We’re looking forward to hearing from everyone. QCNYS has changed the meeting format to remove the lengthy Membership Reporting portion of the meeting. Members with special announcements are asked to sign-up before the meeting to be added to the agenda. All other reports are done using a form to be submitted before the quarterly meeting. This gives all members (guilds, teachers, businesses, non-profits) an opportunity to network and update the membership on their activities.

Have a question you would like to present to all the members (for example: did you do anything special for National Quilt Day)? Send your question to me and I’ll include it on the next Membership Report form!

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QCNYS Quarterly Membership Reports
March 2018

Morningstar Quilt Guild, East Aurora, NY
Carol Clothier, cclothier@aol.com
Tell Us More: Our quilt show has had a date and venue change since the information was submitted for the passport books. Our show will now take place at the Hamburg Fairgrounds in the Grange Building on October 26th and 27th.
Kathleen Mehlttretter, opmehl@verizon.net
New Activity or Project: Planning a bus trip to visit shops on a shop hop planned for June 5-8 in West NY area.
Tell Us More: Our Quilt Show, Harvest of Quilts, which is in the passport, has a new date and place. Bookmarks will be available at the March meeting to give out to members. The date is now Oct 26 from 10-6 and Oct 27 from 10-4 at the Erie County Fairgrounds, Grange Building, 5600 McKinley Pkwy, Hamburg, NY 14075

Candlelight Quilters, meets at Library in Baldwinsville, NY
Glenda Chappell gcchapp215@yahoo.com
New Activity or Project: We have begun a monthly sewing day for our members to get together and sew, exchange ideas, work on charity projects or just chat.
Class/Lecture Opportunity: Pat Pauly, lecture only $10 for non members to attend, Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Marcellus Modern Quilt Club, meets at Patchwork Plus, Marcellus, NY
Glenda Chappell gcchapp215@yahoo.com
Tell Us More: Our current challenge is due in April. It is to make a wall hanging sized quilt that has one, three or five circles in it. Our members are very talented and we look forward to seeing the results.

Towpath Quilt Guild, meets in Fayetteville, NY
Arlene King, nanany2@verizon.net
New Activity or Project: Julie Berger will be teaching a Judy Neimeyer class in April
Tell Us More: Towpath Guild will be hosting the December QCNYS meeting in Skanatelees

Common Threads Quilters Guild, meets in Vestal, NY
Faye Gottschall, quiltngrammie@gmail.com
National Quilt Day Activity: Not as a guild, but many members attended an annual event put on by a neighboring guild, A Stitch in Time Quilt Guild in Elk Lake, PA.
New Activity or Project: Continuing our “Sew Green” theme, we are using donated fabrics to work on Linus quilts. Members are also hard at work on our 2019 quilt show raffle quilt.

Twilight Stitchers of Brewerton, meets at Brewerton United Methodist Church in Brewerton, NY
Elaine Suskin, RHDiva@twcny.rr.com
New Activity: Reveal of our completed mystery quilts will be at our May 14th meeting. This meeting is a traditional tea with finger sandwiches, cookies and tea.

Rochester Modern Quilt Guild, meets at Fairport Baptist Home in Fairport, NY
Ann Elliott, amelliott1962@gmail.com
National Quilt Day Activity: RMQG held a retreat at Asbury Retreat Center. We also had some shop hoppers visiting the local quilt shops near the retreat center.

New Activity or Project: We are hosting our very first quilt show on September 29, 2018. See the QCNYS passport for additional information.

Class/Lecture Opportunity: Maria Shell, Friday, April 20th - Trunk Show and book signing, at Aspeneleither Sales and Service, 2106 Five Mile Line Road, Penfield, NY 14526 Starting at 7:00. Cost is $5 per attendee. Please RSVP to our Guild President, Sherri Lasky sherlasky@mac.com. Maria will also be presenting a workshop on Saturday. Improve Circle Play. This session is full. Contact Sherri to see if the wait list is still available.

Tell Us More: At the June 2018 QCNYS meeting we hope to have our raffle quilt displayed (if space is available), tickets will be available. We are always willing to work with other guilds to share speakers/costs, etc. It worked out well with Maria Shell’s trip this Spring. Let’s work together!

Mohawk Valley Quilt Club meets in New Hartford, NY
Michele Ricci, mricci@dreamscape.com

National Quilt Day Activity: On March 10th, we hosted an event from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Barnes & Noble in New Hartford, NY. We invited shoppers to learn about quilting and passed out flyers from our Quilt Club and bookmarks advertising our March meeting information. We displayed a quilt and had live demos with our members showing machine piecing, hand applique, feed sack display, and had an antique sewing tools display. Many members participated and we had a seating area where many shoppers stayed to see the demos and talked with us. We advertised this event through our Facebook page, Barnes & Noble’s FB page, and flyers and brochures that we placed at local businesses & libraries.

New Activity or Project: In March, our focus is to obtain interest in our Guild to obtain new members. We have promoted our Guild on our website, our FB page, at Barnes & Noble (see above), at a local radio station, and through posters, bookmarks, and flyers. At our 3/26/18 meeting, we will be providing a small gift and discounted membership to anyone who signs up to be a member that night, and one of our members will be doing a trunk show of her quilted items. We will also have a large Show & Tell demo. Also...due to the unpredictability of the weather in the wintertime and the increase of our “snowbird” members, we are going to try (for one year) to eliminate our Jan. and Feb. meetings and replace them with July and August mtgs.

Tell Us More: In the fall, we were asked by Notre Dame Elementary School’s Second Grade teacher (Utica, NY) if we could provide them with 36 child-themed pillowcases for a special project that the students were doing. They were making comfort care bags for the children undergoing chemotherapy at Golisano Hospital to provide candy, games & puzzles etc for their treatment times. We asked our members and were able to provide 72 pillowcases to them within a month. They put the items they had collected into the pillowcases & the patients were able to pick which one they wanted. The hospital workers were thrilled to receive them and this will now be an annual project for us.

Piecemakers of Elmira, Elmira, NY
Marcy Coggins, mlcogs45@gmail.com

Southtowns Piecemakers Quilting Guild, East Aurora, NY
Kathleen Mehttretter, opmehl@verizon.net

National Quilt Day Activities: In March we hold our birthday party for the start of the guild. We were 30 this year! Besides cake and coffee/tea, we exchanged mug rugs and invited some of the original founding members to speak. It was interesting to hear how they organized (lyers in the library and shops). One member gave a brief looking back 30 years ago listing popular music, movies, price of gas, etc. Several original members brought quilts to share.

New Activity or Project: Create a wall hanging with the challenge theme “Mad about plaid” The size is not to exceed 40” by 40” (160” perimeter ) It can be hand , machine quilted or tied. It should be the true definition of a quilt. That being 3 layers. Top, backing, and batting. All fabrics used are your choice. All finished pieces must be brought in a brown paper bag to our annual picnic where they will be displayed and members will vote for the best.

Kenmore Quilt Guild, Kenmore, NY
Marti Kovach, marti.teaspeed.kovach@gmail.com

New Activity or Project: Our Program Committee finished a mystery quilt for 2017-2018 and a new one will start in April 2018. We went on a four-day retreat at Stella Niagara where much quilting and more than a little wining was done.
Tell Us More: We continue our charity work for Camp Fold Star, the Veterans Hospital in Buffalo and for traumatized foster children at the Child and Adolescent Treatment Center of Erie County.

Piecemakers of Elmira, Elmira, NY
Pat Buttolph, patabuttolph@gmail.com
National Quilt Day Activities: Guild members made baby blankets to be given to the first babies born on Quilt Day.
New Activity or Project: We are having multiple workshops presented by members.

Plank Road Quilt Guild, Cicero, NY
Marilyn Sees, seesmarilyn@yahoo.com
National Quilt Day Activities: We had an event at our local library ..... it was 4 hours and we had a display of various quilts which including quilts for the Veterans and McMahon/Ryan in Syracuse. We also displayed the raffle quilt for our show and gave out information about that and our guild. We even had a table set up for children with quilt blocks on paper that they could color. We had crayons and colored pencils for them to use. Seen a lot of new people, some quilters and some not.
New Activity or Project: Right now we are busy getting ready for our quilt show.

Thread Bears Quilter's Guild, Sherrill, NY
Candy Crayton, ccrayton@gmail.com
National Quilt Day Activities: We had a community service workshop the day before to work on Veteran Quilt Kits in preparation for the upcoming Honor Flight, Kidney Quilts and pillow case bags.
New Activity or Project: We had our 1st indoor garage sale. Everyone brought in their unwanted items to sell and shared the sales with the guild to help offset the cost of the guild's annual banquet.
Class/Lecture Opportunity: Wenda Coburn, Quilt as You Go Workshop, Quilt as You Go Workshop
Your Invited to the Quilt as You Go Workshop!
Quilt as You Go is a great technique to use for:
• large quilts where it can get unwieldy with a home sewing machine.
• to add a border to make an already quilted quilt larger.
• for quilting blocks prior to appliquéd and then trimming to the finished block size.
When: Saturday April 7th starting at 9am. Doors open at 8:30am so you can set up. Workshop will be three hours followed by a bring your own lunch.
Where: St Paul's United Methodist Church Hall, 551 Sayles St, Oneida, NY 13421.
Saturday, April 7, 2018
Tell Us More: We are looking for another guild to share the cost of bringing in a national quilter to our area. If you are interested please contact someone from Thread Bear's Quilter's Guild via our website www.threadbearsquiltersguild.com.