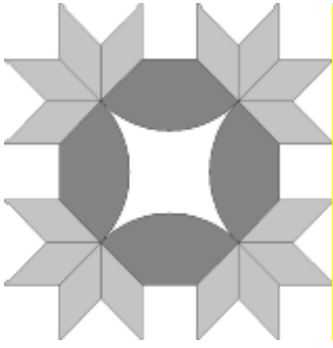


HANDS ALL AROUND - AUGUST 2016

Quilters United in Learning Together - Schenectady

<http://www.quiltschenectady.org>

Meetings on First Thursdays at 7 PM (Doors open at 6:30)
First Reformed Church of Scotia, 224 N Ballston Av, Scotia



FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

There is song from the musical *Kiss Me, Kate* that sings of “Another Opening of Another Show”. As I’ve been thinking about the upcoming year, the tune of this song keeps going through my head and since it is the only line of the song that I know, it just keeps going around and around.

Yes, this is a “Show Year” – I always get excited about it. It’s one of the things I love about our guild. I love getting ready for the show and then being so proud of what we have on display, what we’ve accomplished, and hearing the compliments we get for our show, our quilts, and our guild. Even more, each show I get a chance to interact with guild members that I didn’t know very well before. I come away feeling richer for the experience. I would encourage everyone, old and new members alike, to be as involved as you can. You will come away feeling more a part of the guild than when you started.

On a slightly more pragmatic level, this is the only fund raising event we have. It will pay about 60% of our operating budget for the next 2 years. It is what allows us to bring in speakers, underwrite workshops, and support our service projects. So, let’s make it a success!

Once the show is over and we take a big, collective sigh of relief, there is the rest of the year to be excited about. The program committee is working on some great guests for the spring, with some workshops. And there are sew-ins, and tie-ins, and parties, oh my!

So, get ready – here we go!

- Kathie

FALL SCHEDULE

September 8, 2016 – Kick off the Year ! (meeting at 7:00, doors open at 6:30)

PLEASE NOTE THE UNUSUAL DATE! Because Labor Day is late this year we are meeting on the second Thursday.

The meeting will focus on kicking off the new guild year. There will be a fair bit of show “business” to take care of and some light fun and games to help get us back into the year.

Other things for the September meeting:

- Show stuff: Sign up for volunteer slots for the show, return raffle ticket money.
Note: Please check your calendars before coming to the meeting so you can sign up for shifts.
- Pay your membership dues for the 2015-2016 year if you haven't mailed them in already. **Please come early (6:30-ish) if you need to pay dues or pick up your card.**
- Return summer projects (Northeast and Soldier quilt kits, June BOM)
- Pick up a kit to cut at home in preparation for November Sew-in.

Also remember....

✓ Membership dues (\$25.00)	✓ Show & tell projects
✓ Fat quarter - Polka Dots	✓ A friend or new member - \$5 fee
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓ Quilts, kits, or blocks for Northeast kids & soldiers
✓ Raffle ticket returns	✓

Wednesday, September 28, 2016 – It's Show Time! at Proctors, Special Date

PLEASE NOTE THE BOTH THE UNUSUAL DATE AND LOCATION! We are having the “October “meeting before the Autumn Inspirations Quilt Show which is that weekend, Oct 1 & 2. Also note, the meeting is on **WEDNESDAY** evening. This is because we will be judging the quilts on Thursday this year. Finally, we are meeting at Proctors to avoid transporting everything.

This will be a working meeting: quilts will be turned in and a variety of odd jobs, such as stuffing the catalogs with ballots, will be taken care of. Also, volunteers will pickup their reduced-price wrist bands. Because this is a working meeting, there will be NO Show & Tell.

To Be Determined: Wednesday night is also the thank you celebration at Proctors for their volunteers, so it will be a busy place. We hope to have details by the Sept meeting as to just where we will be meeting that night.

PARKING: Wednesday: Surface lots off either side of Jay Street and the garage parking are all free after 5 pm.

Thursday & Friday: There is a fee for parking during the working day in all the city lots. **Unloading:** If you have much to unload, you can temporarily park at the back door to Proctors or in the side alley. **Lots and garage are convenient and well lighted.**

Also remember....

✓ Quilts for Show with sleeve on all!	NO Show & tell projects
✓ Raffle ticket money & stubs	✓ A willing spirit and graceful attitude

October 1 and 2 – Autumn Inspiration Quilt Show at Proctors

November 3 - Sew In For Northern Rivers (starting at 4:00 or 6:30)

The November meeting will be our traditional sew-in for Kids Comfort Quilts. Please feel free to bring your own kit or pick one up from Emily at the September meeting to prepare. Doors open at 4 PM to get as much time in as possible. We break for pizza/salad before our business meeting at 7 PM and more sewing. Bring machines, thread, scissors, cutting supplies, etc. (Irons and ironing boards will be available).

PLEASE NOTE THE UNUSUAL TIME! If you are able to come at 4:00 to start sewing, please do. If you are not able to come early, please come at 6:30 (slightly earlier than normal) for a short business meeting and more sewing.

Also remember....

✓ Fat quarter – Fruits	✓ Show & tell projects
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓ A friend or new member – Free
✓ Quilt Kits, Sewing Machine, Scissor, thread, cutting supplies	✓ Quilts for Northeast kids & soldiers

December 1st – Deck the Halls! (meeting at 7:00, doors open at 6:30)

Our annual “Sweet and Savory” Holiday Celebration. For this meeting, we sample our favorite holiday finger foods and ask half the membership to share theirs. (We would have wa-a-a-y too much food if everyone brings something.) This year it will be the front half of the alphabet.

Last names beginning with M-Z... please bring a favorite dessert, appetizer, fruit, cheese, or other finger food to share.

Generally, we also bring donations of gifts for local charities. More info on this will be available in the November newsletter.

Also remember....

✓ Finger foods (if your name is M-Z)	✓ Show & tell projects
✓ Fat quarter – Silver and Gold	✓ A friend or new member – \$5 fee
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓ Quilts for Northeast kids & soldiers
✓ Donations for charities	✓

OTHER PROGRAM NOTES

This year's challenges:

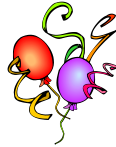
This year, there are 2 challenges. You have all year to work on them, presenting them at the June 2017 meeting. There will be prizes!

- A finished quilt, any size, all in green.
- Wearable Art: a jacket or vest in any color, any size. Could be for a child or adult.

∞ SO MUCH TO SEE!!! ∞



The Catskill Mountain Quilters Hall of Fame show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25th at the Roxbury Arts Group, 5025 Vega Mountain Rd, Roxbury NY. 10-4 PM both days, Admission \$3
There will also be a book signing on Saturday BY Betty Pillsbury (who spoke to us last May) for her new book, Crazy Quilts-A Beginners Guide.



SHOUT OUT!



AWARDS:

We were well represented at the Vermont Quilt Festival. Eileen Buel and Lynn Reynolds Makrin earned blue ribbons and Mary Wade earned a yellow ribbon for their quilts. Well done, ladies.



OTHER NEWS:

Cindy Carusone is a proud new Grandmother, grandbaby #5, Malia Grace was born June 27th, Congrats Cindy.

Barbara Mazzone's husband is home recovering from a heart attack. Lisa Wend is recovering from shoulder surgery. We hope they are feeling better.

Condolences go out to several members for family deaths this summer.

Jan Huston's husband

Ann Smith's son

Ingrit Cassimore's sister-in-law

Jan Schaible's brother

Trading Post



A feature where you can post a request or information for other members to see.

Jan Palombo would like to sell a Janome My Little Kitty Sewing Machine. Used once, still in box. Paid \$120, willing to take \$90 or BO. Great machine for new little sewers. My granddaughter loved it, but received a new machine from Vermont Quilt Festival. Contact Jan at: ianp70@nycap.rr.com or phone 518-541-3458.

2016 QUILT SHOW

From Cara Molyneaux - Quilt Show Chair

Thanks to all of you who have registered quilts for our show. Our guild has a reputation for hanging lovely quilts at our shows and I expect this year will be equally good or better. The Quilt Show Committee is going into high gear, we have about six weeks before the show as I write this article, so please begin to think seriously about the volunteer slots you want to fill. There is a job for everyone, no matter what aches and pains you have, or how many shows you have been part of. Lois Bena will give more details at the Quilt meeting on September 8th but be thinking about it now. If you want to make sure you get a specific job or time slot get in touch with her as soon as you've made up your mind. You can reach her at ljb@nycap.rr.com.

All of the jobs are satisfying but the Tying Demonstration is particularly close to my heart. Chris Powell is in charge of this activity this year and will be working with Emily Spooner to make the connection between Northern Rivers Kid's Quilts and the Tying Demonstration very clear to our visitors. If you volunteer for this job you will work on tying a quilt as people come into the show. You'll be able to show people how to tie a quilt if they don't know how and be able to greet every quilter you know from the Capital District and beyond. I volunteered here at the 2008 show that took place several months after my husband had died. It was just the right amount of participation for me at the time and I have continued to enjoy just sitting down at the demonstration for a short time, helping to tie a quilt and visiting with visitors to the show.

I'm looking forward to a successful show in 2016 and with all of us working together I'm sure we will have a great show.

Volunteer Sign-up for Autumn Inspiration Quilt Show

Lois Bena is coordinating the volunteers for the October show. Our September guild meeting, September 8th will be an important night for signing up for shifts so we can make sure we have sufficient coverage. Be sure to check your schedules before you get to the meeting, so you know when you are available. Also, for anyone who can't get to the meeting, you can email Lois at ljb@nycap.rr.com any time to sign-up.

Just a reminder: the entry fee to the show is \$7.00 but every shift you work will give you \$1.00 off the price of your wrist band. You can pay for and pick up your wristbands at the guild meeting on Sept 28th, based on the shifts you have signed up for.

For members who haven't been involved in the show before, none of the jobs are difficult or require much previous knowledge, so just dive in. It is a great way to get to know other guild members.

Veterans' Quilts – from Pat Terry

If anyone has a completed Veteran Quilt, I would like to have a selection at the V. Q. table in the atrium. You do not have to apply a sleeve or register it – just get your quilt to Pat. It will be included in a group registration for the table.

Member Challenge – from Pat Piniasek

Remember your entry for the quilt show's block challenge! Theme: Autumn Inspiration. Unquilted block, min side measurement 6.5", max side measurement 18.5". These do not need to be registered – just get your blocks to Pat Piniasek.



BULLETIN BOARD



Membership

Dues for the 2016-2017 year are still \$25.00. If you have not paid already paid, you can pay your dues at the September meeting or mail a check to *Nancy Calkins* ASAP. Have your check, made out to Q.U.I.L.T.S, along with the [membership tear-off](#) on last page of newsletter to make sure your email and other contact information is up-to-date. Reminder: Mailing address is on the tear-off page at the end of the newsletter.

November Sew-In for Northern Rivers Kids

At the September meeting, please pick up a kit to cut at home in preparation for the November Sew-In. There will be no opportunity to pick up kits in October, due to the Quilt Show. The kits are easy to cut and sew. Or bring your own "kit" from home to sew for the kids. For the Sew-In, members should bring sewing machines, thread, scissors, cutting supplies, etc. The guild has irons and ironing boards now.

Pet beds

From Jane Martinec:

Hello all! I hope everyone enjoyed some fun over the summer! Thanks to Mary Drisgula, Ingrid Cassimore and Joan Adams, we were able to make and deliver 96 pet beds of various sizes to Capital District Humane Assoc. and Forever Greyhounds for use in their foster homes! Both organizations were very grateful for them. Some of the beds given to them will be used in fundraisers for their organizations. (That's how well made they are!)

Thank you for your continued donations of yardage and scraps for stuffing! Please continue to check for pins and stray papers before you donate. Unfortunately, we cannot accept old clothes, jean trimmings or knits for the beds. Also, please cut large pieces of batting into small pieces. Craft batting works very well in the very large beds.

Communication...

When you are sending an email or providing information, please be mindful of the following...

- ♥ **Include your *first & last* name.** This may sound odd but if your email is LuvToQuilt@yahoo.com, it's hard to know who is sending the email.
- ♥ If you are sending something to include in the newsletter, provide full and clear information, condensed to about 3 to 4 lines as space is limited.
- ♥ **Send your questions to the appropriate person.** If there is a contact name, please direct your question to that person, rather than just hitting Reply to the email blast.

Got News? - If you have information for the newsletter, please send it to cross001@nycap.rr.com
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Fat Quarters

For those of you who like to plan ahead, clip the year's schedule of fat quarters and take it shopping with you

<i>Sept</i>	<i>Polka Dots</i>
<i>Oct</i>	<i>Buildings of any kind (ex: lighthouses, barns, schools, houses)</i>
<i>Nov</i>	<i>Fruits</i>
<i>Dec</i>	<i>Silver and Gold</i>
<i>Jan</i>	<i>Asian fabrics</i>
<i>Feb</i>	<i>Your favorite color, solids only</i>
<i>Mar</i>	<i>Tequila sunrise, variations of yellow to orange</i>
<i>Apr</i>	<i>Tone on Tone</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>In the Sea (ex: fish, pebbles, coral, sand)</i>
<i>Jun</i>	<i>Let's celebrate the USA!</i>

The fat quarters were suggested by members of our guild.



Q.U.I.L.T.S Fall 2016

Clip this mini-schedule and post it on your refrigerator or in your date book for easy reminders!

Date	Location	Program	Fat Quarter	Also bring:
Sept 8. <i>Note: Second Thursday.</i>	Church	Kick off the year Visitor fee \$5.00	Polka Dots	Membership dues Name Tag Show and Tell Raffle Returns!
Wed Sept 28 <i>Note: Wed, not Thurs.</i>	Proctors	Work Meeting to prepare for show		Quilts and raffle returns. No Show & Tell
Nov 3 Sew in starts at 4PM	Church	Sew In Visitor fee: Free	Fruits	Kits, equipment & supplies; No Show & Tell
Dec 1	Church	Christmas Party - Visitor fee - \$5	Silver and Gold	M-Z: finger foods



Membership 2016 - 2017

Please be sure to include your email, even if you think we already have it. We want to make sure the information we have is accurate and up-to-date. There have been some bounce-backs when newsletters/reminders are sent out.

Name: _____ Email: _____
 If changed: Address: _____
 Phone: _____

Send to: Nancy Calkins 24 West Meadow Dr, Albany NY 12203
 (include SASE to receive card by return mail. Otherwise, pick up card at Sept meeting)