

OCTOBER 2022 MONTHLY MINDER

OCTOBER FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE: The theme for the October meeting is “Black & White”.

Bring a fat quarter and enter your name in a drawing to win all of the fat quarters collected. If many members participate, the fat quarters collected may be divided and two winners will be drawn.

OCTOBER PROGRAM: Towpath quilters have some of the best quilters around and we love to show off what we have done, but we do not always get a chance to.

The program committee is going to host a **guild show and tell** for our October meeting with a twist - we would like each member who would like to participate to show off just one item and talk briefly on that item. This is your chance to show your best/newest/hardest/something that worked or did not work item to the group and let us know a little bit about it.

Please bring one item that you want to show and let us know the pattern, material you used and a bit about it to the October meeting.

The show and tell does not need to be a completed item it can be in progress. If time permits more than one item can be presented.

We will have people to help hold things up so that people can see your wonderful item. If we have time, people can go for a second round.

We will be looking for a few tall volunteers for the October meeting to help hold things up! Please let Kathy Tedford and Cheryl Sacco know if you are willing to help display items.

TREASURER'S REPORT 10/1/2022:

September 2022	September 1, 2022 Balance	\$12,973.29
Deposits \$1,268.00	Total Year Deposits	3,519.00
Expenses 226.72	Total Year Expenses	<u>5,344.13</u>
	10/1/2022 Balance	\$11,148.16

QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE:

Alexa Carter and Carol Holladay are co-chairing the committee for the Quilt Show Boutique. We had planned to meet on the afternoons of guild meeting days to work on small items to sell. This may still be an option, but it is looking like the room rental may cost more than we might hope to make at the boutique. We also are operating without a budget for supplies. For the October meeting day, we would like to invite anyone and everyone who is willing and able to help to meet briefly after the guild meeting. We will have some small projects in progress that folks can take home to complete, as well as other samples and patterns to look over. If you have ideas and patterns for projects, please bring them. Sewn items need not necessarily be quilted, and knitted and crocheted items are welcome, as well. Whether or not you can stay, the following donations would be helpful: adult size plaid flannel pajama bottoms (elastic and hems need not be in good condition), 1/3 yard or larger pieces of fleece yardage, and any leftover jelly roll strips (2 1/2") wide that you may have. We would also invite you to think about how you might get together with other guild members in small groups throughout the year to work on sellable items. Partially completed UFO's may be sellable items, as long as they are organized in such a way that someone could easily pick up where you left off. We also hope to have lightly used quilt books to sell, but we will plan to collect these in the spring. Closer to the quilt show date, we will be looking for volunteers to work in the boutique during set-up and show hours. Thank you for your support.

Emails from TOM: Wondering why you're getting emails from Tom? Carol Long's email address appears as "Thomas Long". Carol is our email coordinator, so go ahead and open these emails as they are news about Towpath Quilt Guild!

JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT INFORMATION -

January Service Project 2023 will benefit *Hopes and Dreams Quilt Challenge* for ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). For more information see quiltersdreambatting.com.

- 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.

We are encouraging members to make "3 yard Quilts" for this project. Check out frontporchquiltshop.com for free patterns, or books by Donna Robertson of Fabric Café fabriccafe.com. These quilts use 3 – one yard cuts of fabric and 3 or 3 ¼ yards of backing. A bolt of batting will be purchased to share.

Sign-ups for the January Meeting will begin in November and more information will be available then.

Love to Network with other quilters? Please volunteer to assist Michelle Ricci as our representatives to the Quilters Consortium of NYS. This involves communicating news of the Consortium to the guild and attending in-person meetings if possible. Check out their website for information on their activities: qcnys.org If interested, please let one of our Co-Presidents (Suzy Tankersley, Donita Whelan) or Co-Vice Presidents (Vicki Swanson, Carol Holladay) know!

Holiday Party: Be ready to sign up during the October meeting to help organize and prepare for our Holiday Party in December.