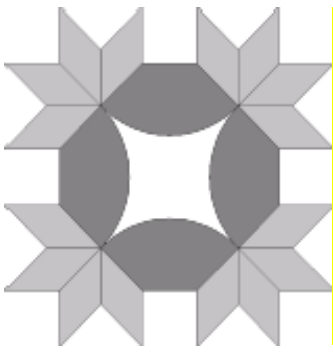


# HANDS ALL AROUND – March 2017

## Quilters United in Learning Together – Schenectady

<http://www.quiltsschenectady.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:

Spring is here, according to the calendar and our minds, even if the weather hasn't quite caught up yet. Spring is a time of rebirth, renewal, and new starts. With that comes lining up new leadership to prepare for our fall harvest.

There are 2 key positions that need to be filled this spring: the position of President and the position of Show Chair. These are separate and unrelated positions but both are key to the smooth running of our guild.

This is our guild, supported and run by us. All of us, not a few of us. There is a time for each of us to step forward and add our time and talent to the guild. You don't have to be perfect at it ... give yourself the opportunity to stretch yourself. There are many former presidents, show chairs, and committee members who are glad to guide you. Have a serious conversation with yourself and ask yourself if this is the time when you can step forward and take on some new responsibility. I took the risk and grew from it. You just might enjoy it ☺

The **President's** role is mostly as a coordinator of the general operation of the guild, answering questions, directing traffic, chairing the board meetings, making sure everyone knows what is going on, and occasionally, making a decision.

The **Show Chair's** job is to act as coordinator of the show. Again, guiding the direction, answering questions, working with Proctors, making sure all the committees have the info and direction they need, and making sure everyone is singing from the same song sheet. Many of you have been through the process of putting a wedding together. The show is similar – certain things done early on (venue, date, etc.), some things done along the way (hire judges, line up vendors, generate publicity), and finally, things done closer to the event (registration, setup, and the event itself). We have a good show committee – a number of seasoned committee members as well as good coaching for new committee members bringing new blood to the show. We have good records and information to follow. We just need an organized person (preferably a 2 people working together) to coordinate the effort. Without a show chair, there is no show. Without the show, there is no income. Without the income...

There are some other committee positions that need filling: fat quarters, newsletter, and library.

- *Kathie*

# SPRING SCHEDULE

**April 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 - Learning from Each Other - Demonstrations** (meeting at 7:00, doors open at 6:30)

Great opportunity to learn from each other. There will be 3 hands-on classes and 4 demo classes.

Hands-on classes (these will last the entire time):

- Zentangle on fabric (abstract drawing using repetitive patterns)  
Linda Ovitt will teach this. Supplies will be provided
- Hand Applique  
Pat Piniasek will teach this. Please bring the following supplies:
  - 4 dark and 4 light 7" squares and a couple of other scraps.
  - Washable glue stick
  - Fine applique needles, fine pins (not too long)
  - Fine sewing thread, 50wt or higher
  - Inexpensive watercolor paint brush.
  - Pencil or other removable fabric marking tool
- Hand Quilting  
Kathy Greenwold will teach this. Supplies will be provided but bring your favorite thimble.

Demos (members will be able to sample several of these):

- Bowl Cozies  
Kathie Lutz will demo how to make these bowl or plate shaped potholders to hold your hot dishes
- Fuse, fold, & Sew  
Connie Trigger will demo this method to piece with better accuracy and fewer seams to sew through the use of Quilter's Grid.
- Feather Quilting  
Linda Cary will demonstrate how to create feathers quilting using a domestic machine
- Stack & Whack  
Paula Dunn will demonstrate this method for making kaleidoscope-like blocks .

Also remember....

✓ <b>Fat quarter - Tone on Tone</b>	✓ <b>Show &amp; tell projects</b>
✓ <b>Your hand-sewn name tag</b>	✓ <b>A friend or new member - \$5.00 fee</b>
	✓ <b>Quilts for Northeast kids &amp; soldiers</b>

**May 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 - Linda Poole** (meeting at 7:00, doors open at 6:30)

Linda's expertise is painting on fabric and creating appliqued quilts. She will offer a lecture and trunk show on "Turkish Tiles – American Style" where she shows inspirations from different mediums of art, including Iznik Tiles. Check out her website at [lindaMPoole.com](http://lindaMPoole.com) or on You Tube.



**Class:** Wed, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 – 4: "Out on a Limb". Linda will instruct us in painting, blending and adding details to fabric that can be used as a whole cloth quilt (small), combined with other

blocks, or appliqued. The class fee is \$40 and there is a \$30 materials/supply fee for pattern, brushes, paints, etc.

You need to bring some simple additional supplies:

Masking or artist tape, 8.5" x 11" piece of cardboard, Pencil sharpener, Washcloth inside of plastic baggie/zip bag, small container to fill with water, pPaper towels, apron or old clothes

**NOTE!** Linda Poole's workshop is on **Wednesday** (the day before the guild meeting) rather than Friday. There are still some vacancies for her class. We are sharing Linda with Quilts North but the workshops and lectures will be different.

Also remember....

✓ Fat quarter - In the Sea, ✓ (Ex: fish, pebbles, coral, sand.)	✓ Show & tell projects
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓ A friend or new member - \$10.00 fee
	✓ Quilts for Northeast kids & soldiers

## June 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 – Party Time at 6:00 !

**PLEASE NOTE THE UNUSUAL TIME!** We will start early, at 6:00, as we usually do for the end of year party, so we have plenty of time to socialize, eat, and share our work.

Our year will close with our traditional potluck dinner - **starting at 6:00**. Please bring a dish to share and a place setting and beverage for yourself.

If your last name begins with:	<b>A-G</b>	please bring a <b>Main Dish</b>
	<b>H-N</b>	please bring a <b>Desert</b>
	<b>O-Z</b>	please bring a <b>Salad</b>

Also remember....

✓ Food, place setting & come at 6:00!	✓ Show & tell projects
✓ Challenges	✓ Quilts for Northeast kids & soldiers
✓ Fat quarter - Lets Celebrate the USA	✓ A friend or new member - no fee
✓ Your hand-sewn name tag	✓

## OTHER PROGRAM NOTES

### This year's challenges:

**Challenge #1 – Green:** A finished quilt, any size, all in green. Some fabrics can be color mixtures but need to be predominately green.

**Challenge #2 - Wearable Art:** a jacket or vest in any color, any size. Could be for a child or adult.

Bring your finished projects to the June meeting for Viewer's Choice selection. First and second prizes will be awarded to the winners.



# BULLETIN BOARD



## Pet beds

Looking for yardage of fleece to make beds for Kitten Angels Rescue group. Also, Kitten Angels will be having a Fall Fundraiser: Tabby's Treasures. If you would like to donate any jewelry for their fundraiser, please bring it to any Guild meeting.

For info, contact Jane Martinec, [janemajel@aol.com](mailto:janemajel@aol.com), 346-0910

## Community Opportunity

There is a group that meets at the Niskyuna Library on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month from 10-2. It includes all crafts and the goal is to teach others crafting projects. More members are needed. Please contact Linda Ovitt ([lovitt1947@me.com](mailto:lovitt1947@me.com)) if interested.

## Help Wanted!

As we come into spring, we start to get organized for the next year. The nominating committee is currently searching for a new president to serve a 2 year term. As separate job that needs to be filled is that of Show Chair. Without a Show Chair, there is no show. Finally, some of the standing committees need new people to take over or need additional help. Fat quarters, newsletter, and the library each need a new committee heads. If you would like to volunteer, have any questions, or suggestions, please contact Kathie Lutz ([klutz@nycap.rr.com](mailto:klutz@nycap.rr.com)) or the people currently in the job. (See the list of committee heads later in the newsletter.)

## Eastside Quilters' Bus Trips

Eastside Quilters has room on their upcoming bus trips. Contact Pat Piniasek, PO Box 259, Nassau NY 12123, [patpen1018@gmail.com](mailto:patpen1018@gmail.com), for either trip.

- Northern Star Quilt Guild, XXXVIII Quilt Show, Danbury CT, Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2017  
([www.northernstartquilters.com](http://www.northernstartquilters.com))

Departs area: Walmart parking lot, Rt 4, Rensselaer (7:15 am) or Crossgates Commons behind Walmart (7:30).  
Departs show: 4:30 pm  
Cost: \$35 includes transportation, show admission and tip for the driver

- New England Quilt Museum, Lowell MA, Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017

Departs area: Walmart parking lot, Rt 4, Rensselaer at 7:00 am  
Day includes morning at the museum, lunch in Bolton MA, stops at 2 quilt shops, and a stop for dinner on the Mass Pike.  
Cost: \$50 includes transportation, admission to the museum, and tip for driver.

## Veterans' Sit 'N Sew

The next Sit 'N Sew for Veterans' Quilts will be Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 3 at the church. We will use the small room next to our normal meeting space to work on Veterans Quilts. We have room for 14 sewers and can always use a few hands to iron, cut, and cheer everyone on. Kits will be provided. Bring your own lunch. Please contact Pat Terry ([rterry3@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rterry3@nycap.rr.com)) for info or to sign up. (It will be important to know who will be attending.)

*Note: You do not need to commit for the whole day; any amount of time would be much appreciated.*

## Fat Quarters

Just a reminder: a Fat Quarter measures 18x20 to 22". It is a ½ yard of fabric, cut in half across the width of the fabric. It will be 18" in one direction and 20 to 22" in the other, depending on the original width of the fabric.

## Membership Dues

Beat the rush at the Septemeber meeting and prepay your dues for the 2017-2018 year at the June meeting. Membership fee is \$25.00 for the full year. Use the form at the end of the newsletter.

## ∞ SO MUCH TO SEE !!! ∞



**QUILT INC (Delmar guild):** Apr 22-23 (10 -5, 10 - 4)  
Hilton Garden Inn, 235 Hoosick St, Troy NY

**Northern Star Quilt Guild:** May 6 - 7

World of Quilts XXXVIII - \$10

O'Neill Center, WCSU, West Side Campus, Danbury, CT

[www.northernstarquilters.com](http://www.northernstarquilters.com)

**Vermont Quilt Festival:** June 23 - 25 (9 - 6, 9 - 6, 9 - 3),  
\$12 (1 day), \$22 (2 day), \$32 (3 day)

Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Junction, VT

Exhibit & classes - [www.vqf.org](http://www.vqf.org)

## Trading Post



Jenome-Mini - asking \$30.00 - Judy Fregoe - You may email me @ [judafre@verizon.net](mailto:judafre@verizon.net) or call 518-356-3696.

Oak sewing cabinet with lots of storage. Asking \$50. Contact Kathie Lutz, [klutz@nycap.rr.com](mailto:klutz@nycap.rr.com)

2001 Singer sewing machine with case \$80, 9 and 12 yd pieces of interior design fabric (\$30 or \$40), 12 yds of garden print \$40. Contact [sojuczy1@gmail.com](mailto:sojuczy1@gmail.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](mailto: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](mailto:cross001@nycap.rr.com)



## 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

April *Tone on Tone*  
 May *In the Sea—ex. Fish, pebbles, coral, sand*  
 June *Let's celebrate the USA*



## Q.U.I.L.T.S Spring 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:
April 6, 2017	Church	Member Demonstartions	Tone on Tone	Quilts for Kids and Vets
May 3, 2017	Church	Class - Linda Poole		supplies
May 4, 2017	Church	Meeting- Speaker Liinda Poole	In the Sea--	Quilts for Kids and Vets
June 1, 2017	Church	Party Time-end of year Potluck	Lets Celebrate the USA	Quilts for Kids and Vets- See list under program info



## Membership 2017 - 2018

**Please be sure to include your email**, even if you think we already have it. We want to make sure the information we have is accurate and up-to-date. There have been some bounce-backs when newsletters/reminders are sent out.

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

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

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

Send to: Nancy Calkins 24 West Meadow Dr, Albany NY 12203  
 (include SASE to receive card by return mail. Otherwise, pick up card at Sept meeting)