



Q.U.I.L.T.S

Quilters United in Learning Together, Schenectady

<http://quiltschenectady.org>

Meetings-First Thursday of Month from September to June

August 2024

Dear Friends,

My daughter once asked me not long ago “Do you consider yourself an artist?” My answer was of course yes. Our quilt show is our biggest fundraiser but it is an art show. It is a chance for us to display our art to the community and yes have them judged to improve our art if we choose. It is not only that, it is a chance to meet members and talk about our art with the community whether you have a quilt in the show or not.

But we need you to have a successful show. If you have not signed up yet please check your calendars and the online sign up. If you have, perhaps there are one or two more shifts you can fill. You will meet members, get a chance to talk about our craft with the community, eat well in our hospitality room and of course get a discount on your ticket.

There are many more things to look forward to this year. Look for the return of Block of the Month and of course the great speakers and workshops the program committee has planned. So mark your calendars and sign up for workshops.

See you in September to kick off the year with some fun and games!

Karen Smith

Autumn Inspirations Show October 5 & 6, 2024



Quilt Show Updates

Less than TWO months and counting, how can you HELP?

Volunteers are needed! For our show to run smoothly we need all volunteer spots filled. Use the following link to sign up online: <https://signup.com/go/UmJWMaJ> If you need help with the online signup contact Karen Smith. Or bring your calendars to the September meeting where you can sign up in person. None of the jobs are difficult and it is a great way to meet guild members you may not know well. Remember every

volunteer slot gets you \$1 off the \$8.00 admission. (Food items do not qualify.) For your discount to be applied, you must sign up by *Sunday, September 22*.

The **Hospitality Room** needs additional food items, especially Crock-Pot foods, for the show. Please check the SignUp website <https://signup.com/go/UmJWMaJ> to see where you can help.

Raffle Ticket sales are going well! The **raffle quilt** has been displayed at Dianne's Quilted Square, Log Cabin Fabrics, Adirondack Quilts and Gloversville Sewing Center in addition to the Schenectady Green

Market. Remember, the person selling the most raffle tickets wins the prize basket of quilting fabric and supplies; there is still time to sell more tickets and win the basket! Contact Mary Wade at 518-248-1263 or mwade1946@gmail.com for additional tickets. Please remember to bring your unsold tickets, stubs and money to turn-in to the September meeting.

Quilt Show 2024 **Registration receipts** were mailed out on Monday, August 12. If you do not receive

yours by August 20, please contact Debbie West (dkwest@nycap.rr.com). Those who didn't include a self-addressed stamped envelope can pick up your receipt(s) at the September meeting or make other arrangements.

Debbie McIntosh
Show Chair

The Program Committee

Hello Q.U.I.L.T.S. members! I'm Connie Trigger and I've assisted long time member Mary Wade with Programs for the past several years. I've "graduated" to the Programs chairperson position and have been joined by two very capable, experienced quilters, Barb Valachovic and Kathy Lenic. They have been great resources as we've worked on researching and vetting potential teachers.

In the Programs Committee survey last spring we asked you for feedback on whether you prefer workshops in person or on Zoom, workshops on Fridays or Saturdays and project based or skill based workshops. You were split almost exactly 50/50 on all three questions! So, again this year we are balancing Fridays with Saturdays, in-person with Zoom and project based with skill based topics. We've also taken into consideration additional feedback on workshop topics, teacher suggestions, space concerns and other ideas. For instance, several of you suggested having members of the guild teach workshops – we've got one! Laura Swensen, and room for potentially two more. This year we have scheduled at least two stand alone workshops for months where there are sew-ins or parties during our guild meetings. Do you have anything you'd like to teach us in September or February? Contact me!

In other odds and ends, due to the increase in costs for using our current space, we have been looking at

alternate workshop venues. 2024 – 2025 is the final year for using your one time \$20.00 workshop credit. We are partnering with local quilt shop and guild supporter Dianne's Quilted Square who will be offering discounts on some workshop supplies.

Our goal is to have most of the year's registration materials ready for our September meeting so you can plan your participation. And speaking of participation, we need yours! Our small committee has been making calls, writing emails and scouring websites and lists of potential quilters to stitch together an enjoyable, varied slate of educational offerings. But the most important piece of this Programs quilt is ... YOU! Be the ... binding? ☺ Regardless of your skill level or experience, our goal is to help you feel comfortable, welcome and prepared for our workshops.

Finally, the 2024 – 2025 Guild Challenge, due at our June 2025 meeting, is under discussion. Hint: it will involve panels.

We hope you are looking forward to this next year as much as we are! You will find descriptions of this year's workshops in this issue. Contact me with any questions!

Connie Trigger
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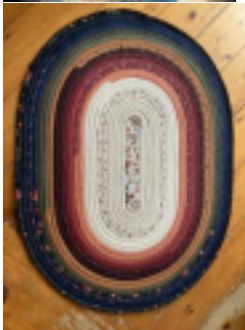


Stripology Ruler Tutorial with Laura Swensen,

Stillwater, NY Friday, November 8, 2024: 9:00 – 3:00, in person

Workshop fee: Members \$20 plus pattern and ruler

Q.U.I.L.T.S member Laura Swensen will teach us how to use Creative Grid's Stripology rulers while we make Strip Joints blocks. She has been teaching classes on these rulers at Adirondack Quilts and reports that they are a game changer for cutting fabric. Watch for the registration form for info on significant discounts and subsidies provided by the guild.



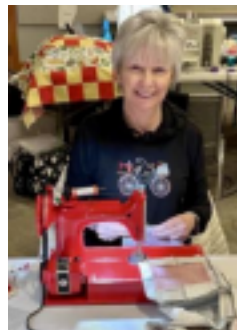
Jelly Roll Rugs with Maryjean Valigorsky,

Westerloo, NY Friday, December 6, 2024,

2024: 9:30 – 4:30, in person Workshop fee:

Members \$45.00 plus pattern

We will create cosy rugs out of jelly rolls with local teacher Maryjean Valigorsky. A bit of fabric prep will be needed before we launch into assembling rugs using fabrics and colors of our choice. Information about a discount on materials at Dianne's Quilted Square can be found in the registration form.



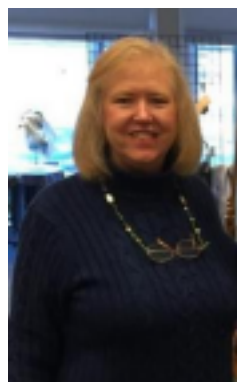
Making Magic with Brita Nelson,

Berwyn, Pennsylvania Saturday, January 4,

2025: 9:30 – 4:30, Zoom

Workshop fee: Members \$45

This workshop will follow Brita's Disappearing 9-Patch lecture at our January 2nd meeting. In this 6-hour class, structured like a sew along, Brita, a author, designer and former Q.U.I.L.T.S. member, will teach us 9 different disappearing 9-Patch blocks to assemble into a sampler quilt. Participants will also receive a handout with 20 additional disappearing blocks. www.questioningquilter.com

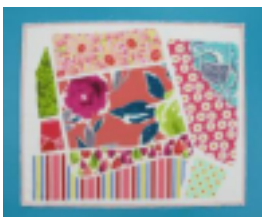


Free Motion Quilting with Karen L. Miller, Finger Lakes,

NY Saturday, March 8, 2025: Half day, Zoom

Workshop fee: Members \$45

Returning lecturer and teacher Karen Miller will follow up her "Align Your FMQ Stars" guild talk with a workshop on the topic most requested by our members, free motion quilting on our domestic machines. www.redbirdquiltco.com



Designing with Flying Colors & Mini Maps Postcards

with Timna Tarr, South Hadley, Massachusetts Friday,

April 4, 2025: Full day, in person

Workshop fee: Members \$45

In this two part workshop, Timna will first work with us on how to use

color placement as a major design element. Then we will create personalized mini maps with our new color design skills.

www.timnatarr.com

Watch your email for workshop registration forms! Questions? QUILTSprograms@gmail.com

Straight From The Heart Quilts For Kids

As discussed at the June meeting, we will be donating quilts created by our members to Northern Rivers, Things of My Very Own and Child Advocacy Center of Schenectady. Since the groups service children of all ages, at our September meeting, everyone will receive a handout with the parameters for the various groups. These parameters are necessary in order to make the most of the backing fabric and batting we have on hand.

This year, I would like to form “teams” of people who will help in the creation of kits, cutting fabric, backings and batting. We will also be looking to create groups of people willing to quilt and bind the quilts. This finishing step is often where we get bogged down and end up with several tops in our queue.

Finally, we will be accepting fabric beginning in September. Nothing smaller than a fat quarter will be accepted unless it is already cut into either 5” or 6.5” square. Remember, our quilts are meant to bring joy and comfort to children living in less-than-ideal situation. Choose fabrics, colors and patterns that align with our purpose. If you are planning on donating fabric, please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting. See either Christina or myself for your donation. Thanks in advance.

Maggie



Veterans Quilts

Thank you to everyone who turned in a Veterans quilt at the June meeting. I’m sure the recipients at the VA Hospital and Fisher House will appreciate them. I’ve been amazed at how beautiful they are. You’ll see several of them on display at our table at the quilt show. Our next delivery of quilts will be in the Fall. If anyone is interested in a heartwarming experience of delivering quilts with us, please email me at LPiseczny@nycap.rr.com.

General Guidelines for Veterans Quilts

Size: 50” x 74” or 45” x 60” size may vary.

Fabric & Design: 100% cotton fabric. Colors and patterns are your choice and do NOT have to be red/white/blue or patriotic. Recipients are mostly men and many prefer to choose non-patriotic quilts.

Label: Please place a label on the back of the quilt with your name (Mary Smith or Mary S.), Schenectady Q.U.I.L.T.S. and a brief thank you. It can be handwritten in permanent fabric pen, inkjet-printed, or embroidered. It is meant to identify the origin of the quilt and often we will receive a thank you note from the recipient. We also attach a star and a note from the guild to each quilt.

Ready-to-assemble kits are provided at each meeting. A kit includes fabric for the top, backing, and binding as well as a pattern and batting. Quilts may be machine quilted or tied (every 4"). If tying the quilt, please make sure the ties go all the way through all 3 layers and are tightly knotted.

Before handing in your finished quilt, please be sure all pins/needles have been removed and the binding and label are securely attached.

Friendship groups may want to make a quilt(s) as a project.

Stay tuned for an announcement of our first veterans quilt sew-in. Thank you for your continued support of our Veterans Quilts project.

Lisa Wend

Q.U.I.L.T.S. MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues are \$30 for the 2024-2025 guild-year, which runs July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Membership can be initiated or renewed by visiting the membership desk at any monthly guild meeting. The website also has links to download the membership form for the current year which can be submitted by mail with a check or if one wishes to pay using the PayPal link. The online link for the 2024-2025 membership dues is:

<https://forms.gle/aBJzcV97nUezHZgHA>

You can type this link into your web browser, and it will take you to a page with the membership form. You have the option to pay via PayPal, a \$1 convenience fee has been added or you may indicate that you will pay by check. Cash can only be accepted at the membership desk when we meet in person.

Please feel free to ask someone you know to attend a monthly meeting as a guest if they'd like to check

us out or refer them to the guild website for more information: <http://quiltschenectady.org>. Note: Guests may be asked to pay a fee to attend depending on the type of meeting, but guest fees may be put toward the annual membership dues if a guest decides to join the guild.

Name Tag: Guild members are encouraged to wear a hand-made name tag to in-person meetings. Wearing a name tag helps members get to know one another and qualifies members to enter the monthly drawings for gift certificates to local quilt shops. While the guild has adopted a pattern for the name tag (Hands All Around), any hand-made name tag is acceptable. Here is the pattern for the guild nametag: [QUILTS Name Tag.pdf \(quiltschenectady.org\)](#)

Arilee

2024-2025 Fat Quarters

Sept. - Birds
Oct. - Trees
Nov. - Snowman
Dec. - A Winter Scene
Jan. - Fruits and Veggies
Feb. - Jungle Animals

Mar. - Hearts and Dogs
Apr. - Tea Pots or Coffee Pots
May - 10 inch squares (Bring 5)
Jun. - Hearts and Chocolates

Darlene Balfoort

Block of the Month



Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a safe, enjoyable summer and are ready to start the new season. We especially want to thank Lisa Wend for her dedication and hard work last year heading up both the Block of the Month and Veteran Quilts. She is a hard act to follow so please be patient with us!

We will start in September with a ***Mother's Dream*** block. We will run the program as in the past with a \$2 fee and run the raffle each month for the completed blocks going to the winner.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone and making new friends.

Sue Baron & Sandi Butcher

Q.U.I.L.T.S Tool Library

The Q.U.I.L.T.S. Tool Library is a great resource for specialty rulers, templates and stencils.

If you are in need of one of these tools, check out the guild's tool library listings on the website to see if there's something that might help you with cutting various shapes or with marking quilts for machine and hand quilting. Visit www.quiltschenectady.org and click on either the Monthly Meetings tab on the menu bar at the top of the page or the Pages tab on the right-hand side. Then click on the Tool Library to view the stencils and ruler spreadsheets.

Templates are included on the ruler listing.

If there's a tool (or tools) you're interested in and need more information, contact me via email or text.
text: 518-355-2185

I can take a picture of the tool and send it to you. And if you want to use any of the tools and don't want to wait until the next in-person meeting to get them, we can make arrangements to meet somewhere so I can give them to you.

Note: I **will not** be bringing all of the Tool Library to monthly meetings as it's just too heavy for me but I do plan to bring a few to demonstrate.

Kathy Hermance, Guild librarian
email: khermance1@nycap.rr.com

Officers and Committee Heads for 2024-2025

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Hospitality	Georgette Galvin

The meeting dates for **2024-2025** are as follows:

- September 5
- October 2 (Wednesday) - Proctors
- October 5-6 Quilt Show
- November 7 - Sew In
- December 5 - Holiday Party
- January 2 - Zoom
- February 6 - Sew In
- March 6 - Zoom
- April 3
- May 1
- June 5 - South Schenectady Fire Department

Antique Quilt Repair Expert Needed: If anyone knows of someone with the expertise to repair an 1800's family heirloom crazy quilt, please contact Debbie West (dkwest@nycap.rr.com). Thank you.

Since we have a number of Long Arm quilters in our guild, we are adding a listing of paid members who wish to advertise to the general membership that they offer this service.

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Kathy Wagner

(518) 369-3376 (call or text)

PhoebeMoon Designs. I write quilt patterns for Connecting Threads, Northcott, Banyan Batiks, and Quilting Treasures. These patterns and their accompanying tutorials are available on my website, <https://phoebemoon.com>. I also have an active blog and participate in many blog hops, sew-alongs, and mystery quilts.

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