

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY QUILT GUILD



Susquehanna Valley Quilt Guild was formed in 1993 by a small group of women interested in quilts and quilt making. The purpose of the guild was to gather women in friendship to promote and preserve the art of quilt making, and to encourage each other to improve their skills. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

A BIT ABOUT US

Membership cost is \$20 per year; July through June. Visitors are welcome to attend 2 meetings before joining. If a new member joins after January 1st, the dues are half the annual dues. Upon joining, or renewing membership, a membership card is provided with the user name and password to enter the "Members Only" area of the website. Members also receive 30% off the purchase of fabric, 1 yard minimum, at Clarkstown Ben Franklin. Present the card when fabric is cut.

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month; 7:00 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 658 Village Road, Pennsdale, PA 17756

Twice a year the Guild meets at 6:00 p.m.; June for a picnic and December for a Christmas party. The Guild provides meat and table service; members provide sides and desserts. The meeting begins after dinner.

Members sign-in at each meeting and those who wear a name tag or badge are eligible for a drawing. Magnetic Guild name tags can be purchased through the guild for \$5 or members are welcome to make their own. It's a great way to get to know fellow quilters.

Members may also participate in a couple of drawings while at the meeting; Sweet Treat fat quarter bundle provided by the Guild, or birthday drawing for anyone having a birthday in the month of the meeting.

We ask members to take turns volunteering to provide either a birthday gift or a name tag gift (for a drawing of members who are wearing a name tag at that night's meeting). The price of the birthday gift can be between \$10-\$15 dollars; a little less for the name tag gift. The gifts can be quilt related but don't have to be.

Hospitality -

2 or 3 members volunteer to provide refreshments; beverages and a light snack. They can arrive ahead of meeting to allow time to set-up and are responsible for clean-up.



Charity quilts is an opportunity for members to help make quilts for babies, toddlers, children, invalids in nursing homes and veterans. The Guild has fabric that can be used for charity quilts or members can donate 100% cotton fabric they have on hand.

Saturday sewing - Classes/workshops are held at the church. They are offered by members and on occasion, nationally known quilters. We schedule 6-8 Saturday sewing/classes per year. There are varying fees for classes and information is provided at meetings, online and in the newsletter.

If members have suggestions for teachers or what they would like to learn, they are encouraged to speak to someone on the program committee. Guild Officers and Committee information is kept current on the website.

Show and share - members bring in quilted items they have created to show to those in attendance.

Quilter's Library - Quilting books are available to borrow. They are on a bookcase in a classroom

leading to the location of the meeting. There is a system for signing books in and out.

Quilt Show—The Guild hosts a quilt show every 2 years, at the end of February or beginning of March. It is our biggest source for funds to keep the guild running and provide nationally known speakers and workshops.

About 180 quilts are displayed, all made by members. Voting is done by the public who attend and ribbons are given to the winners. There are several categories for the quilts. The show runs 2 days and one day set up. The tear down is done at the end of the show.

Members are encouraged to help and attend. Attendance for members is free; just show the membership card. Help can be given by manning a table at the entrance or selling raffle quilts tickets or other raffle items. The Guild has a booth called “quilters corner” which is items made by guild members. Proceeds from the sale goes to the guild. We always have vendors at the show.



Newsletter—The Guild publishes a newsletter each month to provide up-to-date information to all members. It contains a recap of the prior month’s meeting, details about upcoming sewing opportunities, reminders for those who have signed up to provide door prizes and hospitality and about speakers for future meetings. The newsletter is provided via email, but can be mailed if member does not have email.

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