



Hands All Around – August 2017

Quilters United in Learning Together – Schenectady

<http://www.quiltschenectady.org>

Meetings - First Thursdays @ 7pm (Doors open @ 6:30)

First Reformed Church of Scotia

224 N Ballston Ave., Scotia

FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

My Fellow Quilters:

Well, here it is....my first official letter to you.

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer and had an opportunity to get some quilting done in between working, meeting family obligations, vacationing and for some of you gardening.

I want you to know that I'm so excited about working with all of you for the next two years. I know with your help we'll make our Guild even better than it already is.

We have a big year ahead of us. Our 2018 Autumn Inspirations Show is scheduled for September 29th and 30th at Proctors. So get those creative minds working on what quilt or quilts you'll be entering. This will also be a wonderful opportunity for new members as well as old (and I'm not talking age) to volunteer. Volunteering for the show and our guild is so rewarding. It gives you an opportunity to spend time with people who love quilting as much as you do, make new friends and especially help the "Show to go on". Our Quilt Show is our only "fund raiser" and as it is held every other year. Its success is very important in providing the quality programs and classes our Program Committee organizes. Because our shows have been so successful we can offer classes to our members at a very reasonable cost and are also able to help our Quilts for Kids, VA Quilts and donations to Northern Rivers. I am so proud of our Guild when I tell people about all the quilts that we've made for children and our Veterans.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and as the song goes "I'll see you in September".

Linda

Fall Schedule

September 7, 2017 – Diane Evans, an award-winning quilter will be talking about Color in her quilts. (meeting at 7:00, doors open at 6:30)

Lecture: Diane Evans

Also remember....

✓ Fat quarter – Red	✓ Show & tell projects
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓ A friend or new member – \$5.00 fee
	✓ Quilts for Northern Rivers kids & soldiers

October 5, 2017 – Laura Little of Just Threads will be “Talking Threads”. **Are you confused about thread? Laura sells superior threads and is an expert on how to use them.** (meeting at 7:00, doors open at 6:30)

Lecture and Workshop: Laura Little <http://www.just-threads.com>

The workshop, “Thread Tasting” will be Wednesday. There is a \$20 charge for the workshop, and a \$25 charge for those attend the workshop for a required Thread kit. The workshop will run 10-4 on Wednesday and payment needs to be made at the September meeting..

Also remember....

✓ Fat quarter – Orange	✓ Show & tell projects
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓ A friend or new member – \$10.00 fee
	✓ Quilts for Northern Rivers kids & soldiers

November 2, 2017 – Sew-in for Northeast Parent and Child (sewing starts at 4pm, meeting at 7:00pm)

For this year, Emily will be bringing pre-cut kits, some partially assembled tops, and possibly a few quilts to tie.

***Members should bring sewing supplies and machines, cutting supplies (some patterns need them), tying needles and scissors, etc. The guild has irons and ironing boards now.

Members can come at any time from 4pm to sew. Dinner is for 6:30 for those who are sewing.

Emily will also have kits at the September and October guild meetings for people who like to cut their own. Members may also bring their own "kits" that they made at home for Northern Rivers.

Also remember....

✓ Fat Quarter- Yellow	✓ Show & tell projects
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓ A friend or new member – no fee
	✓ Quilts for Northern Rivers kids & soldiers

December 7, 2017 Holiday Party (meeting starts at 7, doors open at 6:30)

This is our annual “Sweet and Savory” Holiday Celebration. For this meeting, we sample our favorite holiday finger foods and ask half of the membership to share theirs (this year, it’s the second half of the alphabet who gets to share their secret recipe dishes – but not necessarily the recipes!)

Also remember....

✓ Fat quarter – Green	✓ Show & tell projects
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓ A friend or new member – no fee
Finger foods (if your last name begins with M-Z)	✓ Quilts for Northern Rivers kids & soldiers

Reminder for the December meeting: Every year at this meeting, Q.U.I.L.T.S members donate items to Northern Rivers Family Services and to the Family Life Center at the Schenectady Intercity Mission for the holidays. More specific information on what to bring will be included with the November newsletter.

This year's challenge:

So maybe you won a block of the month at some point in the two years or this year. Did you ever finish that quilt? Well, this is the year to do it. The challenge will be to finish a quilt with those block of the month blocks.

If you haven't won a block of the month there is still time this year. Take part in this activity at this year's Guild meetings! For more information, talk to Mary Albers or Betty Parks.

MEMBER NEWS AND BULLETIN BOARD

Pet beds

Thank you everyone for your continued donations of yardage, scraps and beds that you have made! I brought several pet beds up to camp and they have been a big hit! I have been able to raise almost \$150. so far to split between Kitten Angels - Cat rescue and Hugs from Henry - Dog rescue!

Looking for yardage of fleece to make beds for Kitten Angels Rescue group. It would be wonderful if everyone dropped off the fabric donations to my house vs. the meetings

Also, please remember to clean out your unwanted jewelry, even broken pieces, for Tabby's Treasures in the Spring. (I had thought it was in October previously) and bring them to Guild meetings.

For info, contact Jane Martinec, janemajel@aol.com, 346-0910

Veterans Quilts

Last year we initiated a series of sew-ins for Veteran quilts. It proved to be a success and we will be doing this again this year. Participants can sign up at the Guild meetings and bring machines, etc. to sew. Complete kits will be provided. Helpers are also welcome to cut, iron, etc.

Dates are Friday, Nov. 10 (a day off for Veterans' Day on Saturday), Friday, January 26 and Friday, April 27.

We passed out 67 quilts at the VA hospital this past year. This is the highest number since we began this program!

Friendship Groups

On another note, if you are interested in joining or starting a Friendship Group, you can reach out to Linda Cary. We know that there are members who might not know many people in the Guild or be comfortable reaching out to start a Friendship group themselves, but Linda might be able to help being a "matchmaker".

“Big Sisters” as Guild Member Mentors

If anyone is interested in being a “Big Sister” to help new members feel welcomed and to explain what our Guild is all about, they can let Eileen McCabe know.

Mentors for Quilting Skills

We have several Guild members who are willing to act as mentors for specific techniques. For Needle Turn Applique (Linda Ovitt), Paper Piecing (Mary McNamara and Paula Ross), Machine Quilting-Feathers (Linda Cary), and EQ-Electric Quilt software and Basic Piecing Techniques (Kathie Lutz)

Loving Hands in All Seasons Quilt Guild

They will be holding their annual Quilter’s Indoor Sale on September 30. It will be held at the old Florida Town Hall, 167 Fort Hunter Rd., Minaville, NY. The village is on Route 30, just south of Thruway Exit 27. If someone would like to rent a table, it is \$20.00 for the day. For more information, contact Judy Neznek 518-842-0951.

Cobleskill Quilt Show Display Request

The Cobleskill United Methodist Church will be holding their 12th Annual Pieces from the Heart Quilt Show on October 13-14. They would like to know if our Guild is interesting in participating. The one area that our Guild may be able to produce a display is one showing our history. If anyone is willing to volunteer for this project, please let Linda Cary know. **Please note that the display must be done by September 15.**

Display at the Schenectady County Public Library for October

Our Guild will be having a Community Service QUILTS display at the Central Library for the Schenectady County Public Library for the month of October 2017. Our display is to let the public know how our organization helps others in need and also to promote the love of quilting. (And of course to show our beautiful quilts!)

If anyone would like to display a Veterans’ Quilt, a quilt for Northern Rivers, or a Pet Bed, please bring them to the SEPTEMBER Guild Meeting. If you need extra time to finish a quilt, we can make arrangements to get them before September 18th. Also, if you want your quilt hung with a sleeve, please include that too.

We are expecting to display at least 25 quilts. Soooo, as you are finishing up quilts over this last weekend of summer, please think about finishing a community service quilt that you would like to display at the Schenectady County Public Library.

If you need more information, please contact Suzanne Bernadt or Nancy Gifford, guild members and librarians at Schenectady County Public Library or Judy Fregoe.

Winners at the Vermont Quilt Festival

Linda Cary's wall hanging "The Howling" got a second place ribbon at the Vermont Quilt Festival and her entry for the Sewbatik contest at the Vermont Quilt Festival "Into the Sun" came in 2nd place. Congratulations to Linda!

THREADS Magazine Feature

Elaine McCain has had a sewing tip accepted for publication in the Oct/Nov issue of THREADS Magazine. Look for it on page 14 in the issue with the yellow dress on the cover. Very cool Elaine!

24th Annual Bennington Quiltfest

The show will be held on September 16-17 (Sat. 9-5 and Sunday 9-4) at Mount Anthony Union Middle School. The featured quilter is Michelle Renee Hiatt, who is a designer of her own line of patterns, Sew on the Go.

Communication...

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

- **Include your 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.

If you have news or any information for the newsletter, please send it to Natalie McDonough at quiltsnewsletter@gmail.com

The deadline for the November newsletter is October 20 at 5pm.

Membership Dues

For the 2017-2018 year dues can be mailed to Eileen McCabe or be paid at the September meeting. Membership fee is \$25.00 for the full year. Please use the form at the end of the newsletter. You must be a member of the Guild for this year in order to enter a quilt in the show in 2018.

OFFICERS & COMMITTEE HEADS FOR 2017-2018

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Fat Quarters – This year’s theme is “Colors of the Rainbow Plus”

For those of you who like to plan ahead, clip the year’s schedule of fat quarters and take it shopping with you. Each fat quarter should measure 18 inches by 22 inches. The fat quarter can be solid, batik or print as long as the background is the color listed below.

September	Red	February	Violet/ Purple
October	Orange	March	Black
November	Yellow	April	White
December	Green	May	Brown
January	Blue	June	You Pick (any fat quarter in your stash will do)



Membership 2017 - 2018

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: Eileen McCabe 10 Londonderry Way, Niskayuna, NY 12309
(include SASE to receive card by return mail. Otherwise, pick up card at Sept meeting)

