



Member National Quilting Association, Chapter 124

November/December 2016 Edition

## Message from our President

### *What quilting means to me*

I recently started making a Passacaglia quilt—piecing it by hand. The slowness of the process made me think about why I began quilting in the first place. It's a tactile experience and something I can do in front of the television or while socializing with other handworkers. It's a time to sit quietly, relax, and stay in the present moment. But it is more than a craft that keeps my hands busy. It is also an outlet that allows me to express my creative side. What I love most about making a quilt is working out the design and choosing the fabrics. Whether I sew by hand or by machine, I feel the joy of a child playing with Legos or clay. For me, a quilt is both a painting made with fabric and a sculpture created by the quilting designs that hold the layers together.

Going to a quilt show is like visiting an art museum. When viewing the quilts, I am drawn in by the beauty of the design, the juxtaposition of fabrics, the color or most often the story it tells. Once I have enjoyed the visual impact of the quilt, then I look at the technical skill displayed in the quilting. I don't view them with a judge's eye. Technique is much less important than the emotional reaction I have to the beauty I see in the quilt. Then I want to know how the quilter did that. What is it about the quilt that is appealing to my senses and my inner self? I don't have an answer. Each quilt affects me differently and some not at all. They teach me something about myself. They are more than textured blankets that keep us warm on a chilly night.

No matter why we make quilts, they are the glue that brings us together into an organization that helps us grow and improve our skills. Because we love them so much, we want to show our quilts to others and tell them about our process. Because they comfort us, we want to make them for those in need of physical warmth and emotional support. Quilting is so much more than a hobby or a craft that keeps us busy, isn't it? Garden State Quilters is so much more than a group of like-minded individuals that meet once a month. It provides inspiration and a supportive community where we are able to share our love of quilting, improve our skills, and reach out in kindness to others.

Happy quilting to all,  
Marcia David

### **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

## 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  
10AM

Doors open at  
approximately  
9:40AM.

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](mailto:membership@gardenstatequilters.com)**

**~Ginger Scott**

## Programs Committee

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:

- November 2016 – **Pamela Zave** – “Piecing Your Dream” – will share her piecing approach with ‘Devine Tree,’ a pattern designed for the workshop. There will be a pattern fee payable to Pamela at the workshop (we’ll let you know). *Pamela is teaching this class as a benefit for the Guild, so every dollar in class fees goes to support GSQ!* This class is completely full but we are happy to take names for a wait list. Just let us know.
- December 2016 – **Charitable Works**, *Super Show and Tell*, Sit and Sew.
- 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 to everyone who brought kits and blocks back to us. Thanks you to all of you who come to the bees every month. We get so much done at the bees, and we have fun doing it!

We are getting ready for the December meeting. We will have lots of quilts that need binding sewn to the back- you all seemed to enjoy that last year- it's a good time to sit and chat with each other. We will also be machine quilting and tying.

If you know of a charity in need of quilts, please let us know.

We have a new person helping us- Sarah Hoagland. Thanks Sarah! We need all the help we can get!

**Happy Quilting!**  
**~Kris, Helen, Linda & Sarah**

## 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**

November/December	October 22, 2016
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](mailto:newsletter@gardenstatequilters.com).

### Information and rates for the 2016 - 2017 Newsletter

<b>Business Card Ad</b>	<b>2" x 3.5" (Horizontal or Vertical)</b>	<b>\$10/issue</b>
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. The return response for the September apple was heart-warming. The skill level, color, fabric choices and combinations were delightful. Some of you asked for the Apple directions at the October meeting. We will bring them next month. 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.

If you missed the October meeting, we are making another 8 inch block (8 1/2 unfinished). The block will have a jack-o-lantern face: your choice as to what it looks like and how you make it. The background can be one piece of fabric or, string pieced like Bonnie Hunter, or free-pieced fabric like Victoria Findlay Wolfe, or just strips. The face can be applique or fused onto the background. Again, your choice. Have fun!

Our November block will be a leaf. December is a nutcracker.

If you have any questions about the block you can e-mail us. Agnes: [Papieroles@earthlink.net](mailto:Papieroles@earthlink.net) Pat: [Sabrewolf8@aol.com](mailto: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** thread have 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

November Meeting	December Meeting
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality →A thru M <input type="checkbox"/> Show 'N Tell <input type="checkbox"/> Guild Business <input type="checkbox"/> Pamela Zave <input type="checkbox"/> Razzle Dazzle <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine project distribution <input type="checkbox"/> Friendship Quilt block collection	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality→ N - Z <input type="checkbox"/> Super Show 'N Tell <input type="checkbox"/> Guild Business <input type="checkbox"/> Charity Sit 'N Sew <input type="checkbox"/> Razzle Dazzle

## Calendar of Events

<b>November 15 – 16</b>	<b>General Meeting; workshop with Pamela Zave</b>
<b>December 12</b>	<b>Charity Sit and Sew</b>
<b>January 9, 2017</b>	<b>Guild Anniversary Party</b>
<b>February 13, 2017</b>	<b>Vendor Night</b>
<b>March 13, 2017</b>	<b>General Meeting; Speaker TBD</b>
<b>April 10– 11, 2017</b>	<b>General Meeting; workshop with Deb Kalenty</b>
<b>May 8 – 9, 2017</b>	<b>General Meeting; workshop with Laura Cunningham</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Strawberry supper</b>
<i>*Dates for quilting Bees listed later in newsletter</i>	

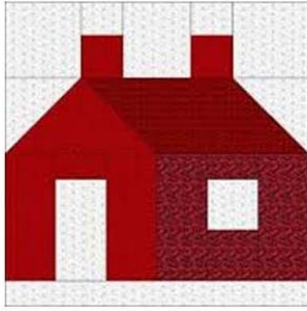
## Welcome new and returning Board Members and Committee Chairs!

Board Positions (2016-2017)		Committee Positions – no term expiration	
President (1)	Marcia David	Programs Helper(s)	Deb Lacey
Vice President (1)	Pam Bakas	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) Joyce Bruining Pam Noonan Sue Schmerler	Publicity	
		Book Raffle	Judy Mason, Beth DiDomenico
		Block of the Month	Agnes Dembia Pat Buikema
Newsletter (1)	Karen Jack Beth DiDomenico	Raffle Quilt	Pam Bakas
		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 VamderFleet-Martin

Welcome to our New Members as well!!!

## MEMBER PAGE

The Garden State Quilters Guild **QUILT SHOW** will be held on May 18 - 20, 2018 at the Parsippany PAL located on Baldwin Road in Parsippany. The theme is Any Season on Quilts. We are currently putting together the planning committee and have a few open positions. If you would like to be a part of this fun committee please contact the Quilt Show Chair, Pam Farago at [pamfarago1@gmail.com](mailto:pamfarago1@gmail.com). She will be happy to explain the different positions available to see which one interests you the most.



*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

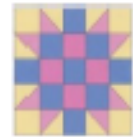


## Sunshine quilting bee schedule

- Wed. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at the Chatham library
- Wed. Jan 18<sup>th</sup> at the Chatham library
- Wed. Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at the Chatham library
- Wed. March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Florham Park Library (to be scheduled)
- Wed. Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> at the Chatham library
- Wed. May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Chatham library
- Wed. June 21<sup>st</sup> 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!





Having fun  
at  
September  
Sunshine  
Bee!



Board Meetings 2016	General Meetings 2016		Board Meetings 2017	General Meetings 2017
Tues, Sep 6	Mon, Sep 12		Tues, Jan 3	Mon, Jan 9
Tues, Oct 11	Mon, Oct 17		Mon, Feb 6	Mon, Feb 13
Mon, Nov 7	Mon, Nov 14		Mon, Mar 6	Mon, Mar 13
Mon, Dec 5	Mon, Dec 12		Mon, Apr 3	Mon, Apr 10
			Mon, May 1	Mon, May 8
			Mon, Jun 5	Mon, Jun 12



\*\*\*\*\* RAZZLE DAZZLE IS BACK !!! \*\*\*\*\*

Here's the scoop: A theme will be identified for each month. Interested members will bring in one (or more) fat quarters reflecting the theme. Fabric should be good quality quilting cotton. A raffle ticket will be given for each FQ brought in. During the meeting, a ticket will be drawn and the holder will take home all the fat quarters for the evening - what fun!

Thanks for the great response so far! We've had multiple winners in September and October. **Remember:** *You've got to be in it to win it!*

### November: You Talkin' to Me? - Text

Fabric with writing on it - script, type set, block lettering, newspaper print. You could win it all/**ALL**/all!

### December: Snow White

To celebrate winter, let's bring on the snow - in fabric only, please. Bring in a "white" fat quarter and you may go home with a medley of snowy delight.

~Ginger Scott and Judy Mason

Have you had your sewing machine serviced within the last year? Don't forget **SEW JERSEY** offers onsite sewing machine repairs for all brands! Our technician is certified with all major brands: Brother, Janome, Viking, Bernina, Pfaff and more!

Our technician comes every Saturday, as long as your machine does not need parts - it will be ready same day! Your machine will never leave our store! Drop it off and time and pick it up on Saturday!

