



Q.U.I.L.T.S

Quilters United in Learning Together, Schenectady

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Meetings-First Thursday of Month from September to June

NOVEMBER 2021

Season Greetings, Friends!

I don't know about you, but we are entering my favorite time of year. While I could do without the frigid weather and blizzards that lie ahead, I love celebrating Thanksgiving with my family.

As difficult as the past couple of years have been, I hope you all still can reflect on this year's blessings with a grateful heart. Happy Thanksgiving!



We will still have a zoom meeting on Thursday, December 2nd. We won't have a speaker but there will be a brief business meeting and I am working on some games, trivia, and other fun activities. We'll also have a very special Show and Tell. In addition to showing off your quilts, feel free to send your favorite photo of any other craft or hobby in which you participate. This will be a great way for us to learn more about each other and discover interests we have in common. Photos should be sent to Kathie Lutz at QUILTWebsite@gmail.com.



In an effort to be inclusive, I googled December holidays and celebrations. Wow! I didn't realize there were so many! So, whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Winter Solstice, or

National Bacon Day (yes, that's a thing), may you find joy and peace in whatever holidays you celebrate next.

Speaking of celebrations, I hope you will consider attending our Guild Holiday Party on Saturday, December 4th at Proctors' Key Hall. As most of you know, in the past we have had our traditional "Sweet and Savory" potluck party at the church on the first Thursday of December. Well, nothing is as usual these days, so I wanted to put together a special event that will hopefully be just as much fun, despite the extra safety measures. This won't be a potluck in the traditional sense. The refreshments will be purchased but everyone is encouraged to bring seasonal items for your table's centerpiece. We'll vote for our favorite and there will be a prize for the winning table! I can't wait to see your creations! We'll have several other treats, raffles, drawings, prizes, and a grab bag as well.

I love the buzz, the excitement, the decorations, and the music this time of year but I am especially inspired by the extra kindnesses and generosity that emerge. If you are able, I hope you will all join me in donating to one of the organizations we support. I don't have grandchildren yet, but I had so much fun shopping for toys from the Northern Rivers wish list. I scored some great early Black Friday deals for the women's shelter too. You'll find more information about this later in the issue.



I hope you enjoy this winter issue of our newsletter. Wishing you all a happy, healthy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Lisa Wend



Q.U.I.L.T.S. Holiday Party – Proctors’ Key Hall
Saturday, December 4th, 10:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
Check-in starts at 9:30 a.m.



Covid Protocols: This will be a 100% vaccinated event. All attendees must show I.D. and proof (vaccine card/passport) that they are **fully** vaccinated for Covid. Masks are required when entering and moving about Proctors’ facilities. These are Proctors’ rules, which we will gladly follow for the privilege of using their space. Masks are optional once you are checked into Key Hall but will be needed when visiting the refreshments tables. Hand sanitizer will be provided.

Join us for a morning filled with fun and socialization. Hint: Print out this page and use it as a checklist!

- Refreshments** will be provided
- Door Prizes!**
- Name Tag Drawing** – Wear your handmade name tag for entry to win a gift certificate
- Centerpiece Potluck Contest** – Bring a festive/seasonal item(s) to add to your table’s centerpiece; we’ll vote for our favorite; prizes for winning table; then take your contribution(s) home
- Fat Quarter Drawing** – Bring a Fat Quarter for entry; theme is Winter/Snow
- Goodie Bag Raffle** (3 Tickets for \$1)
- Grab Bag Gift** – Bring a wrapped gift (quilt related, approx. \$10 value), participation is Optional
- Drop Off Kids’ Comfort and Veterans’ Quilts**
- Pickup Quilt Kits**
- Drop Off Gifts for Northern Rivers and the Schenectady Women’s Shelter**
- Show and Tell**
- I.D. and Covid vaccine card/passport**

Kindly RSVP by November 30th to Lisa Wend at LPiseczny@nycap.rr.com or call/text (518) 852-0584. RSVP is not required but would be greatly appreciated so we can plan for refreshments accordingly.

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mary Wade and Connie Trigger

At our October meeting, Bonnie Turner from Log Cabin Fabrics in Selkirk, NY, joined us to talk about embellishing quilts. She shared many examples of her work, embellished with beads, embroidery stitches, flower pounding, lace and other materials, and dimensional thread painting.

We will be able to learn more about dimensional thread painting when Joyce Hughes joins us from Pennsylvania for her lecture on this topic at our January 6th guild meeting. We'll then have an opportunity to practice it ourselves at Joyce's six-hour virtual workshop on **Saturday, January 8th**.



In this class we will use a beautiful daisy and butterfly panel, included in the workshop fee of \$65.00, to learn the proper steps of dimensional thread painting. Joyce explains that we will find it to be a fun and creative technique that we can do on our domestic machines. We'll explore thread selection and learn to properly set up our machines for free motion quilting techniques using zigzag and straight stitching. Joyce will cover shading, highlighting and when to add additional detail and definition. We will use thread as paint and sew with different types of threads and color combinations, creating interesting textures and dimensions to our quilting project. At the end of this six-hour workshop we will have a full knowledge of dimensional thread painting, having created a one-of-a-kind 15 3/4" x 15" piece of art!

Members will need a free motion or darning foot and their machine and foot must be able to do zigzag stitches. This project will use 17 different threads. Mettler item numbers and color descriptions are included on the supply list. You may buy Mettler thread on your own or use other brands. However, Joyce has also put together a kit of Mettler thread in the appropriate colors and weights. This optional kit is \$40.00, with the threads being deeply discounted, and can be ordered when you register through Q.U.I.L.T.S. Joyce will cover the shipping costs of the fabric panel and thread kit for people registering by December 17th. Members may register up until December 25th but will need to order the kits directly from Joyce and pay shipping.

You can learn more about Joyce Hughes here: www.joycehughesoriginals.com

In February, we'll get tiny with Kellie Willey of California. The topic of her lecture at our February 3rd guild meeting will be Miniature Quilts. Then on **Saturday, February 5th**, over the course of a six-hour virtual workshop, we will learn the easy steps for making this fun mini quilt with a variety of scraps or a 5" charm pack. Kellie will teach us design and piecing techniques and demonstrate how to quilt our finished tops in a modern way. She will also show us how to make a smaller binding that fits the size of our projects. We will leave class with a completed, ready to quilt top.



The cost of the workshop will be \$45.00. Here is Kellie's website to view more of her work: www.littlequiltcreations.com

Do people say that you difficult to buy gifts for? Are you looking for experiences rather than "things"? Here's an idea! In this issue we've summarized the details for the January and February workshops in colorful frames. Hand a loved one or both. They will be able to use the links there to register you for classes. When we receive notice of their purchase, we'll email them a certificate suitable for printing to wrap and give to you!

Joyce Hughes
Dimensional Thread
Painting
 Saturday, January 8, 2022
 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Registration fee & fabric:
 \$65.00
 Optional thread kit: \$40.00

Deadline to register with kits:
 December 17, 2021

Kellie Willey
Miniature Quilts
 Sat., February 5, 2022
 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Registration fee: \$45.00

Register here:
<https://www.littlequiltcreations.com/schenectady.html>

KIDS' QUILTS FOR NORTHERN RIVERS

Emily Spooner

Our guild has been giving quilts to Northern Rivers for over 30 years. I was recently able to deliver another 43 quilts to them. They were thrilled (as usual!). The kids love getting something of their very own -and something unique and clearly made with love, besides. I sincerely thank everyone who has made quilts so far this year. Please remember that kits are available from

the members listed below, and you can return your finished quilts to them as well. Quilt size is 54x72 or larger. You may, of course, use your own fabric and patterns for the tops. That gives us a much greater variety of quilts!

Kit pick-up (and completed quilt drop off) locations:

Name	Address	Phone	Email
Felicia Campo	1096 Van Antwerp Rd, Niskayuna	(518)588-8256	feliciancampo@gmail.com
Connie Trigger	4072 Windsor Dr., Niskayuna	(518)469-6857	cctrig@aol.com
Linda Tripoli	1832 Wagner St., Rotterdam	(518)346-3921	ltripoli01@gmail.com
Pat Terry	1059 Garner Ave., Schenectady	(518)371-8431	rterry3@nycap.rr.com
Emily Spooner	9 Durham Way, Clifton Park		emilydspooner@gmail.com
Patti Alfano	10 Woodside Dr., Glenville	(518)878-2146	a1pattig@yahoo.com

VETERANS' QUILTS

Pat Terry

The Veterans project seems to be going along satisfactorily. In September and October, a total of 25 quilts have been brought to the Fisher House at the VA Hospital in Albany. (This is a facility like the Ronald McDonald House for families of hospitalized vets.) Response from family members has been very positive. We will keep in touch with the manager of the Fisher House as to when more quilts will be needed.

Please contact me, Pat Terry at rterry3@nycap.rr.com or 518-372-8431 when you would like a kit or drop off a completed quilt. Thank you all for your continued support for this project.

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 or 518-346-2154.



OUTDOOR BOUTIQUE

Linda Cary

Pat and I would like to thank everyone who helped make our Outdoor Boutique such a great success and thank you Pat for being our Boutique Chairperson, a great partner and for being the Guild's Warehouse. The guild sold a total of \$5,012.73 in merchandise. With expenses from that day our total profit was \$4,528.08. With prior income and expenses the Boutique has earned \$4,661.07 total for 2021. We have such a wonderful Guild. We are successful because of the great participation of its members (and their families).

2022 QUILT SHOW AND BOUTIQUE

I will be contacting our Show Committee soon to start working on our 2022 Quilt Show that will be held at Proctors Theatre on Saturday, October 8 through October 9, 2022.

Pat has agreed to be Boutique Chairperson for the 2022 Show but this will be her last boutique. **Pat needs a partner for the next show who would hopefully be Boutique chairperson for the 2024 Show.** The Boutique has really evolved and there are very good procedures established so that whoever takes it on will have an excellent guideline.

Pat will let us know when she is ready to take donations for the 2022 Boutique. So, please be patient and set those wonderful donations aside. Remember only quilting items, magazines no older than 3 years and books no older than 10. Thank you everyone!

GIFTS FOR NORTHERN RIVERS AND WOMEN'S SHELTER

Jane Martinec

Holidays are quickly approaching and I will gladly volunteer to deliver gifts from our Guild members to both Northern Rivers and the Schenectady Women's Shelter, they have always been very grateful to receive all donations. **Please drop your donations on my porch at 425 Charles St, (red house, corner of Charles and Pleasantview) or bring them to the Holiday Party.** Please label your donation to which organization you would like it to go to. I will deliver everything on Friday the 17th, hopefully that will give everyone enough time to shop and drop off to my house. If you would like to donate directly to Northern Rivers, their web site is www.northernrivers.org/holiday-giving.

In previous years lots of beauty and health products were donated, hats, gloves, scarves, PJs, socks, fragrances, nail polish to the Women's Shelter. Northern Rivers could use all of the above in addition to games, puzzles, books, assorted size clothing and gift cards. I think the Women's Shelter would appreciate some fun items also, some have their children with them.

Basically anything that you would like to donate just please label where you want it to go.

Thank you.



Thank you to all the guild members who shared their "notions" on the first two rounds of questions! The answers went out in our first *The Notions Department* bulletin in October. Here are our current questions:

What kind of quilts do you like the best? Traditional? Scrappy-looking? Modern? Something else?

What quilting notion or tool do you love, or would love to have? Why?

Send YOUR "notions," and ideas for new questions, to QUILTSPROGRAMS@gmail.com!