

DECEMBER 2022 MONTHLY MINDER

FAT QUARTER DRAWING COLOR FOR DECEMBER IS **RED**. Bring a fat quarter to contribute at the check in table and enter your name in the drawing to win the accumulated donations.

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| Monthly Minder Treasurer's Report |          |  | 12/1/2022                        |  |             |
| <u>November 2022</u>              |          |  | <u>September 1, 2022 Balance</u> |  | \$10,411.88 |
| Deposits                          | \$185.00 |  | Total year Deposits              |  | \$2,028.00  |
| Expenses                          | \$956.66 |  | Total Year Expenses              |  | \$1,293.38  |
|                                   |          |  | checking total 12/1/2022         |  | \$11,146.50 |
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TOWPATH QUILT GUILD HOLIDAY PARTY

Our annual holiday party will take place on Tuesday December 13th, immediately following the general business meeting.

Theme: *"Twas The Night Before Christmas"*

The deadline date to RSVP was December 1st. 51 members have signed up to attend and party plans are based on that number. If you signed on to attend but need to cancel, please notify either Terry Richey or Donita Whelan, Holiday Party co-Chairs. In the same token, if you failed to RSVP but would like to attend, please notify either Terry or Donita

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MEAL: Soup, salad, bread and dessert will be served. All those attending are asked to bring their own place setting. You will need a dish for salad and bread, a bowl (or large handled mug) for soup, a cup for tea or coffee and silverware. Bottled water and dessert plates will be provided.

Very important note to those members who generously offered to bring crock pot soup: **If you prepare your soup ahead of time and refrigerate it, please be sure to warm it up prior to coming to the party. Soup is best enjoyed when it is hot. Thank you.**

The "Not Quite Ready For Primetime Towpath Quilt Guild Theater Ensemble" will entertain you with a comedy skit that will have you in stitches!

There will be a Gift Basket Raffle for which each attendee will receive one free raffle ticket. To increase your chances of winning this wonderful basket, you may purchase extra tickets @ \$1 per Ticket 6 Tickets for \$5 15 Tickets for \$10. Therefore, bring some cash!!! All proceeds from this raffle will be donated to the guild's treasury, so it is a Win-Win situation for all.

There will be some "giveaways", but no games have been planned. This decision was based on the belief that most members just want the opportunity to chat 😊

*** In the event of bad weather and school closings, the party will be canceled ***

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**Quilters Consortium of New York:** The next meeting will be held on ZOOM on Wed., December 14--the day after our Holiday Party. Beginning at 9:15 a.m. there is a breakout room for a quilt shop then the meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. I plan to attend & will send an e-mail report after the meeting. They have asked for information for their next Newsletter for our activities in April, May and June and we will send the information to them. Michele Ricci, Consortium Rep.

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JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE:

Come join fellow guild members for our annual January Service Day on January 10th. We need cutters, sewers, ironers and anyone willing to lend a hand to make quilts for ALS. Bring a lunch and, if you'd like, bring some goodies to share. (Did someone say door prizes?) We will be starting at 9:30 am. Kits are ready for 3-yard quilts with patterns, backing and batting included. Sign up at the December meeting/Holiday Party.

Remember:

1. Kits to make a 3-yard quilt at home will be available at the December meeting. The kits include fabric, batting and backing for one quilt.
2. All the information about the charity project for ALS is on the website towpathquiltguild.org in the Members Only section (password is logcabin) under Service Project
3. Minimum size is 35" x 44" and quilts can be as large as bed size. Any pattern can be used. We chose the 3-yard quilt patterns since they are fun and easy.

4. Batting will be available to those working on a charity quilt using your own fabric. Just email Berta at bertk1@aol.com and we will have the batting available at future meetings (it's too late to for December meeting unless you already emailed your request).

5. Quilts will be collected at the June 13, 2023 meeting.

We hope to see lots of you in January at Service Day! Thank you all for your support of this service project.

Berta, Gaynell, Jeannine and Nancy

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### **BOUTIQUE BLAST**

The boutique committee continues to look for ways to share small project ideas and instructions for members to make and donate to sell at the quilt show. To that end, Arlene King will offer a simple tutorial for her selvage zipper bag during the lunch break on the January service project day. Please bring your phone to take a picture of the step-by-step process and start your selvage collection at home. You'll want to make a couple bags for yourself and a couple for the boutique! Other projects will be shown at the February workshop during Open Sew. If you haven't signed up for a workshop, please consider joining us. Donita Whelan will show a fabric cover for composition notebooks. Arlene King will demo a doorknob pocket/scissor holder. Carol Holladay will show a notions organizer that fits over an acrylic picture frame. Vicki Swanson will demo hand-stitched felt ornaments in mini embroidery hoops. Samples of most or all of these will be available to view at the Christmas party. Other options may be shown, as well. Thanks in advance for your help. If you took home hanky bonnets to complete, please bring finished bonnets to Carol Holladay at any meeting.

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SCRAPS - we all have them!

At this time, I don't have a place for our scraps to go for making pet beds, so I'm asking you to hold them or to dispose of them as you choose. I'll try to keep looking for that project or something similar that they can be used for. If anyone knows of a place or project that can use them, please let me know.

Please save small pieces of fabric as you are making your awesome quilts for the Service Project of 3 Yard Quilts in January. Also, do you have some great ideas for nifty projects that can use our scraps and small left-over pieces for the Quilt Show Boutique? Please let me know so I can share them. This is a good time to downsize your stash (that fabric you just had to have, but haven't found a quilt to put it in?? guilty!) and give it to the Service Project or whip up some items for the Boutique.

Are you part of a group that has created items for use in the community? Let me know so I can share your news. Thank you, Laurie S., for keeping the Days for Girls sanitary pads going out to young girls around the world. Your group is providing a very needed service.

Cathy Lee

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## **QUILT SHOW CONSORTIUM RAFFLE BASKET**

For the 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!

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EMAIL MESSAGES TO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

Carol Long is our email coordinator. Communications to the general membership should be sent to her at longtomcarol@gmail.com and she will forward them to all. If you are the sender and your message requires a response and/or could generate questions, please be sure to include your contact information in your message. Also, if you are putting related information on the guild website, it would be a good idea to let folks know that in your message. When responding to a communication, please DON'T JUST HIT REPLY or you will be answering Carol rather than the originator of the message. She will then have the added, unnecessary responsibility of forwarding your message to the intended person.

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## **OTHER QUILTY STUFF**

One website that helps you find out quilty happenings when you are traveling is Rona the Ribbiter. She has a list of quilt shops and quilt shows around the country, as well as museums. Our show is currently listed for 2023! Check it out and share this address: <https://ronatheribbiter.com/2023-quilt-shows/>

WALL POWER! Is a selection of quilts from the distinctive collection of the American Folk Art Museum in New York City now on display at The Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. The exhibit runs through December 31 and is open Thursdays through Sundays, 10 am to 5 pm. [www.hydecollection.org](http://www.hydecollection.org)

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FOR SALE:

Elna Excellence 760 sewing machine (11" throat space, 270 utility and decorative stitches, several alphabets) in like-new condition with made-to-fit table. Asking \$1300. Would make a fabulous Christmas gift for you or a loved one! For more information, pictures, or to schedule a test drive, contact Carol Holladay at cholladay63@gmail.com or 315-342-5652.



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