



**Q.U.I.L.T.S**  
**Quilters United in Learning Together, Schenectady**  
<http://quiltschenectady.org>

Meetings-First Thursday of Month from September to June

AUGUST 2025

Guild President's Message

Greetings:

I hope everyone is having a fantastic summer. Our next meeting will take place on September 4th at the First Reformed Church of Scotia, N. Ballston Ave Scotia N.Y. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m. I look forward to seeing everyone there. Connie Trigger, our Programs chair, has put together an impressive lineup of workshops and speakers for the upcoming year.

I know many of you have been working hard to finish a project or two and hope you will share them at the September meeting.

Virginia Hunt,  
 President

**The Program Committee**

*Connie Trigger, Chair*



***September - Welcome Back Party!***

**Thursday, September 4, 6:30 doors open, 7:00 business meeting: Guild meeting** Join us for a fun evening of being back together, games and treats! Meet old and welcome new friends, be introduced to our new officers and get warmed up for 2025 – 2026!

**Pam Davis – Glenville, NY**

**Saturday, September 6, 9:00 – 1:00, in person workshop: Easy Orange Peel block** Q.U.I.L.T.S. member Pam Davis will share her years of experience as a quilt teacher when she teaches us this easy version of Orange Peel. Scalloped edges? Multidimensional blocks? Two-sided project? Do we hear you saying, "Not me!?" Yes, you! When people ooh and ahhh over your finished piece you are under no obligation to tell them how easy it actually was. Depending on how many blocks you choose to make, create a wall hanging, table runner, placemats, baby quilt ...

**Fees:** Members \$25.00, Guests \$35.00 **Register:** <https://forms.gle/xP7HGb3FAXeUhhAJA>



**October - Lorry Chwazik, Norwich, NY**

**Thursday, October 9, 6:30 doors open, 7:00 business meeting: Guild meeting** (Note that this is the **SECOND Thursday of the month.**)

**Lecture: Trunk Show, Up Close and Personal**

Enjoy up close and personal quilts made by Lorry over 30 years of playing with needle, thread, and fabric. Her collection includes hand- and machine- pieced, appliquéd, and quilted pieces, and perhaps a few odd techniques with which you may not be familiar. After hearing Lorry share the joys, challenges, and tragedies of quilting, you will be inspired to continue on your own quilting path.

**Friday, October 10, 9:00 – 3:30, in person workshop: Abracadabra Quilts**

With a little magic supplied at the sewing machine, students will transform giant nine-patches into a finished edge, three-layered quilted patch that can be joined to others to complete any size quilt. No basting, no backing, no binding! This machine-pieced and machine-quilted project is fast, easy, and fun to make.

**Fees:** Members \$45.00, Guests \$55.00. **Register:** <https://forms.gle/SrRFePhvHEupuyDu9>



**November – Sew-In for Straight From The Heart Kids’ Quilts Thursday, November 6: Guild meeting and Sew-In**

Members will start arriving in the late afternoon and work into our usual meeting time to work on Straight From The Heart Kids’ Quilts which are donated to several local agencies. We cut, piece, press, quilt, tie, bind – however you’d like to pitch in! People arriving at the early start time are eligible to participate in a pizza and salad dinner before the formal meeting.

**Linda Cary – Rotterdam, NY**

**Saturday, November 15, 9:00 – 1:00 – In Person Workshop: Linda Cary and Zen Quilting** Are you intimidated by the thought of doing free motion quilting (FMQ) on your domestic machine? Many of us are afraid to give it a try! Q.U.I.L.T.S. member Linda Cary will take us through the basics and help us relax, turning an “I can’t do it!” attitude into “I can!”

**Fees:** Members \$25.00, Guests \$35.00 **Save Me A Spot:** <https://forms.gle/TRd6FnabyPqWitdC7>



**December – Holiday Party**

**Thursday, December 4, 6:30 doors open: Guild Meeting**

December brings our “Sweet and Savory” holiday party. The first letters of last names determine who brings an appetizer, snack or dessert to share.



**January – Linda J. Hahn, Easley, SC**

**Thursday, January 8 – 6:30 “doors” open, 7:00 business meeting: Zoom Guild meeting Lecture: New York State of Mind**

The New York Beauty block, what Linda is known for, can be as versatile as a Nine Patch!! Linda will show us traditional, modern, whimsical and fun quilts all made using the basic New York Beauty block. She'll also show miniature versions made using the scraps and cutaways of the main project.

**Saturday, January 17, 8:30 – 3:00: Zoom Workshop: Brooklyn Blues**

This small, manageable project allows students to learn Linda's ONE PIN technique for creating perfect New York Beauty blocks. The project is suited to coordinate with many different fabric style preferences and can easily be made larger. Note that this workshop will take place a week later than the guild meeting to allow those inspired by Linda's lecture time to gather materials.

**Fees, required kit: Members \$53.00, Guests \$63.00 Save Me A Spot!:**

<https://forms.gle/3TK6Chjh19sBkwURA>



**February – Sew-In for Straight From The Heart Kids' Quilts**

**Thursday, February 12: Guild meeting and sew-in**



**March – Rachel Derstine, Philadelphia, PA**

**Thursday, March 5, 6:30 “doors” open, 7:00 business meeting: Zoom Guild meeting Lecture: Artful Couching: Texture and Definition**

Rachel will show us the many ways that couching (adding cording, yarns and metallic threads) can be used to take your quilting to the next level.

**Saturday, March 7, 9:00 – 12:00: Zoom Workshop: Artful Couching.**

Learn the art of couching with yarns to create texture, flow and extra pizzazz. This half day class will focus exclusively on mastering couching techniques. Students will bring a quilted sandwich of striped batik or gradient fabric to make a 18" x 45" table runner size quilt. Rachel will show you the many ways to use couching for definition and sparkle.

**Fees: Members \$30.00, Guests \$40.00 Save Me A Spot!:** <https://forms.gle/TrUGD583efgptM4r6>



**April – Amy Friend, West Newbury, MA**

**Thursday, April 9, 6:30 doors open, 7:00 business meeting: Guild meeting**

**Lecture: Alternate Grid Work and Negative Space**

Amy will use examples of quilts that help to define alternate gridwork and negative space, two principles of modern quilting that will give us some ideas when it comes to planning our quilt layouts.

**Friday, April 10, 9:00 – 3:30 – In Person Workshop: Designing Paper Pieced Curves** Amy will lead us through a series of exercises where we will design 6 paper pieced blocks, each with a different type of curve. Because we will be drawing our own blocks, everyone's finished piece will be unique! We will also learn about modern quilt layouts that include negative space and alternate grid work. Using our paper pieced curves, negative space and alternate gridwork, we'll each create an 18" mini quilt or pillow cover.

**Fees:** Members \$45.00, Guests \$55.00 **Save Me A Spot!:** <https://forms.gle/T4thpZN8fbV1EqnM7>

**May – Marge Tucker, Norwell, MA**

**Thursday, May 7, 6:30 doors open, 7:00 business meeting: Guild meeting**

**Lecture: Improv and Abstraction in Antique Quilts**

Some of our quilting ancestors were ahead of their time! We are not the first generation of quilters to discover improvisational quilting, but we may be the ones who have embraced it and made it mainstream. In this trunk show, Marge will display antique and vintage quilts that are improvisationally constructed. So much inspiration and some great lessons can be learned from these graphic and abstract "antiques."

**Friday, May 8, 9:00 – 3:30 – In Person Workshop: Harlequin Diamond Romance** Let's use up all those leftover strips and strings from previous projects and turn them into a fantastic quilt! Improvisationally pieced rectangles make light and dark diamonds when placed together. This results in a visually graphic layout, and with very little cutting and prep, we can get right to the fun. No one would ever think this is a scrap quilt!

**Fees:** Members \$45.00, Guests \$55.00 **Save Me A Spot!:**

<https://forms.gle/RKpaLCRfgefrm5By8>



**June – End of Year Potluck**

Potluck dinner at the South Schenectady Fire Department Pavilion, Member Challenge vote, election of officers, and more!

"Save Me A Spot!" links take you to forms to use until we meet in person in September. You will recall that putting your name on a sign-up form/sheet is not an obligation to sign up for a workshop when the registration link is ready or a guarantee that you will get a spot. Members who do sign up will be contacted with registration information first, in order of signing.

The \$20.00 One Time Workshop Credit for members has been renewed until June 2027. Registration forms include an option to indicate that you'd like to use your credit.

**Questions? Interested in teaching a workshop?:** [QUILTSPROGRAMS@gmail.com](mailto:QUILTSPROGRAMS@gmail.com)

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## Membership

*Arilee Bagley, VP 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

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## Hospitality

*Georgette Galvin, Chair*

Members are asked to sign up to bring a dessert or finger snack/food to a meeting. Coffee, tea, and water will be available at each meeting.

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## Quilt Show 2026 Committee News

*Linda Tripoli & Sonya Nachbar, Co-Chairs*

We are happy to report that we are off to a good start! Our featured quilter for the 2026 show will be Linda Cary, who as many of you know, has given her time and talents to the guild/guild members for many years and is known to be an outstanding, ribbon winning quilter. We are also very excited to share that the show raffle quilt will be made by a group of new guild members who have been with the guild for less than two years. They have shared their pattern & color ideas for the quilt with us, and we are certain they will create a wonderful quilt for the raffle. We appreciate their willingness to step forward to do this as new members. We are fortunate to have secured a full show committee, comprised of former chairs and members who are new to their positions. **We would like to encourage new and old members alike to consider shadowing and working with one Chair** in order to learn their job duties with the goal of perhaps assuming that role in the future (everyone deserves a break after a while!). Volunteers would not be responsible for running that committee but would instead, assist the current Chair and become familiar with the role. Working together to showcase the guild during the show is a great way to meet other guild members and join in the camaraderie that the show generates. The 2026 show will be no different-we will have a great time and a great show! Please

find the duties of each show committee at this link: <https://www.quiltschenectady.org/QuiltShows/2024/Quilt-Show-Responsibilities.pdf>

Linda & Sonya

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## **Block of the Month**

*Sandi Butcher & Sue Baron, Co-Chairs*

Welcome back quilters! Sandi and I are happy to be back chairing the Block of the Month and bringing you fun patterns, pretty colors and new ideas. For new members or those unfamiliar, Block of the Month offers members the opportunity to purchase a block kit at each in-house guild meeting. The block kit includes material and a pattern to complete a block. An example of the completed block is displayed at the time of sale. Each block kit costs \$2. Members who purchase a BOM kit are asked to sew the block and return it at the next guild meeting. At the next guild meeting, each member who returns a completed block has their name placed for a drawing to win all the completed blocks that were returned. You can keep the pattern or share it with another quilter friend you may know. If you have found a pattern you like, please share it with us and we will make it happen so others can like it too. If you know ahead of time that you're unable to attend the next meeting, see if a friend can bring your completed block to the meeting, or maybe give yourself a break and take a kit the next time. Since we make a specific number of kits that will make a quilt top, the winners of the completed blocks appreciate having all of the blocks so all they will have to do is sew them all together. We are looking forward to seeing you in September!

Sandi & Sue  
518-866-4559

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## **Fat Quarters**

*Anita Paul*

The FQ themes for 2025-2026 are:

September – Black on white or white on Black  
 October - Orange, Brown, Yellow  
 November - Sports  
 December - Holiday: Eid, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Diwali, Chinese New Year  
 January - Bright solids  
 February - Pastel solids  
 March - Green  
 April - Lavender & purple  
 May - Florals  
 June - Red/white/blue prints

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## **Pet Beds**

*Jane Martinec*

Hi! Please do not drop off anything at my house until I say, later this Fall. I have No Room where I store batting/scraps and finished beds due to construction. Please hold onto it or toss it if you can't store it!

I have no place to put anything!

Thank you,

Jane Martinec

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## Goodie Baskets

*Felicia Campo & Janet Mattis, Co-Chairs*

Feeling lucky? Come see us at the Goodie Basket table! At each meeting, members can purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win a variety of quilting and sewing items. Three prizes are awarded at each in-person meeting. Not only do you have a chance to win a prize, but you are supporting the Guild's only fundraiser aside from the Quilt Show. Here's a sneak peek at this year's prizes: seasonal panels, fabric yardage, sewing tools, charm packs and more! Stop by and say hi!

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## Straight From the Heart Kids' Quilts

*Maggie Katz, Chair*

Since 1989 Q.U.I.L.T.S. members have made and donated quilts to the Northern Rivers Family Services through our "*Straight from the Heart*" project. In 2024 we added Things of My Very Own and the Child Advocacy Center of Schenectady County to the organizations that receive our quilt donations. Our November and February guild meetings are dedicated to sewing quilts for these organizations. These 'sew-in's' result in the sharing of quilting knowledge, good conversations, the formation of new friendships, and most importantly, generate quilts for children living in less than ideal situations. Kits with cut fabric, batting, and backing are available at every meeting for members to take home and complete. There are also completed tops in need of quilting and binding. Fabric-cutting and kit-assembly workshops will also be scheduled at various times throughout the year.

### Guidelines for quilts:

**Fabrics:** Colorful, child/teen-oriented fabrics such as sports, animals, flowers, trucks, fishing, space, princesses, dinosaurs, etc.

### Quilt Sizes:

36" x 36"/40" (baby/toddlers)

42" x 48" (children approximately 4 – 7 years old)

48" x 54"/60" (children approximately 8 – 12 years old)

54" x 72" (12 – 18 years old)

**Design/Pattern:** Entirely up to you

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## Veterans' Quilts

*Lisa Wend, Chair*

Since 2004, Q.U.I.L.T.S. has been making and donating quilts, first for injured men and women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, then for inpatient veterans at the Stratton VA Hospital in Albany beginning in 2012. In 2021 we added the Fisher House, on the hospital campus, as a recipient of our quilts. This is similar to the Ronald McDonald House and provides families of out of town hospitalized vets a place to stay. Quilts are

given to a family member and passed to the veteran. For the complete story please visit our Service Projects section of the guild's website.

### **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 do NOT choose the patriotic ones. Please take this into consideration when making your selections.

**Label:** Please place a label on the back of the quilt with your name (Mary Smith or Mary S.), Q.U.I.L.T. Schenectady, and a brief thank you. It is a means to identify the origin of the quilt and often we will receive a thank you note from the recipient. We also attach a star and a note from the guild to each quilt.

Ready-to-assemble kits are provided at each in-person meeting. A kit includes a pattern, fabric for the top, backing, and binding, as well as batting and a blank fabric label. Friendship groups may want to make a quilt(s) as a project. Completed quilts can be returned at each in-person meeting.

This year I plan to hold several veteran quilts events, such as a kit making party and themed sew-ins. Stay tuned for details in the next couple of months.

Members interested in helping to deliver quilts with me, or having questions, may contact me at [LPiseczny@nycap.rr.com](mailto:LPiseczny@nycap.rr.com).

As always, thank you for your continued support of this project as we thank our brave veterans and remind them that they have not been forgotten.

Lisa Wend




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### **Tool Library**

*Kathy Hermance, Chair*

The Q.U.I.L.T.S. Tool Library is a great resource for specialty rulers, templates and stencils. Visit [www.quiltschenectady.org](http://www.quiltschenectady.org) and click on either the Monthly Meetings tab on the menu bar at the top of the page or the Pages tab on the right-hand side. Then click on the Tool Library to view the stencils and ruler spreadsheets. Templates are included on the ruler listing. If there's a tool (or tools) you're interested in and need more information, contact me via email or text. I can take a picture of the tool and send it to you. Arrangements can be made for you to borrow the tool.

*Kathy Hermance, Guild librarian email: [khermance1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:khermance1@nycap.rr.com)*

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### **Membership Meeting Dates**

The meeting dates for **2025-2026** are as follows:

- September 4th
- October 9th
- November 6th - Sew In

- December 4th - Holiday Party
- January 8th - Zoom
- February 12th - Sew In
- March 5th - Zoom
- April 9th
- May 7th
- June 4th - South Schenectady Fire Department

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## Announcements

### Upcoming Quilt Shows

***Bennington Quiltfest 2025 – September 13 – 14***, Saturday 9 am – 5 pm, Sunday 10 am - 3 pm, Mount Anthony Union Middle School, 747 East Road, Bennington, VT Admission \$10  
[www.quietvalleyquilters.com](http://www.quietvalleyquilters.com)

***Tompkins County Quilters' Guild 50 Years of Traditions and Beyond 2025 Quilt Show - September 20 – 21***, Saturday and Sunday 10 am - 5 pm, Tompkins Cortland Community College Field House, TC3 Field House, 170 North Street, Dryden, NY Admission \$10 [www.tcqg.org](http://www.tcqg.org)

***The Patchworkers*** will have their show **October 11 – 12**, Saturday 10 am - 4 pm, Sunday 10 am - 2 pm, the Senior Center, 495 Co Rte 12, Windham, NY. Admission \$3. It's the Fall Festival weekend in Windham, so there's lots to see and do in town. Plus, of course, a visit to Patchwork Company.

***The Harvest Quilt Show – November 8 – 9***, Saturday 10 am – 4 pm, Sunday 10 am – 3 pm, Blessed Sacrament School, 605 Central Avenue, Albany, NY Admission \$10 co-sponsored by Capital District Modern Quilt Guild and QUILT Inc of Delmar NY <https://www.harvestquiltshowny.com>

### For Sale

***Featherweight*** - I would like to sell my Featherweight. Asking \$250. Anyone interested please contact Eileen at [eileensbuel@gmail.com](mailto:eileensbuel@gmail.com). I can send pictures and make arrangements for you to try it out.

***Quilting Frame*** - I have my mother's wooden quilting frame with legs that is free to the guild or anyone else interested. My daughter used it once and has stored it since. Please contact Jan Palombo at 518-424-8414.

### FYI

*From Maria (Mimi) Newnham:* I am a member of Quilt North and Quilt, Inc. I have been asked to consider putting this info in your newsletter about the Innovation Center. I have toured the place, easy one level access if you wish to bring your own machines. There are tables and risers to assist cutting and pinning. The areas have wonderful lighting. It is a perfect place for teachers, small and large groups to use this building. Check out this multi-purpose space for artists.

*From Eileen Minder:* I look forward to meeting some of your members when they visit the Innovation Center for a tour or to drop off a much-needed sewing machine.

Thank you for your time,  
 Eileen Minder  
 518-932-2042  
 Programming Coordinator  
 Innovation Center at Saratoga, Inc  
<https://innovationcentersaratoga.org>

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## Officers and Committee Heads for 2025-2026

- President – Virginia Hunt
  - Vice President – Anita Paul
  - VP, Membership – Arilee Bagley
  - VP, Program – Connie Trigger
  - Treasurer – Cathryn Larkin
  - Secretary – Kathy Wagner
  - Newsletter – Debbie West
  - Webmaster – Kathy Wagner
  - Quilt Show Co-Chairs – Linda Tripoli & Sonya Nachbar
  - Straight From the Heart Kids' Quilts – Maggie Katz
  - Veterans Quilts – Lisa Wend
  - Block of the Month – Susan Baron & Sandi Butcher
  - Fat Quarters – Anita Paul
  - Goodie Baskets – Janet Mattis & Felicia Campo
  - Library – Kathy Hermance
  - Historian – currently vacant
  - Pet Beds – Jane Martinec
  - Hospitality – Georgette Galvin
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### **Q.U.I.L.T.Schenectady Website and Contact Information**

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