



Q.U.I.L.T.S

Quilters United in Learning Together, Schenectady

<http://quiltschenectady.org>

Meetings-First Thursday of Month from September to June

MAY 2025

Hello Fellow Quilters!

You are an amazing group of people and I am always learning something new from you, as proven at our May meeting. The first thing I did when I sat at my machine was check my quarter inch! I don't know if I will make a puffy quilt but I know the process now. Maybe I will try the continental tying technique on a charity quilt - I may find it relaxing. And I am sure the checklist will help me organize and complete my UFOs.

A HUGE thank you to Virginia and Anita for stepping up and volunteering to be President and Vice President. If the VP job wasn't enough, Anita is also doing Fat Quarters. I have already heard of some great things planned for next year. We will be voting them in at our June meeting, unless someone else wants to run.

We are still looking for a Secretary and a Show Chair. The board really needs a secretary and we can't have a show without a Show Chair. So please consider volunteering or grab a friend and do it together. Also, if you or your friend group want to make the raffle quilt, let us know. It would be good to have that set so it can get started in September.

Thank you all for your kindness, patience and knowledge.

Karen Smith
President



Meeting Line Up

June 6th Member Meeting & Potluck Dinner
South Schenectady Fire Department Pavilion
6 Old Mariaville Road, Rotterdam, 6:00 pm



We realized that the dishes were assigned similarly to last year so we corrected it.

Bring an item to share, and an appropriate serving utensil, based on the first letter of your last name as follows:

A-F bring dessert

G-L Main dish

M-R side dish

S-Z bring beverages, ice tea, lemon aide, water, stuff such as that (soda is not popular)

If you would like to keep with tradition, bring your own place setting. A limited supply of disposable plates, napkins, cups, and flatware will be available for those who would like the convenience. Plenty of picnic table seating is available but feel free to bring your own lawn chair if you prefer.

Election of Officers: President, Vice President and Secretary

Name Tag Drawing - don't forget to wear your name tag

Fat Quarter Drawing - Hearts and Chocolates

Goodie Basket Raffle - raffle tickets available for sale

Block of the month - please return any BOM from this year

Veterans Quilt Kits pick up and Quilt drop off

Kids Quilt Kits pick up and Quilt drop off

Renew your Membership - \$30 for 2025- 2026 program year; cash, check, or register/pay online

Challenge Quilt - bring your challenge quilt

Show and Tell

Up for election

President - Virginia Hunt

Vice President - Anita Paul

Secretary - Volunteers?

2025-2026 membership meeting dates

September 4th

January 8th

May 7th

October 9th

February 12th

June 4th

November 6th

March 5th

December 4th

April 9th

Q.U.I.L.T.S. Membership

The guild welcomes new members! Membership dues are \$30 for the 2025-2026 guild-year, which runs July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Membership can be initiated or renewed by visiting the membership desk at any monthly guild meeting.

The website also has links to download the membership form for the current year which can be submitted by mail with a check or if one wishes to pay using the PayPal link. The online link for the 2025-2026 membership dues is:

<https://forms.gle/EJi2S7U1F8SWqjeE9>

You can type this link into your web browser, and it will take you to a page with the membership form.

You have the option to pay via PayPal, a \$1 convenience fee has been added, or you may indicate that you will pay by check. Cash can only be accepted at the membership desk when we meet in person.

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>. Note: Guests may be asked to pay a fee to attend depending on the type of meeting, but guest fees may be put toward the annual membership dues if a guest decides to join the guild.

Guild members are encouraged to wear a hand-made name tag to in-person meetings.

Wearing a name tag helps members get to know one another and qualifies members to enter the monthly drawings for a gift certificate to a local quilt shop.

While the guild has adopted a pattern for the name tag (thanks to Shirley Hedman for her design), any hand-made name tag is acceptable. Here is the pattern for the guild nametag: [QUILTS Name Tag.pdf \(quiltschenectady.org\)](#)

Arilee Bagley
VP Membership

The Program Committee

2024 – 2025 Programs Year – 8 workshops, 76 Members, 125 Spots!

Q.U.I.L.T.S. members were busy, busy, busy during the 2024 – 2025 Programs year!

In addition to all the other activities offered by our guild, 76 members filled over 125 spots in 8 workshops. This is double the number of workshopppers who signed up last year and a 225% increase in workshop spots filled.

In lectures and workshops by Zoom and in person, we made disappearing blocks (twice!), learned free motion quilting tips and how to use the Stripology Ruler. We created mini post card quilts while learning about color theory and made jelly roll rugs, tote bags and quilted jackets. Fellow guild members shared additional tips and techniques. We organized bulk purchases, subsidized tools, and kept fees conservative to keep member expenses down.

56 members took advantage of the \$20 Workshop Credit, adding to the 24 members last year, which brings the amount applied to members' workshop fees to \$1600. During budget discussions this summer renewing this offer will be discussed.

The last event of 2024 - 2025 will take place at our June end of year meeting: Member Challenge projects that celebrate our guild's 45th year. We're keeping it simple and open ended with just 3 criteria: 14"x15" (or 15"x14".) 4 of one thing. 5 of another.

Members who expressed interest in learning more about creating a Programs Committee will be meeting with me soon. Then we will jump into exploring the dozens of topic and teacher suggestions you shared in the 2025 Spring survey.



I'd like to thank Kathy Lenic and Barb Valchovic for being there to listen and give feedback when I needed it, Cathryn Larkin for financial information, others, including Linda Cary, Kathie Lutz and Mary Wade, who took my, "How does this work again?" calls and emails. And, of course, the dozens and dozens of members who showed their interest and support by signing up for workshops.

Stay tuned for next year's schedule!

Connie Trigger
QUILTSPROGRAMS@gmail.com

Veterans Quilts

Thank you to everyone who made a Veteran's quilt this year. We will be making a delivery later this month to the VA Hospital as well as the Fisher House (which recently reopened after remodeling). This donation should bring the total to about 90 quilts donated this program year.

We will be at the June guild meeting to collect any additional completed quilts and we will have kits available to take home. Please remember to put a label on your completed quilt that reads something

like "Thank you for your service. Made by Mary Smith, Q.U.I.L.T.Schenectady".

The Kit Making Party that was held in March was well attended and we turned out 2 large totes of beautiful new kits!

Thank you to everyone who helped out.



General Guidelines for Veterans Quilts

Size: Approximately 50" x 70".

Fabric & Design: 100% cotton fabric. Colors and patterns are your choice. However, most recipients are men and they don't often choose the patriotic ones. Please take this into consideration when making your selections.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE remember to place a label on the back of any completed Veteran Quilt you turn in. Labels should read something like "Thank you for your service. Made by Mary (or a member of), Q.U.I.L.T.Schenectady, November 2024". Be sure that whatever you use to make the label is permanent and will not wash away. It is a means to identify the origin of the quilt and often we will receive a thank you note from the recipient.

Lisa Wend

Straight from the Heart Kids Quilts

Congratulations to all our guild members. Collectively, you all have helped create, sew, quilt and bind over 120 quilts for kids this year. Northern Rivers, Things of my Very Own, and Schenectady Child Advocacy Center have expressed their appreciation each time I make a delivery both in person and through "Thank you" letters. They often speak of how beautifully made the quilts are and how those receiving them are always excited to be able to choose a quilt for themselves. I was shown a portion of a letter where the mother of a young child takes the quilt she received with her everywhere she goes. Those stories remind us why we do this. WELL DONE ALL!

Our quilting does not have to take the summer off. If you are interested in taking a kit, or a quilt top with backing and batting for the summer, I will have some at our June picnic. As I will never put a "complete by" date on a quilt, members may sign out kits and return them sometime in the next guild year!

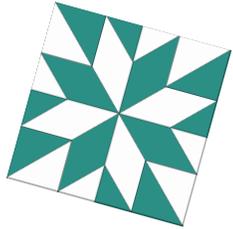
I am going to try and plan a few kit creating days over the summer so we can have new kits available for September. Keep your eyes open for an email!

As a reminder: we donate quilts of various sizes:

36x40 (babies/toddlers), 42x48/50 (4-7 year olds), 48x50/60 (8-12 year olds), and 54/72 (12-18 years olds). These size guidelines were created to meet the needs of younger children, and to make the most efficient use of backing fabric and batting. Please try to stay within these parameters. If you are able to supply batting and/or backings for tops you have made, especially the smaller ones, that would be great. As in the past, teen boy quilts (13+) are always needed. Unfortunately, this is often a lesser served age group.

We continue to have a surplus of quilt tops needing to be quilted. If you are interested in quilting these tops, either on a domestic or long arm machine, I will have some put together for people to take. Thank you everyone for all you do to support this long standing, worthwhile program

Maggie



Our first year as Block of the Month co-chairpersons was a success, thanks to all of you who purchased a kit or two or even more over the course of the year! In total we sold approximately 116 kits. If you happen to find any unfinished kits under a stack of other UFO's, please bring it to the June picnic/end of year meeting; either finished or unfinished, and we will be sure to get them to their rightful owner. If you were the lucky winner of the

Block of the Month

blocks and were able to complete a quilt with them, we'd love to see the finished project. Our goal was that the patterns and fabrics we've chosen would make a lovely quilt top. We're already planning for next year, so if you have any suggestions or ideas, feel free to share them with us. Thank you again! Enjoy summer and we hope to see you in September.

Susan Baron

Fat Quaters

Hey, there, quilters, an early heads up for September: the fat quarter will be black on white or white on black.
Anita Paul

Open Leadership Positions Descriptions

For more encouragement, a quote from Winnie the Pooh. "... You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think." Christopher Robin to Winnie the Pooh in *Pooh's Grand Adventure: The Search for Christopher Robin*.

These are brief descriptions. There are detailed instructions for each of these roles and there are people to help guide you if needed. Contact me with any questions.

The **Secretary** takes notes at guild meetings and board meetings. They place meeting notices in the Daily Gazette and the Times Union once a month and send out thank you and sympathy cards.

The **Show Chair** is the coordinator of the 2026 show. They coordinate with Proctors, run meetings and keep the committee heads informed and on task. Kathie told me it's like planning a wedding. There are records and a timeline to follow to keep you on track plus lots of people to help along the way. And the date is already set - October 3rd and 4th 2026. This could be two people if you have a friend to work with you.

The **Historian** collects and protects our history as a quilt group. Photographs, or collects photos taken from guild activities and enters them into the Guild scrapbook.

I know what you are all thinking: What if I can't be at all the meetings? Well, you will have a fantastic board and many members who can stand in your shoes so don't let that be the reason you choose not to step up! So, give me a call or email me saying: Yes, I am in and I can do this!

Karen (518-312-7395) or karen@smith-online.org

Q.U.I.L.T.Schenectady Website and Contact Information

Website: www.QUILTSchenectady.org

Programs: QUILTSprograms@gmail.com

Newsletter: QUILTSnewsletter@gmail.com

Webmaster: QUILTSwebsite@gmail.com

Quilting Stash Sale

In February, our dear friend Debby Kreifels passed away. Debby was an avid quilter and shopper. With the help of fellow quilter's, her cherished fabric, notions and other related products have been organized, priced and ready to be part of your stash.



THURSDAY, JUNE 26

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

10AM – 4 PM

2189 LYNNWOOD DRIVE

NISKAYUNA, NY

ALL ITEMS PRICED TO SELL



CASH ONLY

Proceeds from the sale will be donated to support Debby's favorite charities, continuing her generous spirit.

Share this event with your quilting friends and family.

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 #)

How did you hear about Q.U.I.L.T.S.? _____

Type of membership: • New Member • Renewing Member • Returning Member

Method of Payment: • Cash • PayPal • Check # _____

Date: _____

2025 – 2026 Q.U.I.L.T.S. Membership

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

<https://forms.gle/EJi2S7U1F8SWqjeE9>

You can copy and paste 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.

FREE! Quilting Frame - Grace Machine Quilter

The all-inclusive, multi-size quilting machine system that doubles as a hand-stitching frame!

Features Included:

- Excellent for machine quilting! Transforms into a hand-stitch quilting frame too!
- Multiple handles: Machine quilt from either side of the frame!
- Ball-bearing roller system for incredibly smooth ride
- Equipped with stylus to guide movement using templates
- Comes with Grace Edge/Master System for excellent side tension
- High Precision 30-teeth, double-locking ratcheting system
- Legs detach for storage
- Smooth, rigid tracking-will always stay straight
- Over eight inches of forward/reverse travel on carriage
- Adjustable features to suit almost any home sewing machine!
- Multiple Table/Rail Sizes: Queen size shrinks to Crib!
- Slotted Aluminum rails complete with towels for easy and accurate fabric installation
- Amazingly Sturdy

If interested, please contact Kathy Robelotto at (518) 396-6416.



Hello fellow members. Some may know and some may not, I obtained my DBA almost two years ago in the name of Gray Fox Sewing. I have been working at craft fairs but I have so much more in mind. As of right now, I am working on a Fall Quilt Retreat.



Gray Fox Sewing is offering

Fall Quilt Retreat, September 5th 11 am -8th 2 pm

Winter Clove Inn (wintercloveinn.com) for more information about the Inn

557 Winter Clove Rd

Round Top, NY 12473

Give yourself some time away with likeminded people in the Catskills Mountains. For \$675 per person, you will receive 10 meals, starting lunch on the 5th, three nights and four days of sewing.

A \$100 deposit holds your spot and the rest of your payment is due by July 1st. Cancellation accepted till July 15th, after that no refunds will be available.

Please email for a form to be filled out if you would like to be part of the fun or more information.

grayfoxsewing@gmail.com

Sonya Nachbar