

MILFORD VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2026

Elected Officers

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

Committees

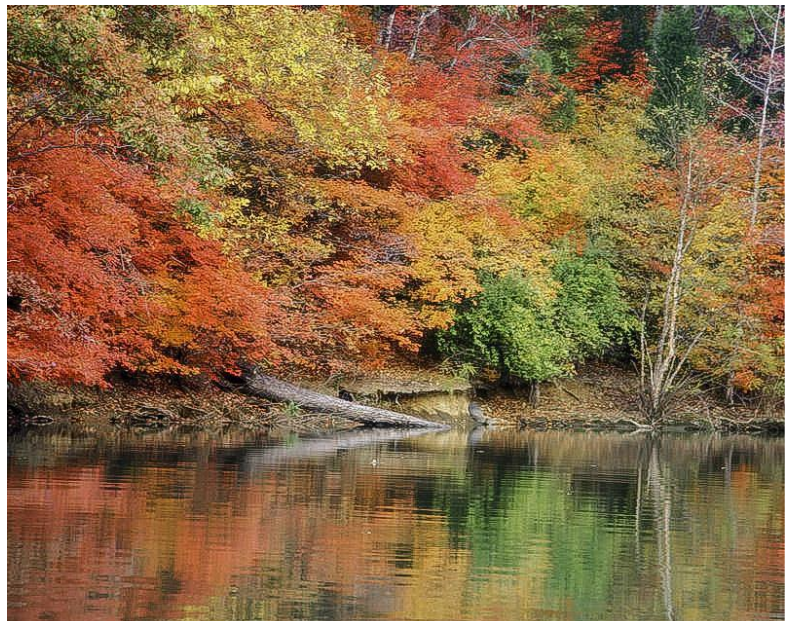
Archives – Lois Yanick
Community Service – Marie Desiano
Education :
 June – Nancy Holleran
 July – Jean Tjornhom
 August – Nancy Giancontieri
 September – Carol Lawrence
 October – Monica Higbie
 November – Cheryl O’Sullivan
 December – no workshop
 January – Jane Koener
 February – Mary Murrey
 March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

President's Message

Ah October, that lovely month of calm nestled between the summer hustle of making the most out of every sunny day and the crazy excitement of November ushering in the holidays. October....a little bit of breathing room filled with mild days, cool nights, and time to create. Fall....it's my favorite time of year. It's the time when I feel my home feels the coziestwhen the leaves are starting to change colors, it's getting dark earlier, and there is a nip in the air. Not to mention that browns, golds, oranges, and sage green are all around....my kind of colors! That's when making a quilt seems so natural ... it feels like that is the time to make something that you want to wrap around you or add to your home to reflect “you”.

I'm so excited and looking forward to the upcoming chair yoga on October 28th.

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



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

Milford Valley Quilters Guild

September 9, 2026, General Meeting

President: Nancy Holleran

VP: Carol Welsh

Secretary: Marie Sandauer

Treasurer: Theresa Dering

1. Minutes

a. **August 12, 2026 needs general membership** Corrections: Should be Carol W. not Carol L who started the meeting. Also correction that the budget was approved.

Motion by: Carol Cunningham Seconded by: Kathleen Bobish All in favor

2. Treasurer's Report has been filed for Audit and printed in the newsletter

3. Vice President report - Carol Welsh - new quilt is at the Welcome Center

4. Community Chair Reports

a. Archives - Lois Yanich - no report

b. Community Service - Marie Desiano no report. We will be collecting the Honor Flight Quilts. Flo is coming to pick them up at our September 23rd meeting.

c. Education - Carol Lawrence

September 16th @ 7:00 PM - Rope Bowl with fabric around it. Need about ½ yard of cut fabric – list in the newsletter

d. Librarian - Beth Jones - no report

e. Membership - Nancy Giancontieri

We currently have 81 members for 2026-2027 year

f. Newsletter - Maria Tracy - no report

g. Programs - Jean Tjornhom

September 23rd - Maria Tracy - Hexagon EPP

October - Samantha – Chair Yoga exercises for quilters

March 24, 2027 - Alleycat Quiltworks Lecture – Not your Average Trunk Show

March 25, 2027 – Workshop – Delaware Township Building 9 AM – 3 PM -Chic Country – Curves ahead – no pins, no puckers using the Quick Curve Ruler - ***Sign Up Sheet Available***

September 22, 2027 - Kackling Kousins - Civil War Potholders Lecture

September 23, 2027 - QAYG Civil War Potholders Workshop – What to do with some of those unfinished blocks

h. Publicity - Donna Dewaalmalefyt - nothing to report

i. Social - Denise Sweeney & Jane Kroener nothing to report, the date of the Holiday Social is December 16th.

j. Website - Julia Sullivan - new picture from the welcome is on the website. Flyer for Quilt Bingo is there, share it with everyone.

5. Old Business

Quilt Bingo - Carol Cunningham

Still need volunteers, most volunteers can play Bingo

Event on our FB page - say that you are going so it posts on your own page

Still need more Tricky Tray baskets

Quilt Show - Nancy Giancontiere Still have some open jobs, next meeting is

October 7th. Dates for the show are on our website.

Raffle Quilt - Nancy Holleran - Have it, took pictures. Sell those tickets

Sunday September 27th to sell tickets at the Port Jervis Fall Festival

Kathy Snowder, Lori McCrory, Nancy G, Nancy H, Marianne Parnes, Pat Backman volunteered to help.

Round Robin - Maria Tracy - email went out to participants. On September 23rd the boxes will be handed out. Center needs to be completed by the November meeting.

Honor Flight were due by today. Reminder that this helps go towards your membership obligation.

Request for another workshop for apron/vest also need a class for the name tag. (Hopefully after November 1st.)

Upcoming events

Education for October 21st - Monica Higbe - Reverse Applique – a cheating way.

Show and Tell

Name Badges - to be worn at meetings

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Tjornhom for Marie Sandauer



10/18 Susan Terry
10/22 Linda Shorten
10/24 Donna Dewaalmalefyt



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Calendar of Meetings, Programs & Events for the MVQG

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

October 2026

Board Meeting – October 14, 2026 @ 6:00 PM in DV Middle School Library – This meeting is for the Board of Directors and the Committee Chairs

Business Meeting – October 14, 2026 @ 7:00 PM in DV Middle School Cafeteria

Education Meeting – October 21, 2026 @ 7:00 PM in DV Middle School Cafeteria – **Monica Higbe – Reverse Applique** – a cheating way

Program Meeting – October 28, 2026 @ 7:00 PM – Yoga for quilters – in DV Middle School Cafeteria

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.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

October 2026 (tentative) – Yoga for quilters (Lecture only)

November and December 2026 – no Program

January 2027 – Marie Desiano – Community Service

February 2027 – open to local volunteers

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In the Works:

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

Chic Country is a fun modern quilt featuring overlapping circles created with the Quick Curve Ruler. In class, you'll learn how to cut and piece curves using Sew Kind of Wonderful's easy, no-stress technique. We'll work through the blocks step by step, with tips for accurate cutting, curved piecing, pressing, and keeping your blocks organized. Chic Country looks wonderful in bold, high-contrast fabrics, but it can also take on a completely different look with softer colors, prints, or a more blended palette. If you've been curious about curved piecing but have been hesitant to try it, this is a great place to start. No pins and no perfect curves required!

Barbara Dann is the owner of Alleycat Quiltworks and has been quilting professionally for more than 25 years. She loves helping quilters discover that accurate piecing doesn't have to be stressful and that trying something new can actually be fun. Her classes are relaxed, encouraging, and filled with practical tips, plenty of individual attention, and the occasional laugh.

Questions or concerns about the class? Call or email Barbara at 814 883 8708 or barbara@alleycatquilt.works

EDUCATION PROGRAM

October 21, 2026 @ 7:00 PM in DV Middle School Cafeteria – **Monica Higbe** – Reverse Applique – a cheating way

COMMUNITY SERVICE

On Wednesday, September 23rd, we presented 85 Honor Flight lap quilts to Flo Santini from the Hudson Valley Honor Flight Organization. She will be distributing the quilts on the next flight in October. Flo always appreciates receiving our beautiful quilts.

I am grateful to all of you who made the quilts. They were truly some of our best work. Thanks you

Our next project will be making walker bags for nursing homes. I will distribute instructions and supplies in October.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

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!

Round Robin Challenge Update:

Getting Started

The Round Robin Challenge began on September 1st, giving everyone an extra week to get started.

Teams and Boxes

Challenge rules and team assignments were emailed to participants on September 1st. We have 20 participants organized into five teams. Boxes were handed out at the September 23rd meeting at DV Elementary. If you have not yet picked up your box, I will have it available at the next business meeting.

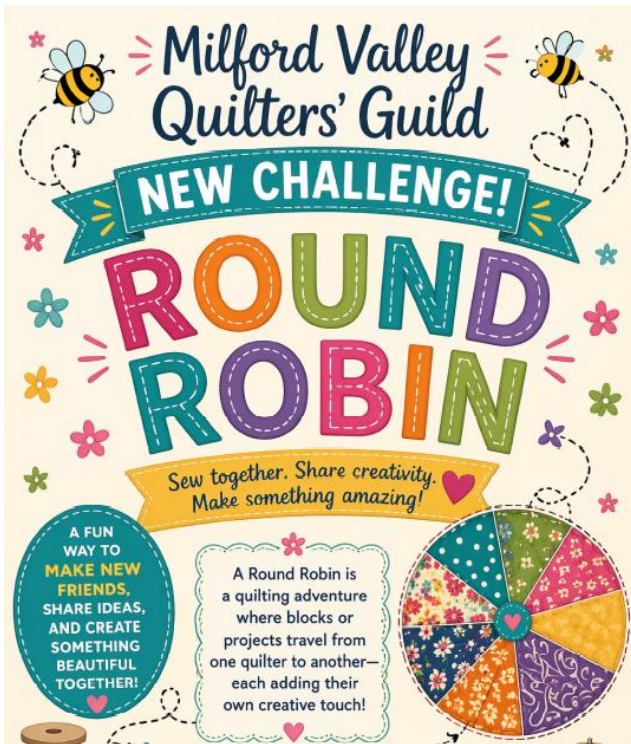
Important Deadline

Center squares are due at the November 11th business meeting. If you cannot meet this deadline, please contact me, Maria Tracy, as soon as possible at mtracy2006@gmail.com or text 973-902-4167. This challenge works like a chain, and each participant is counting on the others to complete their rounds on time.

A Note from Me

I am excited to share this creative adventure with all of you. Please take a few minutes to review the challenge rules from my email. If you have any questions, I am happy to help. This is my first Round Robin too, so we will figure it out together!

Let's create something beautiful together!



2027 QUILT SHOW 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

Here are the open committee chair positions that are needed and a brief description of the likely duties:

Community Service – Set up/Take down of a table showing the Community Service Programs we offer.

Scholarship Display – Set up/Take down of a history of scholarships given by our Guild.

Featured Quilter – Collect and display of quilts made by our Featured Quilter(s). Write up a summary of the Featured Quilter(s) history with the Guild.

Fashion Show – Coordinate a line up of members modeling their creations.

Judges Lunch – Coordinate a simple lunch for the judge and volunteers.

Food for Sale – Purchase, price, and coordinate sales of packaged snacks at the show.

Don't be afraid to volunteer, there are "seasoned" members who are always willing to help.

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

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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