

Hands All Around
March 2018
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:

Hello Ladies,

Well, Spring is just around the corner and I know everyone is looking forward to sunshine and warm weather.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and family of Marie Miller who passed in December. She was a long-time member of our Guild and we were lucky to have her as one of our featured quilters at our Show several years ago. She will be missed.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Kid's Quilts Sew-in and Tie-In as I know they were a great success. It's amazing how much is accomplished when there are so many of you willing to give of your time. I'm so proud of our Guild and what it has done to help children over the years. Thank you Emily Spooner for your many years of dedication to this cause, it couldn't be done without you!

Pat Terry organized another successful Veteran's Quilt Sew-in in January and although our member's meeting was cancelled in January she was able to recruit enough members to carry-on. Thank you Pat and all those who helped. Keep in mind that there will be another Tie-in April 27.

I hope you're all having fun with our two challenges this year. I just finished my Twist to the Log Cabin and have an idea for the "Wind" themed challenge. Thank you Linda Ovitt and Bromwyn Helene for making us "think outside the box". Remember for those of you who participate there will be prizes for the top 3.

The Show Committee is hard at work organizing another fantastic Quilt Show. Remember we can't have a quilt show without quilts. So, please enter your quilts and for those who have done the challenge quilts this year it would be wonderful to let people see other examples of how creative our guild is. Don't forget that for the show there is a challenge to make a fall themed table runner.

Think Spring everyone!

Linda

March 1, 2018

- **Fat Quarter- Black**
- **Your hand-sewn name tag**
- **A friend or new member- \$10 fee**
- **Quilts for Northern Rivers and Soldiers**
- **Show and Tell**

Program: Thomas Knauer will be presenting to our group on Thursday.

Workshop: Fee for the two day Thomas Knauer workshop is \$80. NOTE—the reason you are bringing something else to work on, is so there will be no twiddling thumbs while you wait your turn for your individual attention. No twiddling thumbs, day dreaming or fidget spinners allowed.

April 5

- **Fat Quarter –White**
- **Your hand-sewn name tag**
- **A friend or new member- \$5 fee**
- **Quilts for Northern Rivers and Soldiers**
- **Show and Tell**

Program: Kathie Lutz - "The last mile". Kathie will present techniques for finishing quilts. We will talk about adding borders, applying bindings, squaring up quilts, etc. to make the finished quilt as beautiful you intended. We will also talk getting your quilts ready for the show and judging.

May 3

- **Fat Quarter – Brown**
- **Your hand-sewn name tag**
- **A friend or new member – \$10 fee**
- **Quilts for Northern Rivers and Soldiers**
- **Show and Tell**

Program: Sue will be presenting to our guild at the meeting.

Workshop: Sue Pelland. Workshop \$40 Friday, May 4—workshop Clever Clamshells. We will be making a baby quilt using the large hearts and more template set. You will learn to cut two types of fusible clam shells for quilts and borders. You will need a sewing machine. A more inclusive supply list is coming soon.

June 7 Party like it's 2018

- **Fat Quarter – Dealer's Choice- You Choose a fat quarter from your stash**
- **Your hand-sewn name tag**
- **A friend or new member – No fee**
- **Quilts for Northern Rivers and Soldiers**
- **Show and Tell**

Challenge Quilts:

- Log cabin—use the log cabin design in a way so that others can't see the cabin design right away. There are many examples on the Internet and Pinterest. The size should be no bigger than 36 x 36 or its equivalent square inches. It can be smaller. Having trouble designing such a log cabin quilt? Join us for Thomas Knauer's workshop.
- Wind—Design a quilt that depicts wind. Most that I have seen are like Holly Hobby, the hat ladies, trees blowing, etc. Thomas Knauer is prepared to help us design a quilt depicting wind. These quilts should be no bigger than 20x20 or the equivalent square inches. They can be smaller.
- Betty's challenge is to complete a block of the month quilt that you have won during her time as block of the month coordinator. Complete more than one. Let's see those block of the month Quilts get finished

Member News and Bulletin Board

- **Sizes for donation quilts**

There was a question recently about the sizes for quilts that are donated to local organizations. While there is more information on our website, here is a quick guide: Veterans' Quilts (50" x 74" or 45" x 60", often combinations of red, white and blue are used) and Northern Rivers ("Big Kids" 54" x 72" and "Little Kids" 42" x 60", bright and happy quilts, with a specific need of quilts for teen boys).

- **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.

***DATE CHANGE. It will now be held on April 13 at the church from 9-3. Kits will be provided. We need sewers and helpers. Contact Pat Terry if you are able to attend (rterry3@nycap.rr.com)

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

- **Member Challenge for the 2018 Quilt Show**

This challenge is for a table runner, which is fall related, finished and rectangular, though the shorter sides may be pointed.

- **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)

- **Bernina for Sale**

Our late member Marie Miller had a Bernina 440, Quilters Edition, with a desk and cabinets. The machine is almost mint condition, with very little use. Her husband, Harold would like to give guild members the first chance at buying it and would prefer to sell the machine and furniture as one unit if possible, at a price of \$2500. For more information, please contact Harold Miller, 518-399-4096, or haroldmiller@nycap.rr.com

- **Traveling this spring and summer?**

The new edition (the 15th!!!) of the Quilters Travel Companion will be coming out this May. You can pre-order it in their website, www.quilterstravelcompanion.com or buy it at your favorite local quilt shop. It's great to see how many shops you can visit when you are traveling.

- **Upcoming Shows and Camps**

One of our members wanted to share information about some upcoming "camps" and shows that she received from Dreamcrafters Quilt Shop (1422 State Route 3 Akwesasne, NY 13655 [518-358-4285](tel:518-358-4285)), which is near the Canadian border. It's a shop that I've been tempted to stop at on the way back from Ottawa, but never seen to be there at the right time.

- **AQS Quilt Show.** March 20-24, 2018. Lancaster, PA
- **MQX - New England Quilt Festival.** April 11-14, 2018. The Center of New Hampshire / Radisson Hotel 700 Elm Street, Manchester, New Hampshire.
- **Paducah AQS Spring Show,** April 18-21, 2018. Paducah, KY. (If you ever have the opportunity to attend this Show, you will be in for a treat. The city of Paducah opens its doors to quilters from all over the world. Shops along the main street have quilts in the windows, churches have meals for quilters, the local Mall has additional vendors in case you didn't find enough at the AQS Show or the Rotary Show (mainly antique quilts).
- **Vermont Quilt Festival.** June 22-24, 2018. Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Junction, VT.
- **Adirondack Quilt Camp,** June 24-27. Long Lake, NY
<http://www.adirondackquiltcamp.com/>
- **Quilting By the Lake.** July 15 - 27, 2018. Onondaga Community College, Syracuse NY.

Communication...

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

- **Include your name.**
- 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 and send to Natalie McDonough at quiltsnewsletter@gmail.com.
- **Send your questions to the appropriate person.**
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Fat Quarters – This year's theme is "Colors of the Rainbow Plus"

March – Black, April – White, May- Brown

June – Dealer's Choice – You Choose, any fat quarter in your stash will do.