

MILFORD VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD NEWSLETTER



JULY 2026

Elected Officers

President Nancy Holleran
Vice-President Carol Welsh
Secretary Marie Sandauer
Treasurer Theresa Dering

Committees

Archives – Lois Yanich
Community Service – Marie Desiano
Education :
 June – Nancy Holleran
 July – Jean Tjornhom
 August – Nancy Giancontieri
 September – Carol Lawrence
 October – Monica Higbie
 November – Cheryl O’Sullivan
 December – no workshop
 January – Jane Koener
 February – Mary Murrey
 March – Maria Tracy
 April – Marie Sandauer and
 Ginny Moore
Library – Beth Jones
Membership – Nancy
Giancontieri
Newsletter - Maria Tracy
Programs – Jean Tjornhom
Publicity – Donna Dewaalmaleyt
Social – Denise Sweeney & Jane
Kroener
Veteran Contact -
Website – Julia Sullivan
2027 Quilt Show - Nancy Giancontieri

*Deadline for entries into the Newsletter is the 24th of each month.

President's Message

Well summer is here and there is so much to do, so many friends to spend time with and so many quilts to make. (Quilt BINGO or Quilt show)

Today, I was making plans for our Country’s 250 birthday celebration and many things went through my mind. I thought of our flag colors to inspire you to make a red, white and blue quilt. I thought of stars and how I could inspire you to make a star quilt. I even thought of the great parades I attended as a child and what they might look like. (Honor Flight)

I hope that each and every one of you has a safe and happy July 4th. What a great country we live in - Happy Birthday America!!!!



Keep on Quilting
Nancy Holleran,
President, Milford Valley Quilt Guild

Milford Valley Quilters Guild

May 27, 2026, May Social

President: Jean Tjorhom

Secretary: Marie Sandauer

VP: Carol Welsh

Treasurer: Nancy Holleran

During the Social Party the following took place:

1. Pins were handed out for the following:
 - a. 5 years – Kathleen Bobish and Mary Kahn
 - b. 10 years – Rosemary Walsh
 - c. 15 years – Heather Bailey, Rosanne Mein and Julia Sullivan
 - d. 25 years – Barbara Demczak, Jane Kroener, Cheryl O’Sullivan and Linda Shorten
 - e. 35 years – Gloria Grohs, Linda Poole and Kathy Snyder
2. The new Board of Directors was installed.
 - a. Nancy Holleran – President
 - b. Carol Welsh – Vice President
 - c. Marie Sandauer – Secretary
 - d. Theresa Dering – Treasurer
3. The Opposite Challenge was revealed and applauded.

Milford Valley Quilters Guild

June 10, 2026, General Meeting

President: Nancy Holleran

Secretary: Marie Sandauer

VP: Carol Welsh

Treasurer: Theresa Dering

Called to order at 7:15 PM

1. Minutes
April 8, 2026 need general membership approval (as printed in newsletter) Motion by Laura Orben; Seconded by Kathy Snowder;
All in favor
2. Treasurer’s Report has been filed for Audit and printed in newsletter
 - a. The audit was done on April 20th by Carol Welsh, Audrey Reeder and Marie Desiano.
3. Vice President report - Carol Welsh absent
4. Community Chair Reports
 - a. Archives - Lois Yanich (absent)
 - b. Community Service - Maire Desiano
 - i. Showed a demonstration of coffee filter strips squares for honor flight quilts - need patriotic strips of fabric
 - ii. Workshop at the July meeting - Share a machine, we need people to bring in their honor flight quilts completed. We only have 23 honor flight quilts, we need more.
 - iii. Will put up a sign up sheet for anyone interested in having a workshop for honor flight quilts to be held on a Thursday or Saturday.
 - iv. Wayne Memorial is still collecting ouch pillows (9” x 12” finished is 8 x 11)
 - c. Education - Nancy Holleran
June 17th @ 7:00 PM - Cell Phone/Tablet Holder Nancy H is the educator
July 15th - Paper Piecing Flag Jean is the educator. Will have information in the next newsletter
 - d. Librarian - Beth Jones - books are out and available
 - e. Membership - Nancy Giancontieri
We currently have 69 members for 2026-2027 year. New member Susan was introduced.
Dues were due on May 31st
Directory will go out soon, and new membership cards will be available soon
 - f. Newsletter - Maria Tracy
 - i. Let her know if there is anything you want to see.
 - ii. It was stated from the floor that she is doing a marvelous job.
 - g. Programs - Jean Tjorhom
June 24th - Dave Siroto – Program/Lecture
June 25th - Dave Siroto - Workshop
July - Marie D – Honor Flight
August 26th Lecture by Joyce Hughes
August 27th – Joyce Hughes workshop
 - h. Publicity - Donna Dewaalmalefyt

- i. Nothing to report
- i. Social - Denise Sweeney & Jane Kroener
 - i. Nothing to report yet
- j. Website - Julia Sullivan
 - i. New picture up of the patriotic quilt at the welcome center.

5. New Business

Quilt Bingo - Carol Cunningham -

She is still in need of completed quilts and also tricky tray items.

Quilt Show - Nancy Giancontieri -

Waiting for dates from the school, need someone for indoor and outdoor signs, need featured quilter, community service display. Will schedule the first meeting for July.

Raffle Quilt - Nancy Holleran -

all of the blocks have been turned in, will start assembly on Monday at Golden Hands. Bring it to the July meeting for a name for the tickets.

Maria Tracy - Round Robin - signup sheet available. Will start in August and will be due for the May social. More information to come.

Name Badges - should be worn at meetings and MVQG events as well.

Upcoming events

- Quilt Lovers Bingo - August 8th hosted by Mt. Quilters' Guild
- Quilt Show - October 10th hosted by Pleasant Mount Quilters'
- Sussex County Fair (njsfcahh.com) entries due by July 17th

Respectfully submitted by
Jean Tjornhom for Marie Sandauer



- Jul 1 Beth Jones
- Jul 2 Mary Kahn
- Jul 8 Diane McNamara
- Jul 11 Bonnie Benton
- Jul 17 Marianne Parnes
- Jul 18 Nancy Holleran
- Jul 20 Jan Darcy
- Jul 29 Carol Welsh



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WELCOME RETURNING MEMBER:
Amalia (Emmie) Lyle
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MEMBERSHIP NOTE:

*Dues for the 2026/2027 year were payable by June 1st. If your dues have not been paid, **this will be your last newsletter.** If you are unsure if you have paid, please email Nancy Giancontieri at nancyg1702@gmail.com.*

"Opposites Attract" Challenge Revealed at the May Social.

24 members 12 teams 5 categories 10 ribbons

Thank you to all the teams!

- *Georgy Soojian and Carol Freemyer (Best Synergy)
- *Mary Murray and Cheryl O'Sullivan (Best Story)
- *Maria Tracy and Kathryn Baumgardner (Most Creative)
- *Reggie Kirkwood and Vicki Grivas (Funniest)
- *Mary Kahn and Bonnie Benton (Best Theme)
- Marie Desiano and Linda Shorten
- Jean Tjornhom and Nancy Holleran
- Nancy Giancontieri and Carol Cunningham
- Norene Kowalik and Cathy Teitsma
- Lorrie Maringo and Linda Edwards
- Juliann Beckman and Maura Hannon
- Kathleen Bobish and Denise Sweeney

Shout out to our ribbon maker Craig Kirkwood :)

Calendar of Meetings, Programs & Events for the MVQG

<https://www.milfordvalleyquiltersguild.org/programs>

June 2026

Board Meeting – July 8, 2026 @ 6:00 PM in DV Middle School Library – This meeting is for the Board of Directors and the Committee Chairs

Business Meeting – July 8, 2026 @ 7:00 PM in DV Middle School Cafeteria

Educational Meeting – July 15, 2026 @ 7:00 PM – Paper piecing Flag – in DV Middle School Cafeteria

Program Meeting – July 22, 2026 @ 7:00 PM – Coffee Filter Honor Flight Block – in DV Middle School Cafeteria

Please remember to check the Delaware Valley School District / Overview Website at <https://www.dvvsd.org> for School closing due to inclement weather.

Everyone is invited to bring something for "Show and Tell"

We will have a 'give away' table. Feel free to bring any quilt related items that need a new home. Please remember if you bring items to share any remaining items must go back with whomever brought them.

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP

We will work on a paper pieced American Flag.

The star portion will be provided. You will need to bring scraps of red and white fabric for the stripes. If you want to pre-cut, you will need 2 strips of red and 1 strip of white, each measuring at least 3 ½ inches by 1 ½ inches. You will also need one strip of red and one strip of white that are 6 ¾ inches by 1 ½ inches. These fabrics should be solid, or at least mostly solid.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY July 22, 2026 @ 7:00 pm – Marie D – Honor Flight Workshop The program for July will be making Honor Flight Lap quilts. Please arrive earlier if you are setting up a machine. Marie will demonstrate how to make a coffee filter block. The supplies

needed will be provided. You will need your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies. It is not necessary for everyone to bring their machine. If you can team up with someone (even two or three people) and share a machine that would suffice. Since this block uses scraps, Marie asks that everyone bring some strips of Patriotic fabric to share. Marie will also demonstrate another block that uses squares. The next Honor Flight will take place in October 2026. We will present the lap quilts to Flo from the Honor Flight Program at our September meeting.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26, 2026 @ 7:00 pm – Lecture by Joyce Hughes

THURSDAY AUGUST 27, 2026 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Delaware Twp Building – Joyce Huges Dimensional Thread Painting workshop at Delaware Township

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 – Maria Tracy – hexagon EPP workshop.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hudson Valley Honor Flight program

Each year, we present the **Hudson Valley Honor Flight program** with between 85 and 90 lap quilts. The Veterans who receive them are very grateful. We will be participating in the program again this year. We need each member to make a lap quilt. The dimensions should be approximately 36" X 36". They should be made out of patriotic fabric or red, white and blue colors. Each quilt top should be well made, with batting and backing. If you are a new quilter and aren't sure how to quilt your top, please speak to me. We can accept a limited number of tops that aren't quilted. One of our members has offered to quilt a few extras. The guild will supply the batting and the backing for these quilts. If you need this help, you must finish your top by July so that we have time to finish the quilts.

As a reminder from our by-laws:

Article III Section 2 d.

A member shall be expected to participate in at least one Community Service project a year.

At the July program meeting, July 22nd, we will be working on Honor Flight lap quilts. More information will be forthcoming.

We have resumed making "Ouch Pillows". Wayne Memorial Hospital uses these for their patients. There is a new representative at the Hospital and she welcomes all that we can make for the patients. Please cut your fabric 9 X 12, so that when the pillow is seamed it will end up approximately 8 ½ X 11. The pillows should be stuffed so that they are firm but not hard. Any questions, please contact me.

If anyone knows of a need in our communities, please let me know.

Thank you

Marie Desiano

Golden Hands

Every Monday (except on holiday weekends) Golden Hands meets at the Delaware Township Building, 116 Wilson Hill Road, Dingmans Ferry from 10am to 3pm. --- The coffee pot is always on, or you can have tea if you wish. Bring whatever project you are working on or just come and see what others are doing. --- All welcome, bring your lunch.

Project Linus Update:

Thank you to all the Guild Members who continue to support Project Linus.

Blankets delivered in 2026 = 1,725+ as of June 22, 2026

Check out our meeting dates and happenings at our website of www.projectlinusocpc.org or sign up for monthly updates at projectlinusocps@gmail.com

Quilt kits and batting are available at each meeting.

Thankfully, Julia Sullivan, Chapter Coordinator

Orange County, NY & Pike County, PA Chapter of Project Linus

<https://www.facebook.com/PLOrangeCoPikeCo/>

www.projectlinusocpc.org

www.projectlinus.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Saturday, August 8th – **Quilt lovers Bingo** – hosted by Pocono Mt. Quilters' Guild –
Located at VFW Post 2540, 20 Fawn Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301 – for tickets and info call Kathy Parrish 570-242-8954

Saturday, October 10th – Quilt Show hosted by Pleasant Mountain Quilters Guild
Located at Pleasant Mount Fire Hall, 161 Great Bend Tpk (Route 371) Pleasant Mt, PA – for info call Linda 570-798-0211

Additionally, check out these websites for Quilt Shows happening.

<https://quiltguilds.com/quilt-shows-in-new-jersey/>

<https://quiltguilds.com/quilt-shows-in-new-york-state/>

<https://quiltguilds.com/quilt-shows-in-pennsylvania/>

<https://ronatheribbiter.com/2026-quilt-shows/> contains a wealth of show listing as well as internet links to show dates, national and international.



**The 2027 Raffle
Quilt top is finished
and will be shown at
the July 8th
membership
meeting. Please put
your thinking caps
on as the quilt needs
a name.**



Saturday, October 10, 2026. St. Vincent de Paul, Milford PA

Quilt Bingo Update!

We are actively soliciting quilts for Bingo Prizes. We currently have 3 completed quilts in hand. We have commitments for 5 more. We have 4 quilt tops that need to be quilted before they can be prizes. If you are willing to donate quilting services please call/text me 845-649-4693 or you can email me at carolcunningham@hvc.rr.com. We need 1 quilt for each game. Our target is 15. We will also be looking for some smaller items, such as table runners, wall hangings, etc. as 2nd place prizes

Keep Watching This Spot for More Information!

2027 QUILT SHOW NEWS

EXCITING NEWS!!! We have locked in our Quilt Show dates with the Delaware Valley High School.

Save the following dates:

Registration	Wednesday June 23, 2027
Judging	Thursday June 24, 2027
Set-Up	Friday June 25, 2027
Show Day One	Saturday June 26, 2027
Show Day Two	Sunday June 27, 2027

Our first show meeting will be held in August, an email will go out to all committee chair with details.

There are still a few open committee positions. Even if you are a newer member, don't be afraid to sign up, there are "seasoned" members who are always willing to help.

Open Committee positions are the following:

Community Service; Scholarship Display; Featured Quilter; Silent Auction

If you would like to chair (or co-chair) a committee, please reach out to Nancy Giancontieri at nancyg1702@gmail.com or call Nancy at 508-733-5772.

Milford Valley Quilters' Guild

NEW CHALLENGE!

ROUND ROBIN

Sew together. Share creativity. Make something amazing!

A FUN WAY TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS, SHARE IDEAS, AND CREATE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL TOGETHER!

A Round Robin is a quilting adventure where blocks or projects travel from one quilter to another—each adding their own creative touch!

MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

Round Robin Challenge: Participants Needed!

We are looking for members to join this fun challenge! A sign-up sheet will be available at the next business meeting, so please add your name if you would like to participate, or email Maria Tracy at mtracy2006@gmail.com and she will add you to the list!!

How It Will Work

- Group size will depend on the number of participants. We hope to have groups of four.
- Groups will be chosen by random draw.
- Each round will allow approximately two months for completion.

Who Can Join

This challenge is open to quilters of all skill levels, so don't be shy—we would love to have you join in.

Timeline

The challenge will begin in September, and the finished quilts will be revealed at the May 2027 Social.

MVQG LIBRARY

The MVQG Library listing is now available on the website at <https://www.milfordvalleyquiltersguild.org/library>

Book Review

Around the Quilt Frame, Stories and Musings on the Quilter's Craft, edited by Kari Cornell, is a unique compilation of 17 essays and stories about quilts and quilting, all written by well known quilting writers. For those of you who know and love quilts, you will recognize many of the woman who contributed to this book. The book is divided into 5 chapters: To Be a Quilter, The Quilt Show and Beyond, History in the Making, All in the Family, and Around the Quilt Frame. When you have a few quiet moments, when you're not busy on your sewing machine or doing some fancy hand stitching, pick up this little book and enjoy!

