



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 2023

Dear Friends,

As summer comes to an end, I look forward to the cooler days and nights of fall and returning to our guild meetings. Learning new things, seeing old friends and new and of course show and tell! It will be different as I lead the QUILT Guild as your new president.

We are still looking to fill the historian, hospitality and block of the month positions and many positions for the quilt show committee. (Look for details in the newsletter from Debbie.) These positions are great ways to become involved and meet new people. We have a wonderful guild and there is always help to be found if you need it. So if you are interested, please let me or Debbie know. We can discuss the duties to see if it would be a good fit for you or you and a friend. In lieu of a hospitality person, some of the board is providing treats and cold drinks for our September meeting. If you enjoy coffee or tea, please bring your own.

Until someone steps up to head block of the month, Lisa Wend has a plan. Look for more information in the newsletter.

Enjoy your last few weeks of summer and see you all on **September 7th** when we learn all that Diane of Diane's Quilted Square has to offer!

Karen Smith



The Program Committee



Hello quilters! Mary has been hard at work researching speakers and workshop teachers for the 2023 – 2024 calendar year. Our **September 7th** meeting will feature the first presenter, Diane Podesva,

owner of Diane's Quilted Square (formerly the Quiltbug). She will talk about her new shop and the programs available there. She will also tell us about the fabrics she is carrying and what is coming in the near future. She will bring fabric for purchase.

The next day, Friday, **September 8th**, Diane will sponsor a workshop on wool appliqué taught by Q.U.I.L.T.S. member Paula Ross. There will be two different fall theme kits for purchase for the workshop. The cost of the kit is \$35.00. There isn't a fee for the workshop. The kit will include everything needed for the workshop. Paula suggests that members taking the workshop bring the usual sewing items not included: scissors, marking pen or pencil, pins, Elmer's Purple Glue Stick and magnification, if needed. The workshop is from 10:00 to 1:00. Kit fee is payable directly to Paula Ross. Contact Mary Wade at 518-248-

1263, mwade1946@gmail.com or Connie Trigger at cctrig@aol.com.

Elsewhere in this issue you will read about sew-ins for Veterans' Quilts and Straight From The Heart Quilts for Kids that will take place in and/or outside our meetings during the year. Our Holiday Party will take place at our December meeting. June will feature our end of year Member Meeting & Potluck Dinner. Programs for other months are still in the planning stages, but we can share that in May we will hold another live Notions Department. Your

participation, enthusiasm and feedback (and tolerance of our silliness!) last May was inspiring!

Have you started thinking of ideas for the next guild challenge? Here is a reminder that the theme is "My Favorite Time of Day", expressed in a project with a finished perimeter of 96" and to be submitted at our June 2024 meeting. You can use any technique you'd like to illustrate this idea. We are looking forward to seeing what you come up with!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Mary Wade and Connie Trigger

Straight from the heart quilts for kids

To date, members have donated a total of 61 finished quilts along with 30+ tops that need to be sandwiched, quilted & bound. We will be scheduling a machine quilting day to move these quilts along where members can learn/sharpen their walking foot machine quilting skills. Stay tuned. We would also greatly appreciate any person who quilts using a long arm to take a top to finish.

Our annual sew-in is scheduled for **Thursday, November 2nd**. In addition to already cut kits we will have yardage you may choose from to use in making your favorite pattern. Food and beverages will be served for those who arrive at 4pm to begin sewing. Additional details to follow.

As you may recall, following the last tie-in it was discovered that several quilts were not tied securely, as in the ties were not 4" apart, necessitating additional work by guild members. Because this happens often enough, and the quilts donated tend to be washed frequently by recipients, a decision has been made that **WE WILL NO LONGER BE**

TYING QUILTS THAT WILL BE DONATED TO NORTHERN RIVERS. Quilts donated will need to be secured more thoroughly by machine or hand quilting so that they hold up to frequent washing and last longer. Our annual tie-in will be replaced by another social event focused on finishing these quilts which may include a workshop on machine or hand quilting techniques. Again, stay tuned.



As a reminder, we donate a majority of our quilts to Northern Rivers. They provide a wide range of services to families with children of all ages. Currently, there are as many girls as boys in their programs. At this time there is a high need for preteen to teenage quilts. Please try to choose fabrics that are as gender neutral as possible. Finished quilts should measure **54 x 72"**.

Linda Tripoli and Maggie Katz

Autumn Inspirations Show October 5-6, 2024



Interested in making the **Show Raffle Quilt**? This quilt is a big part of guild fund-raising supporting guest speakers and activities. We need a volunteer or Friendship Group to complete a queen-

sized quilt top. The guild covers the cost of all materials and pays for custom long-arm quilting. The Raffle Quilt Chairperson (or Friendship group) completes the top, binding and hanging sleeve.

Additionally, volunteers are needed to begin planning the next show. Many Committee Chairs have agreed to continue in their positions, some

new volunteers have stepped forward, but new helpers are needed!!

Monthly meetings (mostly held by Zoom) will start in January, tentatively the first Wednesday of the month. The open positions are ***Treasurer, Boutique, Catalog Layout/Design/Printing, assistant Show Design/Set-up of Quilts, Raffle Quilt, Raffle Tickets, Signage, Volunteer Recruiting, Veterans Booth, Odds and Ends.*** An outline of the responsibilities for each position and the Planning and Activity Timeline will be posted in

the **AUTUMN INSPIRATIONS 2024** folder on our website. In addition to these leadership positions, we'll need many volunteers to help run the show, more on that later. To the returning, prior and new volunteer Committee Chairpersons a BIG THANK YOU for your time and effort on behalf of the guild. Please respond to dgmcintosh@nycap.rr.com or 518-369-2649 for any questions and to let me know of your interest.

Debbie McIntosh

Veterans' Quilts

Thank you for all the beautiful Veteran's quilts that were turned in at the June meeting. Pat McGurn and I made our inaugural visit to the VA hospital on August 9th. Pat Terry was kind enough to accompany us and show us the ropes. After more than 3 years we were able to hand deliver quilts DIRECTLY to veteran inpatients. We even got to visit floors that the guild had never had access to before. Some of these people were facing extremely difficult challenges and it filled our hearts with joy and pride to bring smiles to so many faces as they chose their favorite quilt. Patients and hospital staff alike were so grateful for our quilts. We received so many compliments on how beautiful they were. All in all, we distributed **31** quilts at the hospital and brought **6** more to the Fisher House to restock their supply. Families staying at the Fisher House may receive a quilt on behalf of their veteran. For those who are unfamiliar with the Fisher Houses, they provide military families housing near their loved ones while they are hospitalized for an illness, diseases, or injury - at no cost - and for as long as they need it.

Lisa Wend

Block of the month

Currently, there is no one to chair the Block of the Month (BOM) committee. Until a volunteer comes forward the Veteran's Quilts and Straight from the Heart Kids Quilts service projects will be taking turns providing BOM kits. We'll be running it a little bit differently though. Kits will still include instructions and fabric to make one quilt block but ,they will be provided free of charge and there will be no drawing to win the blocks. Completed blocks should be returned the following month, or as soon as possible, and then the blocks will be made into a quilt for the respective service project. The benefit to members will be receiving a new quilt block pattern and being a part of making a fabulous quilt for a deserving veteran or child. If you aren't able to make a whole veterans or kids quilt, this is a great way to still support our service projects. The first BOM can be picked up at the Veteran's Quilt table during the September 7th meeting. Feel free to sign out one kit or as many as you'd like.

Lisa Wend

Fat Quarters

Sept - farm animals
Oct. - fall leaves
Nov. - geometrics
Dec. - colors of sunrise and sunsets
Jan - Birds
Feb. -St. Patrick's greens
Mar. - spring flowers

April - Disney characters
May - stars in the sky at night
June - Red, white. blue.

If we have a zoom meeting - bring the fat quarter to the next live meeting and we will have 2 drawings

Membership

The membership dues are \$30 for the 2023-2024 guild-year, which runs September through June. Memberships can be initiated or renewed at any time throughout the guild year by visiting the membership desk at a guild meeting. Please feel free to ask someone you know to attend a monthly meeting as a guest if they'd like to check us out or refer them to the guild website for more information: <http://quiltschenectady.org>

Name Tag: Guild members are asked to wear a hand-made name tag to all meetings. Wearing a name tag helps to break the ice in meeting other members and qualifies members to enter the monthly drawings for gift certificates to local quilt shops.

The guild has adopted an 'official' pattern for their name tag (Hands All Around), any hand-made name tag is acceptable. Here is the pattern for the guild nametag: <http://www.quiltschenectady.org/images/nametag.pdf>



Pet beds

I will Not be at the first meeting of the season. Thank you, but I do not need any more fabric scraps. Please do not bring them to the meetings. I am hoping that a planned sewing time can be arranged to make Pet Beds at the Church, I can bring fabric and stuffing to make and fill the beds. Bring your lunch and beverage, I can bring cookies for dessert.

Thank you to everyone who has made pet beds over the summer and dropped them off to my house! Pet A Palooza at Malta Curtis Lumber was thrilled to get so many pet beds donated by Q.U.I.L.T.S. again this past summer! The pet adopters appreciated being able to take home a free bed for their new buddy!



Thank you,
Jane Martinec

For Sale

Grace Company 15" square solid hardwood floor hand quilting hoop. The hoop will rotate 360 degrees both horizontally and vertically plus its height adjustable and folds for storage. Asking \$50. Text or call Kathy Hermance on 518-355-2185 if interested.

HandiQuilter Sweet 16 Many accessories-Ext leaves(36"/72") down/up, True Stitch, open & closed feet, ruler, 1/4" & 1/2" clear feet, bobbin winder, manuals, needles, bobbins. Asking \$3200. Barb Valachovic, 518 356-1363 or 518 522-6311

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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 #)

• New Member • Renewing Member • Returning Member (not a member last year)

• Cash _____ • Check (Payable to Q.U.I.L.T.S.) _____ • Check # _____

Date: _____

2023 – 2024 Q.U.I.L.T.S. Membership

If you would like to use the PayPal option, here is the link:

<https://tinyurl.com/23-24QUILTsmembership>

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 your membership in person, please bring this completed form, along with your payment (cash or check - \$30) to the next guild meeting.

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:

Arilee Bagley
2623 New Scotland Road
Voorheesville, NY 12186

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.