



# ***HANDS ALL AROUND***

Quilters United in Learning Together – Schenectady  
AUGUST 2010

Meetings on First Thursdays at 7 PM (Doors open at 6:30)  
First Unitarian Society, Schenectady – 1221 Wendell Avenue  
<http://www.quiltsschenectady.org>

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## **FROM OUR PRESIDENT:**

**"Each day is a new beginning and each new beginning perpetuates tomorrow"  
(author unknown)**

**This is a quote that I have had hanging over my desk for years. It inspires me in that each day is, in fact, a new beginning, we don't know what that day will bring us, yet it is our basis for the future.**

**Welcome, everyone, to the 2010-2011 QUILTS Guild year. Your Program Committee has been working hard to come up with new programs, workshops and challenges for you to enjoy. While it is a new beginning to our year, the Committee has been using the successes of last year as a basis for the future. We will have some interesting speakers, great workshops and another exciting Mystery Quilt and Challenge Quilt coming your way. The Guild will continue to provide Comfort Quilts for Northeast Parent and Child and for Injured Soldiers.**

**First and foremost, though, is our show. Autumn Inspirations 2010 will be held on October 2 & 3rd. I'm sure everyone has been working diligently over the summer on getting their quilts and other pieces ready for the show. Please remember that all registration forms need to be received by Friday, August 27. In addition, all members are encouraged to help with the show. There's no doubt about it that putting on the show is a lot of work. However, the more volunteers, the lighter the load on everyone. And volunteering is fun...it's the best way to get to know and become friends with other guild members. There are a variety of volunteer positions available. Sign up sheets will be available at the September guild meetings.**

**Let this guild year be a new beginning for you....take on that Mystery or Challenge Quilt, sign up to volunteer at the show, take on a position on the Board, join a Committee, or make a new quilting friend. .**

**Yours in stitches...**

*Kathy Wagner*



*We'd like to extend a warm welcome to new members Lois Remis, Pat Cunningham and Cheryl Dell Sala.*

# FALL SCHEDULE

## September 9, 2010:

We are starting the year with local quilt artist and designer Sue Pritt. Sue will lecture at our September meeting about her original appliqué designs and how she has gotten them published. **Guest fee of \$5.00 for meeting.** Sue will be back on October 23 for a workshop. Watch for details at the September meeting to get signed up for the workshop as well as to get a sneak peak of what will be covered! Workshop fee will be \$20 plus pattern.

You may recognize Sue Pritt's Painted Ladies Series of wallhangings. They have been shown at a local quilt show and featured in Keepsake Quilting. Check out her website at [www.SweetSeasonQuilts.com](http://www.SweetSeasonQuilts.com)

Other things for September meeting:

- There will be an opportunity to sign the volunteer lists for the upcoming quilt show and turn in raffle ticket money
- Pay your membership dues for the 2010-2011 year.
- Some planning for the November Sew-In.
- Mystery Quilt Step 1 (see info later in newsletter)

**PLEASE NOTE THE UNUSUAL DATE!** We are having our September meeting **after** labor day, so it is the **2<sup>nd</sup>** Thursday in September. Also, there will be a show committee meeting before the general meeting. (probably at 5:30 but TBD).

Also remember....

✓ Membership dues (\$25.00)	✓ Show & tell projects
✓ Raffle ticket money	✓ Quilts for Northeast kids
✓ Fat quarter - The color that makes you smile.	✓ Quilt or square for Soldier quilts
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓ A friend or new member

## September 30, 2010 at Underground at Proctors

The October meeting (a day early) will include a short business meeting and then focus on the last minute details for the show that weekend. Bring all items that will be displayed in the show, including tote bags. Check the registration instructions for information on labeling the quilt, attaching hanging sleeves, etc. There will also be an opportunity to sign-up for those last few unfilled slots to help at the show and to turn in raffle tickets & money. **There will be no Show & Tell at this meeting.**

**PLEASE NOTE THE BOTH THE UNUSUAL DATE AND LOCATION!** We are having the October meeting on the last day of September because the Autumn Inspirations Quilt Show is that weekend, October 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will use the time to work on show details. Since the show is at Proctor's, they are letting us meet there so there is less work in collecting and transporting the quilts. There will be a show committee meeting before the general meeting. (probably at 5:30 but TBD).

**PARKING: Thursday:** Currently, there are no performances scheduled at Proctors that evening, so parking behind the theater should be free. Also, surface lots off either side of Jay Street, street and garage parking are all free after 5 pm. **Friday:** There is a fee for parking during the working day in all the city lots. **Either:** If you have much to unload, you can temporarily park at the back door to Proctors. **Lots and garage are convenient and well lighted.**

Also remember....

✓ Quilts for show	NO Show & tell projects
✓ Raffle ticket money	✓ Quilts for Northeast kids
✓ Fat quarter - Pumpkin Orange	✓ Quilt or square for Soldier quilts
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓ A friend or new member

## **November 4, 2010** – 4:30 or 7:00 pm at *Underground at Proctors*

November brings our annual Sew-In and we will begin early again this year. This worked well last year. We will begin sewing at about 4:30 PM with dinner provided prior to our regular 7 PM meeting. In September we will pass around a sign-up sheet to get this evening underway. Emily Spooner is coordinating with kits and we will have plenty for anyone to do!

**PLEASE NOTE THE BOTH THE UNUSUAL DATE AND LOCATION!** We are starting early to have more time to sew. If you are able to come at 4:30 to start sewing, please do. If you are not able to come early, please come at the normal time – we'll have our normal business meeting and continue sewing. See notes for October meeting for parking information.

✓ Supplies for sew-in	✓ Show & tell projects
✓ Items you "signed up" to supply for group	✓ Quilts for Northeast kids
✓ Fat quarter - Leaf Hues	✓ Quilt or square for Soldier quilts
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓ A friend or new member

## **December 2, 2010**

December is always our holiday celebration and this year will be no exception (although we concede that we cannot top last year). Sue, Jim, and Bob from the Joyful Quilter will be joining us to share their experiences of setting up shop. There will also be some fun activities and, of course, our annual celebration of everyone's favorite holiday treats. Plan on coming.

For our December meeting, we share our favorite holiday desserts and usually ask half the membership to share theirs. Since we did the first half of the alphabet last year, this year ....

**Last names beginning with M - Z... please bring a favorite holiday dessert to share.**

✓ Dessert (if your name is Maaa to Zuuu)	✓ Quilts for Northeast kids
✓ Fat quarter - Holiday Red	✓ Quilt or square for Soldier quilts
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓ A friend or new member
✓ Show & tell projects	✓



## Autumn Inspirations 2010



Hopefully, with your busy schedules over the summer, you haven't forgotten about our upcoming quilt show. Autumn Inspirations 2010 is now less than two months away and there are many things we need to get done between now and then. This is just a brief update on some of the activities that have taken place over the summer and a reminder of what members still need to do.

Quilt registration - registrations for all quilts, including tote bags for the Challenge, must be received by Friday, August 27th. The only new Registration item which is not in the *Registration Directions* nor has it been previously announced at any of the guild meetings is regarding Tote Bag Challenge entries. We will send you a small square of muslin with your registration # written on it. Please baste it to the front of your tote bag for viewers' voting purposes. Since the tote bags will be donated to a women's shelter following the show, you do not need to include your name anywhere in or on the bag. The same holds true for Injured Soldiers quilts. If you intend to have a quilt displayed at the Injured Soldiers booth and donate it immediately after the show, you only need to baste a piece of muslin with the quilt registration # which will be mailed to you. But don't forget to add your own label on the back with a personal message to the recipient of the quilt (optional but highly recommended).

Please refer to the "Autumn Inspirations 2010 Registration Form Directions" for detailed information on filling out the registration form properly and preparing your quilt(s) for the show. Be sure to go through the "check list before mailing registration form" section of the *Directions* to make sure you haven't forgotten anything. The *Directions* plus the *Registration Forms* can be downloaded from the website. For members who do not have access to the website, contact Kathy Wagner for these forms.

Volunteer signups - we still need to fill an awful lot of the volunteer slots for setup and takedown plus all of the other "jobs" during the show. You can contact Nina Whitney over the summer or signup at the first guild meeting of the season on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Raffle Tickets - please bring all ticket stubs and money to the September 9<sup>th</sup> guild meeting and turn in to Pat Terry. If you need more tickets to sell, let Pat know and she will gladly provide you with more. We request that each member sell at least 20 tickets but feel free to request as many additional tickets from Pat as you feel you can sell.

Raffle tickets were sold in downtown Schenectady during Art Night festivities on June 18<sup>th</sup> and July 16<sup>th</sup>. We not only sold raffle tickets but promoted both the show and the guild by handing out show postcards and guild informational brochures to prospective new members. Since these events were quite successful, we'd like to participate in Art Night again on August 19<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup>. But we need volunteers to setup and sell tickets for those evenings (2 volunteers each date from 5-9pm). Please contact me (Kathy Hermance) ASAP if you are willing to help - it's easy and fun, and you meet a lot of interesting people.

Raffle Quilt - the "Midnight Floral Fantasy" raffle quilt has been making its rounds this summer to local quilt shops to solicit raffle ticket sales. So far, the quilt has hung in the Joyful Quilter and The Gloversville Sewing Center and is currently hanging in Flying Geese Quilt Shop.

Publicity Material - I still have a small supply of posters and postcards which will be distributed at the September 9<sup>th</sup> guild meeting so all members can help advertise our quilt show. Feel free to grab a few posters and hang them in your workplace, local businesses, your church, kids' school, etc. And write a quick note on the postcards and send them to your family members and friends. Here's a suggestion: keep a few postcards in your purse to hand out and a poster in the back window of your car.

Remember, our quilt show keeps the Guild operating for the following two years. Our annual dues alone is not enough and barely pays the bills (i.e. rent, insurance, website). Proceeds from the show enable us to purchase new library books and to provide interesting, educational and fun monthly programs. A wonderful mix of talented, widely-recognized speakers from the quilting community (both local and outside our area), free pizza and snacks, and party favors are just a few of the perks the Guild was able to offer members since the 2008 show as it was such a success. But we need every member's help and support to continue with these wonderful monthly programs.

So Ladies, please get those UFO's finished and registered for the show, sign up for several Volunteer slots to help setup, takedown and work the show, sell those raffle tickets, and spread the word to everyone you know about our show. If you haven't checked it out lately, our website has been updated recently with more show information. Take a look @ [www.quiltschenectady.org](http://www.quiltschenectady.org). And refer to your June Special Show Edition of the Newsletter for other show details.

See you in September,

Kathy Hermance, Show Chairwoman



SHOUT OUT!



It's always exciting when one of the family has something exciting happen to them. Did you know....



PAM WRZESINSKI WON THE GRAND PRIZE AT THE QUILTER'S QUEST SHOP HOP !!! THAT'S 10 GIFT CERTIFICATES OF \$100 EACH ! ANOTHER ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO ALWAYS SAID SHE NEVER WON ANYTHING. WATCH OUT MARY, THERE MIGHT BE A LINE FORMING FOR PEOPLE WANTING TO BE PAM'S BEST FRIEND...



LYNN MAKRIN HAD HER MINIATURE PETITE NEW YORK BEAUTY ACCEPTED AND DISPLAYED AT THE VERMONT QUILT FESTIVAL. SHE IS ENTERING IT IN OUR SHOW, SO BE SURE TO CHECK IT OUT THERE.



# BULLETIN BOARD



## **Quilt Show Help Needed**

Boutique: Peg no longer has access to the trailer she thought she could use to transport the many boxes of Boutique stuff to Proctors. She needs someone with a large trailer who could load it possible the Thursday before the show and then transport it early Friday morning. Otherwise maybe someone could volunteer to drive a small U-Haul that could be rented.

Also, she would like to include pictures of the raffle quilt with the leftover Batiks that we will sell in the Boutique. If you can contribute the small photo given out with the raffle tickets, please bring it to the meeting.

Art Night: We need 2 volunteers to sell raffle tickets for the September Art Night at Proctors, Friday, September 17 from 5 pm to 9 pm. We have earned \$124.00 so far by being allowed to participate in Art Night - such good results! Please contact Lois Bena if you can be part of that night's team.

## **Membership**

Dues for the 2010-2011 year are still \$25.00. While you can pay your dues at the September meeting you can save time in line by paying ahead. Send your check, made out to Q.U.I.L.T.S to Lynn Morhous. You can pick up your membership card at the September meeting or include a self-addressed stamped envelope and Lynn will mail it to you. (See tear-off on last page of newsletter)

## **2010-2011 Mystery Quilt & Challenge**

In September we will also be announcing our Challenge for the year and unveiling Step 1 of a new Mystery Quilt. This pattern lends itself to scrap quilting and can be completed in large or small format depending only on the amount of background fabric you start with. It also will be less complex piecing, so even beginners can give it a try. It is also a pattern that would lend itself to service quilts – either for Northeast or Soldier quilts. Think about participating this year. *(Check the website for the first step)*

## **Winter Blues / Summer Cooler Sit 'n Sew**

The Winter Blues and Summer Cooler Sit 'n Sew days were new this past year but were a big hit. Kathy Wagner organized both and we thank her for that! The Program Committee would love to see someone step forward to organize these days going into the future. If you are interested, please talk to either Kathy Wagner or Kathie Greenwold.

## **History buffs...**

There is an opening for the Guild Historian. The job consists mostly of capturing Show & Tell and recording other guild events, keeping up the scrap books, and similar things. Lynn Makrin will be glad to coach you as you get started. If interested, contact Kathy Wagner or any board member.

## **Can you lend a hand?**

We currently have members chairing the **Program Committee** and the **Block of the Month** but both committees could use another person to help them out. If you are interested in helping out with Program, contact Kathie Greenwold or any board member. If you are interested in helping out with Block of the Month, contact Susan Mezera or any board member.

## **Got News?**

Lois Bena has passed the pen of the newsletter to Kathie Lutz. If you have information for the newsletter, please send it to Kathie at [klutz@nycap.rr.com](mailto:klutz@nycap.rr.com) or give her a call. Besides just the schedule, we'd like to include other interesting information in the newsletter. If you've been to a new store, hear of a show, or workshop, or have interesting news about a member they are willing to share (maybe their quilt has been accepted at a show), please pass it on.

To start...for the Nov newsletter, send a comment on a gadget or tool you like or one that you think is a waste of money... help your friends build their Christmas Lists for Santa.

❧ SAVE THE DATE ❧



**October 2 & 3 - Autumn Inspirations Quilt Show**

Mark our quilt show on your calendar, as well as the work day on Friday, October 1. Help is needed with judging on Friday during the day and setup in the afternoon and evening. Come see the show and help out on the weekend.

**Saturday, October 23 – Sue Pritt Workshop: Sandpipers on Parade.**

Local quilt artist and designer Sue Pritt will present this workshop. Watch for details at the September meeting to get signed up for the workshop as well as to get a sneak peak of what will be covered! Workshop fee will be \$20 plus pattern.



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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

September The color that makes you happy and smile. Wonder how many purples will be submitted?  
 October *Pumpkin Orange*, unless your pumpkin is not orange, then the color of your pumpkin.  
 November *Leaf Hues* (maybe green, yellow and orange(again) is good)  
 December *Holiday Red* .  
 January *Snow Flakes* or white-on-snowy white.  
 February *Valentine Pink*  
 March *Shamrock Green* - show a little Irish  
 April *Easter Egg Colors*  
 May the color of your *May flowers*  
 June *Summer Blues*



## Q.U.I.L.T.S Fall 2010

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:
Sept 9 (show comm. mtg also)	Church	Sue Pritt (\$5 guest fee)	Color that makes you smile	Membership dues Raffle tickets / \$
Sept 30 (show comm. mtg also)	Proctors	Show Prep (no Show & Tell)	Pumpkin Orange	Show quilts Raffle tickets / \$
Oct 1 (Fri)	Proctors	Show setup		
Oct 2 & 3 (Sat/Sun)	Proctors	Autumn Inspirations 2010		
Oct 23 (Sat)	TBD	Sue Pritt Workshop (\$20 + pattern)		
Nov 4 - 4:30pm	Proctors	Sew-in	Leaf Hues	Sew-in supplies
Dec 2	Church	Joyful Quilter, Christmas Party	Holiday Red	M-Z : dessert



## Membership 2010 - 2011

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

If changed: Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Lynn Morhous 3389 Mariaville Rd Schenectady NY 12036  
(include SASE to receive card by return mail. Otherwise, pick up card at Sept meeting)