



DELMARVALOUS QUILTERS, INC.
P. O. Box 66, Georgetown, DE 19947
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



From the President, Maureen Long

March - Happy St. Patrick's Day! The days are getting longer and the clocks change March 8 th . Don't let those gardens or flower beds interfere with your quilting!

Our Next Guild meeting is March 26, 2026. The day program will be making Hug Buddies. Don't forget, we're looking for folks to fill the positions of Vice President, Recording Sec'y and Corresponding Sec'y. These positions are 1-year terms.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2026, 5:30pm at Delmar Pizza in Delmar Delaware. All are welcome to attend, it's not just for Board Members. If you're considering submitting your name for one of the Board positions, this is a good time to see what happens behind the scenes!

See you on the 26 th at our next Guild Meeting!

Fun Fact: Some Irish Chain history: The pattern is believed to have originated around 1800, with quilt historian Barbara Brackman noting the earliest documented American example in 1814. However, some evidence suggests an 1805 example was brought from Ireland, indicating it may have been brought over by immigrants.

DELMARVALOUS MEETING MINUTES



FEBRUARY 2026

Maureen Long called the meeting to order at 7:00. The minutes of the January meeting were approved by Lenny Truitt and seconded by Peggy Kerr. Maureen announced that a member of our guild, Margaret Tobin, was to air on NPR radio at 6:25 and 8:25 as a Story of Love. Maureen offered to give people directions as to how to access that interview.

Maureen then reported that a long time member of our guild, Eileen Uecker, passed away recently and we held a moment of silence for her.

Peggy Kerr reported on comfort quilts. 22 quilts were delivered to Fresenius Kidney Care center and 18 quilts were delivered to Bayhealth Hospital in Milford. Mimi reported that the people at Bayhealth

were overjoyed with the donation as they provide newborns with a quilt and hat. Peggy reported that she had made packets of quilts 32"x 32" to be picked up and completed.

The pillowcase project for Seaford House to be distributed to boys and girls ages 9-17 is progressing well. Two pillowcases were returned today and Gretchen completed the remaining packets so Lenny will bring them to Seaford.

New Business:

Nomination committee- Maureen asked for volunteers for our nomination committee. Currently there could be 3 positions open: Vice president- Lenny Truitt is completing her 2nd year as vice president, Mimi Walls is completing her 2nd year as recording secretary, possibly Sandy Muir will complete her position as corresponding secretary. The job of the nomination committee is to canvas the membership by talking to members to see if they would consider taking on one of the positions. Maureen offered to vacate the presidency if someone else wanted to take the position. She also mentioned considering a president pro-temp position so someone could shadow the current president then move into the president position with experience. This would require a by-laws change approved by the membership. Mimi reported that the secretary position was not difficult- just taking notes and sending the minutes to the newsletter. Lenny said that a vice president would mean working with Janice together and share the responsibilities. Lenny offered to assist with the transition. Sandy is recovering from foot/ankle surgery and has been laid up. Another position available is the Group leader for group A. Felicia holds many other hats (historian and Quilts of Valor) in our guild and would like to transition her position as Group A leader to another member. This also is not a difficult position- it means keeping the group informed of their responsibilities usually by emails for snack requests, meeting setup, etc.

Vice Presidents reports

Lenny announced that there was a bag of men's neckties and a bag of selvages for anyone who wanted them for a project. Judy Zimmerman took the selvages to make a tote bag which she will show when completed.

She also reported that the March class making Hug Buddies is for everyone since it involves embroidery, stuffing, cutting and sewing so you would not be required to bring your machine. These Hug Buddies are given to foster kids and she has a list of organizations to which they are donated.

More groups, such as the Salisbury, Wicomico and Mardela Springs Police and fire companies are being canvased as recipients for our charity items.

OMG program is still open for participation. Lenny announced that #4 on the list was to be the first item to be presented at the March meeting. She announced it early because of the snow days keeping us more available to work on our project.

April is the Folded Pinwheel project. Information is in the newsletter.

Also there were a few bags left for the panel challenge which will have its reveal at the June meeting.

Maureen introduced Christie Rechin as a guest to experience our quilting guild as a new quilter and potential new member.

Treasurer- Laurie Wright has no report.

Second-time around- Cindy reported that \$194.00 was sold today.

PROGRAM NOTES FROM THE VPs



MARCH 26, 2026

GROUP B SET UP/CLEAN UP/REFRESHMENTS

ALL ARE WELCOME!

OPEN SEW DAY – 10 am – 4 pm Work on whatever you choose.

DAY PROGRAM – 10am -4 pm

HUG Buddies are back with Mary Ann Doland



Join Mary Ann for a fun day making cute stuffed elephants to be donated to children. Mary Ann provides all the materials. We provide the labor. Your sewing machine will be helpful for sewing parts together but there is also a need for hand sewing and stuffing.

Class cost: No Fee for this day

Please feel free to join us for dinner at Pizza Palace in Georgetown, DE 4:30pm - 6pm.

7 pm BUSINESS MEETING / SHOW & TELL / PROGRAM – How and Why to Use Leaders and Enders

APRIL, 23, 2026

SET UP GROUP A/ CLEAN UP/ REFRESHMENTS

ALL ARE WELCOME!

OPEN SEW DAY – 10 am – 4 pm Work on whatever you choose.

DAY PROGRAM 10 am – 4 pm FOLDED PINWHEEL SURPRISE with Frances Hart



CLASS COST: \$25 members/ \$45 non-members

When you sign up you will get the supply list. You will also find the Pinwheel Surprise Supply list as an attachment to this newsletter.

Please feel free to join us for dinner at Pizza Palace in Georgetown, DE 4:30pm - 6pm.

Social hour 6:30pm – 7pm

7pm BUSINESS MEETING - EVENING PROGRAM – SHOW & TELL

EVENING PROGRAM: Half Square Demo and Block of the Month with Carol Jarboe

MAY 28, 2026

GROUP C SET UP/CLEAN UP/REFRESHMENTS

ALL ARE WELCOME!

OPEN SEW DAY – 10 am – 4 pm Work on whatever you choose.

DAY PROGRAM 10 am – 4 pm

BAG CLASS with Peggy Kerr

Class description, supply list and photo to come

CLASS COST: \$25 Members/ \$40 Non-Members

Sign up to get supply list.

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Social hour 6:30pm – 7pm

7pm BUSINESS MEETING - EVENING PROGRAM – Jennifer Mennard A Delaware State

Fair Quilt Judge – Learn what the judges are looking for when judging quilts for the State Fair -

SHOW AND TELL

ONE MONTHLY GOAL/FINISH IT CLUB – It's not too late to join the fun and get a few of those UFOs off your list. The # 4 was chosen early to we could work on our list while snowed in. Due by the March meeting.

2026 CHALLENGE UP DATE - NOTE DUE DATE CHANGE – JUNE 2026

Join the 2026 Panel Challenge Bags will be available at the October meeting. Each bag contains a different panel. You may make anything you wish. And you may add as many additional fabrics as you choose. To give you a few suggestions: pillows, tote bags, wall hangings, Comfort quilts, placemats, etc. Keep the end result or donate it. But the main goal is to Have fun! Sign up and grab a bag at the next meeting. Challenge is due at the JUNE 2026 meeting. We still have a few bags left.

BACK ROOM CLEAN UP DAYS - 10am – 2 pm

There are many ways to help our guild organize to make better use of our backroom area. We even have fun while we are working.

March 18 – Wednesday Our last clean up day this year!

A huge “thank you” to everyone who came to help clean up the back area.

2026 DELMARVALOUS PROGRAMS

March 2026

Day: Hug Buddies – Mary Ann Doland
Evening: The How and Why of Leaders and Enders

April 2026

Day: Folded Pinwheel Surprise – Frances Hart
Evening: Half Square Triangle Demo and BOM by Carol Jarboe

May 2026

Day: Yet to be Determined Bag Class – by Peggy Kerr
Evening: Delaware State Fair Quilt Judge Jennifer Mennard

June 2026

Day: Interleave Design – Suzanne Worrall
Evening: To Be Determined

July 2026

Day: QOV Sew Day – Felicia
Evening: Challenge Reveal & Ice Cream Social & Possible QOV Award

August 2026

Day: Christmas in August – Stockings for Soldiers & Hospice Tree Ornaments
Evening: Dinner by Board members

September 2026

Day: Free and Easy Class – Paula Golden
Evening: How to Make Your Quilt Sing - Paula Golden

October 2026

Day: Scrappy Charms - Lenny
Evening: To Be Determined

December 2026

Christmas Party Group A

FACEBOOK



Hoping we are done with the snow and cold weather. As we head into spring, enjoy the rain days! Good excuse to be in your sewing area...if you need an excuse 😊 Spring cleaning for quilters is time to catch up on our UFOs and even start some new projects! Please don't forget to share pictures of what's under the needle. I would love to add them to our Facebook page!

We are up to 734 followers on the Facebook page. People love what we are doing!

Please follow the page if you don't already. And please continue to comment and share the posts!

Karen Blakely

COMFORT QUILTS



Peggy Kerr reported that 22 quilts were delivered to Fresenius Kidney Care center and 18 quilts were delivered to Bayhealth Hospital in Milford. Mimi shared that the people at Bayhealth were overjoyed with the donation as they provide newborns with a quilt and hat. Peggy reported that she had made packets of quilts 32"x 32" to be picked up and completed.

QUILTS OF VALOR®



Thank you, thank you, thank you, to all who have done stars! Much appreciated! Special thanks to Carol Jarboe and Mimi Walls. The Ocean View VFW Post 7234 will be awarding 5 quilts at their recognition of Vietnam Veterans' Day March 29, and 3 of those will be Delmarvalous quilts. The ceremony begins at 2:00 p.m. and is open to the public. If you haven't been to the Ocean View VFW before, it is on a lovely spot on the bay. But go early - it gets very crowded! Any questions? edandfelicia@verizon.net.

RETREAT 2026



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This year our Workshops will be:

“Hanging Quilts”

And

“Working with Pre Cuts for Comfort Quilts”

Register for Delmarvalous Quilters 7th Retreat!

4 Days 3 Nights

September 28 to October 1, 2026.

Per Person Double \$410.00-Single \$587.00

—OR—

3 Days 2 Nights

September 28 to 30, 2026

Per Person Double \$295.00- Single 485.00

SEE: Attached Details and Registration Form

Carol Senerchia cabinetconnection@juno.com

MEMBERSHIP



27 members attended either the sew day, class or the meeting.

We had one guest attend: Christie Rechin

Thank you, Lenny Truitt for a great class.

Happy Birthday to the March birthdays:

Marie Jacob

Peggy Kerr

Margaret Tobin.

Happy 5th anniversary to:

Peggy Kerr and Margaret Tobin, they both joined in 2021.

Happy 1st anniversary to

Mary Ann Doland, Vicky Gonce, Karen King and Gregory Kompes who all joined in 2025.

Please make sure I have your birthday (Just Month and day) and the year you joined the guild.

Have a great month.

Kathryn

BOARD MEETING



Our next Board Meeting is April 9, 2026, 5:30pm at Delmar Pizza in Delmar DE. All members of the Guild are welcome to attend. It's a good time to see the planning and discussions that drive our Guild.

Please, PLEASE if you plan to attend let me know for reservation purposes.

Thanks,

Maureen Long

President

Delmarvalous Quilt Guild

SUNSHINE



If you know of anyone needing a cheer up card, please let me know.

The cards sent out in February were:

Pat Hersl - get well

Mimi Walls - get well

Eileen Uecker - sympathy card sent to daughter, Monica Brown

Sandy Muir sandymuir0506@yahoo.com

MISCELLANEOUS

See the many attachments to this newsletter.



QUILTING HINT OF THE MONTH

When starting a project, you should always have 3 sets of scissors on hand: sewing shears, utility scissors and embroidery scissors. Sewing shears should never be used for anything but fabric and should be very sharp and kept clean. Utility scissors will be used to cut paper and non-fabrics. Embroidery scissors are used to cut threads, make tiny snips, etc.



SAD NEWS

Word has been received that Eileen Uecker passed away at the age of 94. Eileen was a Life member of the guild, and had been very active with Quilts of Valor. She moved to Maryland to be closer to her daughters in 2019. Her daughter is Monica Brown, 1251 Magothy Road, Pasadena, MD 21122

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