

Q.U.I.L.T.S

Quilters United in Learning Together, Schenectady

<http://quiltschenectady.org>



Meetings-First Thursday of Month from September to June

SPRING 2023 REVISED

Dear Friends,



I hope you are all well, staying warm, and finding lots of time to quilt. **Thank you** to **Linda Tripoli** and **Maggie Katz** for organizing another successful work meeting (February tie-in), to **Latefa Lang** and **Kathy Lenic** for the pizza dinner, and to everyone who participated or brought a dessert. I heard there was a great turnout and all the tops that were tied were taken home to be bound. The quilts we make and donate are greatly needed and appreciated by the children served by Northern Rivers Family Services.

I am nearing the end of my term as guild President. This is my penultimate newsletter letter to the membership. (I love when I can use that word...penultimate.) I want to tell you how much it has meant to me to serve the guild in this role. But first, I'll tell you how I came to be in this role. I love our guild and I felt that as a younger member, I needed to "pay my dues" as many other members have done in the past. The guild cannot function without its officers, and don't we all want the guild to continue? I thought of all the members who stepped up to serve in the role and felt a sense of obligation to them. They were brave enough and selfless enough to say, "I'll do it." I stand on the shoulders of past presidents, **Kathleen Morris**, **Linda Cary**, **Kathy Lutz**, **Elaine McCain**, **Kathy Wagner** and all the other wonderful people who were before my time. I didn't WANT to be President but thought it was something I should do, eventually. I dreaded it because I am by nature a very shy person. The thought of speaking to a room full of people, or a screen full of people, very

scary. What finally made me decide to run for President? **Kathleen Morris** called me and flattered me into it. 🌀🌀🌀 As much as I wanted to say no, and put it off, I thought...if not now, when? I'd just be kicking the can down the road. So, I told myself...just do it and get it over with. I am so glad I did. For me, the hardest part was getting over my "stage fright". But now I can look back and appreciate all that I have gained. I've made new friends and acquaintances, I've learned the names of more members, I see the impact I've made, and I'm fill with a sense of tremendous pride to have served the guild. So, if you want the guild to continue, to succeed, and you haven't already served as President, maybe it's your turn to take the helm. It's not a hard job because our Board Members are kind and caring people, as are our members, and they will support you and help you with decision making and planning. Basically, the President facilitates meetings, collects information, and shares that information. I managed it while working a full-time job. I'm a wife, mom, daughter of aging parents, and I managed it. Believe me, I am not the most organized person. If you become our next President, you will have a promise from me. I promise to support you in every way I can, as our Board and past Presidents did for me. You'll stand on my shoulders now. I will continue serving on the Board, in some other role yet to be determined, so I'll be there for you. If you are worried about the possibility of zoom meetings, don't be. I will teach you or I will do it for you. There's no better time to say, "I'll do it." If not now...when?

Lisa Wend



HELP WANTED

The following officer and committee chair positions will need to be filled for the next program year. Please consider supporting our guild by volunteering for one of these roles. It's a great way to make new friends and contribute to the future direction of the guild. All positions start July 1, 2023. Please contact Lisa Wend @ LPiseczny@nycap.rr.com or (518) 852-0584 for more information or to nominate/volunteer.



President: (2-year term, elected) Presides over all meetings and coordinates the activities of the organization. Appoints committee heads. Establishes ad-hoc committees as needed. Represents or appoints a representative to any organization which is of interest to Q.U.I.L.T.S. Shall be an exofficio member of all standing committees. Has the authority to sign or disburse necessary appropriations in absence of the Treasurer and maintains the second key to the post office box

Vice President: (2-year term, elected) Assumes the power of the President in his/her absence. Shall take on special assignments as requested by the President. Shall negotiate lease and reserve the meeting places plus take care of any special needs which may arise regarding meeting places. Coordinates with the Hospitality Committee and Program Committee as needed. Maintains the guild bylaws with assistance from the other Officers. Shall maintain a listing of all guild equipment and its physical location.

Veteran's Quilt Coordinator: (Best for 2-3 people) Coordinate all aspects of the guild's donations to the Veteran Quilts program. This includes handling donations made to the program and coordinating the collection and delivery of quilts and tracking the number of quilts that are turned in. A change in the recipient agency requires guild approval.

Fat Quarter Raffle Chair: Determines theme for monthly fat quarter drawing. Notifies newsletter chair and webmaster so that themes can be published timely. Coordinates drawing at monthly guild meetings.

Block of the Month Chair: Designs and drafts Block-of-the-Month, purchases fabric, makes packets and a sample block for meetings. Sells new packets. Collects completed blocks from the previous month and holds a raffle. Keeps a written record of expenses and receipts.

Hospitality Chair: (Need 1-2 helpers) Arrange for refreshments and related supplies to be at each meeting. Announces whose turn it is to bring in refreshments as needed. Is responsible for Holiday Party and End-of-the-Year Party.

2024 Quilt Show Chair: Oversees the planning coordination and execution of the biennial quilt show.

Librarian: Shall oversee the library and resource center. Maintains and oversees the lending of the library contents at each meeting according to established guidelines. Keeps a current listing of library contents and purchases new additions.

Historian: Collects and protects our history as a quilt group. Writes a summary of our year and who the speakers were, special events, etc. Takes pictures of Show and Tell quilts and other meeting highlights and enters them into Guild scrapbook. Also provides copies of pictures to the Webmaster for uploading to the website.



THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Here's a look ahead at the guild's spring offerings:

March 2023 - Virtual



Annette Ornelas of Southwind Designs will be joining us for our March guild meeting and workshop, both virtual. The topic of her March 2nd lecture will be her dimensional curved piecing technique, also known as “Peeled-Back Patchwork.” This is an easy layering technique which makes lovely dimensional curves. It is like Straight Line Piecing with Curved Results!

The resulting bias edges of folded squares or strips are turned or folded back, smoothed down into a curvy shape. This curved edge is then secured by top-stitching close to the original fold. It is fast and easy and results in blocks that look complex yet are easy to piece.

At our Saturday, March 4th workshop we will use this technique to make Carolina Dogwood blocks, and each decide whether we want to use them for a wall hanging, bed scarf or quilt. The workshop will run from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The workshop fee for members will be \$50 and for guests \$55. The required \$10 pattern PDF will be ordered using a special link to Annette's website and be paid for at the same time as the workshop fee.

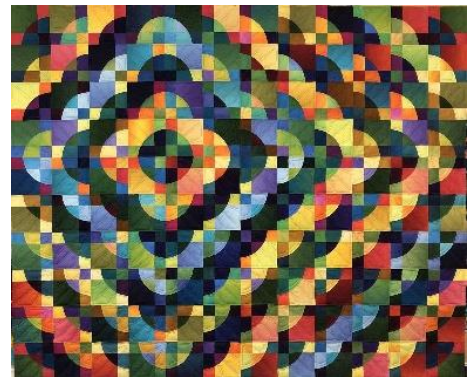
Register for the workshop here: <https://forms.gle/yNL1CmjDHRFW26pWA>

You can learn more about Annette here: www.southwindquilts.com

April 2023 – In Person

Linda Warren will join us in person as our presenter and workshop teacher in April. (Linda did a workshop with us in October 2019 where we made “Over The Moon” blocks using her Learning Curve Tool.)

Her lecture at our April 13th guild meeting will be on successful fabric selection for more dynamic quilts. On her website Linda says: We all know the trick of choosing a "focus fabric" and selecting coordinating fabrics that match the colors in the focus fabric. As Dr Phil says, "How's that workin' for ya?" It works fine for a pattern calling for 3 or 4 fabrics, but what if you want to make a quilt with fat quarters or scraps? What if you want your quilt to look more dimensional? This lecture includes many practical pearls you can take home and use to take your quilts to the next level. The examples of quilt projects that Linda will share will include some made with her Learning Curve Tool.



April's workshop will be on Friday, April 14th, from 9:30 – 4:00, including a 30-minute lunch break. We will use the Learning Curve Tool to make blocks for the Circle In a Square quilt, finishing it outside of class. The fee will be \$45 for members and \$50 for guests. You will be able to purchase the Learning Curve Tool for \$15.95 at the guild meeting or the day of the workshop.

It is believed that Linda's workshop in 2019 was the last one held in person before the lock down. How appropriate that she will lead our first in person workshop since that time! Watch for an email soon with registration information. You can learn more about Linda here: www.lindawarrendesigns.com.

May 2023

Plans are in the early stages, but we can share that guild member Paula Dunn will teach a workshop on a Magic Stack & Whack technique – “The Versatile Stack N Whack Hexie!” Paula has done a Stack & Whack workshop for the guild in the past and, WARNING!, this method is addictive and the guild can take no responsibility for how many projects you will go on to make with it! 😊

Finally, we're looking for ideas for a **GUILD CHALLENGE**. Do you have any? Let us know!

Mary Wade and Connie Trigger

QUILTSPROGRAMS@gmail.com

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART QUILTS FOR KIDS

On February 2nd the guild held its annual tie-in to tie quilt tops that had been created by our members. Fifty-two people attended who pressed and tied the various tops that were supplied. All the tops supplied were subsequently taken home by members to trim & bind. In addition, several members brought their own tops with backing to tie so the exact number of quilts tied will not be known until they are all returned. Thanks to those members who graciously took quilt tops home to trim & bind, and thanks to members who took home tops that had been paired with backs & batting that were not tied. In the future we plan to have kits containing completed tops, backing & batting for members to take home either to tie or machine quilt (for all those members who like to practice their long arm skills!) in addition to the quilt kits we usually have on hand.

Thank you to all who attended the tie-in and to Latefa & Kathy L. for the wonderful selection of pizza, homemade salad, and soda, and to those members who provided delicious deserts, everything was much appreciated!

We also want to thank Chris Powell, who has served as the guild's tying guru for many years, & for her guidance & management of the demonstration table at the tie-in which helped guild

members refresh their tying skills. This was Chris' last tie-in & she will be missed in that role.

On March 3rd, from 9 am to 3 pm, we will be hosting a cutting party in the smaller room at the church. We plan on further cutting existing kits that either require extensive cutting or additional cutting to assist members when they take kits. That room will accommodate 12 people so please let Maggie or I know if you would like to participate. We will provide drinks, snacks & desert but you will need to bring your own lunch. At some point we will be hosting a larger cutting party to create new kits so stay tuned!

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.

Linda & Maggie

LIBRARY

Thanks to everybody for taking more books than you wanted, plus an ornament at the February meeting. We've donated the cart to the church. I have a milk crate of stencils and rulers that will be available at each meeting. A new Librarian will be needed as the crate is more pounds than my back surgeon wants me lifting.

Anita

VETERANS QUILTS

As I have stated earlier, I am retiring from this position. It is hoped that someone will jump at the chance to carry on with this Guild project. It is in a good place with many kits ready and an ample supply of completed quilts on hand.

We have given over 800 quilts to patients at the Albany VA Hospital and I do hope this will continue. Guild members continued to be very supportive making quilts through the pandemic which tells me that you also feel this is a good thing to be doing. The VA staff share with us stories of how grateful the recipients are to receive our beautiful quilts and we have note telling us these same sentiments.

If you might be interested, please call (518-372-8431) or email (rterry3@nycap.rr.com) me with any questions you may have regarding what this position involves. You will find this a most rewarding experience. A group would be a good way to handle the aspects of carrying this on. Please consider it! Thank you.

Pat Terry

FAT QUARTERS

April - spring flowers trees and anything spring
May - Adirondack theme. Bears, pine trees
June - anything beach themed

Let's not forget our fat quarters these last couple meetings and have some fun. Not sure what to make from your fat quarters? Consider a kids quilt.

Sonya Moss

THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The Hospitality Committee would like to thank all the quilters who brought in desserts for the November Sew-In and the February Sew-In. It was very much appreciated. Thank you again.

The info for who brings food for the June Potluck Dinner is below:

A-D sides
F-H beverage/water
I-N desserts
O-Z main dish

We are looking for volunteers to help with our April, May, and June meetings.

Please contact Latefa Lang @ jlang3@nycap.rr.com.
Thank you.

Latifa Lang



MEETING LINE-UP

March 2nd - Peeled-back Patchwork with Annette Ornelas, Southwind Designs

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

- There will be **NO** Show and Tell
- Guest Fee: \$5 – guests should email QUILTSprograms@gmail.com by February 28th if you would like to attend this meeting
- Zoom link will be emailed a couple of days prior to the meeting.

March 4th - Virtual Workshop – Carolina Dogwood Block using the Peeled-back Patchwork technique

April 13th - Successful fabric selections for more dynamic quilts with Linda Warren

(In-person meeting starts at 7:00; doors open at 4:00)

- Name Tag (so you can be in the raffle drawing)
- Fat Quarter Theme: Birds, Trees, or Flowers
- Northern Rivers Kids Quilts: turn in quilt tops
- Veterans Quilts: turn in completed quilts
- Block of the Month: return February blocks and pick up a new kit
- Goodie Basket Raffle: tickets are 3 for \$1
- Show and Tell
- Guest Fee: \$5

April 14th - Workshop – Circle in a Square Quilt using the Learning Curve tool

May 4th – TBD (In-person meeting starts at 7:00; doors open at 4:00)

- Name Tag (so you can be in the raffle drawing)
- Fat Quarter Theme: Adirondack Forest
- Northern Rivers Kids Quilts: turn in quilt tops
- Veterans Quilts: turn in completed quilts
- Block of the Month: return April blocks and pick up a new kit
- Goodie Basket Raffle: tickets are 3 for \$1
- Show and Tell
- Guest Fee: TBD

May TBD – Workshop – Stack ‘n Whack with Paula Dunn

June 1st - Year End Potluck Dinner @ South Schenectady Fire Department Pavilion

(In-person meeting starts at 6:30; doors open at 6:00)

- Name Tag (so you can be in the raffle drawing)
- Fat Quarter Theme: Fun in the Sand/Beach
- Northern Rivers Kids Quilts: turn in quilt tops
- Veterans Quilts: turn in completed quilts
- Block of the Month: return May blocks and pick up a new kit
- Goodie Basket Raffle: tickets are 3 for \$1
- Show and Tell
- Challenge Quilt Entry: prizes will be awarded!
- Your contribution to the potluck and a serving utensil if needed
- Washable plate, flatware, and cup
- Guest Fee: None



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

RAFFLE QUILT WINNER

Congratulations to Toby Schultz from Amsterdam NY for winning our 2022 Raffle Quilt. This photo was taken by Sonya Nachbar who sold the winning raffle ticket and scored herself a basket of fabric.

Congratulations



ITEMS FOR SALE BY MEMBERS

Long Arm For Sale

Husqvarna Viking Mega Quilter Machine
Inspira Quilting Frame - sets up to 5 or 10 feet

Includes:

Manual and DVD
Cruise Control Stitch Length Regulator
Laser Pointer
21 Bobbins
Pantographs

Excellent Condition; Asking \$1200

Call or Text 518-227-9731, Cindy Carusone

Husqvarna Viking Designer Diamond Sewing and Embroidery Machine

Includes feet, hoops, hard and soft machine covers and all accessories that came with the machine. Newer machine extension table included. Great condition and just serviced late Fall 2022.

\$1000 or best offer. Machine available for view by appointment. Contact Karen Bixby at rosie@midtel.net if interested.



NATIONAL QUILTING DAY

Saturday, March 18th, is National Quilting Day. Guild member, Chris Powell suggests hanging a quilt outside your home to celebrate the holiday. Thank you for that great idea, Chris! For other ideas check out the Quilt Alliance website by through this link: [National Quilting Day | Quilt Alliance](#)

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