



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



Quilters United in Learning Together, Schenectady (Q.U.I.L.T.S.) is a group of avid quilters who enjoy the design, color, artistry and craft of making quilts. The Guild was formed in 1980 and has approximately 100 active members living in Schenectady, Saratoga, Albany and surrounding communities. The range of quilting experience in our membership varies from beginner to expert. Some of our members are very experienced and have taught classes and published articles and patterns. Several members have had their quilts shown on local, national and international levels. Many of our members are beginners who joined the guild to learn how to make quilts. No matter what the experience level, there is always something to be learned and everyone has something to share. Q.U.I.L.T.S. members meet to learn, laugh and enjoy the quilting experience with others.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Q.U.I.L.T.S. generally meets the first Thursday of every month from September through June. Meetings are held at the First Reformed Church of Scotia, 224 N. Ballston Ave., Scotia, NY. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and end about 9:00 p.m. Visitors and guests are welcome. There is a \$5-\$10 non-member fee, depending upon the evening's program.

MEMBERSHIP & DUES

Membership is open to anyone interested in quilting and fostering the ongoing interest in quilting. Dues of \$25, payable by the September meeting, entitles members to voting privileges, attendance at 10 meetings, access to workshops, newsletters, use of the lending library and discounts to some fabric shops. Members are expected to volunteer their time related to service projects throughout the year and assist with our biennial quilt show.

MEETING FORMAT

Prior to the start of each meeting, members may arrive early to mingle, browse through the extensive lending library, enter the various drawings and raffles or preview upcoming workshops. After a short business meeting, the Program Committee introduces the evening's planned program which may be a speaker or a mini-workshop. Our November meeting is devoted to our annual 'sew-in' where members get together in groups to piece quilt tops which will be donated to the Northeast Parent and Child Society. Our February meeting is devoted to assembling and tying these quilts. All meetings include the much anticipated 'show and tell', and light refreshments are served.

RAFFLES & DRAWINGS

During each guild meeting, members are invited to participate in the Name Tag, Block of the Month and Fat Quarter Drawing as well as the Goodie Basket Raffle.

LIBRARY

The Guild's extensive library of over 300 items includes stencils, videos and many new quilting books, as well as the old "classics." Members may borrow up to five items at a time, due back at the next meeting.

GUILD CHALLENGES & FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

Q.U.I.L.T.S. encourages friendly, creative competition between members by offering "Mystery Quilts" and other theme-based challenges. While the Guild's purpose is to bring quilters together, it also serves as a conduit for new friendships from which several friendship groups and sewing circles have formed.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Q.U.I.L.T.S. is a non-profit organization which encourages members to make and donate quilts in addition to personal care items and other necessities to local civic organizations serving those in need such as the Northeast Parent and Child Society in Schenectady and various domestic violence shelters.

Since 1989, Q.U.I.L.T.S. members have made and donated about 1,500 quilts to the Northeast Parent and Child Society in our "Quilts from the Heart" project. The Guild was a recipient of the *JC Penney Golden Rule Award* in 1991-92 for this volunteer effort. We also received a *Champions for Children* citation in 2006 from the NY State Assembly and a *Certificate of Merit* from the NY Senate for our involvement in this on-going project.

Q.U.I.L.T.S. is also involved with making quilts for American soldiers who have been injured in war. Since that effort began in 2004, the Guild has made and donated over 150 quilts to our service men and women.

NEWSLETTER

Q.U.I.L.T.S. publishes a newsletter, "Hands All Around" three times a year - fall, winter/spring and summer. Information about upcoming meetings, area quilting events such as shows and exhibits, and Guild-related news are just a few of the items in the newsletter.

WORKSHOPS

On occasion, workshops are offered to members for a modest fee (usually \$15 - \$30). These workshops are put on by either a guest speaker or one of our own members. Notices of the workshops are listed in the newsletter and on the website. Since space in these workshops is limited, Q.U.I.L.T.S. members are given first priority to

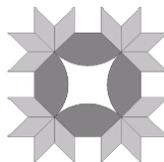
register before they are opened to guests and other guilds.

QUILT SHOW

Q.U.I.L.T.S. has been presenting a quilt show called "Autumn Inspirations" every other year since 1980 to showcase the talents of our members and to promote quilting with the community. Our quilt shows feature over 200 quilts, special displays, raffles, vendors and quilting demonstrations.

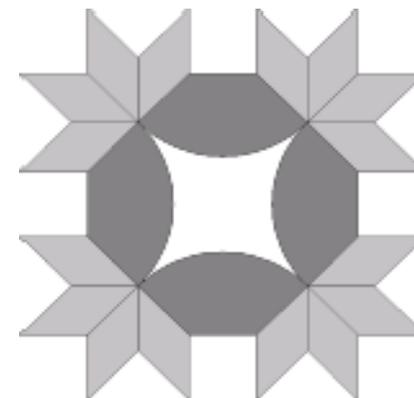
WEBSITE

Visit Q.U.I.L.T.S. on our website, www.quiltschenectady.org for additional information about our Guild such as upcoming meetings and scheduled programs and workshops. You can also view a photo gallery of quilts made by our members, browse a listing of books available in our library and find links to many other quilt-related websites.



**Please come join us –
we'd love to see you at a
meeting of Q.U.I.L.T.S.**

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