



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

Meetings-First Thursday of Month from September to June

June 2026

President's Message – Virginia Hunt

There are several board positions that still need to be filled :

Vice president

Hospitality chair

Both positions offer unique opportunities to serve your guild in a meaningful and rewarding manner. Please consider throwing your hat. Or perhaps your quilt) into the ring.

Virginia

June Potluck and Elections

Our annual end of the year potluck dinner will be this **Thursday, June 4th**, starting at 6:00 PM, at the South Schenectady Fire House Pavilion at 6 Old Mariaville Road, Schenectady, NY . Members are asked to bring the following dishes to share based on the first letter of their last name:

A-F main dish

G-L side dish

M-R beverages, such as iced tea, lemon aide, water, etc. (soda is not popular)

S-Z dessert

As in the past, please bring your own utensils as we will have a limited supply of utensils on hand.

In addition, members will be electing several new board members and committee heads.

Membership – Arilee Bagley

The guild welcomes new members! Membership dues remain at \$30 for the 2026-2027 guild-year, which runs July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. 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, a \$1 convenience fee will be added. The online link for the 2026-2027 membership dues is:

<https://forms.gle/p1hE6DixV9KhVnEy9>. Members can pay in person with cash or check.

Just a reminder, you must be a member for the 2 most recent years to enter a quilt into our show in October, i.e. membership for 2025-2026 and the current year 2026-2027 with paid membership by 7/5/2026.

We all look forward to seeing your quilts!

Arilee Bagley
VP Membership

Programs – Connie Trigger

2026 – 2027 Programs Recap

The 2025 – 2026 Q.U.I.L.T.S. workshop series has finished up! We had 8 workshops this year, including a range of technique, theory and project based classes by Zoom and in person, taking place on both Fridays and Saturdays.



53 guild members and two guests filled a total of 77 workshop spaces with 44 members using their \$20 workshop credit. Workshop fees were capped at \$45.00 unless there was a kit required, while remaining just within the Programs budget. Next year will be the second half of the current two year \$20 workshop credit cycle. If you didn't use yours this year, you will be able to next year.

Our workshops have concluded but we have one more Programs activity to go – the annual Member Challenge. This year's challenge is to depict the theme "Travel" in a manner of your choosing in a 24" x 24" wallhanging using any piecing, quilting or embellishment techniques. (No sleeve required.) Submissions will be displayed, and voted on by those present, at our June 4th meeting. The quilters receiving the top votes will be awarded a gift certificate. 2025 and 2026 Member Challenge projects submitted to the October quilt show will be included in a display in the lobby area. Show attendees will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite from each year.

Planning is underway for the 2026 – 2027 Programs series. I'm currently working with the theme "Back To Basics", with the goal of introducing new quilters to helpful techniques and providing more experienced quilters the opportunity to sharpen up and refresh their skills. Our first meeting of the year, September 10th, will feature a Live Notions Department where we will share helpful tips and products, ask questions and generally get back into the swing of things!



While evaluating potential teachers, I'm keeping in mind feedback that I've heard from members who are hesitant to take workshops that may result in adding to their "UFO" piles and am looking for classes with projects can be completed, or mostly completed, in class. Any ideas? Contact me!

I would like to thank several guild members who served as a sounding board when I was considering options, helped out at the Programs table at guild meetings or served as a "host" at a workshop. Thanks, Elaine Nollet, Suzanne Mackey, Linda Tripoli and Amy Werner! If anyone else would like to assist me next year in some way, let me know!



Connie Trigger
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Quilt Show Committee – Linda Tripoli and Sonya Nachbar

As we all work to finish quilts to be displayed during the show, we thought it would be good to clarify requirements for the registration of these quilts for our new members. Your quilt does not have to be finished at the time you register it for the show (remember, the deadline is 7/15/26). There have been instances where members have submitted a photograph of one or two blocks they have completed or a photo of the fat quarters to be used along with the pattern (and quilt dimensions so Lisa Wend can plan how and where to display the quilts entered). We would hope that when you register your quilt, in whatever stage it's at, that you will work towards having it completely finished by the date of quilt drop off for the show (9/30/26). If you need to withdraw your quilt from display you can of course do that, but we hope the number of people who have to do this is very small. This is not supposed to be stressful!

On another note, the hours for working on items to be sold at the boutique have changed. The work parties will still be every Monday in June at the Rotterdam Community Center but will now be from 1-3 pm.

Thank you, Linda & Sonya

Veterans' Quilts – Lisa Wend

Volunteers are needed for the Schenectady Greenmarkets to help promote our guild and quilt show and to sell tickets for our raffle quilt. There are 2 shifts per date: 9:30am-12:00pm and 12:00pm-2:30pm. The dates are June 28th, July 12, August 23, and September 27. Two volunteers are needed for each shift so grab a friend and come have fun talking to the Greenmarket visitors. Currently no volunteers are signed up. The link to sign up is <https://signup.com/group/234700460122>.

The theme for the Proctors Window Display, which promotes our quilt show, is America - 250 Years of Independence. If anyone has a patriotic or Red/White/Blue quilt they would be willing to loan for the window display from the **last week of June to the 2nd week of October**, please contact Lisa Wend at LPiseczny@nycap.rr.com or (518) 852-0584. It would be helpful to provide the dimensions of your quilt and a photo. Upon loan, you will need to complete a quilt show quilt registration form for tracking and insurance purposes. Please note, the window is a **LOCKED** display. The display will also feature a few of our Veteran's Quilts.

General Guidelines for our 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.

Thank you,
Lisa

Straight From the Heart Kids' Quilts – Maggie Katz

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!

Pet Beds – Jane Martinec

Thank you to everyone who made pet beds and dropped them to my house! In addition to the 150 already donated, I have 25 more to deliver. These beds are given to people who adopt the animals brought in by the various Rescue Groups and Shelters. The PetAPalooza at Curtis Lumber in Malta on June 20th. Pet beds can be left on my front porch until Saturday June 6th.

Thank you, Jane Martinec

Block of the Month – Susan Baron and Sandra Butcher

We are still looking to receive BOM blocks from the past guild year. PLEASE turn them in *even if you haven't completed them* so they can be passed on to the winners.

Sue and Sandi

Fat Quarters – Anita Paul

The June FQ theme is red/white/blue

The themes for the start of the 2026-2027 guild year are:

September – yellow

October – no drawing (quilt show)

November – plaid

December – angels and birds (things with wings)

Membership Meeting Dates - 2026-2027

Thursday, September 10 – First Reformed Church of Scotia *note: this is after Labor Day*

Wednesday, September 30 – Key Hall, Proctors' Theater

Thursday, November 6 – SFTH Kids' Quilt Sew-in, First Reformed Church of Scotia

Thursday December 4 – First Reformed Church of Scotia

Thursday, January 8 – via ZOOM *note: this is the second Thursday*

Thursday, February 4 – via ZOOM

Thursday, March 4 – SFTH Kids' Quilt Sew-in, First Reformed Church of Scotia

Thursday April 1 – First Reformed Church of Scotia

Thursday, May 6 – First Reformed Church of Scotia

Thursday, June 3 - First Reformed Church of Scotia

Announcements

Lynn Lauzon-Russom has a collection of the Elm Creek Quilts books from the first thru the most recent -The Patchwork Players - to give to a new home. If you are interested please send Lynn an email at lynnlauzon16@gmail.com. If there is no interest, I will donate them to The Schenectady Library.
Thanks Lynn

Quilting Services Offered by Our Members

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Computerized long-arming services
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Large selection of edge to edge, block designs and thread colors.
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