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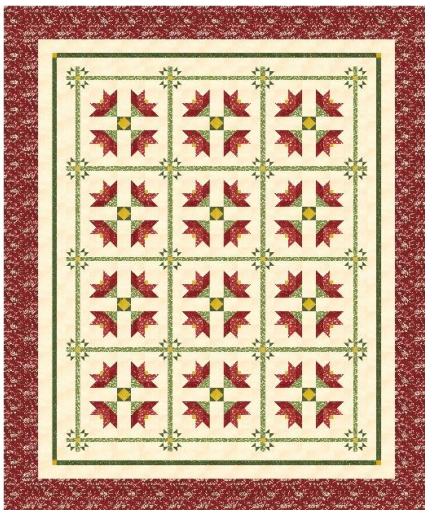
## WELCOME FESTIVAL SEASON!



Hello!

Winter is but a memory and spring is halfway gone! Where does the time go? I speak to many quilters, and it seems that many of us

have lots of "quilt-y plans" for the colder months. We plan to burrow in and make use of the indoor time to quilt. I do that every year! I had several quilts designed and have been working on a few others. The good news is that I completed the raffle quilt top for the 2023 Folk Festival. It's now being hand quilted and will be ready to display in the Quilt Barn.



I designed this in EQ which is the Electric Quilt software that I have on my computer. I also use graph paper for some of my designs since sometimes, the tried & true works best! What methods do you use to design your own quilts? Are you inspired by a pattern and then change it up? Do you combine elements of several patterns to achieve your final design? I'd love to hear your thoughts!

*Cyndi*



### Quilt Registration Deadline

#### Last minute quilts!

Have you just completed a quilt and would like to bring it to the Quilt Barn? Please email me or call the office and we will work with you to arrange a day and time for registering your quilt in the QB.

Register online at <https://www.kutztownfestival.com/quilters>

## Quilt Volunteers Needed

Did you know that we have a "Visitor Quilt" in the Quilt Barn each year? All our visitors are invited to try hand-quilting on the specially made quilt that is stretched in a typical quilt frame. We provide needles, thread, and fabric pens so that they can "sign" the area that they quilt. More importantly, we provide guidance from our wonderful volunteers. This is a well-loved Quilt Barn tradition! **We need volunteers** and we would love to have you join us for several shifts (a few hours each) during the festival. It's a wonderful opportunity to participate in the QB activity and meet lots of nice people! You will receive free parking and admission to the festival. When not in the QB, you'll be able to wander the grounds to enjoy the crafts, music, and food! Please email me at [hershey@kutztownfestival.com](mailto:hershey@kutztownfestival.com) for more information. **Please join us!**

### Kutztown Folk Festival

Admission Tickets are available online. Use Coupon Code 2023WEB for a \$3 discount on Midweek Tickets when purchased online.  
07/01 – 09/2023 | 9:00am – 6:00pm daily  
<https://kutztownfolkfestival.thundertix.com/>



# Prepping your quilts for the Quilt Barn

## ***Clean Quilts:***

Quilters are very careful about the condition of the quilts that they make. After all, these quilts mean a lot to us! Please check your quilts for any spots or stains *before* bringing them on registration day. Look for any snags or threads caught between the quilt layers that shadow through the fabric. There is no time to clean or repair quilts during registration. Our customers trust that we offer only the best and we work hard to keep their trust!

## ***Hanging Sleeves:***

Hanging sleeves are required for the backs of wall hangings. We also strongly encourage sleeves for the backs of crib and lap quilts. This small detail can make the difference between a sale or no-sale! Note that hanging tabs (loops) are not acceptable. Sleeves support the entire weight of the quilt and prevent stretching that can occur when using tabs.

## ***Inventory List and Information Tags:***

You will receive a receipt for each quilt that we accept in the QB. If you're bringing more than a few quilts, you may also find it helpful to prepare an inventory list of the quilts that you're bringing. You can write the receipt number next to each listing. This type of list helps both you and us if you come back to pick up any unsold items.

Information tags can also be extremely helpful during the registration process. A simple, paper tag safety pinned to the back of a quilt with the following can keep things moving along:

- ~ Quilter name      ~ Name of quilt or quilt pattern
- ~ Quilt size & color    ~ Price

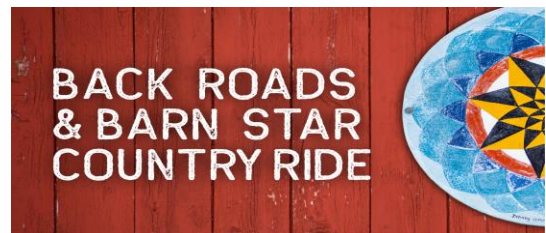
***Thank you and see you soon!***

## **Two questions!**

I'm considering starting a quilter discussion group to meet quarterly. It would be an opportunity to share our ideas, ask questions and simply connect with one another. Since we're located in many different areas, we may meet in-person, but people could connect online.

Secondly, are you interested in participating in quilt classes or seminars offered through the festival? Topics could range from Beginner's Quilting, Hand and/or Machine Applique, Finishing Techniques, Use of Fabric & Color, Hand and/or Machine Quilting and more.

Please email me your thoughts and ideas at **[hershey@kutztownfestival.com](mailto:hershey@kutztownfestival.com)** or talk to me in the Quilt Barn this summer!



## **New Events available at the Kutztown Folk Festival**

Join Patrick Donmoyer, Director of Kutztown University's Pennsylvania German Heritage Center, and travel the festival's scenic back roads and view barn star art while aboard an air-conditioned, bathroom-equipped Klein motorcoach. A bottle of water, snack bag and souvenir pin are included. A great way to beat the heat while enjoying the beauty of the countryside. Festival admission is required and is at an additional cost.

July 3 · Monday

9:30am | 11:00am | 2:30pm | 4:00pm

For this and other events:

<https://kutztownfolkfestival.thundertix.com/>