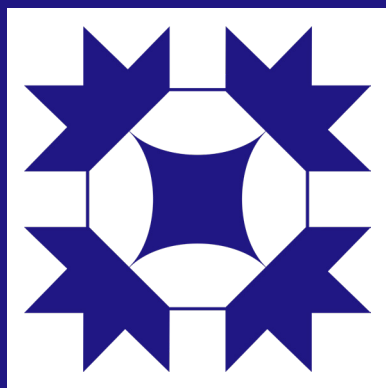




Q.U.I.L.T.S

Quilters United in Learning Together, Schenectady

Meetings-First Thursday of the Month
from September to June

Fall 2026

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It's almost Autumn and time to start thinking about quilting. We have our first meeting of the year on September 10th. The doors open at 6:30pm and our meeting will begin promptly at 7 pm.

Connie is planning a party atmosphere to welcome everyone back, so come on out and catch up with your fellow quilters. If you entered a quilt in our show, please be sure to fill out a raffle ticket for a chance to win a handmade quilted tote filled with lots of quilting goodies.

The drawing will be held at our December meeting in order to give everyone who entered a quilt in the show a chance to enter the raffle.

Please remember that a few minutes of assistance is needed at the end of the meeting to help tidy up.
See you all in September.
Virginia

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SHOW NEWS

We are quickly approaching “show time”! We now have a total of 240 quilts to display, 85 of which will be judged. This will make for a spectacular show, allowing us to branch out into the Atrium and Robb Alley of Proctors. Robb Alley will now contain the Veterans’, Straight From the Heart, Demonstration, Raffle quilt, Guild Challenge quilts, Door Prize and Children’s Activity tables. Lisa Wend, Chair for Show Design, and Diane Kona, Chair of Set Up, have been working hard to ensure we can display every quilt entered. We look forward to seeing all of the member entries submitted and the wonderful work that our guild is famous for. We will be inspiring the public and hopefully new members to the guild.

Thanks to the hard work of Chair Kathy Wagner, we will have 11 vendors in Key Hall. These include: A Sense of Wonder Studio, Adirondack Quilts, Albany Sewing Machine Center, Amelia’s Garden, Charlie’s Daughter, Dianne’s Quilted Square, Fabric Roost, Quilt Lily Designs, Sally’s Emporium, Soke Style and The Questioning Quilter. This in addition to our wonderful Boutique which is being organized by Chair Paula Ross. This will be located on the second floor of Proctors. With all the things to see and do, this should be a fun show!

And you can still be a part of it! I remember the first time I worked during the show. It was 2022 and I had joined the guild during Covid when meetings were via Zoom. I barely knew anyone, but I was anxious to see the quilts and learn more about the guild.

I was blown away, feeling as if I were in an art gallery. The atmosphere was very festive, and everyone was happy to be there. I was able to get to know a few guild members and my experience during the 2024 show was even better, because I volunteered for different volunteer shifts and opportunities. Connie Trigger will be periodically publishing descriptions of the various positions still open, which you can find at: <https://signup.com/go/UmJWMaJ>. And remember, 5 shifts means free admission!

Not only do we need volunteers but we also need donations of food so that when we take a break, there is lunch and snacks available. Chairs Felicia Campo and Janet Mattis work hard to make sure there is plenty of food and drink available, but they need your help! Please go to the volunteer sign up above to look at the food items needed.

The October guild meeting will be held at Proctors in Key Hall on Wednesday, 9/30. This is when you will drop off your registered quilts, pick up your admission wristband, and get last-minute directions regarding the job(s) you have volunteered for and where you will find name tags, aprons, white gloves, etc. This year, all volunteers will pick up an orange/yellow bandana which they will wear so the public can easily find someone to help them during the show. So please don’t run out of Proctors after you drop off your quilt, there will be a lot to pay attention to.
We look forward to a wonderful show!

Linda and Sonya

COMMITTEE NEWS

VETERANS' QUILTS

Thank you to everyone who turned in a Veterans' quilt at the June meeting. I'm sure the recipients at the VA Hospital and Fisher House will appreciate them. I've been amazed at how beautiful they are. You'll see several of them on display at our table at the quilt show. Our next delivery of quilts will be in the Fall. If anyone is interested in a heartwarming experience of delivering quilts with us, please email me.

General Guidelines for Veterans' Quilts

Size: 50" x 74" or 45" x 60" size may vary.

Fabric & Design: 100% cotton fabric. Colors and patterns are your choice and do NOT have to be red/white/blue or patriotic. Recipients are mostly men and many prefer to choose non-patriotic quilts.

Label: Please place a label on the back of the quilt with your name (Mary Smith or Mary S.), Schenectady Q.U.I.L.T.S. and a brief thank you. It can be handwritten in permanent fabric pen, inkjet-printed, or embroidered. It is meant 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 meeting. A kit includes fabric for the top, backing, and binding as well as a pattern, batting, and fabric quilt label. Quilts may be machine quilted or tied (every 4"). If tying the quilt, please make sure the ties go all the way through all 3 layers and are tightly knotted.

Before handing in your finished quilt, please be sure all pins/needles have been removed and the binding and label are securely attached. Friendship groups may want to make a quilt(s) as a project.

VQ SEW-IN: Save the date! Our first Veterans' quilt sew-in will be Wednesday, November 11th, 10:00am-4:00pm at the Rotterdam Community Center. Come join the fun! It will be like a mini quilting retreat. Look for the sign-up sheet at the Veterans' Quilts table at guild meetings.

Thank you for your continued support of our Veterans' Quilts project.

Lisa Wend

GOODIE BASKETS

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. Each strip of 3 tickets is \$1.00. 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: fabric yardage, patterns, sewing tools and accessories, charm packs and more! Stop by and say hi!

Felicia Campo & Janet Mattis, Co-Chairs

FAT QUARTER DRAWING

The Fat Quarter Themes for the 2026-2027 Guild Year are:

September - yellow
October - No FQ drawing due to the Quilt Show
November - plaid
December - angels and birds (things with wings)
February - polka dots
April - blue & white
May - gray
June - stripes

Anita Paul

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Welcome back quilters! Your new vice president, Sandi, and I have another year of new quilt block patterns with great colors and hopefully, inspiration for you. So, in order to prepare for this year, please take a look at any UFO's you may have (in case there's a quilt block in there) and bring it to our September meeting. We look forward to seeing you in September!

Susan Baron and Sandi Butcher

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

Our Straight From The Heart service project continues to make an impact on the many children who receive quilts. Our guild donates to three charities: Northern Rivers, Things of My Very Own, and Schenectady County Child Advocacy Center. Each of these organizations serves children of various ages from newborn to teenagers, all dealing with difficult life situations. All three agencies have indicated the children/teens enjoy choosing their own quilt from the various colors and styles we provide.

Last year, with the addition of more quilt sizes being accepted, new patterns, the influx of colorful, kid-oriented fabrics and the talent of so many of our guild members, the quilts donated were all beautiful. It was great to see so many members take the leap into quilting more quilts on their domestic machines. This year, I look forward to being inspired by the wonderful generosity of our members as we continue to bring joy to so many children through the sharing of our time and talents.

Maggie Katz

2026-2027 Programs

PROGRAMS NEWS

Welcome back from the Programs committee! “So we’d like to know where, you got the notion ...”

We’re going to rock the boat (don’t rock the boat, baby) at our first meeting of the year on Thursday September 10th with another addition of our Live Notions Department! Many of you may recall that this means tapping into our guild’s collective hundreds (thousands?) of years of quilting experience by sharing our quilting “notions” about tools, tips and techniques in a fun, interactive activity. We’ll have refreshments to sustain us and maybe even some prizes to motivate us. Keep an eye out for instructions about what you should bring to this meeting. (And that song is stuck in your head now, isn’t it?)

Our 2026 – 2027 workshop series is 99% in place with a fun and instructive lineup of classes suitable for all skill levels. Nancy Finelli and Kathleen Morris will be assisting me this year and their feedback has been appreciated! Our theme for our 7 workshop series is Back To Basics and we’ll be highlighting the basic skills contained within the techniques and projects these workshops will include. No one knows everything and everyone can find areas in which to improve. While researching teachers, I kept your feedback in mind, like not wanting to add more UFOs to your list. Several workshops will have projects that will be completed in class. Some classes are in person and others are on Zoom. We’ll meet on Fridays and Saturdays.

I’m taking a risk this year and have reserved the large room at the church, Brink Hall, for all of the in person workshops. The success of this financial decision will be determined by your participation! I capped the fees for members at \$45.00 where possible and there is one year left of the current two year \$20 workshop credit cycle that can be applied to most of our classes.

The no obligation, no guarantee, Save Me A Spot lists for the entire year will be available at our first meeting.

Below is an overview of the workshops for this year – enjoy and start planning! (Unless otherwise noted, classes are in person at the First Reformed Church of Scotia.)

Connie Trigger
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SEPTEMBER

Meeting Date - 9/10/2026 Doors Open at 6:30 meeting starts at 7

Location - First Reformed Church of Scotia

Subject - Live Notions Department!

No Workshop this Month

OCTOBER

Meeting Date - 9/30/2026 at 6:30
Location - Proctors
Subject - Quilt Show Preparations

***Please Note this
is a Wednesday***

Workshop

Saturday, October 24, 9:00 – 3:00:
Starting Up or Brushing Up with Kathie Lutz
Location: First Reformed Church of Scotia

Fees: Members \$35.00, Guests \$45.00

Long time Q.U.I.L.T.S. member Kathie Lutz will help new quilters in their efforts to get started and long time quilters to brush up on their skills. If you are new to quilting, you can make sense of what you are trying to do. If you have been quilting, there are always new hints and techniques to make your work more precise!



NOVEMBER

Meeting Date - 11/5/26 Sew-in begins at 4:30 with a guild business meeting at 7:00
Location - First Reformed Church of Scotia
Subject - Straight From the Heart Kids' Quilts Sew-in

Workshop

Saturday, November 7, 9:00 – 3:00:
Magic Stack 'n Whack: Hexies, a Technique Class with Paula Dunn
Location: First Reformed Church of Scotia

Fees: Members: \$35.00, Guests: \$45.00 plus book

Q.U.I.L.T.S. member Paula Dunn will teach us Bethany Reynolds's addictive Stack 'n Whack technique to create hexagonal or "hexie" blocks. In this class you will learn the stacking and whacking technique and have the freedom to assemble the blocks as you please. Paula says we should get ready to have some fun!



DECEMBER

Meeting Date - 12/3/2026 Doors Open at 6:30 meeting starts at 7

Location - First Reformed Church of Scotia

Subject - Holiday Party

No Workshop this month!

JANUARY

Meeting Date - 1/7/2027 “Doors” Open at 6:30 meeting starts at 7

Location - Zoom

Subject - “Layers & Lines” by RaNae Merrill

Workshop

Saturday, January 9, 10:00 – 1:00:

Free-Motion Quilted Cases: Learn FMQ & ZIPPERS! with RaNae Merrill of NYC

Location: Zoom

Fees: Members \$40.00, Guests \$50.00

Learn the fundamentals of free-motion quilting (FMQ) and how to set a zipper as you make one of three quick and easy cases. You'll be amazed at how much you can learn quilting just one block, and you'll finish a case in class! (www.ranaemerrillquilts.com)



FEBRUARY

Meeting Date - 2/4/2027 “Doors” Open at 6:15 meeting starts at 6:30

Location - Zoom

Subject - Draw, Sew, Trim technique by Katalin Horvath

***Please Note the
Time Change***

Workshop

Saturday, February 6, 9:30 – 2:30:

Landscapes with the DST Technique by Katalin Horvath, Dorset, UK

Location: Zoom

Fees: Members \$45.00, Guests \$55.00

Katalin Horvath will return by Zoom to teach us her unique and helpful Draw-Sew-Trim technique, a fast and accurate method for achieving freedom in design. Participants will create a vertical or horizontal landscape from their own photo, or a provided pattern, and also learn how to add details such as trees, flowers, grass or animals. (www.dream-quilt.com)



MARCH

Meeting Date - 3/4/2027 Sew-in begins at 4:30 with a guild business meeting at 7:00

Location - First Reformed Church of Scotia

Subject - Straight From the Heart Kids' Quilts Sew-in

Workshop

Saturday, March 20, 9:00 – 1:00

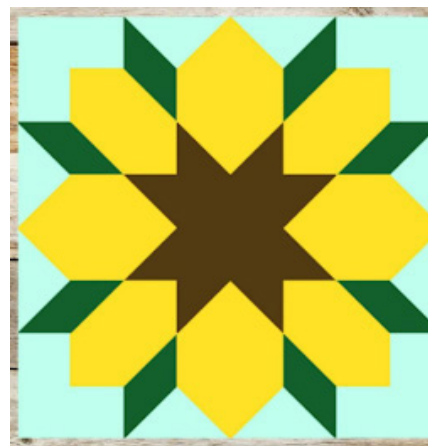
Painted Barn Quilts with Sara Meays of Holland Patent, NY

Location: First Reformed Church of Scotia

Fees: Members \$75.00, Guests \$85.00 (Workshop credit not applicable.)

Let's think outside the box! Or house! Sara Meays of Little Red Farmette will take us through painting 2' x 2' barn quilts, likely finishing them in class. Before the March 6th deadline students will select from a wide variety of patterns and paint colors. Sara will bring the paint and primed, ready to paint boards with her. All supplies are included in the cost of the workshop.

(www.littleredfarmette.com)



APRIL

Meeting Date - 4/1/2027 Doors Open at 6:30 meeting starts at 7

Location - First Reformed Church of Scotia

Subject - Aurifilosophy by Sheri Cifaldi- Morrill

Workshop

Friday, April 2, 9:00 – 4:00

Walk The Talk and Quilt It! by Sheri Cifaldi- Morrill of Woodbridge, CT

Location: First Reformed Church of Scotia

Fees: Members \$45, Guests \$55.00

Do you find yourself asking “How do I quilt this”? We’ll learn practical strategies for how to plan our own quilting design along with the nut & bolts of walking foot quilting. Sheri will show us some of her award-winning quilts and describe how she decides on a quilting plan, prepares for quilting and her tips and tricks for walking foot quilting. We’ll practice our walking foot quilting on small quilt sandwiches. This workshop also includes a group design discussion— a show & tell of one quilt top by each student and a conversation/consultation on how to quilt it with a walking foot. Students will walk away with skills, strategies, inspiration, and confidence to complete their quilts using a walking foot. (www.wholecirclestudio.com)



MAY

Meeting Date - 5/6/2027 Doors Open at 6:30 meeting starts at 7

Location - First Reformed Church of Scotia

Subject - EPP vs. FPP: The Showdown with Tina Craig

Workshop

Friday, May 7, 9:00 – 3:00 Jewel Rosette Hoop with Tina Craig of Wakefield, RI

Location: First Reformed Church of Scotia

Fees: TBA but will include a kit and optional hoop and tool kit

At our May 6th guild meeting Tina will compare and contrast English (EPP) and Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP) techniques. This class will include the basics of English Paper Piecing, fussy cutting with a Wonder Window, basting options, hand piecing and appliqué in the process of making a rosette in a 7" hoop. We'll have the opportunity to use symmetrical motifs, mirror image motifs and pattern matching. This is a hand-stitching class, so no sewing machines to lug around! (www.seaside-stitches.com)



JUNE

Meeting Date - 6/3/2027 Doors Open at 6 Dinner Starts at 6:30

Location - TBA

Subject - End of Year Picnic

No Workshop this month but details about the End of Year Party will be coming soon!

2026-2027 Guild Calendar

SEPTEMBER

9/10 - 6:30 - Welcome Back Guild Meeting
9/30 - 6:30 Quilt Drop off and Show Meeting

OCTOBER

10/1 - Quilt Show Judging
10/2 - Quilt Show Set up - Proctors
10/3 - Quilt Show - Proctors
10/4 - Quilt Show & Quilt Take Down and Pick-up
10/24 - 9-3 Workshop w/ Kathy Lutz

NOVEMBER

11/5 - 4:30 Guild Sew-in Business Meeting 7
11/7 - 9-3- Stack and Whack Class with Paula Dunn
11/11 - 10-4- Veterans Sew-in Rotterdam Community Center

DECEMBER

12/3 - 6:30 -Holiday Party

JANUARY

1/7 - 6:30 - "Layers & Lines" by RaNae Merrill - Zoom
1/9 - 9-3:30 - "FMQ & Zippered Case" with RaNae Merrill - Zoom

FEBRUARY

2/4 - 6:30 - "Draw, Sew, Trim (DST) Technique" with Katalin Horvath - Zoom
2/6 - 9-3:30 "Landscapes with the DST Technique" with Katalin Horvath - Zoom

MARCH

3/3 - 4:30 Guild Sew-in with 7 Business Meeting
3/20 - Workshop: Barn Quilts with Sara Meays

APRIL

4/1 - 6:30 - "Aurofilosophy" by Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill
4/2 - 9-4 - "Walk the Talk and Quilt It!" With Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill

MAY

5/6 - 6:30 - Meeting- Tina Craig Lecture
5/7 - 9-3 - Jewel Rosette Hoop Workshop

JUNE

6/3 - 6:00 - End of Year Potluck

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