

**Q.U.I.L.T.S**  
**Quilters United in Learning Together, Schenectady**  
<http://quiltschenectady.org>

Meetings-First Thursday of Month from September to June

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AUGUST 2021

Dear Friends,

I hope you have found ways to enjoy the warmth and beauty that summer offers. I am so excited to be kicking off this year as your new President. I have been a guild member for six years. Some of you already know that I claim to be painfully shy, so much so that, at most meetings I would sit alone. I finally decided that the best way for me to make friends and feel included was to get more involved. I attended workshops, sew-ins and tie-ins, volunteered for quilt shows and served as Historian. I now feel like I really belong. I say all this because I know there are others who also feel disconnected or may be new to the guild. My best advice: get involved! Try a workshop or one of the Sit 'n Sews. Volunteer for the Boutique or one of the committees that interests you. You will find that this guild is full of kind, friendly, and talented people who want to get to know you. If you are a new member, or a member who doesn't yet feel comfortable at meetings, I urge you to reach out to me or one of our guild ambassadors (more about that later). One can never have too many friends. I look forward to getting to know you all better, regardless of how long you've been a member.

Our Program committee has planned a great year starting with a lecture and workshop by Linda Pearl in September and a lecture by Bonnie Turner in October. If the stars align, maybe our November kids' quilts sew-in and December Holiday Party can be in-person. Fingers crossed!

QUIT STALLING, LISA! Okay, okay, I know the big question on everyone's mind is "Will the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting be in person?" Ugh, I wish I could say yes but, unfortunately, it's a no. Long story short, we haven't nailed down the technology of a hybrid meeting (in-person and zoom). Since our presenters will be coming to us via zoom, it's a deal breaker for now.

I hope you all enjoy the new content and design of our newsletter. Thank you to our new editor, Barbara Becker, and all the contributors. If you have an idea for a newsletter column or article, send it our way for consideration. I look forward to seeing you all on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Be well, stay safe, but for heaven's sake keep quilting!

*Lisa Wend*

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**The Program Committee**

*You can't take the L. out of Q.U.I.L.T.S.!*

After our last meeting of the spring, our guild didn't call it Q.U.I.L.T.S.! In response to survey results, two summer workshops were added to the schedule. In July we learned about quilting with our walking feet (or is it foots?) with **Catherine Redford** from Illinois. **Katalin Horvath** from Dorest, UK created new designs just for our guild's Draw, Sew, Trim August 14<sup>th</sup> workshop. The Zoom workshops continue to be highly regarded by participating members!

Members also expressed a desire for social activities in the survey. So, we created a schedule of "Sit 'N Sews" where members get together virtually to chat, sew, and catch up with old and new friends.

**Sit 'N Sews** for 2021, via Zoom  
Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00  
Saturday, September 18, 10:00 – 12:00  
Friday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00.

**September 9<sup>th</sup> Guild meeting- Linda Pearl** (Zoom)

*"But I Didn't Mean To Break the Rules ..."* a lighthearted, interactive look at a very serious subject – copyright issues. Copyright issues are very much at the epicenter of quilting

trends today, and lots of times tempers flare. Linda will take several common scenarios (drawn from real life events), and break them down into easy to understand, easier still to remember, rules of the game. Linda will have scripts as we learn how to respect the intellectual property of others.

**Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**; 9:00 – 12:00, Linda will present a morning workshop called, **"The Devil Is In The Details."** This is a FUN, FUNctional and FUNdamental approach to

binding your quilts. Binding is one of the last details you put into finishing your quilt and it's one that, in Linda's experience, quilters dislike the most. In this class, Linda will cover flange bindings, two color bindings, striped bindings and invisible bindings. \$32.00 for members/\$40.00 for guests.

**October 7th; Bonnie Turner**, Log Cabin Quilts, will present a lecture on embellishing quilts. We'll share more information as the date approaches. There will be no workshop October,

November or December, in order to accommodate other traditional guild events.

Contact the Programs Committee at [QUILTSPrograms@gmail.com](mailto:QUILTSPrograms@gmail.com) with questions or to receive information about registering for workshops!

*Mary Wade and Connie Trigger*

Since the September meeting will be by Zoom, Kathie Lutz is asking that Show & Tell photos be sent to her at [QUILTSWebsite@gmail.com](mailto:QUILTSWebsite@gmail.com) by Saturday, September 4th.

## KID'S QUILTS FOR NORTHERN RIVERS

Emily Spooner, [emilydspooner@gmail.com](mailto:emilydspooner@gmail.com)

HELP WANTED! QUILTS NEEDED!

For over 30 years our guild has been giving quilts to Northern Rivers Family Services (formerly Northeast Parent & Child). We were able to give them 170 quilts during the pandemic (since March 2019), BUT 84% of them were made by two people! I am hoping to increase participation! The children "love our quilts!" It would be a shame if our donation dropped substantially. It is my hope that more members will make and complete quilts at home this year.

Secondly, I will not be attending any in-person meetings this guild year. I would like volunteers (who WILL be attending meetings) to take a bag of kits to a meeting, have people sign them out, and collect FINISHED quilts. It would also be great to have someone(s) in a central location do the same from their home or business, for those who do not attend meetings. If you are interested in doing either of these things, please contact either me or Lisa Wend, our president. I have plenty of kits made up to give you.

Finished quilts should be either tied or machine quilted and at

least 54" x 72". Teen boy quilts are always most in demand - please remember no pinks or florals on either side of a quilt for boys! Also, if you are tying your quilt, please be sure follow the batting package instructions for knot spacing.

Thank you everyone! And I hope to hear from some of you soon!

## Veterans' Quilts

As you know no one has been permitted in the VA Hospital since the start of the pandemic. I recently spoke with the Volunteer Office and it appears that this policy is not going to change in the foreseeable future. We have many quilts in "storage", so will not be scheduling any sew-in /tie-in sessions. There is a possibility that the VA will have another way for us to distribute quilts. I will discuss this with the Board at our August meeting. Any developments will be passed along to the membership. Thanks you all for your continued support in this project.

Take care and stay safe.

*Pat Terrt*

## Binding Help For Charity Quilts

Nancy Gifford has graciously volunteered to bind your quilted or tied Northern Rivers or Veterans quilts. She has even offered to supply the binding fabric from her own stash.

Contact Nancy at [ngifford@giffordabstract.com](mailto:ngifford@giffordabstract.com) or 518-346-2154.

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## OUTDOOR BOUTIQUE UPDATE

Linda Cary, Show Chair – [ronlincary@yahoo.com](mailto:ronlincary@yahoo.com)  
Pat Mahoney, Boutique Chair – [crewmom8@gmail.com](mailto:crewmom8@gmail.com)

### **Exciting news! Change in venue!**

After having our June meeting at the South Schenectady Fire Department we felt that it would be PERFECT location for our Boutique. No need for canopies or a rain date! There will be plenty of air flow. We are asking people to "mask up" because of what we're hearing about the Delta variant. If you would like to donate face masks we will sell them at

a reasonable price at our greeter's table. If you need elastic just let me know. **October 2<sup>nd</sup> is just around the corner.** We still need to fill some very important volunteer spots. So that we can "**get the job done**" please send your email to **Debbie McIntosh** and **Regina Guzzo** at [ginadebbievoluteers@gmail.com](mailto:ginadebbievoluteers@gmail.com) with your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice. We can't do this without you!!! Our

guild is quite the team. Because we work together our quilt shows and now our Outdoor Boutique make it possible for our guild to provide such phenomenal

programs and classes. Thank you everyone! You are the best!!

### **OUTDOOR BOUTIQUE** **VOLUNTEER NEEDS**

#### **Entrance – Greeters**

11:45-2 – 1 opening  
1:45-4 – 1 opening

#### **Cash Register**

11:45-2 – 1 opening  
1:45-4 – 1 opening

#### **Tally Sales** – adding sales prior to paying

9:45-12 – 3 openings  
1:45-4 – 2 openings

#### **Helping Customers**

11:45-2 – 2 openings  
1:45-4 – 3 openings

#### **Membership Tables**

1:45-4 – 1 opening

#### **Kids Quilts Table**

11:45-2 – 2 openings  
1:45-4 – 2 openings

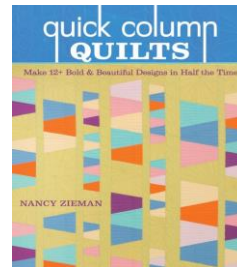
*Q.U.I.L.T.S would like to extend our condolences to Pat McGurn. Her 27 year old grandson passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, July 11th.*

#### **Fat Quarters for September**

Let's go back in time when times were simpler and we would be going to school with our hearts were already thinking of coloring and drawing. Let's look in our stash for primary colors. It doesn't have to be a solid but close to solid colors of the rainbow or the eight pack of Crayola crayon box.

Also, if our guild has ideas for other themes for the year, please email or text your ideas. I would love as many to participate as possible. There are so many quilt patterns available out there for fat quarters.

Thank you  
Sincerely  
Sonya Nachbar



#### **Library**

All right, all of you, start hunting up those library books you borrowed February 2020. I know they're out there and we need them back. Maybe you'll even find some that were 'lost'. Could happen.

*Anita Paul*

#### **HELP WANTED!**

***Kids Quilts:*** We are looking for volunteers to help Emily Spooner with the Kids Quilts. The volunteer(s) will collect completed quilts and distribute quilt kits at in-person meetings, including any Kids Quilts sew-ins or tie-ins that are held. Doesn't this sound fun and easy?!

If you are interested in either of these volunteer positions, please contact *Lisa Wend* at [LPiseczny@nycap.rr.com](mailto:LPiseczny@nycap.rr.com). This is a great way, especially for newer members, to get more involved and meet other members.

***Guild Ambassadors:*** We are also looking for volunteers to serve as guild ambassadors. Ambassadors will welcome new members, explain each of our guild/meeting activities, introduce them to other members, and ensure they aren't sitting alone at in-person meetings (unless they want to).

## Q.U.I.L.T.S. Survey Results Available

Two surveys were conducted last spring in order to get feedback on various subjects and for the board to be able to plan for the future in an informed manner. Participation was very high with over 63% of guild members responding, more than double the typically expected survey response. The answers to the survey questions, the first set on the guild in general and the second on programs, helped us learn about who are we, how we communicate and participate, and what our meeting and workshop preferences are. You can visit the **Q.U.I.L.T.S. website** to view a summary of what we learned: <http://quiltschenectady.org>.

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### The Notions Department

Welcome to the first edition of The Notions Department where we'll draw on hundreds of years of Q.U.I.L.T.S.'s members' experience!

#### Have you ever had a quilting disaster? How did you handle it?

Making a quilt using 8 1/2 " squares along with square-in-a-square blocks. The color of the plain block was a deep purple with threadlike lines. I cut one side of many of these plain squares to 8". This was the end of that particular fabric, so I had to improvise. In my stash, I found a similar fabric in a dark brown. The color value of the brown was very close to the purple, so I used it, scattered throughout. No one noticed. They just thought it was part of the design. Disaster diverted! – **Pat McGurn**

When printing block designs from Jinny Beyer, I did not print them 100%. I completed every block before realizing that the lattice sashing didn't fit. I added a border to every block. After quilting, the mistake was not noticeable. - **Eileen Buel**

My worst quilting disaster was when I was well along piecing a quilt and discovered there was an error in the instructions between light and dark piece placement. I was a novice quilter and trusted the directions to be correct. The whole mess ended up in my UFO collection. - **Elaine McCain**

After putting a quilt top together, I noticed two of the blocks were pieced wrong. I left it that way because I was afraid I would ruin it more taking it apart. I don't

think the person I gave it to noticed it and I certainly didn't say anything! Also, I have had to piece together different fabrics for backings unintentionally because I ran out of fabric. - **Sharon Nicpon**

My quilting disaster occurred when I tried to assemble my first "quilt as you go" blocks. My sashing was all cut on the crosswise grain, which I discovered only carefully measuring and inserting blocks at each intersection. I had to take out my little blocks, re-measure each piece with a firm stretch then sew in the block and continue like that for each of 24 blocks. I had to accept that the quilt would have these imperfections, but after all that work I am okay with how it turned out. You may be sure that in the future my sashing strips will be carefully cut on the lengthwise grain! - **Lucinda Robertson**

So far, "disasters" have been on the minor and boring side, such as quilting a motif wrong or cutting a patchwork piece reversed. I just cuss a bit and do it over. - **Kim Plofker**

Usually not having right sided together (often!) - **Eileen McCabe**

The one quilting disaster I had was when I was clipping threads on a quilt for the show, and I clipped the fabric! It was black so I took a magic marker and just hit it quick with that! – **Barb Valachovic**

Visit the **Q.U.I.L.T.S.** website to see more "notions" from our members! <http://quiltschenectady.org>.

## Items for Sale by Members

**Singer Featherweight Model 221-1**, Made in USA (Elizabethport, NJ) circa 1956, one owner

Condition: Used, some minor wear on the gold trim.

Feet and Accessories included:

Bobbins (6)

Automatic Zig-Zag Foot and manual

Binder foot

Ruffler foot

Buttonhole attachment with case, instructions, hole plates (approx. 1960)

Additional feet (not sure what they are/do)

Asking: \$400



*Deb Kreifels*; 518/393-8101, leave message with contact information.

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**Koala Kangaroo sewing table and a Joey rolling cabinet.** Teak, with inserts that fit Bernina 440, 770, and 330 or 350 machines, but you can order inserts for other machines.

Asking \$990

*Marianne Blanchard*; 518/372-0492

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Helene Langan's quilting inventory reduction sale is continuing. You can make an appointment to shop quilting cottons, wool, notions, books, patterns, kits and many miscellaneous items. Please call or text Julie Langan at 518 227 5997. Sale location is Schoharie

Thank you  
Deb Capron

**Q.U.I.L.T.S. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**Quilters United in Learning Together-Schenectady Guild**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDAY: \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name) (Month/day)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO: \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME/PHONE #)

Returning Member (not a member last year)  Renewing Member  New Member  Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check (Payable to Q.U.I.L.T.S.) \_\_\_\_\_  Cash \_\_\_\_\_  Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2021 – 2022 Q.U.I.L.T.S. Membership

If you would like to use the PayPal option, here is the link - [tinyurl.com/QUILTSmembership](http://tinyurl.com/QUILTSmembership)  
You can type this link into your browser and it will take you to **a page with the membership form and a link to pay by PayPal. A \$1 convenience fee has been added.**

If you would like to pay by mail, please send this completed membership form, along with a check in the amount of \$30 payable to Q.U.I.L.T.S to:

**Kathy Wagner**  
**180 Dahlia Street**  
**Schenectady, NY 12306**

You may pick up your membership card at our next guild meeting, or, if you wish to receive your membership card by mail, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.



**Join us October 16<sup>th</sup> for our Open House!**

Our Free Spirits fabric representative will be in the shop, and she will reveal our new line of **KaffeFassettFabrics!**



KaffeFassett is best known for his use of **bold** and complex color combinations. Early influences, such as medieval and Renaissance have evolved into the explosive and fiery palette of Southeast Asia.

Watch our website [QuiltBug.com](http://QuiltBug.com) for more details!

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