

TOWPATH QUILT GUILD

April 2023 Monthly Minder

Towpath Quilt Guild monthly meeting will take place in Homer Hall on Tuesday April 11th.

Doors open at 9:30, meeting begins promptly at 10:00 AM.

All members are encouraged to attend. A gentle reminder to:

1. Silence your cell phones
2. Raise your hand if you wish to speak

Show & Tell: We have not had a Show & Tell in a long time and members have asked for it. Therefore, you may bring 1 or 2 finished items to show and briefly describe at Tuesday's meeting.

Quilt Show Basket Raffle: Please do not bring completed raffle baskets to the meeting. I cannot fit 20 raffle baskets in my little VW Golf, along with all the other items I will need to bring to the show. Those who are donating a raffle basket are asked to either bring baskets to OCC on Thursday June 29th set up day or find a member who can deliver it for you.

If you have not turned in your quilt raffle ticket money and stubs, please do so.

-Donita

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Fat Quarters:

The fabric for April's fat quarter raffle is BATIKS. Bring a Batik fat quarter and you may win the whole bundle!

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Treasurer's Report

March 31, 2023

Balance 2/28/23	11,653.84
Deposits	+275.00
	11,928.84
Expenses	- 220.00
Balance 3/31/23	11,708.84

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Quilt Show Volunteer Sign-ups: An email has been sent to all member to introduce them to the option of signing up for volunteer slots online. This is an added option to the physical sign-up sheets that will be available starting at the April meeting. Anyone who uses the online option will have their preferred areas and time slots automatically entered on the sign-up forms that will be available at the April meeting.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER IN SOME CAPACITY AT THE QUILT SHOW. You will be rewarded as much as your help will be appreciated.

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Consortium Raffle Basket for the Quilt Show: We plan a basket of fat quarters with books about using fat quarters in quilting. We are asking that each Towpath member donate 2 fat quarters which will help in making up this basket. Please bring them to the March, April or May meeting and give them to Carol Long, Michele Ricci, or Jan Sernett. Thank you!

- Carol, Michele and Jan

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A **June Picnic** is being planned and will take place in Homer Hall on Tuesday, June 13, following our meeting activities. Salads, rolls and an "ice cream social" will be the order of the day. Sign-up sheets will be available at the April meeting.

We hope you can be there and enjoy our last meeting of the year.

- Cathy Dibernardo, Carol Long, Jan Sernett, Cyndy Smith, Barbara Western

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Buzzing Along the Towpath Boutique

Time to ramp up collecting and creating items for the show boutique. Things will be busier and busier as the show draws near, so please have a look through your sewing rooms for items already made and finish up those you have started in recent weeks. A long list of possible items can be found in the March Monthly Minder including treasures such as table toppers, placemats, potholders, wall hangings, welcome banners, pin cushions, and needle cases. Anything with a bee theme fabric would work especially well this time around. PLEASE NOTE THAT ITEMS FOR THE MICROWAVE (baked potato bags, bowl surrounds) WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Consignment items will be accepted for sale. 20% of each sale will go to the guild with 80% going to the member. Look for consignment forms to be posted on the website soon. Quilting books will be accepted as donations to be used for sale. Fabric will not be accepted for the boutique this year.

Carol Holladay and Alexa Carter will be accepting your donations at all meetings from now until June. It would also be helpful for us if you could let us know through email of items that are not yet finished, but that you plan to donate.

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Publicizing the Quilt Show: Marilouise M. is gearing up to get the word out about our show! If you know of a location to post a notice, i.e. library, coffee shop, local shops, please use your postcards to do so. Or you can download and print an 8-1/2" x 11" poster that is available in the Members Only section of our website. Click on Quilt Show then QS Publicity Poster.

Also, we're now on Facebook! Search for "Towpath Quilt Show 2023". Like/Follow the page. Then when there are posts – SHARE the posts. That will help to get the word out.

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Service Project Quilts: Thanks to everyone who is working on a Service Project Quilt for the ALS "Hopes and Dreams" project.

A few updates:

- If you need batting, please let Nancy know the size and we will bring to the April meeting. nsellers@twcny.rr.com
- We still have a few kits (precut!!) that need to be made. We will have them at the April meeting for anyone available to sew these last few.
- Labels (sew -on) for the quilts will be available at the April meeting. – See Berta Keeler.
- A form needs to be filled out and accompany each quilt that you make. It was provided with the March Monthly Minder. Please print and put with your quilt when you drop off at the **June** meeting. Forms are also on the Towpath website, and we will have a few copies with us at meetings.
- Minimum quilt size is 35" by 44", (lap or bed quilts of all sizes are welcomed).
- Finished quilts will be collected at the **June 13, 2023 Towpath meeting**. (Please do not drop off before June).

Thanks again!

-Gaynell, Jeannine, Berta and Nancy

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Along the Towpath:

If you are reading this, you must realize that Towpath news comes to you in a different way now—an email blast and a monthly briefing rather than a quarterly newsletter. But the newsletter will continue as a summary of the year and articles about our members' adventures. Consider writing something about your quilting life: a special class, a quilt related trip, a review of an outstanding quilt show, a book recommendation, an interaction with a former member, the travails of finishing a special quilt, the joys of making a quilt for a loved one, teaching a grandchild to sew, an award for your quilting, or anything else you think the quilt guild would find interesting. If writing isn't your thing, give me a call at 315-263-4763 and I'll take notes and write it up for you. Or just send pictures of your quilts—the ones you had to send off before you could show them at Show and Tell. Send articles and pictures to my email address before the quilt show in July.

-Noel Keith