



## Member National Quilting Association, Chapter 124

### January/February 2021 Pandemic Edition

## Message from our President

Hello Quilters!

And welcome to 2021! Here's hoping that with the vaccine in place we will be able to hold at least one face to face meeting this year! Can't wait to see all of your smiling faces and see your beautiful quilts in person. But until then we will continue to hold our meetings via Zoom. And, we will have 2 guild sew-alongs in February. So look for that information later in the Newsletter.

We will continue to provide an amazing line up of speakers and virtual workshops during the next six months. So take advantage of the fact that you don't have to pack up your sewing room and travel to an offsite location to take a class. Even if it snows, we will still be able to offer all of the scheduled workshops. You can do that from the comfort of your own sewing room where everything is in reach and you can have a snack anytime you want!

Sincerely,  
Pam



**General Meeting Dates**  
are listed on pages  
5 & 6

**General Meetings held via: Zoom!!**  
Will begin at 7 PM

**Meet the Speaker**  
*Alas, not available until we hold f-2-f meetings*

## Programs Committee

Join us on **January 11th** to hear **Jean Impey** of Sew Jean for her presentation on 'Finding Your Passion'.

We are excited to have our very own member *Virginia (Ginny) Moe* presenting on **February 8th**. Her presentation is 'Inspired by Design'. Many of her beautiful quilts will be highlighted.

### Board Meetings

2 Weeks prior to monthly Guild Meetings; see listing on pages 5 & 6 (integrated with Guild's calendar)

*Board Meetings will also be via Zoom! Let us know that you wish to attend and we will send you the link.*

### **Cancellation policy for this year:**

Call Jann for details.

March brings us a Zoom workshop and presentation by **Giuseppe Ribaud** of Giucy Giuce. Learn to make micro quilt blocks in this "Tiny Piecing" workshop. THERE ARE STILL SPOTS AVAILABLE!!! Please email [jmartinnj@comcast.net](mailto:jmartinnj@comcast.net) to sign up. All workshops are virtual via Zoom.

## **ALL NEW! Join us for a Members Sew-Along.**

(see details below) **it is FREE !!!!!**

*The Program Committee has been hard at work, contacting and lining up new Speakers for our Membership meetings where we can no longer meet face-to-face. Look and see who we have contracted with on the Calendar of Events Table (pages 5 & 6).*

*As always, if you would like to sign up for a workshop please email Jan Martin at [jmartinnj@comcast.net](mailto:jmartinnj@comcast.net). There are still places available for David's workshop in November.*

**Price for workshops \$50 this year!**

### **MEMBERS Sew Along (free)**

While we can't meet in person, we **can** meet in the comfort of our own homes and sew together virtually. This is all about spending time together, sharing our projects as we sew, and being inspired by our fellow guild members. Give yourself some personal sewing time and join one or both of our Zoom meetings!

When: **Tues, Feb 9th.**  
Time: **9:30am -12:30 pm.**  
Where: Zoom

And/Or

When: **Sat., Feb. 27th**  
Time: **10:00am -2:00 pm**  
Where: Zoom

If you are looking for something to sew that day, please consider a precut kit from the Sunshine Committee. Contact Jean Stubaus to arrange getting a kit.

Email Jan Martin @ [jmartinnj@comcast.net](mailto:jmartinnj@comcast.net) if you'd like to receive the Zoom link for our sew-along.  
Hope to "see" you then!

~ Jan and Lori

## **Hospitality**

It is never too late to have NEW recipes: and it's holiday time! Please do SHARE your favorite recipes with Beth at [newsletter@gardenstatequilters.com](mailto:newsletter@gardenstatequilters.com).

We will be happy to publish family favorites anytime this year.

~Carol and Gail

## **Sunshine Committee**

As we enjoy our holidays virtually, Sunshine continues to thrive. Thank you to all who have items in progress for Sunshine. This is truly a team effort.

Sunshine would not be the same without you!!

Quilts and comfort pillows are made by a host of characters! Below is a sample of how a pillow comes together:

Emily cuts pattern pieces for the pillows. She mixes some of her fabric with some of Ginny's. Pam F. and Jean save scraps that Emily uses for stuffing. After Emily sews fabric pieces together,

she stuffs them with the scraps, and closes them by hand. Mindy drives them from the shore to Essex County; Pat delivers them to the Veterans home.

Pat delivered quilts to those in need, including 13 to a Vets home (thanks also to Bryon Buikema) on Thanksgiving morning. They were very well received and appreciated. Emily and Ginny delivered quilts to two hospitals in central Jersey as well as to a home caring for sheltered women and children.

**Quilts and quilt tops have recently been donated by:  
Beth Hull, Karen Bennis, Rosetta Hopler, Helen Jenys, and Linda Havel.**

**Additional tops have been pieced by:  
Carol Scullen, Edie Ervey, and Sue Schmerler.**

**Quilting has been done by:  
Jackie Laba, Grace Walsh, and last but not least, Emily Egerter who has quilted the lion's share of sunshine quilts and has pieced and bound some quilts as well.**

If anyone else is interested in helping with any part of the process, we are happy to get information and fabric to you. Our committee is dedicated to this cause and is ready to pick up, deliver, or answer questions.

Enjoy your holidays and stay safe! We're looking forward to our bees starting up again when we are able to be together in person.

Thanks and Happy Quilting!

## Membership

Despite the pandemic and the virtual nature of our guild meetings, we still need to have everyone sign up online as members of the Guild. Please go to guild website at- [www.gardenstatequiltersguild.com](http://www.gardenstatequiltersguild.com) and click on the line that says:



**Join or renew membership: fill out membership form**

### What will happen?

Once you click you will be asked to enter all of the necessary information right onto the Membership Form. It is necessary to complete all sections on the form before submitting. After clicking on the SUBMIT button you will then come to a screen that alerts you to a confirmation email sent to you at the email address you entered on the form. Membership dues are reduced this year to \$30.

Please print the form you receive in the confirmation email and mail it in with your payment (we will not be collecting any membership payments at Guild Meetings this year). For members without computer access please call me (201-213-9034). If you have any questions about, or problems with, the membership registration process please contact me at [gingerscott503@gmail.com](mailto:gingerscott503@gmail.com)

~Ginger

## Block of the Month

Hello quilters! Carol and I are without a guild job currently as we typically do Hospitality, and as you know we are now virtual, at least for the time being. So, for now we are going to do Block of the Month virtually.

You can go to our Member's Website to find January and February's patterns. A picture of each of the blocks is shown below. This year you will be keeping the blocks you make

and then assembling them before our last meeting into a small quilt, wall hanging, table runner or whatever you choose.

We will share our individual creations virtually at the June meeting.

There will be 9 different blocks. You will want to check the website each month for your new pattern. Each will measure 12 ½ inches when completed; they are all traditional patterns. Pick a color palette, a type of fabric, a genre, or go scrappy and join us.



Blocks of the  
Month

~Carol and Gail

## Library



In this pandemic year, we are thinking “outside the box” and bringing you : **Library Take Out**

### **New Books Are In!!!**

*Why We Quilt* by Thomas Knauer

*Patches of Stars* by Edyta Sitar

*The Ultimate Guide to Rulerwork Quilting* by Amanda Murphy

*Modern Magic Quilts* by Victoria Findlay Wolfe

*Terrific T-Shirt Quilts* by Martingale Press

*Walk2.0* by Jacquie Gering

*Quilting on the Go... English Paper Piecing* by Sharon Burgess

*Ultimate Quilt Block Collection* by Lynne Goldsworthy

*Patchwork Sassaman Style* by Jane Sassaman

If you are interested in borrowing any of these books email Laura Wagner ([lajawagner@gmail.com](mailto:lajawagner@gmail.com)) today.

U-Pick up in Chatham: U-Return to Chatham. First come first serve.

~Laura

## Newsletter

The Newsletter will be fully electronic (unless a member specifically requests a mail-in version).

Please send me any pictures, or helpful hints to share with other guild members.  
Please use the newsletter email for these, I do check the site:  
[newsletter@gardenstatequilters.com](mailto:newsletter@gardenstatequilters.com)

Date due	For Edition
February 15	March/April
April 19	June

~Beth

## Drop 'N Shop Marketplace

*Will not be possible until we meet again face-to-face. :-)*

## Razzle Dazzle

*Will not be possible until we meet again face-to-face. :-)*



## 2020-2021 Friendship Quilt - *Pandemic Edition*

For months now, we have been confined to our homes using our quilting super powers to keep the country in masks. So, for this year's Friendship Quilt, we are going back to houses: Houses on the (Quilt) Block. Please send us your favorite block, or a left-over block, made of any fabric. The blocks you send can be 8", 9" or 10". We will add roofs and sky to even them out and create a neighborhood for quilters.

We still need money for extra fabric, batting, backing, binding and quilting, so please include \$5 for your first 1-2 blocks, \$3 additional for each block after your second. DO NOT SEND CHECKS. Cash can be tucked/folded inside the blocks. I've been getting blocks and cash for years and never had any stolen. I can't, however, cash checks for the guild. Blocks can be put into a legal envelope, the number of stamps depends on the number of blocks, and send to:

Alix Martin  
337 Mountain Ave  
Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922.

Make sure your full name is on the return address or inside the envelope. We need to add your name to a raffle ticket. Any questions, call Alix at 908-477-0104 or Ria 908-803-5814. Happy Quilting,.....

~Alix Martin and Ria Wolff

## Zoom Meeting Notes

*Registered members will be sent a Zoom link prior to each month's meeting*

Meetings will begin at 7 PM

**Social "gathering" begins at 6:45 PM**

This year you can invite like-minded friends to our Speaker presentations via Zoom – just remind them about the "mute" button.



### Meeting Checklists

Make sure your "mute button" is muted unless you are speaking. Your video option is up to you.



This means your microphone is on and we can hear you.  
Click the button to mute yourself when you are **not** speaking.



This means you are muted and we cannot hear you.  
Click the button **only** when you want to speak.  
Remember to click it again to mute yourself.

#### January Meeting

- Standard Show 'N Tell
- Guild Business
- Block of the Month
- Jean Impey**

#### February Meeting

- Standard Show 'N Tell
- Guild Business
- Block of the Month
- Ginny Moe*

**SEND YOUR Show N Tell photos to Pam *PRIOR TO* the meeting: watch for the email.....**

# Calendar of Events

DATE	Event
January 11, 2021.	Membership Meeting- Speaker: <b>Jean Impey</b> - Finding Your Passion
January 25, 2021.	Board Meeting
February 8, 2021.	Membership Meeting- Speaker: <b>Virginia (Ginny) Moe</b> - Traditions with a Twist
February 22, 2021.	Board Meeting
March 8, 2021.	Membership Meeting Speaker: <b>Giuseppe Ribaud</b> - Color Lecture and Trunk Show
March 9, 2021	Giucy Giuce Workshop
March 29, 2021.	Board Meeting Review the Slate of Board Members
April 12, 2021.	Membership Meeting Speaker: <b>Jane Sassaman</b> - Under the Influence Announce the Slate of Board Members
April 13, 2021	Workshop: to be announced
April 26, 2021.	Board Meeting
May 10, 2021.	Membership Meeting Speaker to be announced Vote on Slate of Board Members
May 31, 2021.	Board Meeting
June 14, 2021.	Membership Meeting- traditionally the Annual Strawberry Supper but may change due to Covid restrictions Members to display their BOM quilts



## Board Members and Committee Chairs

Executive Board (2020-2021)		Committee Positions - no term expiration	
President (1*)	Pam Farago	Library	Laura Wagner
Vice President (1)	Karen Jack	Hospitality	Carol Scullin & Gail Moodie
Treasurer (1)	Sue Adams	Raffle Quilt	Jean Stubaus
Secretary (1)	Laura Wagner	Block of the Month	Carol Scullen and Gail Moodie
Programs (2)	Jan Martin and Lori Darnulc	Book Raffle	Barbie VanderFleet-Martin
		Friendship Quilt	Alix Martin
<b>Trustees</b>		Historian/Show /n Tell	Anita Liebman
Membership (1)	Ginger Scott	Drop & Shop	Paula Raimondo and Sue Schmerler,
Nominating (1)	Susan Wolfman	Razzle Dazzle	Paula Raimondo, Sue Schmerler
Newsletter (1)	Beth DiDomenico	January Party	Barbie VanderFleet-Martin
Sunshine	Jean STubaus	Publicity	Jackie Laba
Grans(1)ts & Scholarship	Wannetta PHillips	Programs Helper(s)	Lindy Wilson & Linda Haan
Quilt Show (1)	Open	Sunshine Committee	Jean Stubaus, Pat Buikima, Ginny Moe, Emily Egerter, Mindy Mathisen, Liz Mershon, Sallie Rosal
Webmaster (1)	Yolanda Fundora	Programs Helper(s)	Lindy Wilson & Linda Haan

# Member News and Upcoming Events

Anyone can share quilting ideas, awards, upcoming publications, quilting places they have been, quilting projects they are working on or are thinking about working on. This is your page. Send emails [newsletter@gardensstatequilters.com](mailto:newsletter@gardensstatequilters.com) about 2 weeks before the upcoming edition and we will include it in the next newsletter.....here's one::



This year: if any member has a friend they think might be interested in one of the speaker presentations, please feel free to forward the Zoom invitation to them to join us for an evening.



## Follow These Links to More IQM Treasures

Thanks for booking this lecture and thereby making a donation to a remarkable institution. I want to share a couple of items and links after my talk about the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Here is a link to sign up for the **Quilt of the Month** newsletter: <https://www.internationalquiltmuseum.org/newsletter-subscription>

Here is a link to the **archive of past Quilts** of the Month: <https://www.internationalquiltmuseum.org/about/quilt-month>

In case you wanted to see all of the video about the **Ken Burns exhibition**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NiMeCgaVF3o>

And here is an additional video in which Ken Burns talks about his quilts: It is only about 10 minutes long and takes you from the barn/office space where he keeps his quilts through the delivery of the quilts to the museum, and their process in designing and constructing the exhibition. So a super great way to see behind the scenes. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdIRU5B3YsM>

Please do explore all the amazing resources associated exhibits current and past. I told you the Carolyn Ducey video was one of a series on YouTube called Ask a Quilt Curator. Here is a link to full playlist of 18 short videos: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8wATen2F83\\_IHZ-tErR\\_chQtd-UDfexT](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8wATen2F83_IHZ-tErR_chQtd-UDfexT)

Finally, last year the PBS show Craft in America did a full hour episode on quilts and filmed a good part of it at the IQM, so that is another cool way to go behind the scenes. The whole episode is brilliant, so I highly recommend this if you've not watched it. This is certainly more proof that IQM is the acknowledged leader when it comes to what matters in quilts.

<https://www.pbssocal.org/programs/craft-in-america/quilts-episode-yhkwcj/>

The last thing I want to say is I hoped you enjoyed "visiting" Quilt House, and I hope you'll feel at home there whether your next visit is virtual or in-person! If you have any follow-up questions, drop me a note at [meg@megcox.com](mailto:meg@megcox.com). And if you want to subscribe to my free monthly newsletter Quilt Journalist Tells All, you can do that on the home page of my website, [www.megcox.com](http://www.megcox.com), where you can read a recent issue.

Thanks, Meg