



Member National Quilting Association, Chapter 124

January/February 2016 Edition

## Message from our President

Thanks+Giving

'Tis the season for thanks and giving. I would like to begin by thanking the Board and Committee members of GSQ for the dedication and service they so graciously give to our guild. If any members would like to show their appreciation and thank them with a gift of time, here are their wish lists:

Would you help **Sunshine** by quilting one of our charity quilts? This is a great opportunity for you to practice your quilting skills. The children and adults who receive them will see only the warmth and comfort they offer, not the imperfections.

Would you like to help by selling tickets for the **book raffle** or checking out books from the **library**?

Would you bring a dessert or snack to share at meetings? **Hospitality** and the members would appreciate your efforts.

**Programs** has a longer list:

- Would you be willing to chauffeur our guest speakers from and to the airport and to the meetings and workshops?
- Does anyone have an extra bedroom that could house a speaker? This is a gift that gives back. You get to spend time with a well-known quilter.
- Would you be willing to research speakers for the guild and give your input to the chairpersons? This gives you an opportunity to choose the quilters who speak at our meetings and teach our workshops.
- Would you like to help at the Programs table by signing up members for workshops?

As you can see there are many ways of giving back to the guild and showing your appreciation for what the volunteers on the Board do for you. The ultimate gift of time is offering to serve on the Board or to chair a committee. The president's wish is to see every member involved in whatever way they feel is appropriate.

The Board wishes you and your family a happy and peaceful holiday season and a new year filled with lots of quilting fun, starting with our 35<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration in January.

~ Marcia David

### 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)

### 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.

## Membership

ALL members and guests must wear their badge at every meeting

Membership info/change of address

Please notify me at: [membership@gardenstatequilters.com](mailto:membership@gardenstatequilters.com)

~Ginger Scott

## Programs Committee

Our November speaker, **Bethanne Nemesh** was fantastic, her creative journey to current pictographic silk art quilts. In December the Guild members sewed, quilted, tied Charity quilts together. Look inside for featured pictures.

### Coming Events

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.

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!

We will now be cancelling workshops when there is low enrollment; workshops **MUST** pay for themselves. Few nationally known speakers will come only to lecture and also require the opportunity to teach in order to make the trip worthwhile. In most instances this requires a 60-90 day prior notice to avoid paying penalties. Note also that **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:

- ❖ 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](mailto:programs@gardenstatequilters.com).

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

~ Barb Vanderfleet-Martin and Leslie Morgan  
Programs

Next Quilting Bee at  
Chatham Library

Wed. November 18<sup>th</sup>  
12-3:30

## Hospitality

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

~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*).

Thank you to all members who participated in the Charity Sew Fest at our December meeting!

We've had several quilting bees to get the quilting done so we can give the quilts to those in need. Our next bee is Wed. January 27<sup>th</sup> 12-3:30: it will be held 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](mailto: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!

## 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](mailto: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 Quilting  
Bee at the Chatham  
Library

Wed. January 27<sup>th</sup> 12-  
3:30

Mark your 2016  
Calendars!

Upcoming Meeting Notes

Hospitality 6:45 pm  
Guild Pins = \$5

Business 7:15 pm  
Membership Lanyard = \$5

Meeting Checklists	
January Meeting	February Meeting
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality → A thru M	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality → N - Z
<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"/> Challenge Project : pick up your blocks!	<input type="checkbox"/>

**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
<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 <b>BethAnne Nemesh</b> . Workshop: Devil is in the Details
December 14, 2015	Annual Charity Meeting; GSQ Marketplace
January 11, 2016	35 <sup>th</sup> Birthday/ Anniversary Celebration
February 8, 2016	Special Vendor evening
March 14, 2016	General Meeting with <b>Marilyn Belford</b>
April 11, 2016	General Meeting with <b>Wendy Butler Berns</b>
May 9, 2016	General Meeting with <b>Frieda Anderson</b>
June 13, 2016	Strawberry supper

<b>Board Positions (2015-2016)</b>	
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
<b>Committee Positions - no term expiration</b>	
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

## GSQ Market Place

The Market Place had a fabulous opening at the December meeting! Please come by and see what is available – also look through your fabrics and see what you can donate. If you no longer need it, someone else will treasure it! Any items not sold will be returned or donated.

**All proceeds will benefit the Guild.**

**Date:** monthly?

## MEMBER PAGE

### YOU ARE INVITED: 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 the January GSQ Birthday/Anniversary BASH!

These prizes will be raffled off in the same format as 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.

The sponsors are as follows:

- ❖ Yolanda Fundora [www.urban-amish.com](http://www.urban-amish.com), Yolanda has hand selected a special fabric pack designed by herself.
- ❖ Denyse Schmidt [www.dsquilts.com](http://www.dsquilts.com), fabric and patterns.
- ❖ Coats and Clark [www.makeitcoats.com](http://www.makeitcoats.com), thread.
- ❖ Aurifil Threads [www.aurifil.com](http://www.aurifil.com), thread.
- ❖ JAYBIRD QUILTS [www.jaybirdquilts.com](http://www.jaybirdquilts.com), Julie Herman of Jaybird donated a Book and patterns.
- ❖ HAWTHORNE THREADS [www.hawthornethreads.com](http://www.hawthornethreads.com) Charlie and Lindsay Prezzano design and digitally print their in-house collections here in the USA.
- ❖ NORTHCOTT [www.northcott.com](http://www.northcott.com), fabric.
- ❖ Robert Kaufman Fabrics, [www.robertkaufman.com](http://www.robertkaufman.com).

The generosity continues so please keep an eye on the website/email blast for further donation information and party details.

Thank You!

The Guild would like to thank **Mary Ann Denton** for her very generous donation of **41 bolts of fabric** and **28 books**. The fabric will be used by Sunshine and the books will become part of our library, except for duplicates which will be raffled off at meetings.



ATTENTION Longarmers

**January Meeting:** Would any of you like to demonstrate quilting designs, using paper and pencil, that could be used to fill in all those spaces we create in our quilts?

**February Meeting:** Would any of you like to “vend” at a table, showing examples of what you do, talking to potential customers and handing out your business cards?

If the answer to any of the above is yes, contact us at [info@gardenstatequilters.com](mailto:info@gardenstatequilters.com)



With Sadness

The Guild would like to extend its deepest sympathy to **Susan Wolfman** whose husband, Paul, passed away on December 14, after a long illness. May loving memories bring peace to your heart.



Programs

Barbie and Leslie are retiring. We would like to thank them for all the time and service they have given to the guild.

We need two members to replace them. Both would have voting positions on the Board. The guild can hobble along without a quilt show but without program chairs, it will limp into oblivion. That is a fact, not just a possibility.

If anyone is interested in taking on this essential position, please contact us at [info@gardenstatequilters.com](mailto:info@gardenstatequilters.com). Inquiries and questions are also welcome.



# WANTED

## Longarmers Demonstration opportunity

We are looking for Longarmers or other quilters who might be interested in demonstrating their talents at the January meeting....of course, using paper and pencil. If you are interested in sharing a technique or showing how a ruler or some other gadget works, please contact a Board Member or send an email to [info@gardenstatequilters.com](mailto:info@gardenstatequilters.com).

## Vending Volunteers at the February meeting

Would any of you like to "vend" at a table, showing examples of what you do, talking to potential customers and handing out your business cards?

More **Books** wanted! More **Fabric/Notions** for our Marketplace!

The opening day of the **GSQ Marketplace** was a huge success! Ladies, let's keep the enthusiasm up. The Library is once again open – if you have some old quilting books to donate, please see Laura at the next meeting.

## Committee Members:

Barbie and Leslie are retiring. We need volunteers now to train for next year. Please find a friend and keep our Guild Strong! In addition, we are still 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.



## Machine Tune-Ups & Repair

@The City Quilter

Bernina's + All other Brands

When was the last time  
you had a Tune-Up?

Our Repairman has 33+ years experience



# Charity Fun



*Mary Ames: Sister's Choice Longarmer*



## *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!!!*