



GARDEN STATE QUILTERS' NEWSLETTER

Member National Quilting Association, Chapter 124

January/February 2017 Edition

Membership Meetings

Second Monday of each month, September to June except for October

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

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

**Meet the Speaker
5:30 @ HAT Tavern
Summit Grand Hotel**

Board Meetings
Week before monthly Meetings;
see listing

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

Message from our President

Turning Lemons into Lemonade

Sometimes in spite of our best efforts, our projects don't quite turn out the way we envisioned. At other times, we just can't move forward. Here are some suggestions for turning those "lemons" into "lemonade."

- ❖ When you have orphan blocks that don't quite fit into your quilt, turn them into Little Wishes for the quilt show.
- ❖ When the sixteen points in the center of your star don't quite meet, applique a circle over them.
- ❖ When the fabrics in your quilt are not working well together, replace the ones that are the least cooperative and save them for another project.
- ❖ When you are unhappy with the block you made in a workshop, try doing it over in a different palate.
- ❖ When you are stuck in a rut with your current project, put it aside for a while. When you come back to it, you may have figured out what you needed to know.
- ❖ When you haven't been quilting for a while and don't know how to get back into it again, make a simple quilt for Sunshine. You may just trigger your creative juices or, at least, help cheer up someone in need.
- ❖ When you are frustrated and have questions about a project, go to a quilting bee and ask someone to help you move forward.
- ❖ When you are feeling uninspired, come to a guild lecture or sign-up for a workshop. You may learn something that will forever change the way you make quilts.
- ❖ When you are starting a new quilt and need some inspiration, go shopping in your stash or check out the Drop and Shop Marketplace. You may find a fabric that jump starts your creativity.

Hoping 2017 will be your happiest year yet,
Marcia David
President@gardenstatequilters.com

Workshop Reminder

All
workshops
held at

Grace Church, 4
Madison Ave,
Madison, NJ

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 930
AM

Doors open at
approximately
9:15AM.

Check website for
list of supplies.

Membership

Reminder: 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

Programs Committee

Happy New Year! We have a full calendar of Programs outlined for the remainder of 2016-2017 Guild Year with exciting speakers. Please remember that Show and Tell is limited to one piece per person when we have a Speaker in order to get the most advantage from our Speaker. The rest of the meetings are Super Show and Tell, no limit to how many quilts you share with us.

A list for each month follows:

- January 2017 – **Anniversary Party** with raffle, *Super Show and Tell*, Quilto, Sit and Sew.
- February 2017 – **Vendor Night**, *Super Show and Tell*, Sit and Sew.
- March 2017 – We are actively recruiting a Member Speaker, Show and Tell.
- April 2017 – **Deb Kalenty** (certified vendor and instructor for Deb Tucker tools), owner of Quilter's Obsession, will teach the pattern Galaxy and how to use two of the Tucker Tools (tool purchase required). There are 12 spots left in Deb's class.
- May 2017 – **Laura Cunningham** will present a lecture on "HOW TO CUSTOM DESIGN YOUR QUILTING" followed by a Workshop on THREADPAINTING (pattern purchase required; kits available as well). There are 15 to 20 spots available in Laura's workshop.
- June 2017 – **Strawberry Supper**, *Super Show and Tell*, Sit and Sew.

**~ 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

Thank you all so much for your help at the December meeting. We got a lot done! So far this year we have given **84 quilts** away to charities. We still have a lot of kits that need piecing, quilting, or binding... so come see us at the back of the room and take something to work on during the winter. It'll keep you warm while you're working on it, and when you're finished, it will keep someone in need warm! AND... you'll feel warm

all over knowing you helped someone in need. It's a win – win - win!

Our next bee is **Wed. January 18th** at the Chatham Library 1-4pm.

Happy Quilting!
~Kris & Helen & Sarah & Linda

Newsletter articles

The Newsletter is always 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, doesn't matter how far in advance, please send that information as well, or give one of us a heads up at a meeting – we will be glad to take paper copies.

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 2016-17 newsletter! Deadline will be ~10 days prior to the regularly scheduled monthly Guild meeting (see below schedule). Pictures and graphics are always welcome.

2016 – 2017 Garden State Quilters Newsletter Calendar Articles or Ads Due

January/February	December 18, 2016
March/April	February 18, 2017
May/June	May 1, 2017
Summer edition	<i>will be at our discretion</i>

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

Information and rates for the 2016 - 2017 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

Block of the Month

The **Seasons and Celebrations** Block of the month is off to a great start. A reminder that there is no charge to play. You make the block, bring it to the next meeting, give it to us and we give you a raffle ticket to win the returned blocks. You might want to make a second block to keep for yourself, just in case you do not win.

See us at the January meeting to find out what the next 2 blocks are! It's a surprise.

If you have any questions about the block you can e-mail us. Agnes: Papieroles@earthlink.net Pat: Sabrewolf8@aol.com Or call Pat 973-495-9137.

~Agnes Dembia & Pat Buikema

January Birthday Party

Following an immensely successful raffle at the 1st annual January Birthday bash preparations are well underway for the 2017 Party. To start, **AURIFIL THREAD, NORTHCOTT FABRICS, CREATIVE GIRL, SEW JERSEY, FRIEDA ANDERSON, FAIRFIELD BATTING CO, MARCUS BROTHERS FABRICS, ALYCE VANDERSTAD FROM ACME COUNTRY FABRICS, COATS AND CLARK, QUILTERS DREAM BATTING CO, PAPER PIECES, ROBERT KAUFMAN ARTISAN BATIKS, JAQUIE GERING** have all generously donated items for the raffle. There will be a door prize basket and giveaways. Members will have chances to earn extra tickets for the door prize by:

- ❖ attend the Charity December Sunshine meeting
- ❖ sign out and complete sunshine kits (Kris Dale will have tickets to award for this and those must be signed and deposited at membership table during meeting when ticket was earned.)
- ❖ bring a paying guest or sponsor a new member to any meeting prior to party (Ginger Scott will also have tickets to award for this chance and for signing in at December sunshine meeting.)

If any members have a new, unused, in its original packaging, item they would like to donate to this fundraising effort, or if you would like to donate a quilting service please bring it to a meeting and leave it with Barbie Vanderfleet-Martin.

With your help and enthusiasm Garden State Quilters will have another fun-filled and successful birthday party.

Thank you. Barbie

Meeting Notes

Hospitality 6:45 pm
Guild Pins = \$5

Business 7:15 pm
Membership Lanyard = \$5

Meeting Checklists

January Meeting

Hospitality → A thru M

February Meeting

Hospitality → N - Z

- Show 'N Tell
- Guild Business
- Party! Party! Party!
- Razzle Dazzle
- Sunshine project distribution
- Friendship Quilt block collection

- Super Show 'N Tell
- Guild Business
- Vendor Night!
- Razzle Dazzle

Calendar of Events

January 9, 2017	Guild Anniversary Party
February 13, 2017	Vendor Night
March 13, 2017	General Meeting; Speaker TBD
April 10 – 11, 2017	General Meeting; workshop with Deb Kalenty
May 8 – 9, 2017	General Meeting; workshop with Laura Cunningham
June	Strawberry supper
<i>*Dates for quilting Bees listed later in newsletter</i>	

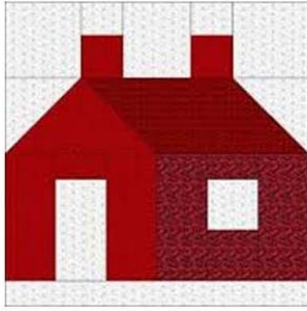
Board Meetings 2017	General Meetings 2017
Tues, Jan 3	Mon, Jan 9
Mon, Feb 6	Mon, Feb 13
Mon, Mar 6	Mon, Mar 13
Mon, Apr 3	Mon, Apr 10
Mon, May 1	Mon, May 8
Mon, Jun 5	Mon, Jun 12

Board Positions (2016-2017)		Committee Positions – no term expiration	
President (1)	Marcia David	Programs Helper(s)	Deb Lacey
Vice President (1)	Alison Gardner	Webmaster	Yolanda Fundora
Treasurer (1)	Sue Adams	Library	Laura Wagner
Secretary (1)	Judy Mason	Hospitality	Carol Scullin
Membership (1)	Ginger Scott		Gail Moodie
Nominating (1)	Susan Wolfman	Historian/Show & Tell	
Programs Team (2)	Leslie Morgan (Chair)	Publicity	

	Joyce Bruining Pam Noonan Sue Schmerler	Book Raffle	Judy Mason, Beth DiDomenico
		Block of the Month	Agnes Dembia Pat Buikema
Newsletter (1)	Karen Jack Beth DiDomenico	Raffle Quilt	
		Friendship Quilt	Alix Martin
Quilt Show (1)	Pam Farago	Challenge Quilt	Beth DiDomenico
Sunshine/Grants & Scholarships (1)	Kris Dale Helen Pulitano Linda Holm Sarah Hoagland	Drop & Shop Market Place	Lori Prosser Pat Schwartz
		Razzle Dazzle	Judy Mason Ginger Scott
		January Party	Barbie VanderFleet-Martin

MEMBER PAGE

The Garden State Quilters Guild **Quilt Show** will be held on [May 19 - 20, 2018](#) at the Parsippany PAL located on Baldwin Road in Parsippany. The theme is *Any Season on Quilts*. Our first planning committee meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, January 30 at 6:45 pm at the Parsippany PAL located at 33 Baldwin Road in Parsippany. If you are interested in getting involved please feel free to join us! This show will again feature Little Wishes. We will need approximately 170 Little Wishes for the show so please start sewing and give your completed items to Judy Mason as you complete them. We will also have the Boutique again and will be expanding the offerings to include bean bags, wall hangings, and gift/wine bags. Until we have a Boutique Chair you can give any completed items to **Pam Farago**.



*Looking for a larger home for your stash?
Or maybe you need a smaller home so can spend more time
with your sewing machine and less time with your vacuum?
Let me help you navigate the housing market.*



Gail Moodie Realtor, ABR, EPro
Coldwell Banker
135 Main Street, Chatham
201-572-9662 Cell

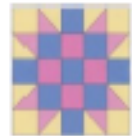


Sunshine quilting bee schedule

*Wed. Jan 18th at the Chatham library
Wed. Feb 15th at the Chatham library
Wed. March 15th at the Florham Park
Library (to be scheduled)
Wed. Apr. 24th at the Chatham library
Wed. May 24th at the Chatham library
Wed. June 21st at the Chatham library*

Sister's Choice Longarm Quilting

Pantographs/Custom/Meandering/Stippling



Mary Ames
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11 Gianna Court-Randolph, NJ 07869
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sisterschoice@optonline.net

Apprenticeships

Want to be more involved in your guild?
Enhance your own experience?
Make new friends?
Learn a related skill?

But not be responsible or accountable?

Apprenticeships are available for many of the Guild Committee positions: just ask one of your Board members how you can help from time to time!



Comfort Quilters meets monthly in Madison to make textural quilts for people with Alzheimer's. Stroking the textures is comforting. We recently donated 8 quilts each to the Harmony House in Madison and the Garden Terrace in Chatham. Pictured are the Director of the Harmony House, Michilene Hill, with clients, Roger, Sharon, Lucyena (staff), Mary and BooBoo, the therapy dog. Also pictured are Peter Flemming, Jr with Laura Collins, accepting quilts for the Garden Terrace Nursing Home in Chatham. Thanks to all those who contributed to their creation! Even with a few hours or time each month, we completed 16 quilts! Please contact Laurie Reynolds, Garden State Quilt Guild member, at

*** RAZZLE DAZZLE CONTINUES in 2017!!! *****

Thanks for the great support Razzle Dazzle has received so far! It's been a lot of fun and we've had multiple winners every time - let's keep it going! Bring in a fat quarter reflecting the theme of the month and receive a raffle ticket. The holder of the winning ticket, drawn during the meeting, takes them home.

The theme for January is *Mad for Plaid*. It seems to be a plaid, plaid, plaid, plaid world this year, so let's join in.

February's theme is *Yipes Stripes!*



~Ginger Scott and Judy Mason

GSQ would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support of the January party raffle.

- ❖ **Alyce Vanderstad** of Acme Country Fabrics
 - Twist and Turns Bargello quilt book and fabric to make a quilt top
 - 25 Fat Quarter bundle of Batiks
- ❖ **Jaqueline Heineken** of Sew Jersey
 - for lots of patterns and notions that supplied the sewing box and door prize basket
- ❖ **Agnes Dembia**
 - Sewing box and notions
- ❖ **Kris Dale**
 - machine quilting gloves to “get ‘er done”
 - design walls
 - McKenna Ryan kit
 - Town Square quilt kit
- ❖ **Judy Mason**
 - cute fabric signage
- ❖ **Ginger Scott**
 - purse pattern and fabric to make it

We would also like to thank all the sponsors who have generously donated items:

- ❖ Aurifil Thread
- ❖ Coats and Clark thread
- ❖ Frieda Anderson dyed fabric kit and pattern
- ❖ Jacquie Gering Modern Quilt book
- ❖ Robert Kaufman Artisan Batiks
- ❖ Marcus Brothers fabrics
- ❖ Northcott fabrics
- ❖ Creative Grid
- ❖ Fairfield Batting Company
- ❖ Quilters Dream batting company
- ❖ Paper Pieces

