



January/ February 2024 Newsletter

We all made it through the Holiday hustle and enjoyed great times with family and friends. Now we can get back to more serious business...Sewing and Quilting. Our Annual Birthday Celebration Fundraiser will offer great inspiration so treat yourself. Bring lots of cash and purchase several chances to win the many baskets being raffled. Programs has great things planned to keep your sewjo going. In February we will highlight member Jann Slapin who will share her quilting journey. We will also have members teaching members. Several techniques will be used to do the same thing. (Just a little curious?) In March, we have Krista Moser teaching a 3-dimensional quilt technique using a 60-degree ruler. She is going to present the workshop remotely so you can have all your fabric at your disposal while sewing in your comfy chair. Hope you signed up.

I would be remiss if I did not take this time to remind you to consider joining the board. It is a great opportunity to keep the guild operating while expressing and implementing your ideas. There are several positions that can be done with co-chairs. So ask a friend to join with you. You are the guild, and the guild is yours. Check the website or ask a board member about any of the roles. The various committees also offer opportunities to express your ideas.

We are already 1/3 way through the year with a lot more to happen. Consider what you would like to see the guild accomplish next year. This is your guild. Suggest something, offer something and help to make it happen.

Piecing every chance I get,

Karen
GSQ president

General Guild Notes

Membership: We now have 97 members, with 12 of them being brand new! Please check in at the Membership table for your new badge if you haven't gotten it already. There are quite a few nametags that haven't been picked up yet, so please visit the membership table to get yours if you haven't already. A reminder that all members and guests should wear their badge at every meeting. This will help new members see who you are. If you have any questions, or changes to your address or contact information, please see Jan Martin or email her at jmartinnj@comcast.net.

General meetings are **in person** at Grace Church, unless otherwise noted on the website. From 6:45 – 7:15 pm is the time to chat with other members, visit each of our tables (membership, programs, quilt show, library, Sunshine, etc.) and to go to Drop and Shop. **Meetings will start promptly at 7:15 pm.** **Board meetings** are also in person two weeks prior to the general meeting, unless noted beforehand. Please let us know if you will attend so we can give you meeting information in advance. Dates of all general meetings are listed on pages 10 and 11.

The Friendship Quilt: This year's Friendship Quilt is falling leaves. You will need scraps of browns, reds, oranges, yellows, purples, and greens. We are looking for textures that approximate a fallen leaf. Fabrics that read as not quite solids, perhaps a little splotchy or with a small design, but no actual pictures. There will be sample blocks and a printout of what the finished quilt will look like at our table in September. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Drop and Shop: Drop off at our table your fabric, books, quilting tools and notions that you no longer need. Shop: Bring your own canvas bag and \$5.00. Fill it up with quilt goodies. We are open every meeting **except** the January birthday party.



Fabric Raffle: With the fabric raffle such a success last year, we're continuing it at each membership meeting. We had some incredible fabric bundles that were raffled last year. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Hospitality: Hospitality has gone back to what was done pre-pandemic. Members with last names beginning with A-M, then N-Z, are asked to bring a food item to share for alternating months. Members are asked to bring their own beverage to the meeting. Listed on pages 10 and 11 are the general meeting dates which members are asked to bring something to share according to the first letter of your last name.

Library: The Library is always looking for suggestions on good books to purchase to expand our fabulous collection! Please stop by the table next meeting, peruse our collection, find inspiration and make any suggestions you have. The listing of books that are currently owned by the guild is in our Member's Only section on the website.

Newsletter: As in past years, we run a newsletter every 2 months and anyone in the guild may contribute (see "Member News" section at the back of this edition on page 12). We ask that contributions be sent to Cindy Koziol-White at cynthiakoziol27@hotmail.com. The schedule for submission of information is listed below:

March-April 2024	February 15, 2024
May-June 2024	April 15, 2024

Razzle Dazzle: Bring a fat quarter (FQ – 18” x 22”) to each meeting according to the schedule below and get a ticket for each FQ that you bring towards the drawing to win all the fat quarters brought in that night. In the past, there were meetings where we had so many participants that we were able to have 2 fat quarter bundle winners! *** Reminder that there will be no Razzle Dazzle at the January Birthday Celebration, but the January fabrics will be raffled along with the February fabrics at the February meeting. ***

Razzle Dazzle Schedule for 2023-2024	
January	30's – Aunt Gracie
February	Rainbow Bright
March	Tone on Tone
April	Geometric
May	Red, White, and Blue
June	Batiks

****Attention sewing/quilting business owners*****

We are putting together a listing of member-owned sewing/quilting businesses. We would like to make this available to all members, as there have been questions to the board and at general meetings with regards to where to take quilts to be longarmed, as well as other quilting-related questions. Please let us know if you own a longarming business, quilt shop, or sewing business and we can put your business on a list that will be available to all members. Please email your business information to Cindy Koziol-White at cynthiakoziol27@hotmail.com.

Programs

On **January 8, 2024**, the guild will hold its annual January Party and a celebration of the new year! Bring cash or credit card and come enjoy the raffle of many incredible quilting (and non-quilting)-related items!

On **January 15**, our own Laura Wagner will be teaching an English Paper Piecing workshop at Sew Jersey from 1-4 pm.

EPP FUNDamentals Class with Laura

Come join in for a fun day of learning the basics of EPP/English paper piecing. This is a **HAND SEWING** class only. Basting (glue and thread) and sewing will be covered as well as fabric selection with an emphasis on the nuances of fussy cutting. We will also cover a bit about the history of EPP and Laura will bring a trunk show of quilts to inspire you on your own EPP journey.

For class we will be making a hexagon flower block commonly known as grandma's flower garden. Paper pieces will be provided as well as a small kit of supplies. A supply list will be sent before the event.



On **March 11**, the presenter for the guild meeting will be Krista Moser presenting on Diamonds are a Quilter's Best Friend. Our first virtual workshop will be on Saturday, **March 16** with Krista over Zoom and will cover her Entangled Sky quilt pattern.



<https://www.kristamoser.com/>



We are trying to see if members would be interested in virtual workshops like Krista's, and to see if weekend workshops would also be of interest to members. Hope you all sign up for this very cool workshop!

At our **April 8** guild meeting, Josie Dakers-Braithwaite (owner of Josie's Colourful Journey) will be speaking to the guild about felting and fiber art. She will be doing a workshop on **April 9** at Sew Jersey from 10 am – 3:30 pm where members can learn the technique of felting and make a felted fashion accessory.

On **May 7**, Sue Mitrano (Blue Fox Studio) will be running a workshop at her studio in Titusville, NJ from 1-4:30 pm showing members how to shibori dye fabric. She was our October meeting speaker.

At the **May 13** guild meeting a few different members will be demonstrating various fabric cutting techniques including how to use a cricut machine, a Brother Scan n' Cut machine, a Stripology XL ruler, an Accuquilt Go, and other methods for cutting fabrics.

All lectures and workshop dates are listed in the events calendar on pages 10 and 11. Please see/contact Carol Mann (cmannconso@yahoo.com) or Mary Ledyard (Mledyard@gmail.com) with any questions, need further information, or would like to suggest lecturers, workshops, etc for later this year or next year. We would love member input!

Sunshine

Thank you all for a very successful December Charity Sit n Sew!

Project 1: We now have about 200 sanitary napkins cut and prepped for sewing. Two dozen pads were sewn. This will be an ongoing project over the next several months. We hope to have a good supply completed to send to Appalachia in July.

Project 2: 56 comfort pillows were stuffed with 29 sewn shut. Hand sewing the rest of the pillows will also continue at our monthly Bees.

Bees: We hope to see many of you at our upcoming Bees. We meet at the Chatham Library once a month. Bring a sewing machine if you can as there are several projects to choose from that need a machine. There are also opportunities for hand sewing. Mark your 2024 calendar as follows (and see pages 10 and 11 of the newsletter):

Dates: Wednesday, January 17th from 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Wednesday, February 20th from 12:30PM – 3:30PM

Tuesday, March 26th from 12:45PM – 3:30PM (Note change of day)

Wednesday, April 17th from 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Wednesday, May 22nd from 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Wednesday, June 19th from 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Quilts: We have several quilts available for distribution. Winter can be a very difficult time for many people, especially for a shut-in. Do you know someone who could use a quilt? Are you part of an organization that reaches out to people in difficult times? Please send me an email at: jstubaus@optonline.net and I will be happy to get you quilts. Let's share the warmth!

Block of the Month

Greetings everyone!

Please pardon my absence at the December meeting due to illness. Will the winner of the December Block of the Month please come see me at my table in January to collect my contribution. The January BOM is “Let’s See What Happens!”, an *Anything Goes* block of your choosing—size, pattern, colorways—up to you! BOMs for February through April will be posted soon...please consider sharing your unique take on the Blocks with us!

The “Scrap Swap” will also be starting in January at my table. Bring a Ziploc sandwich bag size with a variety of scrap fabrics you’re happy to part with. Please have the shortest side be no less than 2.5”. About 30-40 scraps should fill the bag. Anyone participating will be given a ticket to grab a bag from the collection before the end of the evening when it’s least disruptive (and once all bags are submitted!).

Wishing you all a peaceful Holiday Season with your loved ones... Marisa :)

Below are the January and February 2024 blocks of the month that are available for download at: <https://www.gardenstatequiltersguild.com/block-of-the-month>

Any archived BOMs from past years will require members to log into the website with the password found on the back of their nametag.

January 2024 – Let’s
See What Happens!
(Any block of your
choice)



February 2024 – I’m Home



January Party

Thank you to **all members** who brought in donations to the December meeting (or let us know their intentions to donate) to this cause. The Committee is in high gear putting together all the baskets and “sewing goodies” for the raffle. For **new members**, we hold an annual celebration to commemorate the founding of Garden State Quilters 43 years ago. We hold a fun raffle event with lots of prizes to bid on. Not only are there member donations, but the Committee solicited donations from local and national companies! Join in the celebration – bring your party hats (and cash or credit card). It will be a fun evening!!!



Calendar of Events

2023/2024 Guild Year

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Event</u>
January 8	Guild Meeting – January Anniversary Party!! Hospitality: Last names A-M
January 15	English Paper Piecing Workshop with Laura Wagner at Sew Jersey (1-4 pm)
January 17	Quilting Bee at Chatham Library
January 29	Board Meeting
February 12	Guild Meeting – Members Teaching Members & Jann Slapin’s Quilting Journey Hospitality: Last names N-Z
February 15	Newsletter deadline for March/April issue
February 20	Quilting Bee at Chatham Library
February 26	Board Meeting
March 11	Guild Meeting – Diamonds are a quilter’s best friend with Krista Moser Hospitality: Last names A-M
March 16	Krista Moser – Entangled Sky workshop over zoom (Saturday) (11 am – 5 pm)
March 25	Board Meeting
March 26	Quilting Bee at Chatham Library
April 8	Guild Meeting – Josie’s Colourful Journey with Josie Dakars- Braithwaite Hospitality: Last Names N-Z
April 9	Learning felting with Josie Dakars-Braithwaite at Sew Jersey (10 am – 3:30 pm)
April 15	Newsletter deadline for May/June issue
April 17	Quilting Bee at Chatham Library
May 7	Shibori Dyeing with Sue Mitrano at her studio (Titusville, NJ) (1-4:30 pm)
May 13	Guild Meeting – The many ways to cut fabric (member demos) Hospitality: Last Names A-M

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June 3	Board Meeting – Lundt Room
June 10	Guild Meeting – Strawberry Supper Hospitality: Last names will be assigned to appetizers/main course/desserts as we get closer to the event for potluck supper
June 19	Quilting Bee at Chatham Library

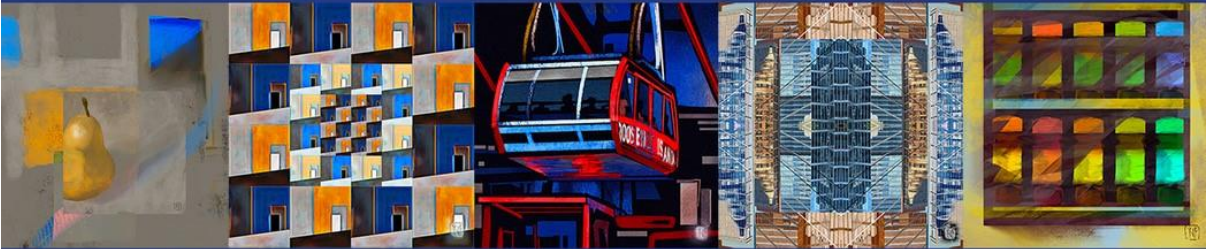
Hinterberg Quilting Frame (QX-2000 QX-SP)

A former member of the guild is donating her mother's Hinterberg QX-2000 QX-SP quilting frame and was wondering if someone would be interested in taking it. Pictures are shown below of the frame. The entire thing comes with the frame, two 93 inch poles, two 59 inch poles, and an extension kit. Please contact Beth DiDomenico (beth.didomenico@gmail.com) to also get a PDF document with info on the frame and if you're interested in the frame.



Member News & Upcoming Events

STATION STOPS ON THE TIME MACHINE: ART SHOW DIGITAL IMAGE PLAY BY YOLANDA V. FUNDORA



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 TO MARCH 1, 2024

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STATION STOPS ON THE TIME MACHINE

We all have our frequented 'station stops' where we pause for a bit, take a deep breath, and think about where we've been and where we are off to next. You are welcomed to share some of mine.

YOLANDA V. FUNDORA



Stops in order down the ramp

■ Gardening Can Be Murder: Chapter Openings

■ Around the Kitchen Island

■ Avian Way of Life

■ Traveling Again

■ Old Cars and Parts and Vintage Dreams

■ When Art Forms Collide

■ Relearning to Draw

■ Gardening Can Be Murder: Vignettes

■ Following Pamela Around



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Upcoming Quilt Shows/Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>Event</u>
February 29-March 3	Saturday & Sunday 10 am – 4 pm	Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666 https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival/

Board Members

Executive Board (2023-2024) – 1 year appointment		Committee Positions (no term expiration)	
President	Karen Jack	Library	Laura Wagner
Vice President	Christine Courtney	Hospitality	TBD – Volunteer?
Treasurer	Sue Adams	Raffle Quilt	Ginger Scott, Jean Stubaus, Sue Adams
Secretary	Molly Adams	Block of the Month	Marisa Austenberg
Programs	Carol Mann & Mary Ledyard	Fabric Raffle	Marisa Austenberg
Trustees		Friendship Quilt	Alix Martin Ria Wolff
Membership	Jan Martin & Lori Darnulc	Historian/Show 'n Tell	TBD – Volunteer?
Nominating	Jann Slapin	Drop & Shop	Paula Raimondo & Sue Schmerler
Newsletter	Cindy Koziol-White	Razzle Dazzle	Sue Schmerler & Paula Raimondo
Sunshine	Jean Stubaus	January Party	Beth DiDomenico
Grants & Scholarship	Wannetta Phillips	Social Media	Cindy Koziol-White
Quilt Show	Christine Courtney; Ginger Scott, Jean Stubaus	Programs Committee	Becky Dieckmann & Juliet McDonnell
Webmaster	Yolanda Fundora Caitlyn Roper	Sunshine Committee	Pat Buikema, Emily Egerter, Mindy Mathisen, Liz Merson