

December 2024 newsletter

December 1st is upon us - where did this past year go? How are your Christmas projects coming along.

**Membership** - Claudia Mielke and Kathy Furhman

There are a total of 85 people that have either renewed or joined the guild for the 24/25 membership year. You will be receiving the Zoom link to tomorrow night's membership meeting. Only renewed members will be receiving the link to the December, January and February virtual meetings. The membership form can be found on the [lvqg.org](http://lvqg.org) website.

**President's Challenge** - Karen Bender

How are you doing with your unfinished UPS's? The big reveal for March will come quickly.

**Programs** - Stephanie Kissel & Mary Vassalotti

**December 2nd, 2024** featured speaker (virtual) Kim Oleson - "Ice Dying"

Quiltaholics Anonymous

Facebook - <https://quiltaholicsanonymous.com>

Instagram @quiltaholicsanonymous

Check out Kim's Facebook and Instagram pages to see her colorful projects.

**January 6th, 2025** featured speaker (virtual) Aimee Newell - "A Stitch in Time - Quilts by older women 1820-1860"

Aimee E. Newell is Curator of Collections at the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, Massachusetts. She is the former Curator of Textiles and Fine Arts at Old Sturbridge Village, as well as the former Curator of Collections at the Nantucket Historical Association. She received a BA in American Studies from Amherst College and an MA in History from Northeastern University. She is currently pursuing a PhD in History at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She is a contributing author to the forthcoming Massachusetts Quilt Documentation Project book, *Massachusetts Quilts: Our Commonwealth*; and she has written for *Piecework Magazine*, *Sampler* and *Antique Needlework Quarterly*, *Blanket Statements*, and the *Proceedings of the Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife*. She is an Associate Fellow at the International Quilt Study Center in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**February 3, 2025** (virtual)

Jen from "Loose Ends"

Loose Ends is a wonderful nonprofit organization that matches projects with finishers with projects of individuals who have died or are unable to finish a project due to health concerns or disability. Check out their website at <https://looseends.org>.

***March 3rd, 2025*** - in-person

*President's Challenge reveal*

### **Quilting Inspirations 2025- mark your calendars!**

- Event to be held on April 5th, 2025
- 8:30 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m.
- Poynette Village Hall
- Keynote Speaker is "Ilene Bartos" from Urbandale, Iowa.
- Check out her website <https://ilenebartos.com/>
- Vendors, door prizes, swag bags, etc.
- Please plan on joining us for this fun event - invite your friends.
- There will also be a workshop with Ilene on Monday, April 7th. Location and project TBD.
- Interested in helping with the planning of the event? Meetings are held virtually (no longer than 1 hour) once per month.
- Please contact Mary Vassalotti [mvassalotti77@gmail.com](mailto:mvassalotti77@gmail.com) or 608-279-0703 if you are interested.

### ***Hearts & Hands*** - Dotti Sutfin

Hearts and Hands will be meeting on *December 6 at the Red Barn in Okee from 9 - Noon.*

A huge thank you to all that helped make the Christmas Pillowcase Project a success. These pillowcases will all be delivered the first week in December

- 50 *Dove* (the old Good Sams) Lodi
- 20 *Sienna Crest* (the old Haven Hills) Lodi
- 13 *Our House* in Lodi
- 20 *Maple Wood Memory Care* Sauk City
- 50 *The Pines* in Prairie Du Sac

Total of 153 pillowcases were donated. Any additional pillowcases returned will go to Reach Out Lodi.

Dotti thanks all who contributed. she reported all very excited about giving their residents pillowcases for Christmas.

In addition to the above donations 60 Cat Beds went to *Latoya's Legacy*, Pardeville

May your December be filled with family and the joy of the season.

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