

# BEAVER VALLEY PIECEMAKERS DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER MEETING MAKE AND TAKE

At our December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting we will be making a make and take. **Please bring a pair of scissors.** Kits will be provided. We will be making a postcard. Come and enjoy this project.



## QUILTS OF VALOR



At our November meeting, we were able to wrap 20 Veterans in Quilts of Valor to thank them for their service. It was a moving ceremony, and if you weren't there, you really missed something! The quilts made by our guild were beautiful, and the recipients really seemed to enjoy the recognition. Thanks to all of you that put in your time, effort and fabrics to make these gorgeous quilts.

Thursday November 16 is our QOV workshop day 10-4p at the Hopewell Municipal Bldg, 1700 Clark Blvd, Aliquippa. We will be working on presentation cases and putting together material for tops.

Please advise Louise if you are planning on coming. Hope to see you there!



## RETREAT 2024 – Sheila Drevna and Jeanette Kent

**February 16-18, 2024 at the Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport Hotel.** If you are still interested in this fun event where there is no cooking, cleaning, dishes, or laundry to do, only sewing, let us know ASAP. **There is one double room left.** All the single rooms have been claimed. The cost is \$348 for a single room and \$243 for a double room. If you are getting a double room, it is your responsibility to find a roommate. Full payment must be made by the January meeting.



## BLOCK LOTTO

Our block lotto block for the month of December is "Star Block #2." Check it out on the website under "Other Committees" then "Block Lotto." Each block this year is a Christmas-themed block. It's not too late to join in on the fun! Make one block for the Block Lotto and one block for yourself. By the end of the year (June 24) you'll have 12 Christmas blocks for your own Christmas quilt!

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

(Verda) Sue Graf	12/1
Deb Elliott	12/5
Susan O'Dell	12/5
Betty Kimmel	12/5
Judy Domergue	12/7
Marietta Schriener	12/15
N. Marlene Fleming	12/19
Arlene Young Equels	12/23
Lenore Hardman	12/29
Sylvia Novak	12/31
Harriet Sickles	12/31

## UPCOMING EVENTS

December Meeting	12/6
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## BRING TO MEETING

Name Tag
Deposit for Retreat
Scissors for Make and Take

## NOTES ON THE 2023 QUILT SHOW and LOOKING AHEAD

Our Quilt Show Committee had a “Wrap-Up” meeting recently, and while all the paperwork isn’t finalized yet, we were able to get an idea of how the show went and what we’d like to work on for next year. As most are now aware, our 2023 show had the most quilts we’ve ever been able to hang for a show – 117! The judge sent us a nice Thank-You note, saying how well-prepared we were and how nicely we treated her, for which she was very appreciative. Our attendance was up slightly, with 26 additional paying customers from the previous year. The kitchen, under the new leadership of Alycia Lyons, did a brisk business and we heard many comments about the great food! The boutique also did a lot of business, so our members were able to make some extra spending money for the upcoming holidays! Janice is wrapping up all the paperwork on the invoices and receipts, so we should be getting the final numbers before too long.

The theme for next year’s show is “The Joy of Winter.” A quilt pattern (“So This is Christmas”) and fabric have already been purchased, and work is already well underway! Sharon has decided she’d rather not be in charge this year, so Vivian was happy to step up and be chairman again for 2024. 😊 She’s working on finding a Co-Chair for 2024 who will be interested in heading up the show in 2025. The Community Life Center of the UMC of Chippewa will again host the show – the contract for the rental of the building is signed and we are set for the show to be held October 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Some changes are in store for our next show, including raising the cost of entrance to the show to \$10, with children under 12 admitted free. This is similar to many other shows in the area, and with the cost of rent going up every year, it was inevitable. Our costs have also gone up on the storage facility where we store the racks and other items for the shows, as well as on most everything we buy for the show. We will continue to work through the issues and plan to have the best show ever in 2024! Thanks for your continued support!!

