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Meetings-First Thursday of Month from September to June

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**NOVEMBER 2022**

Dear Friends,

Since Thanksgiving is just around the corner it's only appropriate that I open this newsletter by expressing my gratitude for all of you who have been working in support of our guild.



**Thank you** to all guild members who took on committee roles or volunteered for our wildly successful quilt show and boutique and especially to Karen Smith, who made it look easy, for her unwavering leadership.

**Thank you** to Linda Tripoli and Maggie Katz for organizing a wonderful sew-in earlier this month and all who came help sew quilt tops for our Straight From the Heart kids quilt project. I've never seen such a great turnout! I especially enjoyed having the time to chat with so many of you and welcoming some new members. My apologies to the early arrivers if you did not get pizza and salad. Even though we sent out a poll to see how many planned to come there were many more attendees than expected. This was a good problem to have, and we will try to do better next time.

**Thank you** to Pat Terry or organizing a sew-in Veterans Quilt Sew-in on November 4<sup>th</sup> and all who participated. We had a great day of sewing and conversing.



Please consider joining our guild in donating to **Northern Rivers Family of Services** and/or the **City Mission Family Life Center** (women's shelter). Information about what their clients/residents need is later in the newsletter as well as links to their wish lists. I'm thinking a great day to make these purchases would be on Cyber Monday to get more bang for my buck! We will be collecting unwrapped gifts to be delivered or you can choose to order from their Amazon wish lists and have them shipped directly to the organization.

**Thank you** to all our members for being a part of this amazing guild, sharing your time and talents, and continuing to inspire each other. I am grateful for each of you and wish you all health and happiness as we enter this holiday season and the new year ahead.

*Lisa*

## THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

It's time to "rule" and do some patchwork!

Hello workshoppers! Our **January** and **March** guild meetings and workshops will be virtual. Here's what we'll be doing from our warm, cozy sewing areas.

In January we will be joined from Mobile, Alabama, by Nina Clotfelter. Her Thursday, **January 5<sup>th</sup>**, lecture is called, "**Threads – What's the BIG Deal?**" This is a FUN lecture on all the things you didn't know you needed to know about threads.

Her Saturday, **January 7<sup>th</sup>**, workshop will be "**Beginning Ruler Work.**" We'll learn how to hold and work with rulers on our domestic machines. Nina says that this is a great way to enhance our free motion quilting skills. By the end of class, we will have successfully used the ruler and created a block with it. The fee for members for Nina's 6-hour workshop will be \$55.00 and the supply list \$50.00. A 9:00 AM start time is being confirmed. To watch Nina's Global Quilt Connection presentation on this workshop, check out this video on her website!

<https://www.ninaquilts.com/ruler-work-on-domestic-machine.html>



Thursday, **February 2<sup>nd</sup>** will be a tie-in so look elsewhere in this issue for details about that.



Then in March we are back at it, welcoming lecturer and speaker Annette Ornelas of Southwind Designs. The topic of her **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** lecture was still being determined at press time, but at our Saturday, March 4th workshop we will learn her dimensional curved piecing technique, also known as "**Peeled-Back Patchwork.**"

Annette is a German-born quilt artist, teacher and designer who lives in Fayetteville, North Carolina. She conducts workshops and lectures throughout the United States. You can learn more about Annette and see examples of her original designs and patterns at [www.southwindquilts.com](http://www.southwindquilts.com).

Annette's workshop will begin at 10:00 AM from the comfort of your sewing room and finish up at 4:00 PM. The cost for members will be \$50.00. As we learn Annette's curved piecing technique, we will make a Carolina Dogwood wallhanging with three blooms and five leaves.



Watch for an email from QuiltsPrograms@gmail.com with workshop registration and supply list information!

*Mary Wade and Connie Trigger*

## MEETING LINE-UP

### **December 1<sup>st</sup> Holiday Party** (meeting starts at 7:00, doors open at 6:30)

This is our annual “Sweet and Savory” Holiday Celebration. For this meeting, we ask half of membership to bring a sweet or savory finger food. This year, it’s the last half of the alphabet (M-Z) who get to share their favorite appetizer, snack, or dessert.



- Name Tag (so you can be in the raffle drawing)
- Fat Quarter Theme: Winter - Snowmen, snowflakes or even just whites
- Northern Rivers Kids Quilts – turn in quilt tops or completed quilts
- Veterans Quilts – turn in completed quilts
- Block of the Month: return November blocks and pick up a new one
- Goodie Basket Raffle: tickets are 3 for \$1
- Return your library books
- Show and Tell Projects
- Gifts for Northern Rivers or Women’s Shelter if you didn’t have them sent directly
- Guest Fee: \$5

### **January 5<sup>th</sup>-Threads: What’s the Big Deal **via Zoom** with Nina Clotfelter**

(Zoom meeting starts 7:00; “doors” open at 6:30)

- Please continue to work on quilt tops for Northern Rivers to bring to the February tie-in
- There will be **NO** Show and Tell
- Zoom meeting link will be emailed to members a couple days before the meeting
- Guest Fee: \$10 – guests should email [QUILTSprograms@gmail.com](mailto:QUILTSprograms@gmail.com) by January 3<sup>rd</sup> if you would like to attend this meeting

### **February 2<sup>nd</sup> Kids Quilts Tie-in**(meeting starts at 7:00; doors open at 4:00)



This is our annual tie-in for Northern Rivers. Members can come at any time from 4pm onward to sew. Please come at 4:00 if you can. Our goal is to have 12 tables and 2 quilts tied at each for a total of 24 quilts. Please bring large needles (with large eyes), masking tape, and scissors. Tying thread, quilt tops, and batting will be provided. A pizza dinner will be provided for those who come early. A link to “sign up” survey will be emailed to members ahead of time. Please complete the survey by **January 27<sup>th</sup>** so we can plan accordingly for pizza and salad. Those who sign up

for pizza will be given a ticket. If you do not **sign up**, you are still more than welcome to come early, but we cannot guarantee you a dinner. Thank you for understanding.

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- Fat Quarter Theme: Prints with RED as the dominant color
- Northern Rivers Kids Quilts - turn in quilt tops
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## KIDS' QUILTS FOR NORTHERN RIVERS

For our new members, the Straight From the Heart, Quilts for Kids program has been making quilts for foster children supported through Northern Rivers Family Services since 1989. To date, the guild has donated 2750 quilts. This year we have donated a total of 228 quilts, 119 of which were created by the newly retired program coordinator and her small team. This is the most ever donated in a year, thank you for all your hard work!

On November 3rd the guild held its annual Sew-In to create new quilt tops for the program. A little more than 50 people attended who sewed, tied, cut or ironed fabric, blocks and quilts. Thank you to all who attended and to Latefa and Kathy L. for the pizza and soda, and to those who brought desserts, everything was delicious! Our annual Tie-In, where we will tie quilt tops that have been created, will be held February 2, 2023. We look forward to seeing you all there. We may also hold another event prior to that, stay tuned!

Northern Rivers have advised us that they have access to online auction software. This could be used by the guild as a fundraising tool, either to have donations made directly to Northern Rivers or to the guild to purchase supplies to support the program. Members can donate quilts, wall hangings, table runners, etc they have created that they aren't planning to use for auction on the site. Please contact Maggie or Linda for more information should you have an item you wish to have auctioned off.

As a reminder, 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. Finished quilts should measure **54" x 72"**.

And again, 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.

During the pandemic we had guild members who volunteered to be pick up points for quilt kits and for dropping off quilt tops or finished quilts. Now that we are meeting in person, we will once again centralize the kit pick up and quilt drop off to occur during monthly guild meetings. This may change should circumstances change, and we will alert you in that event. Thank you to Connie, Deb K., Felicia and Patti A. for being our wonderful volunteers!

***Linda Tripoli and Maggie Katz***

## VETERANS' QUILTS

November 4<sup>th</sup> was the date of our first post pandemic Veteran Quilts sew-in and I am pleased to report that it was a big success. Twelve sewers assembled quilts, using both our and their own kits; some were able to start on a second top as well. In addition, three helpers assisted with ironing, cutting, etc. and also tied two quilts. A very productive day!



The photo shows the delivery of thirty quilts to the VA Hospital on November 8<sup>th</sup>. We were pleased we were able to do this. These quilts will be distributed to both the Stratton Inn unit in the hospital and to veterans on November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day. Mike Fitzpatrick, Voluntary Services manager, at the VA suggested this would be another means to give veterans a quilt on this special day.

You may have seen in the paper that a home was recently reopened in Ballston Spa for women veterans who are transitioning from difficult times including homelessness to independent living. At a member's suggestion, I made contact with the resident assistant there to see if there would be a need for quilts. She was delighted that residents could be given their own quilt to take with them when they move on to independent living. Final arrangements for this still have to be made, but we will be pleased to be able to help these women as they make a new start in their lives.

Talking about "final", I have decided that it is time for me to pass this project on to another person in the Guild. Veterans Quilts has been a big part of my life for over ten years, and it is in a good place. Guild participation and support has been over the top. That pandemic did not deter you and quilts and kits kept passing, often on our front porch. I will, of course, remain an active member of the Guild, but it will be in a more passive role.

Thanks to all of you; it is you who have made this project so successful. A special thanks to my friendship group, the Chatties, who have done so much to help with everything. They always came through with what was needed to be done. Over 800 quilts have been given to vets over these past ten years. Kudos to you!

*Pat Terry*

## 2022 QUILT SHOW

Even with the late start in planning, our Show was another great success. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the Committee Chairs and members who volunteered. We were able to show our beautiful quilts but also show our Community how we give back. Our Guild proved once again that "many hands make light work". Because of our hard work, our Guild will be able to continue to provide the excellent programs and classes that we enjoy.

The final numbers are still to be tallied and a Financial Report will be provided as soon as all income and expenses are complete. We had over 870 people attend, and the Boutique was a huge success. Our Veteran's table made some money selling their quilts and 377 raffle tickets were sold at the show as well. Remember the winning ticket for our Raffle Quilt is being drawn at our December 1<sup>st</sup> Holiday Meeting.

At our November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, Viewer's Choice was announced and went to Darlene Adams for her quilt "Words to Live By". Barb Valachovic's "Our Houses, Our Homes" was second only by one vote! For our Guild's Challenge, "Color be Happy", Linda Cary took 1<sup>st</sup> place with "Color me Orange" and Barbara Valachovic took 2<sup>nd</sup> place with "Color Me Happy In the Adirondacks".

Mark your calendars! Our next show is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday October 8 and 9, 2024!

### **Raffle Ticket Drawing December 1st at our party!**

Please be sure to either mail them to Kristen or bring them to the meeting. If Kristen does not have your tickets or money by December 1<sup>st</sup>, they will not be in the drawing. Any questions contact Karen at [karen@smith-online.org](mailto:karen@smith-online.org) or 518-346-5348.

*Karen Smith*



*Marcia Dougherty won BEST IN SHOW*



## NORTHERN RIVERS HOLIDAY GIVING CAMPAIGN

This holiday season, please join us in bringing smiles to the faces of children and families served by Northern Rivers Family of Services member agencies Northeast Parent & Child Society and Parsons Child & Family Services Center. Let's help Northern Rivers reach their goal of 6,000 to make the holidays brighter for 1,400 children.

### Ways to give:

- **Shop online** from our registries and ship directly to us:  
<https://www.northernrivers.org/giving/holiday-giving/2-uncategorised/596-wishlists>
- Send a physical or **electronic gift card**  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2FH0VI6QGBR5W/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_2?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2FH0VI6QGBR5W/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist)
- **Drop off an unwrapped gift**
- Make a **monetary donation**  
<https://www.northernrivers.org/giving/holiday-giving/2-uncategorised/240-holiday-giving-donation>
- **Share our Holiday Giving information with family and friends**
- **Set up** a collection box or giving tree

To have ample time to distribute gifts to our programs, we ask that donations arrive by Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Unwrapped gifts may be dropped off in Albany **by appointment** call (518) 579-3517, Holiday Giving Headquarters 60 Academy Rd., Albany, NY 12208

For questions, contact Kimberley Belleville at [kimberley.belleville@northernrivers.org](mailto:kimberley.belleville@northernrivers.org) or (518) 579-3517.

100% of your donations will be distributed to children and families served by Northeast and Parsons.

# City Mission

## **CITY MISSION - FAMILY LIFE CENTER HOLIDAY WISH LIST**

The Family Life Center (FLC) provides emergency, short-term, and long-term shelter to homeless women and children. We equip women with the skills and resources they will need to make the journey from poverty to a life of sustainability.

- 35-bed Women and Children's Shelter
- Emergency and long-term shelter
- Beautiful apartments provide space for mothers and their children to live together, maintaining the family unit. There is also a small dormitory for single women.
- Our Child Enrichment Center provides a safe place where children can play with staff and volunteers while mothers are attending classes and appointments

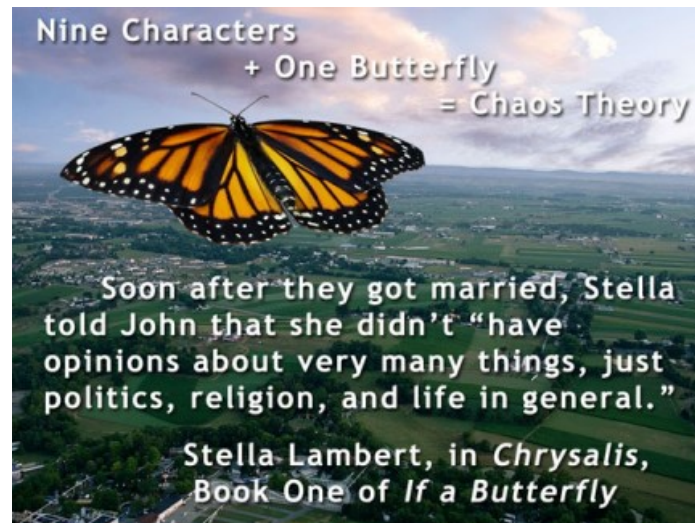
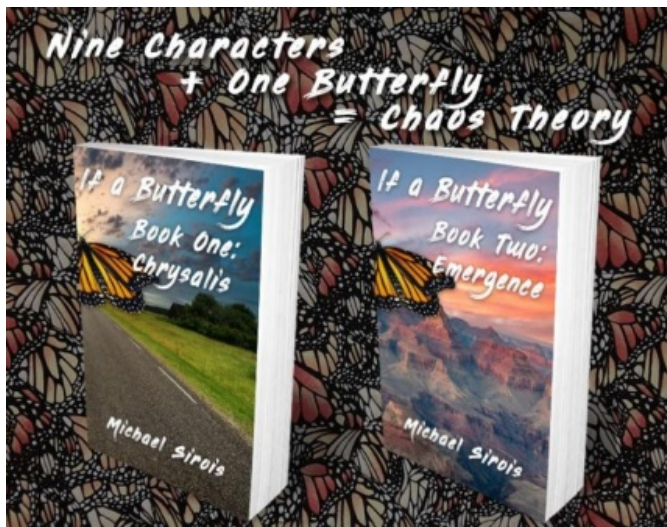
City Mission's Family Life Center provides housing for homeless women and children. Each resident learns new skills that will empower them for success in the future! You are helping to meet basic needs for our residents while making them feel loved and cared for! Thank you!

City Mission is a verified 501(c)(3) with EIN: 14-1403652.

Shop the Wishlist on Amazon: Click on this link [Family Life Center Amazon Wishlist](#) or copy this address (below) and paste it in your browser:

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Author Michael Sirois wrote a two-book series called *If a Butterfly* that he thinks our guild members might find interesting.

*Michael writes...*

One of the primary characters in the books, Stella Lambert, is a recently widowed quilter who has moved to a state halfway across the country. She had often visited there on vacation with her husband, so she remembered the area fondly. She had a reputation as a good quilter back home, but no one knows anything about her in her new location. Starting over is hard, but she's determined to succeed.

In the story, a Monarch butterfly, during its annual migration from Canada to Mexico, interacts with several of the characters. When that happens, their lives become intertwined. I've been describing the story as something like Six Degrees of Separation from Kevin Bacon (if Kevin just happened to be a butterfly). A number of scenes in the series take place in New York State and other parts of New England and Ontario.

The webpage at the link below has a lot more information about both books (and about a free downloadable companion book to the series), so take a peek if you think you might enjoy it. Also, please don't hesitate to pass it on to anyone else you think might like it (the more the merrier).

<https://www.ifabutterfly.com/quilt-guild-page/>

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