

## December 2023 Monthly Minder

**PRESIDENTS' GREETING:** Carol Holladay & Vicki Swanson

Holiday Greetings to all! The annual Towpath Quilt Guild Holiday Party will be the main feature of the December 12 meeting in Homer Hall, with "meet and greet" at 9:30, a business meeting starting at 10:00, followed by soup, salad, and festivities provided by the holiday committee, chaired by Barbara Western.

### **TOWPATH QUILT GUILD AGENDA** for December 12, 2023

Past President: Donita Whelan

Vice Presidents: Berta Keeler & Jeannine Lloyd

Treasurer: Jane Stopher

Recording Secretary: Christine Lotto

Corresponding Secretary: Marilouise Mattson

Membership & New Members: Carol Long & Janet Sernett

Program Committee: Lee Anne Wilking

January Service Project: Berta Keeler

February Workshops: Alexa Carter, Gaynell Dorrance, and Dale Shinneman

Wednesday Stitchers: Barb Christen

Quilters' Consortium of NYS: Michele Ricci

Fat quarter exchange: Fran O'Donnell - This month's color is blues.

Newsletter:

Librarian: Karen Arnold

Email Liaison: Barbara Western

Webmaster: Berta Keeler

New business:

- It's time to be thinking about forming committees for the 2025 quilt show.

Program: Holiday Party

**Reminders for our Guild Meetings:** Please raise your hand to be recognized. Show respect to the speaker by not engaging in side-bar conversations. If you are speaking to the guild members, please stand and face the membership to be better heard. THANK YOU! Also ... for your own comfort, please dress in layers as we are unable to regulate the temperature in Homer Hall.

### **FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE**

December colors for our fat quarters are blues.

There will not be another fat quarter drawing until March 2024. At that time, we'll call for silvers, greys and white.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance 10/31/23	17,992.95
Deposits	+485.00
	18,477.95
Expenses	-436.08
Balance 10/31/23	18,041.87

## JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT

A sign-up sheet will be available on Tuesday for the January Service Project Day, January 9, 2024 from 9:30-3:30. People to sew (bring your machine) and people to cut/iron will be needed. Kits will be available, or bring your own project. We will provide cutting boards, rotary cutters, ironing boards, irons and **door prizes**. You bring lunch, snacks to share, basic sewing items/machine if you're a sewer. We look forward to having another fun, successful project day!

We had to order more batting and will send an email out when it is available.

## PROGRAMS

Spots are filling up fast for our April 1/2 day class! There are 8 slots left. Our April speaker is Karen Miller from Redbird quilting. She is going to be giving a lecture on thread and a trunk show (different than the last time). We will also be having 1/2 day class in the afternoon. The club is paying for Karen for the class but there is a kit that needs to be purchased for \$48. Kathy Tedford is coordinating the event and will have sign up available at the December meeting - please sign up early! We are limited to 20 people in the class - 8 slots left. Please see write up and pictures on the lecture and the class. Please e-mail me ([ktedford@twcny.rr.com](mailto:ktedford@twcny.rr.com)) if you have any questions on these. Please make checks payable to Towpath Quilt Guild.

## NEW MEMBER PROFILE



Denise Elliott, a new member since last winter, says that she likes all aspects of quilting and enjoys trying new techniques. She learned about at a craft show at the local Methodist Church. She worked in Human Services for 32 years, and now she and her husband are enjoying their five children, seven grandchildren, and anticipating the arrival of a great-grandchild! She looks forward to gaining new friends, new ideas, and new skills.



Janet Isobelle comes to Towpath with many years of quilting experience. She has known about Towpath since she was involved in the NYS Quilters' Consortium in 2005. Janet has been a member of Thread Bears Quilt Guild in Sherrill/Oneida since 1990. She recently moved from Oneida to Fayetteville and looks forward to making new acquaintances with kindred spirits. The technique of quilting that she most enjoys is piecing. She has taught many classes and particularly enjoys Stack and Whack.



Joyce Woodson has retired recently so was able to join Towpath, after receiving several invitations from Barbara Western. Joyce attends the Fayetteville UMC where we meet so she was aware of us. She has had various careers, retiring from Lockheed Martin. She finds joy in her 2 adult children, her wonderful daughter-in-law and granddaughter. She hopes we will encourage her on her quilting journey, share our know how and help her be more consistent. She loves the research and planning involved and building her stash! With her positive attitude, she will be a good addition to Towpath.

## CONSORTIUM NEWS

Any member of our Guild is a member of the NY State Consortium. Their website is: [www.qcnys.org](http://www.qcnys.org) and their FACEBOOK pages are: Quilters Consortium of New York State and QCNYS Friends & News Group. Please check their website for all of this information.

Their next meeting will be on 3/20/24 hosted by the Mexicali Quilt Guild in Mexico, NY.

At the Dec. 5 Consortium meeting, the winners of the \$100 scholarships were chosen. They were from the Erie Canal Quilt Guild, Corning Quilt Guild, Reverse Curves Quilt Guild, Plank Road, and Piecemakers of Elmira. Twenty Guilds including Towpath submitted for the Community Service Awards. The winners were Mexicali Quilters, Thumbstall Quilt Guild, Webster QG, Corning QG, and Endless Mountain QG. The Travel Club Passport winners were: Cathy Allendise (1st place) she was the only entry & went to all 11 shows; Liz Scott, Rochester (2nd place) and Mary Ellen Foster from Plank Road QG (3rd place).

For the Quilt Challenge, the entry deadline with a photo of the quilt is 12/15/23. Entries for voting will be posted on the website. Winners will be announced in March. QCNYS 2024 MYSTERY QUILT: Sign up info. is on their website. Fee is \$10 & will include a ZOOM meeting every month for tips & discussions. Clues will be received by e-mail address. Anyone can join--they do not have to be a member of a Guild or live in New York State.

I will be collecting the 10" by 10" Wee Little Quilts until June 2024.

Michele Ricci, Towpath Consortium Representative

## OTHER INFO

**Bett's Library** (a lovely little library in the Valley section of [Syracuse: 4862 S. Salina St.](#)) is seeking the following for their February – March **Cabin Fever Quilt Show**:

- 1) Quilts! (quilts will be accepted at the Library January 3 – 26)
- 2) Donations of fabric for their fabric swap (donations can be dropped there anytime)
- 3) Demonstrators of any type of quilt activity or technique. Demonstrations will be scheduled on a day to be determined in late February. Each demonstrator would be scheduled for one hour during their Open House and could show their demo on a repeat or as-needed basis. Contact Aran West if interested: [Awest@onlib.org](mailto:Awest@onlib.org) or 315.435.1940

## GUILD MEETING CANCELLATION POLICY

Meetings canceled for snow or other weather-related closing will follow the Fayetteville Manlius School closings.