



Member National Quilting Association, Chapter 124

November/December 2015 Edition

Message from our President

History

Thirty-five years ago, in 1981, seven women created the guild known as Garden State Quilters. Their purpose was to support the growth of quilting as an art form, to educate the members and the public about quilt making through lectures, meetings, and workshops, and to do charitable work by making quilts for those in need. The mission of the founding mothers continues to drive the guild today, and the membership has grown to almost one hundred fifty.

Encouraged by my first teacher, Gail Hausler, who was part of the original group of founders, I joined the guild around 1990. At the first meeting I attended, Elly Sienkiewicz was the guest lecturer. I was making a Baltimore album quilt and had brought some of my completed blocks to the meeting. I was too timid to “show and tell” them in the presence of the Baltimore master, but I left very motivated to make more blocks. Elly returned years later for a second visit. I volunteered to be her chauffeur and enjoyed having dinner and talking with her. Yet I was still not confident enough to show her my blocks. I did, however, learn new techniques from her workshop and kept on appliqueing.

I joined the guild at that first meeting and have not regretted my decision. GSQ has been a source of inspiration for all these years. The speakers have taught me new techniques, fostered my enthusiasm, and kept me quilting. Workshops with nationally and internationally known quilters have been the high points of membership. I was meeting quilters I had read about in magazines and who had won ribbons at major shows. Some of them would later be guests on *The Quilt Show*. Two of the founders, Judy Dales and Sue Rodgers, nationally known quilters and published authors, awed us at monthly meetings.

Quilters have many talents as evidenced by the delicious foods they bring to meetings and the Strawberry Supper. The quilt shows have been as impressive as the beehive of women who work tirelessly to pull them together. The Sunshine quilts, at first made for a single charity, are now distributed to children in hospitals, the elderly in nursing homes, veterans, hospice patients and many others in need.

The guild has held together over the years and has grown because of some very dedicated women, who have volunteered their energy, their time and their skills working behind the scenes to make this an outstanding guild. I am proud to be serving on the Board with such a group and am constantly inspired by them. We all appreciate what the guild has done for us. Please consider sharing your skills so that we can keep the Garden State Quilters Guild viable for at least, another thirty-five years. Come on Board!

Membership Meetings

Second Monday of each month, September to June

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: Hat Tavern in **Grand Summit Hotel** (across the street from the church)

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

Barb Vedder presented a thoroughly enjoyable October Workshop using English Paperpiecing to put together a variety of hexagonal pieces. She uses combinations of 1 hexagon or 3 diamonds or 12 small diamonds pieced to make the same size hexagon. She is currently working on a beguiling Halloween quilt using the technique. A random selection of helpful hints that caught my attention:



- *it's easier these days to fussy cut fabric because patterns show through to the back side of almost all fabrics .*
- *needle your thread, don't thread your needle; if you're right handed, the needle is in the right hand and the left holds the thread with only about 1/16" sticking out between finger and thumb; wet the eye of the needle rather than the thread.*
- *don't put anything in your iron to avoid spatters, white bits, streaks etc; use spray bottles of water, flatten, and/or starch if you need to steam something.*
- *to iron "ears" back or down, use a paintbrush (from the Dollar Store) to wet them with starch (from a pool collected in the spray starch cap) then iron.*
- *red is a neutral; all reds go together, it's a fundamental property of red; this is not true of blues, greens, etc.*
- *Karen Kay Buckley has very good scissors in several sizes. The serrated edge makes cutting easy.*
- *Especially for older sewing machines that live in cases when not in use, keep a small bag of fish-tank charcoal in the case to remove oil.*

As we hope many of you have already noted, our November guest speaker canceled due to poor health. We keep him and his young family in our thoughts. We have the good fortune to have booked **Bethanne Nemesh** in his place. Bethanne, recently featured in the NQA publication for her awards, will come to discuss "Walking a Creative Path" her creative journey to her current pictographic silk art quilts. We are thrilled that, assuming we can get the class minimum to cover costs, she will teach us some of her detailed finishing approaches.

Coming Events

In December we look forward to our traditional meeting focused on charitable works.

In January, a **party** is brewing. The Guild celebrates its 35th anniversary. We have some fun approaches to winning prizes: it's a "Don't Miss" event. We are working towards a Vendor evening in February. Stay tuned.

March brings us a member feature with a presentation by the excellent portrait quilter **Marilyn Belford**. She has shared a bit of her work with us and generated a lot of excitement. Marilyn offers classes through The Academy of Quilting. Do not miss this lecture!

In April, we will feature **Wendy Butler Berns**. She contributed in the most recent NQA publication. She's been on The Quilt Show, has classes on Craftsy, and has been on several PBS quilting episodes. We will find a strong use of color, a twist on traditional leading to original design.

Next Quilting Bee at
Chatham Library

Wed. November 18th
12-3:30

Lastly, in May we are joined by **Frieda Anderson** for some fusing fun working with little landscapes. Her bio includes a long list of published quilts. Frieda posted yesterday that she was leaving to teach in Houston. I don't know about you but i'm likely to add to my hand-dyed stash when she is with us.

Get your quilting friends to sign up with you for these workshops!

Unfortunately, as we mentioned in the last newsletterIn the past we have canceled very few workshops due to low enrollment; however, financial discipline now requires that we adhere to a strict minimum attendance so that workshops pay for themselves. Few nationally known speakers will come only to lecture; they require the opportunity to teach as well to make the trip worthwhile. Therefore, if the workshops do not fill sufficiently to cover costs, they will be canceled 60-90 days prior to avoid paying penalties. Also, **classes are now open to anyone who wants to take them**. We will list them on our website for any interested quilters. The non-member fee is \$85.

Current class opportunities:

- ❖ November Bethanne Nemesh -- 6 spots open
- ❖ March Wendy Butler Barnes -- 12 spots open
- ❖ April Frieda Andersen -- 10 spots open

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.

~ Barb Vanderfleet-Martin and Leslie Morgan
Programs

Hospitality

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

~Carol Scullin and Gail Moodie
Hospitality

Sunshine Committee

Thanks to all of you who made squares for our group quilt(s). We will have more of the bright-on-black fabric at the next meeting for those of you who didn't get one and would like to make a block for the group charity quilt (*sorry that we ran out*).

We will have our **charity sew/quilt/bind** meeting in December. **Bring your machine** if you would like to quilt or piece. We will also be tying a few quilts. We will have some hand sewing (binding) too, so bring needles, thread, scissors, and don't forget your glasses! If you're not sure how to quilt, tie, or bind, we have plenty of people that are happy to show you how!

We've had several quilting bees to get the quilting done so we can give the quilts to those in need. Our next bees are Wed. November 18th 12-3:30 and Wed. January 27th 12-3:30: both are at the Chatham Library. Please come join us! We have a lot of fun! Contact Kris Dale with any questions. H-(973) 701-1407 C- (603)832-3526 or email kdscf@verizon.net.

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

~Kris and Linda
Happy Quilting!

Upcoming Quilting
Bee at the Chatham
Library

Wed. January 27th 12-
3:30

Mark your 2016
Calendars!

Newsletter articles

The Newsletter is looking for articles, stories and information about what GSQ members are quilting, sewing, or viewing, throughout the year. If you have future events or information for any upcoming event, please contact Karen or Beth.

IDEAS:

- Local Quilt Shows that you've entered
 - (ribbons, honorable mentions granted)
- New Quilt Fabric store, Shop Hop, a class you particularly enjoyed
- 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

Meeting date	Articles / Ads due by:
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 & Karen

Upcoming Meeting Notes

Hospitality 6:45 pm
Guild Pins = \$5

Business 7:15 pm
Membership Lanyard = \$5

Meeting Checklists	
November Meeting	December Meeting
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality → A thru M <input type="checkbox"/> Show 'N Tell <input type="checkbox"/> Guild Business - ByLaws vote! <input type="checkbox"/> Challenge Project turn-in and block-swap	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality → N - Z <input type="checkbox"/> Show 'N Tell <input type="checkbox"/> Guild Business <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors, needles, enthusiasm for Charity quilting

Reminder: Garden State Quilters general meeting place is:
St. John's Church
 587 Springfield Ave. in Summit

Across street from Grand Summit Hotel

Please remember 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 will be across the street in the **Grand Summit Hotel** at the "**Hat Tavern**" – downstairs. Lovely burgers, tapas menu. Join us!

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.*

Last week the road was still closed!

Calendar of Events

September 14	General Meeting
Wednesday Sept 16, noon to 4 PM	Quilting Bee at Library of the Chathams
October 15 – 16	General Meeting with Barb Vedder
Wednesday, Oct 21, noon to 4 PM	Quilting Bee at Library of the Chathams
November 9 – 10	General Meeting with BethAnne Nemesh . Workshop: Devil is in the Details
December 14, 2015	Annual Charity Meeting; GSQ Marketplace
January 11, 2016	35 th Birthday/ Anniversary Celebration
February 8, 2016	Special Vendor evening
March 14, 2016	General Meeting with Marilyn Belford
April 11, 2016	General Meeting with Wendy Butler Berns
May 9, 2016	General Meeting with Frieda Anderson
June 13, 2016	Strawberry supper

We have new Board Members/ Committee Chairs since last month....

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 and Beth DiDomenico
Quilt Show (1)	??
Sunshine/Grants & Scholarships (1)	Kris Dale and Linda Holm
Committee Positions - no term expiration	
Programs Helper(s)	Deb Lacey
Webmaster	Yolanda Fundora
Library	Laura Wagner
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

A FABULOUS FUND RAISING IDEA ... GSQ Market Place

Clear out your fabric closet and sewing room to make room for new things!!!!
 Bring fabric and notions that you “no longer love” to the **GSQ Market Place**.
 A table will be set up for you to drop off items that will be priced for a quick sale.
 The Guild will benefit from members purchasing your “no longer loved items” and you will benefit from having extra space for new stuff.

Any items not sold will be returned or donated.
All proceeds will benefit the Guild.

Date: To be determined.

MEMBER PAGE

SAVE THE DATE: January Birthday/Anniversary Celebration!

Garden State Quilters'
35th Birthday/Anniversary Celebration
Monday, January 11, 2016

A huge shout out and many, many thanks to the following sponsors for their kind and generous donation of prizes for GSQ's 35th Birthday/ Anniversary party.

The prizes will be raffled off in the same format as we do for Little Wishes, and some will be given away as door prizes when you sign in at the membership table where you will receive a ticket. Stay tuned for more details:

Yolanda Fundora www.urban-amish.com, *Yolanda has hand selected a special fabric pack designed by herself.*

Denyse Schmidt www.dsquilts.com, *fabric and patterns*

Coats and Clark www.makeitcoats.com, *thread*

Aurifil Threads www.aurifil.com, *thread*

JAYBIRD QUILTS www.jaybirdquilts.com, *book and several patterns*

HAWTHORNE THREADS www.hawthornethreads.com

Charlie and Lindsay Prezzano design and digitally print their in house collections here in the USA

NORTHCOTT www.northcott.com, *fabric*

Robert Kaufman Fabrics, www.robertkaufman.com

2nd Place



Honorary Mention



Congratulations
Carol Esch for
receiving 2nd
place and
honorary
mention for two
quilts in Keystone
Quilt Show in
Quakertown, PA
in October.



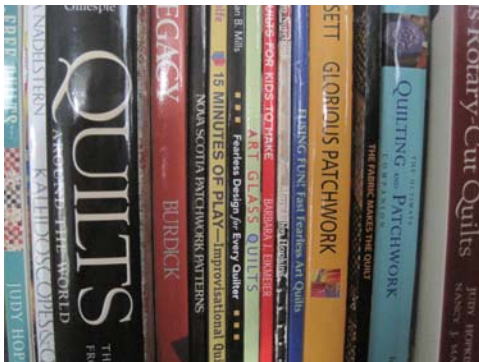
The GSQ library is back!

Did you know the guild owns about 200 quilt related books? Stop by the Library table at our monthly guild meetings to peruse some highlights of our collection.

These books are available to take out on loan. We ask that you be responsible and keep them no longer than a month or two so other folks can enjoy them as well.

A complete list of the books is available on the Guild's web site in the members section. If you are interested in a specific book let me know via email and I can bring it to the next meeting.

Laura Wagner, Librarian



o **Name** Yolanda Fundora

- This is a rainbow selection of fabric Fat Quarters designed by me from the beginning of this century! Yikes!!!!
- This will be given away as part of our 35th Anniversary bash in January.
- Check out her websites for more fabric choices!
- www.urban-amish.com & www.urbanamishfabrics.com



- The bylaws are posted on the website and will be sent out in an email. Please read them over before the November meeting. We will be voting on them at that time.
- The Profit & Loss statement, the current budget and other financial information, have been posted on the website.



WANTED

Vendors wanted!

We are looking for vendors for the February meeting. If you are interested, contact us at info@gardenstatequilters.com. We will soon extend an invitation to vendors who are not members of the guild.

Volunteers wanted!

Mini demonstrations of various quilting techniques will be offered as part of the January 35th Celebration. We already have some volunteers. If you are interested in sharing a technique or showing how a ruler or some other gadget works, contact us at info@gardenstatequilters.com.

More Books wanted!

The Library is once again open – if you have some old quilting books to donate, please see Laura at the next meeting.

Committee Members:

We still are in need of a *Quilt Show Chairperson(s)* and a *Publicity Person*. Make it a group effort and work towards our common goals with a friend.



Local Happenings



**Brownstone Quilters
2015 Quilt Show**
November 6-7, 2015
Friday & Saturday
10am - 4pm
Northern Highlands Regional High School
Allendale, NJ
brownstonequilters.com/Quilt_show.html

Inspired By Nature, art and quilt show

1 Diamond Hill Road
Lawrence Pavilion, Lower Lobby Gallery
Berkeley Heights, NJ

"Inspired by Nature" runs for six months will be displayed in the Lower Lobby of Lawrence Pavilion, at the Diamond Hill campus, as well as along nearby corridors and in the café. The open nature of the exhibit space, allows enjoyment of the artwork when the building is open including weekends. A highlight of the **November 14** open house will be a meet-and-greet with some of the artists. Tours of the campus will be offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is requested; contact Stephanie Carr at scarr@artpridenj.com, (609) 479-3377, x306, or Elizabeth Wiech ewiech@shm.net, (908) 277-8806. Brought to you by Summit Medical Group.

NYC A to Z

City
Quilter's



first
children's
panel



http://quiltersresources.net/shops_nj.html

Home **New Jersey Quilt Shops & Sewing Stores** New Jersey Quilt Shows

Check it Out!



new column → **Tips and Tricks Corner**

please share your expertise with other guild members. Send an email to Beth at the newsletter, or just jot something down at one of the meetings!

From Janice Jamison: when sewing with black thread on black fabric, turn off all the lights in the room and just leave the machine light on! It really helps to see what you are doing! Try it out!!!