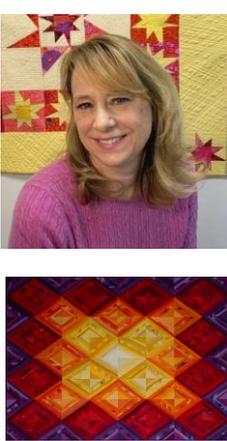


## Q.U.I.L.T.S. 2025 – 2026 Programs Schedule

*Stand alone workshops, including some by guild members, are in the works for September, November, December and February. Watch for info about them, and links to online “Save Me A Spot!” forms for all workshops.*

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>September - Welcome Back Party!</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, September 4, 6:30 doors open, 7:00 business meeting: Guild meeting</b>  Join us for a fun evening of being back together, games and treats! Meet old and welcome new friends, be introduced to our new officers and get warmed up for 2025 – 2026!</p>
 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>October - Lorry Chwazik, Norwich, NY</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, October 9, 6:30 doors open, 7:00 business meeting: Guild meeting</b>  <b>(Note that this is the SECOND Thursday of the month.)</b></p> <p><b>Lecture: Trunk Show, Up Close and Personal</b>  Enjoy up close and personal quilts made by Lorry over 30 years of playing with needle, thread, and fabric. Her collection includes hand- and machine- pieced, appliquéd, and quilted pieces, and perhaps a few odd techniques with which you may not be familiar. After hearing Lorry share the joys, challenges, and tragedies of quilting, you will be inspired to continue on your own quilting path.</p> <p><b>Friday, October 10, 9:00 – 3:30: Abracadabra Quilts</b>  With a little magic supplied at the sewing machine, students will transform giant nine-patches into a finished edge, three-layered quilted patch that can be joined to others to complete any size quilt. No basting, no backing, no binding! This machine-pieced and machine-quilted project is fast, easy, and fun to make. Fees: Members \$45.00, Guests \$55.00</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>November – Sew-In for Straight From The Heart Kids’ Quilts</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, November 6: Guild meeting and Sew-In</b>  Members will start arriving in the late afternoon and work into our usual meeting time to work on Straight From The Heart Kids’ Quilts which are donated to several local agencies. We cut, piece, press, quilt, tie, bind – however you’d like to pitch in! People arriving at the early start time are eligible to participate in a pizza and salad dinner before the formal meeting.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>December – Holiday Party</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, December 4, 6:30 doors open: Guild Meeting</b>  December brings our “Sweet and Savory” holiday party. The first letters of last names determine who brings an appetizer, snack or dessert to share.</p>
 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>January – Linda J. Hahn, Easley, SC</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, January 8 – 6:30 “doors” open, 7:00 business meeting: Zoom Guild meeting</b>  <b>Lecture: New York State of Mind</b>  The New York Beauty block, which Linda is known for, can be as versatile as a Nine Patch!! Linda will show us traditional, modern, whimsical and fun quilts all made using the basic New York Beauty block. She'll also show miniature versions made using the scraps and cutaways of the main project.</p> <p><b>Saturday, January 17, 8:30 – 3:00: Zoom Workshop: Brooklyn Blues</b>  This small, manageable project allows students to learn Linda's ONE PIN technique for creating perfect New York Beauty blocks. The project is suited to coordinate with many different fabric style preferences and can easily be made larger. <b>Note that this workshop will take place a week later than the guild meeting to allow those inspired by Linda's lecture time to gather materials.</b>  Fees &amp; required kit: Members \$53.00, Guests \$63.00</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>February – Sew-In for Straight From The Heart Kids’ Quilts</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, February 12: Guild meeting and sew-in</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March – Rachel Derstine, Philadelphia, PA</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, March 5, 6:30 “doors” open, 7:00 business meeting: Zoom Guild meeting</b>  <b>Lecture: Artful Couching: Texture and Definition</b>  Rachel will show us the many ways that couching (adding cording, yarns and metallic threads) can be used to take your quilting to the next level.</p> <p><b>Saturday, March 7, 9:00 – 12:00: Zoom Workshop: Artful Couching.</b>  Learn the art of couching with yarns to create texture, flow and extra pizzazz. This half day class will focus exclusively on mastering couching techniques. Students will bring a quilted sandwich of striped batik or gradient fabric to make a 18” x 45” table runner size quilt. Rachel will show you the many ways to use couching for definition and sparkle. Fees: Members \$30.00, Guests \$40.00</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April – Amy Friend, West Newbury, MA</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, April 9, 6:30 doors open, 7:00 business meeting: Guild meeting</b>  <b>Lecture: Alternate Grid Word and Negative Space</b>  Amy will use examples of quilts that help to define alternate gridwork and negative space, two principles of modern quilting that will give us some ideas when it comes to planning our quilt layouts.</p> <p><b>Friday, April 10, 9:00 – 3:30 – In Person Workshop: Designing Paper Pieced Curves</b>  Amy will lead us through a series of exercises where we will design 6 paper pieced blocks, each with a different type of curve. Because we will be drawing our own blocks, everyone’s finished piece will be unique! We will also learn about modern quilt layouts that include negative space and alternate grid work. Using our paper pieced curves, negative space and alternate gridwork, we’ll each create an 18” mini quilt or pillow cover.  Fees: Members \$45.00, Guests \$55.00</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>May – Marge Tucker, Norwell, MA</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, May 7, 6:30 doors open, 7:00 business meeting: Guild meeting</b>  <b>Lecture: Improv and Abstraction in Antique Quilts</b>  Some of our quilting ancestors were ahead of their time! We are not the first generation of quilters to discover improvisational quilting, but we may be the ones who have embraced it and made it mainstream. In this trunk show, Marge will display antique and vintage quilts that are improvisationally constructed. So much inspiration and some great lessons can be learned from these graphic and abstract “antiques.”</p> <p><b>Friday, May 8, 9:00 – 3:30 – In Person Workshop: Harlequin Diamond Romance</b>  Let’s use up all those leftover strips and strings from previous projects and turn them into a fantastic quilt! Improvisationally pieced rectangles make light and dark diamonds when placed together. This results in a visually graphic layout, and with very little cutting and prep, we can get right to the fun. No one would ever think this is a scrap quilt!  Fees: Members \$45.00, Guests \$55.00</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>June – End of Year Potluck</b></p> <p>Potluck dinner at the South Schenectady Fire Department Pavilion, Member Challenge vote, election of officers, and more!</p>

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