



Q.U.I.L.T.S

Quilters United in Learning Together, Schenectady

<http://quiltschenectady.org>

Meetings-First Thursday of Month from September to June

FALL 2022

Hello Quilting Friends!

I hope you all have been well, staying cool, and enjoying this lovely summer. I'm guessing the question on everyone's mind is "Are we going to be meeting in person?" I won't hold you in suspense. YES! We are back and we are kicking off the new year with a **SLASH PARTY** on September 1st! There are a few things I must explain here. Number 1: Our September meeting is usually the first Thursday AFTER Labor Day. This year, the meeting room is not available on that date, so that is why we're meeting a week earlier. Number 2: If you're wondering what a "Slash Party" is, it's a party where EVERYTHING happens. As in, celebrate our reunion *slash* get amped up for our quilt show *slash* cutting fabric for quilt kits, party. I'll provide the details in a bit. Number 3: We are still unable to offer a hybrid meeting. Our attempts to bring in equipment to extend the Wi-Fi into the meeting room resulted in a poor to fair signal at best and that is not sufficient to support a zoom meeting. We will continue to explore options.

It's been a while since we've met at the church so just to refresh your memory, the meetings start at 7:00 pm and doors open at 6:30 pm. We are resuming all our usual guild activities including the Fat Quarter Drawing, dropping off quilt tops or completed quilts for kids and veterans, and picking up kits. Bring a few bucks with you for the Goodie Basket Raffle, the Block of the Month kit, and for some other items that may be on sale. Start looking now for your lost handmade name tag. If you wear it to the meeting, you'll be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a gift certificate! The Library will be OPEN so you can return any items you checked out in 2020, or earlier, or browse the

shelves for a good book or tool to borrow for that next project. We will have the usual business meeting promptly at 7:00 pm followed by our Member Spotlight and our beloved Show and Tell! We are going to celebrate our reunion with refreshments. The fun doesn't stop there. Many of our Kids Quilt kits are not yet cut into pieces so in the spirit of "Many Hands Make Light Work", we thought it would be fun to *slash* fabric while we continue to catch up with friends. See what I did there...slash fabric...slash party? So, bring your cutting mat, acrylic ruler and rotary cutter and let's get these kits ready for the November Kids Quilt Sew-in!

In October we will have our Quilt Show! In lieu of the October "meeting" members will drop off quilts, that have been registered for the show, on **Wednesday**, October 5th at Proctors. There will be no business meeting and no Show and Tell. Our wonderful Quilt Show Chairwoman, Karen, will provide the details but I'll just say this...all in all there are hundreds of volunteer shifts needed to pull off this show. We have only 120+/- members. That means, not only do we need EVERYONE to help, but we need you to take more than one shift. There are still many shifts that need to be filled. If you have not yet signed up to volunteer, what are you waiting for? Please don't make us beg! On top of that, we will need many volunteers to provide food for the Hospitality room as well, which keeps our volunteers and vendors nourished throughout the weekend. That's right. We'll feed you when you come work at the show. The quilt show is our primary source of income and allows us to bring you top notch presenters and workshops and helps

us to continue providing quilts to deserving veterans and children in need of comfort.

Our November meeting will be our annual Kids Quilts Sew-in, starting early at 4:00 pm. I don't know about you, but the work meetings are my absolute favorite! They hark back to the days of sewing bees where women would gather round a quilt frame and quilt the 13 tops made by a bride-to-be.

I am so excited to see you all and for the guild to return to our usual ways. Of course, your health and safety are always at the forefront of my mind. If you do not feel well or have had a close contact with someone who tested positive for covid, please be considerate of your fellow members and stay home. We will follow all covid protocols set by the church when meeting there. Please feel free to wear a face covering. Hand sanitizer will be available. We are poised to revert to zoom as needed whether that be for health and safety concerns, inclement weather, or if our Winter/Spring lecturers choose not to present in person. See you in September!

See you soon!
Lisa Wend



Kathleen Morris, who was recently hospitalized, is back at home and doing well. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Kathleen!

KIDS' QUILTS FOR NORTHERN RIVERS

Maggie and I would like to thank Emily Spooner for managing the Straight From the Heart program, which benefits Northern Rivers Family Services, for the past 14 years. With the assistance of Nancy Calkins and Pat

Woellmer (with a shout out to Judy Fregoe), a total of over 1800 quilts have been donated to date, a significant number of which were created by Emily's team. For example, this year guild members donated 53 quilts while Emily's team donated 119. With Emily's retirement from the position, we will need to find ways to increase participation by members in this worthwhile program to make up for the loss of her team's work.

July's sewing retreat was a big success, and we already have four quilt tops ready for the tying demonstration that will be part of the upcoming October quilt show. We need four more tops so for those holding on to their completed (or almost completed) tops, please turn them in during September's meeting.

The annual sew in will be held on Thursday, November 3rd. The festivities begin at 4 pm and there will be pizza and drinks for those who show up early to begin sewing. We will once again have precut kits with patterns for the-sew in unless you would like to bring your own fabric and a pattern you were hoping to work on.

Please be aware that we are creating quilts predominately for *adolescents*. Currently there are as many boys as girls in the program, but that fluctuates so please try to choose fabrics that are as gender neutral as possible.

The program has recently received significant donations of fabric for which we are thankful, but we are currently at critical mass and cannot accept any more. As we create more kits and use up some of our stash, we will advise you once we feel we can again accept donations.

Look forward to more retreats and events from Maggie and I!

Linda Tripoli and Maggie Katz

Veterans' Quilts

As has been stated before, we are unable to distribute quilts to in patients at the VA Hospital in Albany due to the pandemic. The VA Voluntary Services has provided us with the other ways to thank veterans with our quilts. The Fisher House (similar to the Ronald McDonald House), where families of patients from out of town can stay, the in-house Stratton Inn for patients, not ill, but needing daily treatment stay and this summer, patients receiving treatment in the oncology and hematology unit. We are pleased to report that 73 quilts were given to veterans this past year - September, 2021 to August, 2022. Thank you all for your support.

We plan to resume Veteran quilt sew-ins at the church in Nov. Stay tuned. *Pat Terry*

2022 QUILT SHOW AND BOUTIQUE

IT'S REALLY HAPPENING AND IT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Since January our Show Committee has been working very hard getting ready for our Quilt Show. These members have been making sure that all our advertising material and raffle tickets are distributed, vendors are ready, door prizes collected, Kid's Quilts available for the tie-in demonstration (thank you Linda and Maggie for organizing a successful sew-in), folding fabric and pricing items for the Boutique and so much more.

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN! - The Show cannot go on if we don't have volunteers. There are still many openings left. Please help your Guild to have another successful show and use the following link to sign up.

<https://signup.com/go/LjCCKW>. If you need help with the online sign up, please contact Debbie McIntosh at dgmcintosh@nycap.rr.com.

Food and Hospitality – We all enjoy the delicious food provided by our members. You can sign up your food item that you would like to bring using the same link listed above. You'll find Hospitality Food is the last one on the list for volunteer choices.

Remember – **for every shift you work gives you \$1.00 off the \$8.00 wristband price**. In order to have your shift counted you must have signed up by September 15th.

IMPORTANT DATES

MEMBERS MEETING – Thursday, **September 1st**(in person...hooray!!) Doors open at 6:30 pm and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm

There will be signups for volunteers. We need all the spots filled Pick up postcards and drop off/pick up raffle tickets

BOUTIQUE SALE – MEMBERS ONLY! Monday, October 3rd 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Proctor's VIP Lounge
This is for members only.

Membership will be checked at the door. Please wear your name tag.

MEMBERS MEETING – Wednesday, October 5 – Proctors Time – 6:30pm
Drop off your registered quilts.
Pay and pick up your discounted wristband.
This is the only time your discount will be available.
Tickets will be full price at the door.

September 1st (meeting starts at 7:00, doors open at 6:30)

Welcome Back / Cutting Party

Come celebrate our reunion with yummy refreshments, a return to our usual activities, and catch up while cutting up fabric for Kids Quilt kits!

- Fat Quarter: Fall – anything Fall related, colors or pumpkins, sunflower
- Show and Tell Projects
- Quilts for Northern Rivers kids and Veterans Quilts
- Name tag (so you can be in the raffle drawing)
- Block of the Month: return any completed blocks from 2020 or earlier
- Return your library books
- Guest Fee: None



November 3rd (meeting starts at 7:00, doors open at 4:00pm)



This is our annual sew-in for Northern Rivers. Please come early if you can. Members should bring sewing supplies and machines, cutting supplies (some patterns need them), tying needles and scissors, etc. The guild has irons and ironing boards. Members can come at any time from 4pm onward to sew. Dinner is at 6:00 for those who have been sewing. A link to “sign-up” will be emailed to members so we have an estimate head count and know how

many kits to have available.

- Fat Quarter: Winter Holidays - Red/Green, Blue/White, Poinsettias, Silver/gold
- No Show and Tell
- Quilts for Northern Rivers kids and Veterans Quilts
- Block of the Month: return September blocks and pick up a new one
- Name tag (so you can be in the raffle drawing)
- Return your library books
- Guest Fee: None

December 1st (meeting starts at 7:00, doors open at 6:30)

Holiday Party

This is our annual “Sweet and Savory” Holiday Celebration. There will be more information in the next newsletter or via email with the details.

- Fat Quarter: Winter - Snowmen, snowflakes or even just whites
- Show and Tell Projects
- Quilts for Northern Rivers kids and Veterans Quilts
- Block of the Month: return November blocks and pick up a new one
- Name tag (so you can be in the raffle drawing)
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- Guest Fee: None



Ruth Bergeron, a Q.U.I.L.T.S member from 1990 to 2000 passed away in July. Her obituary was in the Daily Gazette on 7/25/22.

Fat Quarters Drawing Themes

For those of you who like to plan ahead, clip the year's schedule of fat quarters, and take it shopping with you. Each fat quarter should measure 18 inches by 22 inches. Every member who brings in a fat quarter will get an entry into the drawing. One lucky person will win **ALL** the fat quarters that evening.

September	Fall seasonal colors/prints	March	Prints with Green as the dominant color
November	Winter Holidays colors/prints	April	Birds, Trees or Flowers
December	Winter seasonal colors/prints	May	Adirondack forest
February	Prints with Red as the dominant color	June	Fun in the sand/Beach

Upcoming Quilt Shows

September 17-18 Bennington Quiltfest 2022, Mt Anthony Union Middle School, 747 East Rd, Bennington VT

September 17-18 Catskill Mountain Quilters Hall of Fame, Roxbury Arts Center, Roxbury NY

October 1-2 Traditions and Beyond Quilt Show, TC3 Field House, 170 North Street, Dryden NY (Tompkins County Quilters Guild)

October 8-9 Autumn Inspirations, Proctors GE Theatre, 432 State Street, Schenectady NY (OUR VERY OWN SHOW!!!)

Q.U.I.L.T.S email addresses are listed below. Please use these addresses when sending information or questions.

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