



# Hands All Around – November 2018

Quilters United in Learning Together – Schenectady

<http://www.quiltshenectady.org>

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

First Reformed Church of Scotia

224 N Ballston Ave., Scotia

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Happy Holidays!

Well Ladies, another successful Quilt Show is under our belt. Thanks to all who chaired committees and to all members who gave so much of their time and talent to put together a beautiful show. We received a compliment from Proctor's staff that we are the nicest and the most organized group that they work with. I think we are as well. So, now we all have to start working on the quilts for the 2020 show! A quilter's job is never done.

Thank you Emily Spooner for organizing the Kids Sew-in and according to Membership we had 88 members participate. I did have to take my quilt home to finish because I was "socializing" too much. But being with everyone is so much fun! Looking forward to the February Tie-in! Thank you Pat Terry for organizing the VA Quilt sew-in/tie-in and if I counted correctly there were 19 members participating. Again, another fun day!

We have so much to look forward in 2019. Linda Ovitt has planned great speakers and workshops for us and our own Paula Dunn will be teaching another "Stack and Whack" Class in March...I can't wait. I know that Linda needed a definite "head count" for the January Barn Quilt Class so that kits could be ordered. Please let her know if you are interested before the December member's meeting. Stop by the Program table at the next meeting and check out the upcoming classes.

Thank you Kathleen Morris for volunteering to run for President but we still need a Vice President. I'm hoping that we have several volunteers for this spot. Kathleen will be a great person to work with.

I'm looking forward to our December meeting and all the wonderful goodies, show and tell and spending time with great people.

I would like to wish you all Peace, Good Health and Happiness this Holiday Season.

Linda Cary  
President

**December 6, 2018 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 (M-Z) who get to share their secret recipe dishes – but not necessarily the recipes!)

- **Wish list from Northern Rivers**

[https://www.northernrivers.org/images/2018\\_Holiday\\_Giving\\_wish\\_list\\_2018\\_09.10.pdf](https://www.northernrivers.org/images/2018_Holiday_Giving_wish_list_2018_09.10.pdf)

- **City Mission of Schenectady**

Their high priority need is toiletry items for women at the shelter. Full size items, rather than hotel travel-sized items are preferred.

If you have questions about either organization, please speak to Emily Spooner 518-371-1571 or [semily1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:semily1@nycap.rr.com)

**Reminder for the December meeting:**

- If you are interested in the “Barn Quilt” Class being given on January 4, 2019 you must let Linda Ovitt know by the December 6th meeting so that there will be enough kits available. Cost of the kit is \$45 (which is paid directly to Suzi Parron the day of the class and there is a \$10 fee paid to the guild. Linda’s email is [lovitt1947@me.com](mailto:lovitt1947@me.com)
- The Friday class is currently full, but Linda is taking a waiting list.

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

**January 3, 2019 Suzi Parron on Barn Quilts**

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

Suzi Parron will talk to us at the meeting about barn quilts and their history. On Friday, she will show us how to paint a small barn quilt. Check out Suzi’s website:

<http://barnquiltinfo.com/index.htm>

**February 7, 2019 Annual Tie-In**

✓ Fat Quarter- Color Me Love	✓ <b>NO Show &amp; tell</b>
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	<b>Quilts for Northern Rivers kids &amp; soldiers</b>

We will have our Annual Tie-In for KIDS quilts. Like in the past, 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. Please bring large needles (with large eyes), masking tape, and scissors. Tying thread, and quilts and batting will be provided. **PLEASE NOTE THE UNUSUAL TIME!** 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. Dinner will be provided for those who come early. There will also be scraps for cutting (please bring your cutting tools), and limited space for machine sewing/quilting for those who are interested.

### **Advance Notice:**

March is Redbird Quilts. She will lecture on Thursday. On Friday morning, she will show us how to do a small felted wool (really called fulled wool) hanging. On Friday afternoon she will show us how to machine quilt it. <http://www.redbirdquiltco.com>

Also upcoming is Paula Dunn's Stack and Whack and Kathy Lutz will teach EQ. More on those at the December meeting.

### **This year's challenge:**

Challenges – A quilt made from a triad of colors from the basic color wheel and a quilt depicting a leaf or leaves. 24" X 36". I sent the color wheel in an attachment in the fall, but please let me know if you need it. Natalie (quiltsnewsletter@gmail.com )

### **Pet beds**

Thank you to everyone for their continued donations of yardage, stuffing and scraps! Thank you also for the ready-made beds that you have made and stuffed, Jane is very grateful for that! Two big adoption clinics, Curtis Lumber in Malta and Capitaland GMC/ Subaru in Glenville were thrilled to be able to hand out free pet beds to everyone who adopted their new furry friend at the events. Pet Connection, based in Slingerlands, gave all of the donated pet beds to their Rescue Groups and Shelters that participated this year to distribute through them to their adopters. There were also smaller donations to people who take care of feral cats in a few different locations. A Very Successful Year!!!!

Please DO NOT bring donations to the December meeting as Jane's truck will be full of the donations to Northern Rivers. Jane Martinec (janemajel@aol.com )

## **MEMBER NEWS AND BULLETIN BOARD**

### **Pillowcase Parties for Ryan's Case for Smiles**

This group meets regularly for "pillowcase parties" to make pillowcases for charity. Bring your machine and thread, thread snips or scissors, lunch, beverage, and a friend. If you can rsvp that would be great, but we'd still love to see you even if you don't! For more information, contact: Linda Armour, Co-coordinator, Ryan's Case for Smiles Albany Chapter cfsalbany@gmail.com

Early notice for the 2019 Genesee Valley QuiltFest, which will be held on May 31-June 2 in Rochester. More information can be found on their website <http://geneseevalleyquiltfest.com/>

From Connie Danko (518-372-9382). Does anyone have Bernina Artista Embroidery Card #544 (Elsa's Favorite Florals) suitable for 165, 170 or 180 Embroidery Machine that you would

like to sell? I am also interested in buying other design cards. Please call Connie, and leave a message if no one answers. Thank you.

### **Communication...**

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

- **Include your name.**
- For the newsletter, be concise, but with full and clear information, 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 for the newsletter, please send it to Natalie McDonough at [quiltsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:quiltsnewsletter@gmail.com)

**The deadline for the March newsletter is February 22 at 5pm.**

### **Fat Quarters – This year’s theme is “Color Me”**

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.

<b>December</b>	<b>Color Me Christmas</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Color Me Spring</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Color Me Winter</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Color Me Flowers</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Color Me Love</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Color Me Summer</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>Color Me Lucky</b>		

<b>OFFICERS &amp; COMMITTEE HEADS FOR 2018-2019 <span style="color: red;">RECENT CHANGES ARE IN RED</span></b>	
<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Linda Cary
<b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	Lee Poremba
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Holly DeLape
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Maureen Colose
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	Linda Ovitt
	Bromwyn Helene
<b>VP/MEMBERSHIP:</b>	Eileen McCabe
<b>HISTORIAN:</b>	Lisa Wend
<b>WEBMASTER:</b>	<span style="color: red;">Kathy Lutz</span>
<b>NEWLETTER:</b>	Natalie McDonough
<b>LIBRARY:</b>	<span style="color: red;">Pat McGurn</span>
<b>HOSPITALITY:</b>	Maryann Losee
	Karen Smith
<b>KIDS QUILTS:</b>	Emily Spooner
<b>VETERANS QUILTS:</b>	Pat Terry
<b>GOODIE BASKET:</b>	Cindy Carusone
	Kathy Lenic
<b>FAT QUARTERS:</b>	Nina Whitney
<b>BLOCK OF THE MONTH:</b>	Kathy Hermance
	Barbara Becker
<b>SHOW CHAIR:</b>	Rochelle Jones

Thought you might be interested in some statistics Kathie Lutz has put together regarding the quilts entered in our show.

1. Stats:	2018	vs 2016
a. <i>Total Quilts Judged:</i>	61	71
b. <i>Overall Average:</i>	89.4	88.1
c. <i>Ribbons Awarded</i>		
• Exceptional Merit (98+)	1	4
• First Place (92-97)	25	20
• Second Place (85-91)	27	29
• Third Place (80-84)	6	14
• No ribbon	2	4
• Other Ribbons:		
◇ Viewer's Choice	1	1
◇ Proctors Award	1	1
◇ Judge's Award	2	2
◇ Vendor Awards	9	13
• Achievement Awards		
◇ Best of Show - Cathy Gruyters - A-3J - Joy		
◇ Best of Applique - Eileen Buel - A-55J - Geese in the Garden		
◇ Best Piecing - Sallie McGill - A-7J - Fond Memories		
◇ Best Hand Quilting - Cathy Gruyters - A-3J - Joy		
◇ Best Machine Quilting - Traditional Machine - Debby Kreifels - FG-1J - My Egyptian Cat		
◇ Best Machine Quilting - Long Arm - Janet Palumbo - A-24J - Peaceful Garden		
◇ Best Use of Color - Joan Annis - A-26J - Garden Medallions		
◇ All Around: Designed, Constructed, Quilted by member - Holly Delape - WH-15 - Fabricated City		
◇ Judge's Award - Sandra Dorrbecker - Mary Albers - A-39J - Green Market		
◇ Judge's Award - Lorry Chwazik - Lynn Kane - WH-25J - Chickadee Circus		
d. Ribbon breakdown:		
• Exception Merit breakdown (98-100)		
Min: 98.5, max 98.5, avg 98.5		
• 1st place ribbon breakdown: (92-97)		
Min: 91.5 points, max 97 points, avg 93.1, most frequently occurring 93.5		
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> place ribbon breakdown: (85-91)		
Min: 85 points, max 91 points, avg 87.7, most frequently occurring: 89.5 or 90		
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> place ribbon breakdown (78-84):		
Min: 80 points, max 83 points, avg 81.6, most freq occurring: 81.3		