

MILFORD VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD NEWSLETTER



AUGUST 2026

Elected Officers

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

Committees

Archives – Lois Yanick
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

The summer is speeding past. The other day, driving through a small town, I saw signs outside shops promoting Back-to-School sales.

Summer - ah! - You're moving too fast..... This time of year we love: camping, relaxing at the pool or beach, vacations, kid's home from school, out-of-town guests, picnics, and just fun in general.

Sometimes there is not much time left for quilting. While you may not be able to quilt, please don't forget your quilting friends and the chance to see all of them at guild meetings.

On August 26th we will have a lecture by Joyce Hughes and on the following day August 27th she is doing a workshop on Dimensional Thread Painting.

Carol Welch our VP will be covering for me this month as I will be camping and relaxing at the beach.



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

Milford Valley Quilters Guild

July 8, 2026, General Meeting

President: Nancy Holleran

Secretary: Marie Sandauer

VP: Carol Welsh

Treasurer: Theresa Dering

Called to order at 7:15 PM by President, Nancy Holleran

1. Minutes
May 7 minutes were approved. Cathy Ianella moved to approve and Kathy Snowden seconded.
June 10 minutes were approved. Cathy Ianella moved to approve and Jean Tjornholm seconded.
2. Treasurer's Report has been filed for Audit and printed in newsletter
The proposed budget will be published in the next newsletter. Theresa Dering has created new deposit and expense reports which will be published in the next newsletter.
3. Vice President report - Carol Welsh is looking for a quilt for the Welcome Center to be displayed in September.
4. Community Chair Reports
 - a. Archives - Lois Yanich
 - b. Community Service - Marie Desiano
 - i. Will demonstration of coffee filter strips squares for honor flight quilts at next Program meeting - need patriotic strips of fabric
 - c. Education –
July 15th @ 7PM- Paper Piecing Flag by Jean Tjornholm
 - d. Librarian - Beth Jones
 - e. Membership - Nancy Giancontieri
We currently have 77 members for 2026-2027 year.
Nancy handed out new membership cards.
 - f. Newsletter - Maria Tracy
 - g. Programs - Jean Tjornhom
July 23rd- Marie D – Honor Flight techniques, including coffee filters, jelly roll and sno-balls. Marie S will demo making an HF from a panel.
August 26th Lecture by Joyce Hughes
August 27th – Joyce Hughes Dimensional Thread Painting workshop
 - h. Publicity - Donna Dewaalmalefyt
 - i. Social - Denise Sweeney & Jane Kroener
 - j. Website – Julia Sullivan, will update July newsletter
5. Old Business
 - a. Quilt Bingo - Carol Cunningham – Has enough quilts. Now needs tricky tray items.
 - b. Quilt Show - Nancy Giancontieri - Show dates are confirmed as June 26 -27, 2027.
 - c. Raffle Quilt - Nancy Holleran – Members voted to name our lovely raffle quilt “Crossroads”!
 - d. Round Robin – Maria Tracy - signup sheet available. Maria will develop rules and specifications for each round. Groups will be assigned randomly.

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
Marie Sandauer



Aug 4	Karelann Herkaler-Artale	Aug 22	Kathy Snyder
Aug 5	Nancy Giancontieri	Aug 24	Kathryn Baumgardner
Aug 7	Mary Murray	Aug 25	Catherine Wells
Aug 8	Nancy Millard	Aug 26	Patrice M. Krause
Aug 12	Rachel Bergfeldt	Aug 26	Ginnie Moore
Aug 12	Kathleen Snowden	Aug 27	Janet Hickey
Aug 12	Michelle Teitsma	Aug 31	Rosemary Walsh
Aug 20	Emmie Lyle		

Calendar of Meetings, Programs & Events for the MVQG

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

August 2026

Board Meeting – August 12, 2026 @ 6:00 PM in DV Middle School Library – This meeting is for the Board of Directors and the Committee Chairs

Business Meeting – August 12, 2026 @ 7:00 PM in DV Middle School Cafeteria

Educational Meeting – August 19, 2026 @ 7:00 PM – Grocery Bag – in DV Middle School Cafeteria

Program Meeting – August 26, 2026 @ 7:00 PM – Lecture by Joyce Hughes – in DV Middle School Cafeteria

Workshop – August 27, 2026 @ 9:00 AM – Dimensional Thread Painting by Joyce Hughes – Delaware Township Building

Please remember to check the Delaware Valley School District / Overview Website at <https://www.dvdsd.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

Wednesday, August 19th - Cloth Grocery Bag

Materials needed –

- ½ yard main fabric (or 2 matching fat quarters)
- ½ yard lining fabric (or 2 matching fat quarters)
- Sewing machine (don't forget an extension cord)
- Scissors, thread, straight pins

A pattern will be provided. We will have an iron available. Any questions, contact Nancy Giancontieri at 508-733-5772 or nancyg1702@gmail.com

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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.

Tentative upcoming:

September 2027 – Lecture: Unraveling the History of the Dreden Plate Quilt Block. Workshop: Machine Quilting with rulers or Cathedral Window Tablerunner

Janneke van der Ree – date TBD – Make it modern lecture and workshop

October 2027 (tentative) – Yoga for quilters (Lecture only)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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 batting 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.

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

July Program for Honor Flight Quilts

On July 22, we held a workshop to learn to make patriotic "coffee filter" blocks. Thank you to all those who attended the workshop and tried their hand at making one of these blocks. I hope to see some Honor Flight lap quilts made from this pattern.

Thanks to Barbara Meyer, Marie Sandauer and Linda Shorten for their assistance in demonstrating some ideas for the Veterans quilts.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, July 31st through Saturday, August 8th – NJ State Fair in Augusta, NJ

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

Saturday, October 17th and Sunday, October 18th – Warwick Valley Quilters Guild “Stars of the Valley” Quilt Show

Located at the Sanfordville Elementary School in Warwick, NY

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/>



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

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up and contributed a quilt, top or quilting. We're almost where we need to be.

We are now working on our tricky tray baskets. They do not have to be quilt related although always appreciated. In the past, we have had tea baskets, BBQ baskets, movie night baskets and Italian dinner baskets. Baskets with wine seem to always be popular. Team up with another member. Denise Sweeney is coordinating our tricky tray. If you have any questions, you can reach her at sweeneyd2000@yahoo.co.

IMPORTANT: We will not begin collecting baskets until September. We ask that they be in a basket and wrapped when they are dropped off.

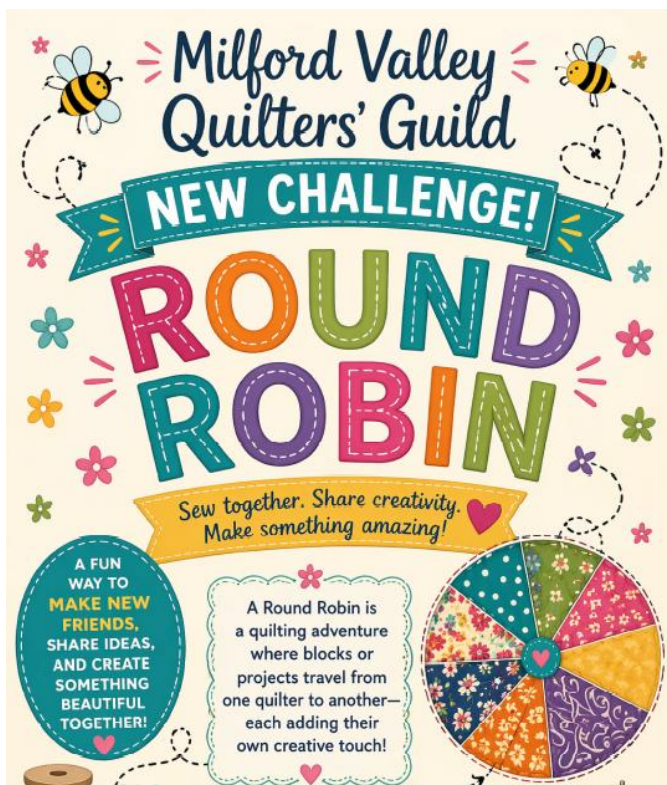
We will also be needing volunteers for the day of event. There a variety of jobs to fill, many of which will leave you free to play.

Advance admission will be \$25. \$30 at the door.

As always, feel free to contact me (Carol Cunningham) at carolcunningham@hvc.rr.com or 845-649-4693

Keep Watching This Spot for More Information!

Round Robin Challenge: **Participants WANTED!**



Current Sign-Ups

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up! We currently have 15 participants, and there is still room for more. The more quilters who join, the more fun and variety the challenge will have!

Challenge Start Date

The Round Robin Challenge will begin on September 12th. To participate, please make sure your name is on the sign-up list by that date.

How to Sign Up

The sign-up sheet will be available at the next business meeting. Please add your name if you would like to participate, or email Maria Tracy at mtracy2006@gmail.com so you don't miss this exciting experience!

How It Will Work

- Groups will be based on the final number of participants. We currently have enough for groups of four, but groups of five would be even better—so please sign up!
- Participants will be assigned to groups by random draw, and groups will be announced at the September Business Meeting.
- Each round will include approximately two months for completion.

Who Can Participate

This challenge is open to quilters of **all skill levels**. Whether you are new to quilting or have years of experience, we would love for you to join in, share your creativity, and enjoy the experience.

Timeline

The challenge begins September 12th, and finished quilt tops will be revealed at the May 2027 Social.

Rules and Round Guidance

The Round Robin "rules" will be provided at the September Business Meeting. Each round will include clear guidance, such as whether to add a pieced border, an appliqué border, or another type of creative addition.

Round Robin Examples

If you are not familiar with round robin quilts, I have included a few examples for inspiration. No two round robins are ever the same—some may be more elaborate than others, but they are all beautiful!



MVQG LIBRARY

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

HELPFUL LINKS

Milford Valley Quilters Guild Website: <http://www.milfordvalleyquiltersguild.org/>

Milford Valley Quilters Guild Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/378979629782/>

Milford Valley Quilters Guild Email: mvqg89@gmail.com

Notes from the Newsletter Editor

*****VERY IMPORTANT*****

The deadline for all entries is the 24th of each month.

We would **LOVE** to see more photos from our long-distance members that are not able to join us at our in-person meetings! Please feel free to send us photos to share with the guild! Additionally, if you know of an event or have a submission for the newsletter or website, please email them to mvqg89@gmail.com and make sure to type **NEWSLETTER**, or **WEBSITE** in the Subject line.

Thank you!

Please remember to go to our webpage for more news and Show n' Tell photos!

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