at Christmas party when you make an apron.

Refreshments – Faye Vogt says we need people to sign up for May meeting.

Summer Picnic – Marty Held will have a meeting after tonight's meeting to plan.

Sunshine- Jill MacDougall sent sympathy cards to Jeannine Ellis and Joanne Sentman. Diane DaArmond had knee surgery and could use some contact to boost her spirits.

50-50 - \$21.50 – Cindy Warthling

Walker/Wheelchair – Judy Lilac has packets available. Barb Newman thanked all who brought in today.

Quilt Show: Theme – "Quilts For All Seasons"

Linda Barrett will have 35 signs available and she'll need people to put out and pick up. She'll send an email when they are available.

Let Cheryl know of any quilt stores out of bookmarks. Posters still available.

Quilt raffle set. Demos are good.

Envelopes handed out with numbered muslin squares to be attached to quilt. Please make your own for those missing.

If your quilt is longer than 90", she prefers to have extra hang over the top. Joan R. will type list of long armers to hand out at show. NO fat eighths this year. Just door prizes.

Dee Judy, Linda Wegrzyn and Kelly Tooley will stay over Saturday night. Thank you!

Doris Gierke and Bonnie Victor have over 200 mystery bags.

Cindy Hubacher wants items \$20 or less for Boutique. Call her if you need sheets or tags.

Linda Szmanda thanked people for signing up for food and Linus pool. Bring fabric Friday or Saturday. Bags will now be \$2.

Vendors are now full. Added jewelry and paper piecing, stitchery.

Judging – Joan R./Kelly U. – 4/5 at Salem Church 114 Morgan, Tonawanda, 9-9:30 drop off. Come in double doors on Main St. Judging sheet has to be attached to bottom right corner of back of quilt with safety pins.

Please put your phone number and quilt number on sheet (but not your name!) Muslin number also attached with safety pins. Label must be covered. 3:30- 4 pick-up. You MUST have sheet to claim quilts.

Judging only for those who want it. We do not have as many participants this year.

Silent Auction – Linda Smyth – over 21 completed items. Subsequent bids for smaller items will go up in \$5 increments. Larger items will go up in \$10 increments.

Admissions – Barb Newman-good

Basket raffle – Kelly Miller – She has 17 completed. Would like 30-35. If you have a completed one, let Kelly know.

Have names on quilt racks, or other display items.

Little items need round rings attached. Money boxes may be needed. Please put your name on. Extra tables needed, Bring books and patterns Friday night/ Saturday morning.

Please wear your name tags!

Show and share

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Clark

Mystery Quilt - Clue 2

Clue #2 Pinwheels

For this block you will be making 2" finished half square triangles. You will be using either your background fabric or 2 fabrics that have enough contrast to see the pinwheels when they are finished.

There are several ways to get to the finished square. You can use Thangles (2" finished strip), Triangulations (2" finished) or by cutting 1 - 3" square from 2 different fabrics. Place the 2 fabrics right

sides together making sure all sides are even. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " on

either side of the line and PRESS. Cut on the drawn line and open the seam and PRESS again.

Remember this is a seam that is on the bias, so PRESS do not iron. Ironing would be placing the point

of the iron at the beginning of the seam and pushing it along the seam to open it up. This might stretch

the seam and distort your block. Pressing will make sure that the seam is fully open and flat. You now

have 2 choices. You can leave the seam open or you can now PRESS the seams to the darker side.

Now is the time to square up. If you have a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square, this will make trimming easier. Making sure

your corners of the square align with the sewn line of the square. Trim off all extra fabric. If you are using Thangles or Triangulations there should be no need to square up if you cut and stitched correctly.

You will now make 15 more. Your block should look like the following and measure 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Milestone Madness

Check out your UFO's and make a list of what you want to do with them. Make a list to bring to the guild and keep one for yourself. If you want to finish it, if it needs to have binding on, if it needs more fabric, if it needs to be cut and even if it needs to go to another home put it on your list. If you accomplish it, bring it to the guild meeting and we will check it off your list. For each accomplishment your name will go into the Milestone Madness box and at the December party there will be prizes.

Any questions: Joan 716-694-5732

Summer Goodie Bags

At the June meeting (if you should so choose) bring in a small bag (any kind will do, paper, fabric), Inside the bag include something small you have made (a mug rug, a pot holder, a fabric box, beret) also include a snack (bag of chips, candy bar, pkg of hot chocolate, circus peanuts). Close up the bag so you can't see inside and when you bring your bag, we will put your name on another bag. After snack we will pick names and you can pick the bag of your choice. Any questions, please call me: 716-694-5732 Joan

Thank you so much.

Joan/Rene

Hostesses for May meeting:

Jill MacDougall	Cindy Warthling
Joan Rockenbrock	Judy Lilac
Linda Wegrzyn	

Let's wish a "**Happy Birthday**" to the following quilters for the month of May:

Jayne Crummer 5/7	Dorothy Glosser 5/14	Barbara Newman 5/21
Mary Lou Clark 5/28	Joan Rockenbrock 5/28	Kelly Tooley 5/31

TCQG 2025 Challenge “What’s Cooking Good Looking”

Kits are available for the 2025 Challenge (price of \$5.00). Dig out your favorite apron pattern, and create one that Grandma would be proud of.

Rules:

1. Must be an adult size apron.
2. Your choice of fabric
3. Embellishment provided in your kit, you may add more embellishments if you want.
- 4 . Must be modeled at the Christmas Party.
5. Can not use premade aprons.

The finished challenge needs to be presented at the annual TCQG Christmas Party. The number of your challenge kit needs to be clearly visible and attached to the front of your apron. Please bring your challenge in a plain brown bag. Every member who completes the challenge and turns it in at the Christmas Party will be refunded the cost of the kit (\$5).

Challenges will be judged by your peers at the Christmas Party. Prizes will be awarded.

Quilt Show

Don’t forget to get your quilt show signs from Linda Barrett. Put them out around your neighborhood, don’t forget where you put them so you can pick them up after the show. Call Linda Barrett at 716-799-7226 to pick up the signs.

Set up starts at noon on Friday

Step stools would be great.

Friday - Wear a shirt that can take pins stuck in it, get a possible hole and not make you cry.

Don't forget your rectangular tables, card tables.

Bring your books and patterns to donate.

Clean off your quilts of pet hair, loose threads, cut threads sticking out of your seams, etc.

Large and Medium quilts need hanging sleeve

If a few people could be there Saturday morning by 7:30 am that would be great. Linda and I would need get home to shower and change and be back by 8:30 am. We have one vendor coming Saturday morning at 7:30 am.

Please don't park near the center.

Please tag any quilt racks, tables, chairs, etc with your name.

Wear your name badge.

And most importantly - bring snacks and your smile!



PROJECT LINUS

Month	Quilts made from kits	Quilts made from their own Stash	Totals	Grand Totals
2024				7104
1-2025	10	3	13	7117
2-2025	10	22	32	7149
3-2025	16	1	17	7166
4-2025	15	11	26	7192
5-2025				
6-2025				
7-2025				
8-2025				
9-2025				
10-2025				
11-2025				
12-2026				
			2025 Grand Total	

We are always looking forward to the wonderful quilts you make,
both from Kits and from your own stash.

You amaze us each month-April's quilts total is 26 bringing our new total to 7192!!!!

We still need volunteers to **add sashing to "Crumbs" then to complete the quilt top.**
And **we always need volunteers to quilt or tie the tops.**

While you are busy sewing your quilts—or sewing for our excellent Boutique—
Remember to **save your useful scraps**—for the Linus Pool---**please bring them to the Quilt show.**

As always, with the very grateful hearts---Co-chairs, Sue, Cindy, Linda

