



GARDEN STATE QUILTERS' NEWSLETTER

Member National Quilting Association, Chapter 124

March/April 2017 Edition

Message from our President

What If?

Have you ever gotten to a point where you just can't seem to move forward and finish the quilt you are working on? You've asked yourself *what if* I turned the blocks on point. *What if* I changed some of the fabrics or added a different color? *What if* I tried a different setting? Or maybe the quilt top has turned out just as you visualized it and you have no idea how to quilt it. Or perhaps you are not yet confident enough in your quilting skills and are afraid of ruining it.

Figuring out what to quilt in all those spaces is often what stops me from moving forward. I've found some interim steps I use to help me advance. I sometimes try out the quilting design on a practice sandwich. Sunshine quilts are also a good place to experiment. Or I place a clear acrylic board on top of the quilt and test my design ideas with dry erase markers, being very careful not to make a mark on the quilt. I've also used a photocopy of the quilt top, or parts of it, to audition my ideas with pencil and eraser in hand. Once I find the courage to start quilting the top, the designs pop into my head and the quilt really does start talking to me, sometimes taking on a life of its own. Suddenly I know what to do especially if I have really listened to my inner voice.

Another reason I am hesitant to quilt that top I am pleased with is fear of ruining it. I know it is better to start quilting it than to let it become a UFO. Practicing on that sandwich or Sunshine quilt can give me the confidence I need to start working on the actual quilt. But *what if* I do make a mistake once I begin? I can repeat the mistake and turn it into a design element. Or use a seam ripper. That's what they are intended for. Or I can just leave the error and do something about it at the end if it still bothers me. After all, no quilt is perfect and a mistake can be the catalyst that helps me progress and improve my skills.

What if I just kept moving along on my quilting journey and enjoyed the adventure, trusting that no matter where it leads, I am where I am supposed to be? I just have to believe that when I arrive at a crossroads, I will know exactly what to do.

Marcia David
President@gardenstatequilters.com

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 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

We have an exciting line-up for the rest of the guild year:

- March 2017 – **RaNae Merrill** will join us to speak about Free Motion Mastery. She is replacing Pamela Wexler who was to speak to us about the Dear Jane phenomenon. Pamela had to postpone her visit due to surgery. We are thrilled that RaNae can come in her stead. Pamela is rebooked for February next year.
- 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). The class is currently full but we can start a Wait List. Things come up for others.
- 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 5 spots available in Laura's workshop.
- June 2017 – **Strawberry Supper**, *Super Show and Tell*, Sit and Sew.

Classes from next Guild year are open for enrollment. In chronological order starting in October we will have Paula Nadelstern (SixtyThirty kaleidoscope), Diane Schneck (back basted appliqué), Pamela Wexler (Dear Jane, lecture only) John Kubiniac of Big Rig Quilting, and Betsy Pillsbury (crazy quilts).

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.

~ **Leslie Morgan**
Programs

Hospitality

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

~**Carol Scullin and Gail Moodie**
Hospitality

Sunshine Committee

So far this year with your help we have donated **124** quilts to various charities. We will be delivering more to Quilts for Kids at the Mancuso quilt show in March. We have quilting bees every month to get the tops quilted and binding sewn on.

The next bee is **Wed. March 15th** at the Florham Park Library 1-4 pm. Come join us to practice your machine quilting!

Thanks for all your help and **Happy Quilting!**
~Kris & Helen & Sarah & Linda

*** RAZZLE DAZZLE CONTINUES into Springtime

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 March is Batiks!

April's theme is **PATRIOTIC!!!!!!**



~Ginger Scott and Judy Mason

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

Last CHANCE!

May/June

May 1, 2017

Summer edition *will be at our discretion*

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 continues enthusiastically. 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.

March -- Shamrock

April -- Umbrella

May -- Flower

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



(Note: *not the designs - just some pretty pictures*)

Meeting Notes

Hospitality 6:45 pm
Guild Pins = \$5

Business 7:15 pm
Membership Lanyard = \$5

Meeting Checklists

March Meeting	April 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"/> Razzle Dazzle - Batiks	<input type="checkbox"/> Razzle Dazzle - Patriotic
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine project distribution	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine project distribution
<input type="checkbox"/> Friendship Quilt block collection	<input type="checkbox"/> Friendship Quilt block collection

Calendar of Events

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
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) 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	
		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 will be *Any Season*.

This show will again feature **Little Wishes**. We will need approximately 170 Little Wishes to raffle during the show so please start sewing and give your completed items to **Judy Mason** as you finish them. We will also have the **Boutique** again and will be expanding the offerings to include bean bags, wall hangings, and gift/wine bags. **Lori Prosser** and **Anita Liebman** will be working with **Carol Benner** on the Boutique. Lori and Anita will be collecting all Boutique items at membership meetings.

Yolanda Fundora will be heading up a challenge based on her beautiful artwork for the show. We will set aside a special area of the show to display these items. **We are still in need of someone to handle publicity for the quilt show.** If you would like to get involved and help out in this area please contact:

Pam Farago at pamfarago1@gmail.com.



Sunshine quilting bee schedule

<p><i>Wed. March 15th at the Florham Park Library (to be scheduled)</i></p> <p><i>Wed. Apr. 24th at the Chatham library</i></p> <p><i>Wed. May 24th at the Chatham library</i></p> <p><i>Wed. June 21st at the Chatham library</i></p>
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Advice from a Singer Sewing Machine Manual dated 1949

- ⦿ Prepare yourself mentally for sewing.
- ⦿ Think about what you are going to do.
- ⦿ Never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically.
- ⦿ Good results are difficult when indifference dominates.
- ⦿ Never try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or beds unmade.
- ⦿ When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so that your mind is free to enjoy your sewing.
- ⦿ When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible.
- ⦿ Put on a clean dress.
- ⦿ Keep a little bag of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals.
- ⦿ Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on.
- ⦿ If you are constantly fearful that a visitor might drop in or your husband will come home, and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing.



Sister's Choice Longarm Quilting

Pantographs/Custom/Meandering/Stippling

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Twinning

What is twinning ? It is not a tea and it's not giving birth to more than one child at a time. It is joining with a sister guild to share ideas and our love of quilting.

The Garden State Quilters is now twinning with our sister guild, the Caesarea Quilters Group of the Channel Island of Jersey in the UK. Their group is about twenty years old and has about 40 members. They meet once a month and also have UFO workshops and sewing bees. So far, we have exchanged newsletters. A digital file of their newsletter was sent out to Garden State Quilters in the February *eblast* meeting reminder. Check it out. We are looking forward to an interesting exchange between our organizations.

If you are interested in being the contact person between our groups, please let me know at president@gardenstatequilters.com .