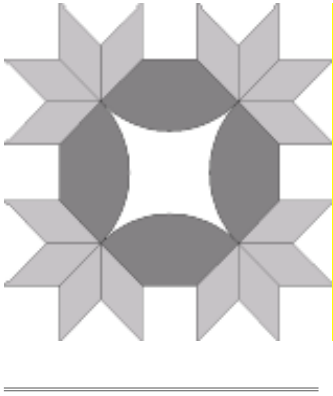


HANDS ALL AROUND DEC 2016

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:

It is always hard to figure out what to say to a diverse group about the holiday season. For some, it is a season of hustle and bustle and excitement. For others, it is a season of obligation, difficult memories, and stress. Finally, others experience it as annoying noise in the background they can't seem to get away from. Whatever your experience of the season, I'd invite you to take a moment, take a deep breath, and capture the stillness and peace in that moment. Let that stillness fuel you as we move through the solstice, the ending of one cycle as the light fades, and begin the rebirth as the sun starts its rise that will bring us to the next spring and a new season of creativity.

- Kathie

WINTER SCHEDULE

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 second half of the alphabet.

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

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
✓ Gifts for Northern Rivers	✓ Gifts for City Mission

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, personal care items, gift cards, etc.
- For Schenectady City Mission, Hats, gloves, and scarves for any age. New or gently used.

January Meeting 5th, 2016 – Kathryn Greenwold (meeting at 7:00, doors open at 6:30)

Kathie will present “Quilts in the 21st Century”, covering new techniques, fabrics, and design being used in contemporary quilts.

Also remember....

	✓ Show & tell projects
✓ Fat quarter – Asian	✓ A friend or new member – \$5 fee
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓ Quilts for Northeast kids & soldiers
✓ Workshop January 7, 10-4:30 \$40	✓ Lecture Kathryn Greenwold

Workshop: Saturday, Jan 7, 10 am – 4:30 pm – Basic Machine Quilting. Kathie will teach us how to quilt on our home sewing machine. Open to beginners as well as those who have some basic skills and want to learn more. A darning or free motion foot is required and a walking foot or dual feed machine is *highly* recommended. The entire supply list will be provided when you sign up for the class. Cost is \$30.00.

Visit Kathie’s Website at www.kathryngreenwold.com or www.kaylynnndesign.com.

February 2nd, 2016 – Sew-In (starting at 4:00 or 6:30)

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) masking tape, scissors – tying materials provided.

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 - Your favorite color, solids only	✓ No Show & Tell
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓ A friend or new member - Free
✓ Bring needles, scissors, masking tape, thimbles.	✓ Quilts for Northeast kids & soldiers

March 2nd, 2016 – Ami Simms (meeting at 7:00, doors open at 6:30)

Those of you who remember the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative will recognize the name Ami Simms – she spearheaded the project that we participated in. Ami will be lecturing on “How not to make a prize winning quilt. Ami will share her own mistakes over the years to give us tips on what NOT to do when making your quilts.

Also, remember....

✓ Fat quarter - Tequila Sunrise, variations yellow to orange	✓ Show & tell projects
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓ A friend or new member - \$10 fee
Lecture Ami Simms	✓ Quilts for Northeast kids & soldiers
Workshop March 3 (Friday) \$40	✓

Workshop: Friday, March 3 - Crumb Class. Ami will teach us what to do with those scraps that are too pretty to put in dog bags but we just don't know what to do with them. Ami is a very creative and funny lady – her workshop is not to be missed. 2017 may be her last year teaching, so sign up! The material list will be provided when you sign up for the class. Cost - \$40.00.

Visit Ami at her website www.amisimms.com

Other Program Notes

This year's challenges:

Quilt—any size—all greens

Wearable Art—jacket or vest. Any color, any size—child, adult

Upcoming Workshops:

In May, Linda Poole will be join us and presenting a workshop on Wed, May 3 on painted applique. Cost is \$40 and there is a \$30 supply fee for paints, etc.

∞ So Much to See!!! ∞



There is a group that meets at the Niskayuna Library on the 4th Friday of every month from 10-2. It started out as an applique group, but the library has asked us to include all crafts. Our goal is to teach others and get them interested in other things besides TV. We need more members so we can grow the group and interest people.



Shout Out!



AWARDS:

MARY WADE'S QUILT "THE READING LESSON" WON A THIRD PLACE RIBBON AT THE VERMONT QUILT FEST. ALSO 1ST PLACE AND VENDOR CHOICE AWARDS AT THE WILTPICK SHOW IN KINSTON NY. CONGRATULATIONS MARY!!



OTHER NEWS:

KATHIE GREENWOLD, DONNIE BROWNSEY AND CONNIE DANKO HAVE QUILTS AT "VIEW" ART CENTER IN OLD FORGE.

2016 Quilt Show

The 2016 Autumn Inspirations has come and gone... It was a tremendous success (as usual) and we have all our great members to thank. About two-thirds of the membership participated in the show in some way, quite a statistic for any organization! The final numbers are still being tallied and we hope to provide them in the next newsletter.

A huge Thank You to the business that donated to support our hospitality room. We really appreciate them!! Please remember to shop at these stores to support them.

2016 Donations (Final Tally)

Name	Address	
Benevento Pizza Cafe	80 Freeman’s Bridge Road Glenville, NY 12302	
BJ’s Wholesale	70 W. Campbell Road Schenectady, NY 12306	
Gabriel’s Supermarket	1924 Curry Road Schenectady NY 12303	255 Mohawk Avenue Scotia, NY 12302
Hannaford	1400 Altamont Ave. Schenectady, NY 12303	
Home Style	1720 Union Street Schenectady, NY 12309	
Jimmy John’s	1625 Union Street Schenectady, NY 12309	
Niskayuna Co-Op	2227 Nott Street Niskayuna, NY 12309	
Price Chopper	1879 Altamont Ave. Schenectady, NY 12303	
Shoprite	2333 Nott Street East Niskayuna, NY 12309	
Stewarts Shops	P.O. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	
Walmart	1320 Altamont Ave. Schenectady, NY 12303	



Bulletin Board



Veteran's Quilts

The Nov. 11, Veterans' Quilt Sew-in was a big success. Thanks to all the participants. Lee set up the small room to efficiently accommodate 16 sewers, with ironing and cutting boards close by. There were 14 sewers and 4 helpers in attendance. (Looked like a sweat shop!) 14 tops were completed and more brought home to finish.

We are planning another sew-in during those long winter months – stay tuned - and a third in the Spring. Also, if anyone is interested in coming along to the VA to distribute the quilts, we go on a Monday morning (about once a month). Please contact me for more information.

Pat Terry

Pet beds

Keep those scraps coming—this is a great cause for our furry friends.

Meeting Snacks

Remember—If you sign up to bring in snacks for the monthly meeting, you don't have to bring food to the December or June Meeting.

Committees...

1 or 2 additional members needed for hospitality committee, contact Mary Ann Losee at losee153@aol.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
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Trading Post



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

For sale- Know someone who wants to learn to sew and needs a starter sewing machine? Kenmore machine for sale. \$50.00.

It works perfectly and was just replaced by a quilting/specific machine. Call Natalie 518-986-3135.



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
2016/2017

Dec.	Silver and Gold
Jan.	Asian fabrics
Feb.	Your favorite color, solids only
March	Tequila sunrise, variations of yellow to orange
April	Tone on Tone
May	In the Sea ex. fish, pebbles, coral, sand
June	Let's celebrate the USA!

The fat quarters were suggested by members of our guild.



Q.U.I.L.T.S Winter 2016-2017

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 1	Church	Christmas Party, visitor fee \$5	Silver or gold	M-Z fingers foods
January 5	Church	Kathryn Greenwold visitor fee \$5	Asian	Name Tag Veterans Quilts Kids Quilts
January 7 (Sat)	Church	Workshop - Machine Quilting		
February 2	Church	Sew In Visitor Free	Your favorite color, solids only	Name Tag Veterans Quilts Kids Quilts
March 2	Church	Ami Simms Visitor Fee - \$10	Tequila Sunrise, variations of yellow to orange	
March 3 (Fri)	Church	Workshop Ami Simms "Crumb Quilting"		

