



# Hands All Around – November 2017

Quilters United in Learning Together – Schenectady

<http://www.quiltscchenectady.org>

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

First Reformed Church of Scotia

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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

HAPPY FALL EVERYONE!

First, I would like to extend a special thank you to Suzanne Bernadt for coordinating our Guild's Service Display at the Schenectady County Public Library with the assistance of the library staff Rita Moore and Doug Bixler. Guild Members Pat Terry, Emily Spooner, Jane Martinec, Judy Fregoe and Nancy Gifford gave much of their time and were instrumental coordinating the quilts and helping with its assemble. When Pat Terry and I were discussing the passing of her dear friend Cheryl Della Sala she wanted the Guild to know that she helped select the quilts that were to be used. I know we're all happy that Cheryl was able to participate. The display highlights our Guild's Service Projects and shows so many of our member's works of love. After experiencing a few delays the Library would like to extend the exhibit until November 13. So, you have some time yet to visit the library and see the beautiful workmanship of our members. I am so proud to be a member of our Guild.

I am so grateful to all for helping me "get through" my first meeting. It helped to make my second much easier. It made me think about why our guild is the way it is. **YOU** are why our Guild so successful. We have so many great volunteers willing to give their time so that we can enjoy our meetings. Thank you to those of you who go above and beyond to head a committee or volunteer to take charge of an important area of our Quilt Show. We are always in need of volunteers to help make the guild what it is. With that being said we need people to help Eileen McCabe at membership. This would give you a wonderful opportunity to meet members and help new members feel welcomed. Also, thank you Kathie Lutz and Cara Molyneaux for the initial "library update" along with Pat McGurn (new member) and Jan Houston helping with the final purge. Pat and Jan have agreed to continue helping with the library...another special thank you. With our Quilt Show coming up in 2018 there are openings in key areas that need to be filled in order to have a successful show. It doesn't have to be one person in can be a group. I know I've met so many great people by volunteering at our meetings but especially at our Show. When I was leading the meeting I looked into audience and all I saw were members that I've worked with and learned so much from, members who have become my dear friends and members who I have yet to meet. What a good feeling.

I won't be able to attend the November meeting but will be there with bells on in December.

Take care, Lin

## Late Fall and Winter Schedule

**November 2, 2017 – Sew-in for Northeast Parent and Child** (sewing starts at 4pm, meeting at 7:00pm)

For this year, Emily will be bringing pre-cut kits, some partially assembled tops, and possibly a few quilts to tie.

\*\*\*Members should bring sewing supplies and machines, cutting supplies (some patterns need them), tying needles and scissors, etc. The guild has irons and ironing boards now.

Members can come at any time from 4pm to sew. Dinner is for 6:30 for those have been sewing. Members may also bring their own "kits" that they made at home for Northern Rivers.

Also remember....

√ Fat Quarter- Yellow	Quilts for Northern Rivers kids & soldiers
√ Your hand-sewn name tag	A friend or new member – no fee
	Show and Tell

**December 7, 2017 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 first half of the alphabet who gets to share their secret recipe dishes – but not necessarily the recipes!)

Also remember....

√ Fat quarter – Green	Show & tell projects
√ Your hand-sewn name tag	A friend or new member – no fee
Finger foods (if your last name begins with A-L)	Quilts for Northern Rivers kids & soldiers

Reminder for the December meeting: Every year at this meeting, Q.U.I.L.T.S members donate items to Northern Rivers Family Services and to the Family Life Center at the Schenectady Intercity Mission for the holidays.

See the link for the specific “wish list” from Northern Rivers.

[https://www.parsonscenter.org/images/holiday\\_wishlist\\_2017-09-29.pdf](https://www.parsonscenter.org/images/holiday_wishlist_2017-09-29.pdf)

For the City Mission's Life Center, they are in need of extra long twin sheet sets and comforters, full size shampoos, conditioners, deodorant, and sanitary products.

**January 4, 2018 Meeting**

January lecture is by Ellie Von Wellsheim and the workshop is Stack & Whack by Paula Dunn. The result is a kaleidoscope effect for your quilt.

Fat quarter – Blue	Show & tell projects
Your hand-sewn name tag	A friend or new member

## **February 1, 2018 Tie-in**

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.

Also remember....

Fat quarter – Violet/Purple	NO Show & tell projects
Your hand-sewn name tag	A friend or new member – Free
	Quilts for Northern Rivers kids & soldiers

## **This year’s challenges:**

So maybe you won a block of the month at some point in the two years or this year. Did you ever finish that quilt? Well, this is the year to do it. The challenge will be to finish a quilt with those block of the month blocks.

If you haven’t won a block of the month there is still time this year. Take part in this activity at this year’s Guild meetings! For more information, talk to Mary Albers or Betty Parks.

## **Member Challenge for the 2018 Quilt Show**

This challenge is for a table runner, which is fall related, finished and rectangular, though the shorter sides may be pointed.

## **“Place beyond the Pines” -- 2018 Raffle Quilt Facts --Kathy Hermance**

- My vision was to make a quilt to pay tribute to our community, Schenectady, with all its rich history - the strong Dutch influence, the Mohawks, the Stockade area, the Erie Canal, General Electric Co, ALCO, Union College just to name a few. Loosely translated from the Mohawk language, the name Schenectady means “Place Beyond the Pines”, hence the name of this quilt.
- The Dutchman’s Puzzle was the only block that came to mind which represented our community, so I opted to use civil war reproduction and other fabrics that have a 19<sup>th</sup> century/vintage feel to them to evoke the historical mood I was trying to attain.
- Inspiration for the layout was a quilt titled “Path of Freedom” from the book, Civil War Remembered, by Mary Etherington and Connie Tesene.
- There are four different blocks in this quilt – three are traditional well-known blocks: Dutchman’s Puzzle, Weathervane and Double X. The 4<sup>th</sup> block is a combination of Union Station and Road to Heaven blocks with a slight modification (added triangle to corners) to create the new “Road to Schenectady” block.
- I used EQ5 software to design the quilt and was finally content with the design after making 17 different variations.

- The quilt is a 91” square and is not directional. There are over 75 different fabrics in this quilt. Most was donated from the stashes of Kathy Hermance & Debby Kreifels, and some was purchased by the guild for use in this quilt.
- Blocks were pieced by Linda Cary & Kathy Hermance, and Barbara Becker pieced the half-square triangle inside border. Susan Pettengill from The Joyful Quilter assisted Kathy & Linda with the layout of the blocks using her shop’s design wall. Batting is Quilter’s Dream Select 70/30 cotton/poly blend. Professional long-arm quilting was done by Laurie Collins of Quilting Traditions.

### **Sizes for donation quilts**

There was a question recently about the sizes for quilts that are donated to local organizations. While there is more information on our website, here is a quick guide: Veterans’ Quilts (50” x 74” or 45” x 60”, often combinations of red, white and blue are used) and Northern Rivers (“Big Kids” 54” x 72” and “Little Kids” 42” x 60”, bright and happy quilts, and one specific need is quilts for teen boys). There was another question if anywhere was collecting Pillowcases. Lob Cabin Fabrics is listed on the Million Pillowcase challenge, but please let Natalie ([quiltsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:quiltsnewsletter@gmail.com)) know if you have any suggestions.

### **MEMBER NEWS AND BULLETIN BOARD**

An update on one of our members, Marie Miller. Her husband let a member friend know that Marie is still very, very sick but our card brightened her day. If you would please send cards to Marie Miller, 3 Pinewood Drive, Scotia, NY 12302 it would really make her feel good.

Connie Darko received a 3rd place in Art Quilts at the Old Forge Art Center “View” invitational quilt show. Congratulations Connie! The Quilts Unlimited show continues until November 11. More information on the show can be found at:  
<https://www.viewarts.org/exhibitions/current-exhibitions/2017-quilts-unlimited/>

### **Guild Library**

Come checkout the updated library. We have books, stencils, and lots of rulers and tools, all catalogued, organized, and ready for you to use. You might be particularly interest in the 7 books we have on Log Cabins – they may inspire you for one of this year’s challenges. We are still trying to track down some library materials. Please check your bookshelves for books you may have taken out a while ago. Please bring them in so we can update our records.

Please bring any library materials you have to the November meeting so we can update the records. You are welcome to continue to borrow those materials. Also, please check your bookcases for materials you might not remember you have.

### **Pet beds**

Thank you all for your continued donations of yardage, especially cat and dog fabrics, craft batting, and scraps for the pet beds. The beds you make and donate are also very much appreciated! My two favorite pet rescues, Kitten Angels for cats and Hugs From Henry for

dogs have been extremely appreciative of all of the beds they have received. They are used by the foster families and are sold for fundraising for their rescue operations. Kitten Angels would appreciate any new, used, broken jewelry for their Tabby's Treasures sale in the spring. Both organizations hold garage sales and always appreciate lightly used non clothing items for their sales. For fundraising events they both look for new items, especially animal related, for raffle baskets. With the Holidays coming and the "unwanted" gifts we all get, many of those items can be used in the baskets, if you care to donate. Please feel free to drop all items off to my front porch, 425 Charles St., Scotia any time. Jane Martinec, janemajel@aol.com, 346-0910

### **Veterans Quilts**

Last year we initiated a series of sew-ins for Veteran quilts. It proved to be a success and we will be doing this again this year. Participants can sign up at the Guild meetings and bring machines, etc. to sew. Complete kits will be provided. Helpers are also welcome to cut, iron, etc. Dates are Friday, Nov. 10 (a day off for Veterans' Day on Saturday), Friday, January 26 and Friday, April 27. We passed out 67 quilts at the VA hospital this past year. This is the highest number since we began this program!

### **Friendship Groups**

On another note, if you are interested in joining or starting a Friendship Group, you can reach out to Linda Cary. We know that there are members who might not know many people in the Guild or be comfortable reaching out to start a Friendship group themselves, but Linda might be able to help being a "matchmaker".

### **Bernina Serger for sale.**

Eileen Buel has a Bernina Serger she'd like to sell. It's a Bernina Overlocker Serger model 1200DA. Asking \$450. Please contact her through email: eileensbuel@gmail.com or by phone 607-588-9424.

### **Mentors for Quilting Skills**

We have several Guild members who are willing to act as mentors for specific techniques. For Needle Turn Applique (Linda Ovitt), Paper Piecing (Mary McNamara and Paula Ross), Machine Quilting-Feathers (Linda Cary), and EQ-Electric Quilt software and Basic Piecing Techniques (Kathie Lutz)

### **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.
- If you have news or any information 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 16 at 5pm.**

**Fat Quarters – This year’s theme is “Colors of the Rainbow Plus”**

You can 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 on the below.

November	Yellow
December	Green
January	Blue
February	Violet/ Purple
March	Black

April	White
May	Brown
June	You Pick (any fat quarter in your stash will do)

**OFFICERS & COMMITTEE HEADS FOR 2017-2018**

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