



FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

A season of light...whatever your tradition. Whether you celebrate the light of the menorah which lasted 8 days on 1 days' worth of oil, the baby found by wise men guided by a star, or the slow return of the sun to eventually warm the ground which will bear us food, they are all celebrations of life, light, and events that no one can truly explain. I hope your holiday and your new year is filled with light and new life and the idea that the unexpected can happen.

- *Kathie*

HANDS ALL AROUND – Dec, 2015

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

Winter SCHEDULE

December 3rd – 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 A-L... please bring a favorite dessert, appetizer, fruit, cheese, or other finger food to share.

Also remember....

✓ Finger foods (if your name is A-L)	✓ Show & tell projects
✓ Fat quarter - Favorite Holiday Character	✓ A friend or new member - \$5 fee
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓ Quilts for Northeast kids & soldiers

Reminder: Every year at the December meeting, Q.U.I.L.T.S. members donate items to Northern Rivers Family Services and to the Family Life Center at the Schenectady City Mission for the holidays.

- For Northern Rivers, go to www.NorthernRiversHolidayGiving.com for a detailed list. They are focusing on teens 13 – 19 years old. General categories include new, unwrapped toys, clothes, home goods, or other gifts.
- For Schenectady City Mission, items for women, personal care products such soap, deodorant, shampoo, feminine products, etc.

January 7, 2015 – Sue Pettengill (meeting at 7:00, doors open at 6:30)

Sue Pettengill from the Joyful Quilter will do a presentation Slow Stitching based on Mark Lipinski’s movement. Instead of churning out projects, *Slow Stitching* is about slowing down, being more deliberate and enjoying the process. This, in turn, will help you be more creative and mindful in your creations.

Also remember....

✓ Fat quarter - Mocha Latte, light to dark	✓ Show & Tell
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓ A friend or new member - \$5 fee
✓	✓ Quilts, kits, or blocks for Northeast kids & soldiers

February 4 – Tie-In For Kids Quilts (doors open 4PM, meeting starts at 7)

We will have our Annual Tie-In for KIDS quilts. Like last year, we will start this work session/meeting at 4 PM so we can get more done. Our goal is to have 12 tables and 2 quilts tied at each of the 12 tables. Bring large needles (with large eyes) – tying materials provided. Pizza and salad will be served before the business meeting.

PLEASE NOTE THE UNUSUAL TIME! We are going to try starting early for this meeting, like we do for the Sew-In. If you are able to come at 4:00 to start tying, 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 tying.

Also remember....

✓ Fat quarter - Day at the Zoo	✓ Show & tell projects
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓ A friend or new member - no charge
✓ Bring needles, scissors, masking tape, thimbles.	✓ Quilts for Northeast kids & soldiers

March 3 - Barbara Pershing (meeting at 7:00, doors open at 6:30)

Barbara Pershing will talk about curved piecing and show samples of her work.

Also remember....

✓ Fat quarter - St. Patties Day	✓ Show & tell projects
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓ A friend or new member - \$10 fee
✓	✓ Quilts for Northeast kids & soldiers

Class: Friday, March 4, Barbara will do a class on curved piecing, specifically using the Drunkard's Path patter. Class fee is \$40. For more info check her out on her website at www.4and6designs.com

Other program notes

This year's challenges:

This year there are two challenges. The first is a color challenge. We have selected the color from the designers from Pantone. We are using their "color of the year" WINE! They actually call it Marsala. It is an earthy, robust blue-red. The color must be the predominant color in the quilt. The quilt should measure about 36"x36", suitable as a wall hanging.

Second challenge is "It's in the Bag." Members are to create a quilted bag. The bag can be of any size, color, etc. Everyone should enjoy this challenge.

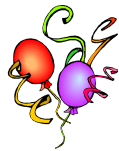
Spring Sneak Peak:

Karen Kay Buckley will present a lecture at the meeting and offer a workshop on machine applique in April. Betty Pillsbury will lecture on the History of Crazy Quilting in May.

∞ sO much to See!!! ∞



Applique Along The Mohawk: A local group of the international organization, The Applique Society or TAS, meets the third Friday of the month at the Joyful Quilter from 10:30 till around 2PM. You don't have to know how to applique, they can teach you. You will be surprised at how many ways there are. Bring your lunch and join in the conversation and learning. There is a \$5 fee/person for the use of the room.



Shout Out!



AWARDS:

Congratulations to Janet Palombo on winning the Houston Quilt Show, Ina Stentiford Memorial Floral Quilt Award. The quilt will be traveling until Aug 2016.



OTHER NEWS:

Thank You Mary Cahill for donating the electric teapot to the Hospitality Committee.

Congratulations to New Grandmother Linda Armour, her daughter Ronnie gave birth to twins-Victor and Sofia Grace on November 16th.

2016 Quilt Show

Publicity:

Volunteers are needed to help with publicity for the show. Please contact Lynn Lauzon-Russom.

Boutique:

The Boutique will be accepting the following donations.

- Quilting fabric and items related to quilting. No crafting items, books or supplies.
- All yardage needs to be measured and marked.
- Pre-cut squares-counted labeled and packaged 4 1/2, 5 1/2, 6 1/2 inch and 2 1/2 inch strips.
- Packaged coordinated scraps
- Panel Prints
- Magazines-2010 or newer
- Quilting books and books related to quilting
- Crazy Quilt Fabric
- Handmade gift items
- Handmade Christmas ornaments.

If you have fabric that you want repurposed that doesn't fit the above categories, please give it to Jane Martinec for the pet beds.

Down the road, volunteers will be needed for the 2018 show for a chairperson/or co-chairpersons for the boutique. Come help out now and learn the ropes. Anyone interested please contact Elaine McCain or Linda Cary.



bulletin board



February Tie In

At the February meeting we will be tying kids quilts.
For the meeting, bring needles, scissors, masking tape, and thimbles.

Pet beds

Thank you for all the donations of fabric! We have been able to make some very attractive pet beds! As of now, about 400 beds have been delivered to 12 organization. They all have been happy to receive them. Thank you to Mary Drisgula and Ingrid Cassimore for your continued help.

I still have a boy baptism outfit, spread the work to everyone who has donated please. I would like to return it. Jane

Mentoring Program

Last year we started the mentoring program. The goals are simple: to match up members with a skill to share and members who want to learn a skill and to encourage members to get to know more members. It got off to a slow start but we would like to see if we can generate some more interest and get it going.

This isn't a long term commitment – if someone has a skill and someone wants to learn a skill, the two of you can get together. You can arrange to meet for an afternoon or two to work together.

If you have a skill you feel confident with and would be willing to spend an afternoon with another member, let Kathie Lutz know and we'll put you on the list. If you want to learn a skill, you can contact someone on the list that we will together or contact Kathie Lutz and she'll see if she can find someone with that skill for you to contact.

The list of people who volunteered as mentors last year is below.

- Needle turn applique: Linda Ovitt - lovitt1947@me.com
- Paper Piecing: Mary McNamara – mmcnama2@nycap.rr.com
- Paper Piecing: Paula Ross – cross001@nycap.rr.com
- Machine Quilting – feathers: Linda Cary – ronlincary@yahoo.com
- Electric Quilt: Kathie Lutz – klutz@nycap.rr.com
- Basic Piecing Techniques: Kathie Lutz – klutz@nycap.rr.com

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.

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

Trading Post



Frankie Scheufler found thimbles in a basket at an estate sale. They appear to be vintage with an A.F. Perry stamp on them. If you are a collector and interested in these thimbles please call, 518 952-7079 or email her at Frankie1434@nycap.rr.com.

For Sale: Singer Zig Zag Model 413, from the early 1970's. Comes with a hard case, even feed foot, buttonhole attachment and accessories. Asking \$50, seems to be in good working order. Contact: Deb Kreifels at kreifede@yahoo.com or 518 393-8101.

For Sale: Mid range Long Arm - 2008 Gammill Homecraft Quilting Machine \$1200. Contact Mary Albers at maryalbersNY@gmail.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

December *Who or what is your favorite Christmas Character, ex Santa, Snowmen, Penguins*
 January *Mocha Latte, light to dark*
 February *Day at the Zoo (great for I spy quilt)*
 March *St. Patties Day celebration*
 April *White on White*
 May *Flower Power*
 June *God Bless the USA*



Q.U.I.L.T.S Winter 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:
Dec. 3	Church	Deck the Halls, Holiday Party	Favorite Christmas Character	A-L Finger Foods
Jan. 7	Church	Sue Pettengill Visitor Fee \$5	Mocha Latte	Quilts for Kids and Vets
Feb. 4	Church	Kids Tie In	Day at the Zoo	Needles, masking tape, scissors, thimbles
Mar. 3	Church	Barbara Pershing Drunkards Path Visitor Fee: \$10	St. Patties Day	Quilts for Kids and Vets
Mar. 4	Church	Class - Drunkard's Path		
Apr. 7	Church	Karen Kay Buckley Machine Applique Visitor Fee: \$10	White on White	Quilts for Kids and Vets
Apr. 8	Church	Class - Machine Applique		

