



Member National Quilting Association, Chapter 124

September/October 2015 Edition

Message from our President

CHANGE

Change is not something most of us welcome and yet it is inevitable. If you are like me, you appreciate it much more in hindsight. Garden State Quilters is undergoing many changes. The first is our new location. The Chatham United Methodist Church is no longer able to offer us Monday nights for our meetings. They have signed a contract with another group that will use the meeting room every Monday. As you can see this would be financially beneficial for them and not an offer they could refuse.

The good thing about change is that if we don't like it, we can change it again. For those of you who have read Reverend Jeff Markay's letter on the website, you know that we can go back to CUMC if we are willing to change our meeting date to a Tuesday. We cannot do that this year because the speakers have already been contracted. We could do this in the future if the guild is so inclined. The Board will be polling you to get your opinion before a decision is made.

There will also be changes made to the by-laws. A committee met in June to revise them so that they conform to the way we are actually conducting business. As soon as the Board approves them, they will be presented to the membership for a vote.

Another change is in the wind. No one has yet volunteered to chair the 2017 Quilt Show. As you may or may not realize, the show allows us to contract high-level speakers to further the educational goals of the guild. Without the funds the show generates, we will likely have fewer speakers since the cost of bringing nationally known speakers to the guild meetings is our major expense. If you have it in your heart to take on this job, please know that you will have lots of help and will not be on your own. It's a team effort and the team needs someone to lead it.

Lastly, there have been changes made to the Board. As your new president I would like to thank the officers and committee chairpersons who have retired from their positions, as well as those who have decided to continue with their duties. Thanks also to the new officers who have volunteered to come on board.

Let me close by paraphrasing a French saying. The more our quilts change, the more our love for them stays the same. Because change makes us grow, I want my next quilt to be different from what I usually do even if it's in a small way. So I have signed up for some workshops this year and hope many of you will join me. It's going to be another great year for Garden State Quilters and that is something that has not changed.

Membership Meetings

Second Monday of each month, September to June

Don't Forget - We've Moved!

General Meetings held at: ST. John's Church
587 Springfield Ave. in Summit

6:45 pm (hospitality)
7:15 pm (business)

Meet the Speaker (October)

Pre-meeting dinner - 5:30 pm
Venue: To Be Determined

Membership

ALL members and guests must wear their badge at every meeting

Membership info/change of address

Please notify me at: membership@gardenstatequilters.com

~Ginger Scott

Board Meetings
Tuesday before
monthly Meetings

6:45 pm @
Library of the
Chathams
214 Main Street
Chatham, NJ 07928

Workshop Reminder Cancellation policy:

You will be refunded if you cancel 21 days or more before each workshop, or if there is a waiting list. If there is not a waiting list, your money is forfeited unless you find your own replacement.

Workshops begin at 10AM

Doors open at
approximately
9:40AM.

Check website for
list of supplies.

Programs Committee

Programs has put together a great and diverse mix of speaker/workshops for your enjoyment and learning opportunity for the coming year. Have a look at the line-up. Do some research into the individual and sign up early!.

Some you may know of, some are new and exciting to the world of quilting. We encourage you to sign up for workshops to help keep the excellent quality of Garden State Programs to continue.

Programs will begin with **Barb Vedder** in October. There is a resurgence in the quilting world regarding the art of English Paper Piecing. Barb has won awards for her work in many quilt shows both locally and nationally. Barb (GSQ is proud to call her 'one of our very own') will impart a wealth of experience and knowledge in this technique.

In November we will host **Thomas Knauer** who will guide us in designing a quilt based on a word or idea. He is published in magazines, has a second book in the works and has an up-coming segment on QNN TV.

March brings us a member feature (another GSQ 'one of our very own') in the excellent portrait quilter **Marilyn Belford**. She has shared a bit of her work with us and generated a lot of excitement. Don't miss this lecture.

In April we will feature **Wendy Butler Burns**. We will find a strong use of colour, a twist on traditional leading to original design in her work.

Lastly, in May we are joined by **Frieda Anderson** for some fusing fun working with little landscapes.

In the past we have had to cancel very few workshops due to low enrollment and are required to adhere to a strict minimum attendance to help the program to pay for itself in the coming guild year. These figures are provided here in this newsletter. We encourage you to sign up for these workshops.

Other opportunities that programs would like to offer are vendor evenings and demonstrations. If you are interested please visit the program table at the meetings or contact programs@gardenstatequilters.com.

Looking forward to another year with all of you at Garden State Quilters.
Sincerely,

~ Barb Vanderfleet-Martin
Programs

Hospitality

Hospitality treats will be provided by members whose last names begin with A through M for the September meeting. N through Z for October.

~Carol Scullin and Gail Moodie
Hospitality

Sunshine Committee

Thank you all for your help last year. We donated **155 quilts** to worthy organizations in 2014-15! In addition we already have 25 quilts ready to deliver to Quilts for Kids – a great start to the new year!!

We have had three quilting bees this summer where we have machine quilted and also cut kits to be pieced. We are planning another group quilt (like the chicken quilts). Squares of fabric will be distributed at the September meeting. Come by our table and pick some up!!!

The next quilting bees are scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th 12-4 and Wednesday, October 21st at the Chatham Library 12-4 pm. Space is limited, so please contact Kris Dale if you plan to come. H-(973) 701-1407 C- (603)832-3526 or email kdscf@verizon.net.

Come and see us at the next meeting to take something home to piece, quilt, or bind to help those in need.

Happy Quilting!
~Kris & Helen

Newsletter articles

The Newsletter is looking for articles, stories and information about what GSQ members are quilting, sewing, or viewing, this summer and doing throughout the year. If you have future events or information for September, October and November or December, please send that information as well.

IDEAS:

- Quilt Show (ribbons, honorable mention)
- New Quilt Fabric store, Shop Hop, classes
- Finished a UFO, New Quilt Pattern, Group project
- Member news: Who, What, When, Where, How

Newsletter articles and notices for upcoming newsletters may be contributed by any Guild member. Think NOW about news articles to be contributed for any edition of the 2015-16 newsletter! Deadline will be ~10 days prior to the regularly scheduled monthly Guild meeting (see below schedule). Pictures and graphics are always welcome.

2015 – 2016 Garden State Quilters Newsletter Calendar

Articles or Ads Due

September/October	August 20, 2015
November/December	October 22, 2015
January/February	December 18, 2015
March/April	February 18, 2016
May/June	May 1, 2016

Send articles or ads to: newsletter@gardenstatequilters.com.

Information and rates for the 2015 - 2016 Newsletter

Business Card Ad	2" x 3.5" (Horizontal or Vertical)	\$10/issue
1/4 Page Ad	4.25"w x 5.5"h	\$15/issue
1/2 Page Ad	8.5"w x 5.5"h (Horizontal) or 4.25"w x 11"h (Vertical)	\$30/issue
Full-Page Ad	8.5" x 11"	\$60/issue

All sizes are approximate, based on space in the Newsletter.

Please send payment to:

Garden State Quilters
PO BOX 424
Chatham, NJ 07928

We appreciate your continued support.

~Beth DiDomenico & Karen Jack

Meeting Notes

Hospitality 6:45 pm
Guild Pins = \$5

Business 7:15 pm
Membership Lanyard = \$5

Meeting Checklists

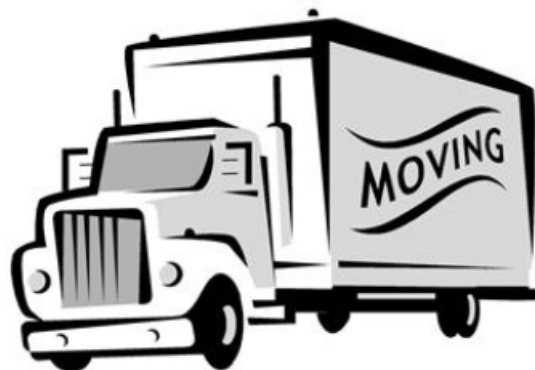
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<input type="checkbox"/> Show 'N Tell	<input type="checkbox"/> Show 'N Tell
<input type="checkbox"/> Guild Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Guild Business
<input type="checkbox"/> Prints Charming sale	<input type="checkbox"/> Speaker, Barb Vedder
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine project distribution	

Garden State Quilters general meeting place is Moving to a New Location.

ST. John's Church

587 Springfield Ave. in Summit

Across street from Grand Summit Hotel



As if our move isn't enough of a challenge.....please remember, *the Morris Avenue bridge in Summit is closed due to repairs. Please remember to avoid this road or to detour around it when coming to St. John's Church for meetings.*

All General meetings for 2015-2016 Guild year will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, located at 587 Springfield Ave. in Summit. Those of you who entered quilts in our recent show will be familiar with the location, it is across the street from the Grand Summit Hotel.

They would like us to enter through the automatic doors at the rear of the building. Do not push the doors because this could knock them off track.

Note that the "meet the Speakers" dinner venue has not yet been decided – will be communicated at a future date.

Calendar of Events

September 14	General Meeting
<i>Wednesday Sept 16, noon to 4 PM</i>	<i>Quilting Bee at Library of the Chathams</i>
October 15 – 16	General Meeting with Barb Vedder
<i>Wednesday, Oct 21, noon to 4 PM</i>	<i>Quilting Bee at Library of the Chathams</i>
November 9 – 10	General Meeting with Thomas Knauer
March 2016	General Meeting with Marilyn Belford
April 2016	General Meeting with Wendy Butler Berns
May 2016	General Meeting with Frieda Anderson
If a monthly meeting is not listed, we will still meet, but there is no speaker scheduled.	

Welcome to our new Board Members and Committee Chairs!

Board Positions (2015-2016)	
President (1)	Marcia David
Vice President (1)	Pam Bakas
Treasurer (1)	Sue Adams
Secretary (1)	Judy Mason
Membership (1)	Ginger Scott
Nominating (1)	Susan Wolfman
Programs (2)	Barbie VanderFleet-Martin
	Leslie Morgan
Newsletter (1)	Karen Jack
	Beth DiDomenico
Quilt Show (1)	??
Sunshine/Grants & Scholarships (1)	Kris Dale
	Linda Holm
Committee Positions - no term expiration	
Programs Helper(s)	??
Webmaster	Yolanda Fundora
Library	??
Hospitality	Carol Scullin
	Gail Moodie
Historian/Show & Tell	Carol Esch
Publicity	??
Book Raffle	Pat Buikema
Block of the Month	??
Raffle Quilt	??
Friendship Quilt	Alix Martin
Challenge Quilt	Beth DiDomenico

Welcome to our New Members as well!!!

MEMBER PAGE

If anyone has a project that they bought and are not going to do; a group of fat quarters they don't want; a kit that was an impulse buy and is taking up space at a members house, as well as a book they want to donate for the good of the order, I will be glad to collect them at the September meeting. Pat Buikema

Prints Charming is closing its doors: ☹️

"Because members of the Garden State Quilters guild have supported me over the years I would like to come to a meeting and offer you fat quarters at \$1.50 each. They are not old fabrics, rather they are mostly oriental and batiks. I also have all of my laurel burch socks and purses marked down and other miscellaneous pieces of fabrics.

I have enjoyed working with your guild and doing your shows over the years and would like to give back to you for all your support."

Cash or checks only! (As I have not renewed my charge machine contract).

Sincerely, Claudia Menendez.

Ladies! Bring cash or your checkbooks to the September meeting! The Guild will support Prints Charming one last time. Members will be able to purchase discounted fabric and other miscellaneous items prior to the start of the business meeting. Great way to start a new Guild year!!!

Arrive early and remember – **we moved to Summit!**



One of our members, **Marilyn Belford** will be giving classes on making realistic fabric portraits this fall at The Art School in the Old Church, located in Demarest, NJ.

The class consists of 10 weekly sessions starting on Sept. 8 thru Nov. 10. In this hands-on workshop you will learn how to use the computer to adjust photos, applique by fusion, deal with the features on a face, and use thread-painting for the finishing touches. No paints or inks are used.

For more information visit: www.tasoc.org or call: The Art School at Old Church 201-767-7160

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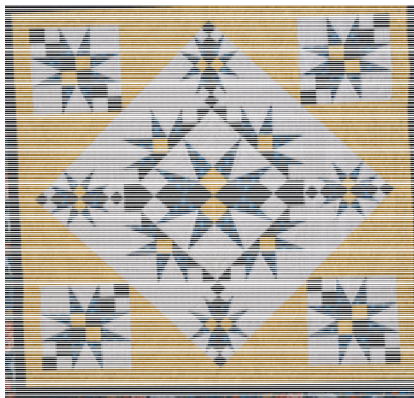


JoAnne Lepore attended the Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival in late June, and visited Missouri Star Quilt Company in Hamilton, MO. Excellent show (see photos). MSQC is definitely a destination for all quilters. Home of Jenny Doan and her wonderful quilting videos.



Helen Jenys completed a “Chuppah quilt” for my daughter’s wedding coming up on September 6, 2014. Hebrew words translate to “I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine”

Mazel Tov!



I hope that your summer has been good. I would like to share some news with you. I have been awarded a special mention ribbon at Maine Quilts at the Augusta Civic Center this July for my quilt Blue Star. I previously have shown this quilt at our quilt show. Attached is a picture of this quilt.

Diane Colucci



- o **Name** Joan Cooper
- o **Subject** looking for someone who can make a quilt for me
- o **Message** Hello, I am inquiring as to whether there is someone that I could work with who could custom make a quilt for me out of some old t-shirts and fabric scraps? I would appreciate any information or help that you can provide with this. Thanks so much.
- o **Email** cooperjb@comcast.net



- o **Subject** Hand quilting rack and hoop
- o **Message** Good Afternoon, I have a hand quilting frame and hoop with floor stand. They are both made by Hinterberg and are hardwood. The frame has two sets of poles – I think one is king and other about 60 inches. The hoop is about 36 inches and has a floor stand. They both are in excellent condition. I no longer use them and want to find them a good home. Are you interested? Please contact:
- o **Email** ljmauceri18@aol.com



Sad news: Recently, Judy Martin's husband, Steve, had a stroke. They are a wonderful couple and he is the shipping and marketing department and she was working on her next book. I used to be a long time member of GSQ until we moved last year. There used to be a lot of Judy Martin fans in the guild. She has a Facebook page and if folks want to drop a message supporting Judy and Steve they would be delighted. ~ Jane Modjeski

Local Happenings

ColorBurst Quilt Show - October 9 & 10, 2015.

Presented by the Keystone Quilters Guild
Quakertown Christian School
50 E. Paletown Road
Quakertown, PA

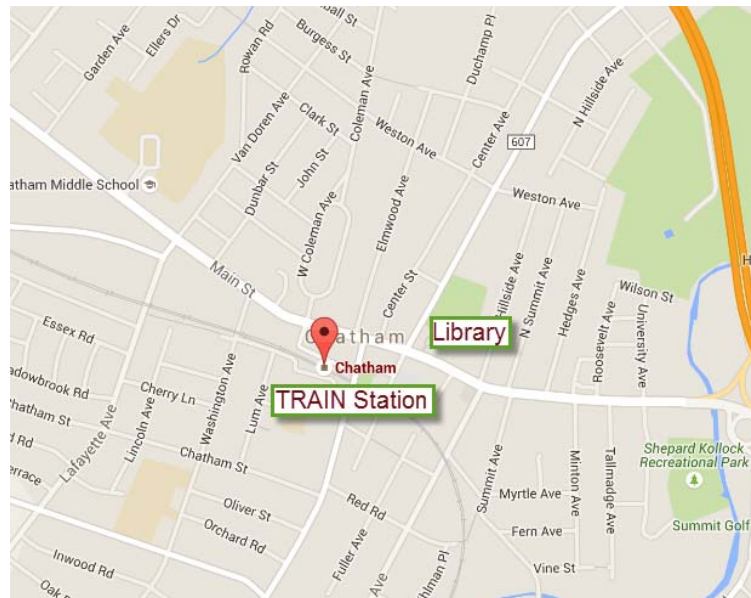
Fri 10 AM to 6 PM,
Sat 10 AM to 5 PM.

Admission: 1-Day \$7; 2-Day \$10.

Website: www.keystonequilters.org

The Chatham Area Artisans Guild has invited Garden State Quilters to participate in their **Fine Arts and Crafts Festival on Sunday, Sept. 13** from 10-5 at the Chatham Train Station. This is a great opportunity to advertise and promote our guild. We need volunteers to sit in our tent and tell visitors about the guild and answer their questions. If you are so inclined, you can bring handwork to demonstrate quilting or small quilts to display. What is needed most is your presence and moral support. You don't have to stay all day and any time you can give would be deeply appreciated.

If you are interested, contact Marcia David at MDavid28@aol.com



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