

“Stars and Stitches Forever” Quilt Challenge

*Hosted by the Monroe County Historical Association
honoring the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence*

*For additional information, please contact the office
at 570-421-7703 or email admin@monroehistorical.org.*

Requirements:

1. Theme: **Interpret your journey or your family’s journey** of migration or immigration to America and/or the area now known as Monroe County.
2. Size: **The finished size of each quilt must be 30 inches by 30 inches.**
3. **Each quilt must include at least one star.** The star could be used in a block pattern, chosen for its fabric, incorporated into a quilting pattern, or even featured as a button embellishment. Have fun with a *Where’s Waldo* approach for those viewing the quilts in the exhibition.
4. Traditional or original patterns may be used. Credit must be given when using the pattern or design of another.
5. Fabrics, colors, and techniques (e.g., applique, trapunto, embellishments, etc.) are the quilter’s choice. Surface embellishment techniques, such as dyeing, stenciling, embroidery, painting, etc., are permitted.
6. Quilts must be quilted or tied. Both machine quilting and hand quilting are acceptable.
7. Quilters may submit more than one entry.
8. No wearables or pillows may be entered.
9. Quilters are encouraged to sign their quilt.
10. A 2” finished rod pocket (sleeve) is required and should be placed on the back of the quilt between the binding on each side of the top edge.
11. There is a \$10 entrance fee. The fee is waived for members of the Monroe County Historical Association. Join us at monroehistorical.org
12. Quilters should remember that the audience will be diverse and include individuals of all ages, so designs must be suitable for public exhibition. The Monroe County Historical Association retains the right to decline any submissions deemed inappropriate.
13. Quilts must be received by the Monroe County Historical Association no later than 3 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2026, and will be accepted February 3 through the deadline. **A completed registration form (See Page 3)** and an entrance fee (other than for MCHA members) must accompany each submitted quilt. They may be shipped or dropped off during regular business hours.
14. Quilts will be available for pick-up between Tuesday, August 11, and Friday, August 21, 2026, unless other arrangements are made. Quilters may have their quilt shipped back to them via Priority Mail by prior arrangement; shipping costs must be paid to Monroe County Historical Association in advance.

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Additional Information:

- Challenge quilts will be exhibited in the Monroe County Historical Association's Hughes Community Room in the new Heritage Center from April 1 through July 31, 2026.
- Quilters are invited to donate their challenge quilt for sale at a future silent auction fundraiser benefiting the Monroe County Historical Association.
- The challenge is open to all; it is not limited to Monroe County residents.
- Use these hashtags on social: #StroudMansion #StarsAndStitchesForever #PAProud #PA250, #America250PA

Need some inspiration? Here are a few ideas!

- Use one or more blocks representing Pennsylvania, like the Pennsylvania Star, the Star of Bethlehem, or Delectable Mountains.
- Where did your ancestors come from? Use fabric from those countries.
- Using appliqué, depict a piece of family history.
- Incorporate a quilt block made by an ancestor or recreate a block from a family quilt.
- Incorporate a piece from an ancestor's clothing or something like a tablecloth, a doily, a scouting badge, tatting, etc. Don't spoil a perfectly good and intact object, so check through scrap bags to find something to use. A hankie, bandana, or tie, perhaps?

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REGISTRATION FORM

Use one form for each submitted quilt.

Name of quilt: _____

Describe how your quilt fits the challenge theme: _____

Quilter's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____

☐ I have read and agree to the rules of the quilt challenge. I understand that by entering this quilt challenge I agree that 1) this entry is original, it is my work, and it does not infringe on any third-party rights; and 2) my name, picture, likeness, city/state of residence and a picture of my quilt(s) may be used by the Monroe County Historical Association in educational, information and promotional materials in a variety of media, including electronic media.

☐ I donate my “Stars and Stitches” Challenge Quilt to the Monroe County Historical Association to be used as part of an upcoming fundraiser.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Challenge quilts with the completed entry form and fee can be dropped off at the Stroud Mansion during business hours. All challenge quilts will be delivered to the Monroe County Historical Association between February 3 and February 27, 2026. No entries will be accepted after February 27, 2026.

You may ship your quilt, along with this completed entry form and a \$10 check (entry fee) made payable to the Monroe County Historical Association to:

Monroe County Historical Association
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900 Main Street
Stroudsburg, PA 18360