



September/ October 2024 Newsletter

This is my first letter as guild president. I am filled with enthusiasm for an exciting new year for the Garden State Quilters.

I would like to thank the officers and committee chairpersons who have retired from their positions, as well as those who have decided to continue with their duties. Thanks also to the new officers who have volunteered to come on board.

However, there is still an opening for Quilt Show Chair or Co-Chairs. The Chatham Municipal building has been secured for October 18th and 19th, 2025. First order of priority is to get a Vendor Chairperson. If you have it in your heart to take on one of these jobs, please let me know. You will have lots of support from myself, and others that participated on the 2023 quilt committees.

Thank You, Thank You for supporting the Super Sunshine Sale last June. We raised \$1311.68 !

I hope everyone had a great summer and were able to sew to your heart's content. The September 9th general meeting will highlight a Super Show and Tell. I can't wait to see some of your beautiful masterpieces. I am hoping to see lots of returning members and new members.

Happy Quilting!

Christine

Chatham Library Quilt Exhibit

The guild was invited by the Library of the Chathams to hang an exhibit of quilts representative of the guild memberships' talents.

With the help of volunteers from the guild, we were able to put together a wonderful display of 45 colorful quilts for the public to enjoy.

The exhibit showcases the talents of the membership as well as informs the public about the guild activities, with a focus on the charitable work we do by way of the Sunshine Committee. As the organizer of the library exhibit I would like to thank all the members who participated with quilt submissions and also those who volunteered their time to make the exhibit a success. I hope you all will make an effort to see the exhibit. It will be in the library through August 28th.

Thank you, Ginger Scott



General Guild Notes

Membership: It is time to register for our exciting 2024-2025 Guild year. Our new registration process is online at www.gardenstatequiltersguild.com. The option to pay by credit card, check, or cash at the meeting is now available. All meetings will be held in person at Grace Church in Madison. Please wear your name badge at every meeting so all members new and returning see your name. New name tags will be available at our October meeting. Access to the 'members only' on our guild website is available when your renewed membership is paid. Sign up now! Members completing payment for their membership by October 21st, will have their names added to a drawing to win \$20 worth of tickets for our Birthday Celebration Tricky Tray. A late fee of \$10 will be assessed after October 21st. New members are excluded from the late fee. If you have any questions about the new signup process or change in contact information, please see Jan Martin or Lori Darnulc. You may also reach Jan at jmartinnj@comcast.net. We know with meetings ending late it may be getting difficult for some members to drive after dark. If you need driving assistance, please let us know. It may be possible to establish a carpool. Please contact Jan Martin (908) 616-9843 to look into this.

General meetings are **in person** at Grace Church, unless otherwise noted on the website. Dates are listed on pages 11 & 12. From 6:45 – 7:15 pm is the time to chat with other members, visit each of our tables (membership, programs, quilt show, library, Sunshine, etc.) and to go to Drop and Shop. **Meetings will start promptly at 7:15 pm.** **Board meetings** are also in person two weeks prior to the general meeting, unless noted beforehand. Please let us know if you will attend so we can give you meeting information in advance. Dates are listed on pages 11 & 12.

The Friendship Quilt: This year's Friendship Quilt celebrates the United States as we head into a presidential election with the colors red, white, blue, and gold. We will be giving you the gold. You will need red, white, and blue 2.5 inch wide strips in shades similar to our flag. They do not need to be solid colors, but they should read as sort of a solid color. The block is based on a Bento Box pattern, but put together in a different arrangement. There will be sample blocks and instructions at the first meeting. If you have extra fabric, please bring it to the swap with others.

Drop and Shop: Drop and Shop will be open every month except January for our annual January birthday Basket celebration. Clean out your quilting room , storage bins, closets and bring fabric, quilting tools, books, thread, patterns etc. and drop them off at our table. We have such a wide selection of items, you are bound to find what you were looking for. Then fill up your own bag with quilt goodies for \$10. The price increase reflects our commitment to contribute to GSQ's financial health.



Fabric Raffle: With the fabric raffle such a success last year, we're continuing it at each membership meeting. We had some incredible fabric bundles that were raffled last year. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Hospitality: Hospitality has gone back to what was done pre-pandemic. Members with last names beginning with A-M, then N-Z, are asked to bring a food item to share for alternating months. Members are asked to bring their own beverage to the meeting. Listed on pages 11 & 12 are the general meeting dates which members are asked to bring something to share according to the first letter of your last name.

Library: The GSQG library is open in September, and as always reach out to Laura Wagner (lajawagner@gmail.com) with any requests or suggestions of books you think the guild ought to own. The listing of books that are currently owned by the guild is in our Member's Only section on the website.

Newsletter: As in past years, we run a newsletter every 2 months and anyone in the guild may contribute (see “Member News” section at the back of this edition on page 11 & 12 with the events calendar). We ask that contributions be sent to Cindy Koziol-White at cynthiakoziol27@hotmail.com. The schedule for submission of information is listed below:

Newsletter	Information Submission Date
November-December 2024	October 15, 2024
January-February 2025	December 15, 2024
March-April 2025	February 15, 2025
May-June 2025	April 15, 2025

Razzle Dazzle: Bring a fat quarter (FQ – 18” x 22”) to each meeting according to the schedule below and get a ticket for each FQ that you bring towards the drawing to win all the fat quarters brought in that night. In the past, there were meetings where we had so many participants that we were able to have 2 fat quarter bundle winners!

Razzle Dazzle Schedule for 2024-2025	
September	Batiks
October	Dots
November	Purple
December	Stripes
January	Black and White
February	Hearts
March	Words
April	Plaids
May	Neutrals
June	Nature

Programs

For the **September 9** guild meeting there is no speaker or workshop. This will be our Welcome Back meeting and a Super Show and Tell.

The lecture to the guild on **October 14** from Susan Deshensky (<https://www.ladybluequilts.com/>). She will be demonstrating the Judy Niemeyer (<https://www.quiltworx.com/>) method of foundation paper piecing. The next day, **October 15**, Susan will run a workshop on how to piece a Judy Niemeyer design called Desert Sky from 10 am – 3:30 pm at Sew Jersey.



For November, the guild has invited Andrew Wiginton (<https://www.quiltdoc.com/>). He present a demonstration at the **November 11** guild meeting. The next day, **November 12**, he will run a workshop on Enlightened Crumb Quilting at Grace Episcopal Church from 9 am – 3:30 pm. Andrew offers a variety of services to quilters but also imparts his unique artistic perspective to foster a community that thrives on shared creativity, tradition, and innovation.



The Quilt Doc

On **December 9**, the guild will hold its annual Charity Sit and Sew. Sunshine will be hosting, and members will be helping to assemble and sew items that the guild will be donating during the holiday season.



On **January 13, 2025**, the guild will hold its annual January Anniversary Party and a celebration of the new year!

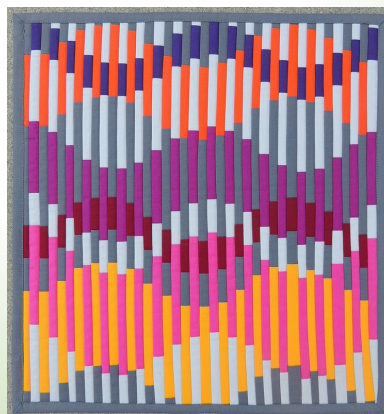


On **February 10**, the general meeting will be our Members Teaching Members meeting.

At our **March 10** meeting, the guild will host Karen Fricke (<https://karenfrickequilts.com/>). She will be giving a Stitch a Sketch lecture about how to turn a picture into a sketch with free motion embroidery. Karen is an art quilter who uses a variety of techniques to create dynamic images on fabric. On **March 17** from 4-7 pm at Sew Jersey, Karen will be teaching guild members at a workshop entitled “ Thread Sketching on a Photograph: Sewing Notions Bag”.



On **April 14**, Mel Beach (<https://melbeachquilts.com/>) will speak about “Let’s get rolling on your creativity goals”. She will then teach a workshop over zoom called Intriguing Interleaving on **April 19** from 11 am – 3 pm, and a follow-up zoom session on **April 23** from 7-9 pm.



All lectures and workshop dates are listed in the events calendar on pages 11 & 12. Please see/contact Carol Mann (cmannconso@yahoo.com) with any questions, need further information, or would like to suggest lecturers, workshops, etc for later this year or next year. We would love member input!

Sunshine

Thank you to all of those who attended our summer quilt bees. You have given us a head start with quilts that are ready to be donated. If you know of anyone who needs a quilt, a shut in, someone dealing with an illness or a person who needs the comfort of a quilt after a loss, please let the Sunshine Committee know. In the 2023-2024 guild year we donated 251 quilts and numerous comfort pillows! With the support of you, our members, every year we are able to donate more and more to communities in need.

Each month at our meetings, there is a Sunshine table set up on the left side as you enter. Come see us. We have simple precut kits with instructions that are ready to be pieced and we have quilts that need the binding sewn on. Bring one home to work on and return it at a later meeting.

Would you like to work on a quilt in a small group setting? Come to our monthly bees. We meet at the Chatham Library on a Wednesday each month, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Bring a sewing machine if you can. Quilt projects will be provided.

Dates for the Sunshine Bees for the remainder of the year are shown below and listed in the newsletter on pages 11 and 12. All of the Sunshine Bees are held in the Chatham Ladies Club Room at the Chatham Library on a Wednesday from 1-4 PM, unless otherwise noted:

- September 18, 2024
- October 23, 2024
- November 20, 2024
- December 9 – Charity Sit & Sew at Guild Meeting

Any questions, please feel free to send an email to jstubaus@optonline.net or call me at 973-476-8561. Looking forward to seeing you soon!



Block of the Month

Greetings fellow Quilters!

I hope you all have had a summer filled with a mix of adventure, relaxation, peace and FABRIC!!! I'm looking forward to another year of 'Fabric Raffle' and 'Block of the Month' and seeing what amazing, creative work you will share. The blocks for September through December have been posted—I will bring my samples to the September meeting. We will start and close out 2024 with a repeat of the "Tree" block, a "Scrappy Four Patch", a "HST Nine Patch" and a "December 2023 Redux" for December 2024. I'm hoping to figure out curved piecing so I can add one of those blocks in the New Year! Some more 'Never Have I Ever' for me...

Please consider participating in BOM...perhaps if we have an abundance of blocks, we can have two winners?!? I look forward to seeing you all in September!!

 Marisa

Below are the September and October 2024 blocks of the month that are available for download at: <https://www.gardenstatequiltersguild.com/block-of-the-month>

Any archived BOMs will require members to log into the website with your email address and password used to create your member account.

September 2024 - Tree



October 2024 –
Scrappy 4 patch



Calendar of Events - 2024/2025 Guild Year

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Event</u>
August 26	Board Meeting
September 9	Guild Meeting – Welcome Back/Super Show and Tell Hospitality: Last Names A-M
September 18	Sushine Bee
September 30	Board Meeting
October 14	Guild Meeting – Susan Deshensky Lecture – Judy Neimeyer Foundation Paper Piecing Method Hospitality: Last names N-Z
October 15	Newsletter deadline for Nov/Dec issue
October 15	Susan Deshensky Workshop – Desert Sky Pattern 10:30 am – 3:30 pm at Sew Jersey
October 23	Sunshine Bee
October 28	Board Meeting
November 11	Guild Meeting – Andrew Wiginton Lecture Hospitality: Last names A-M
November 12	Andrew Wiginton – Enlightened Crumb Quilting 9 am – 3:30 pm at Grace Episcopal Church
November 18	Board Meeting
November 20	Sunshine Bee
December 9	Guild Meeting – Charity Sit & Sew Hospitality: Last names N-Z
December 15	Newsletter deadline for Jan/Feb issue
January 6	Board Meeting – over zoom
January 13	Guild Meeting – January Anniversary Party!! Hospitality: Last names A-M
January 27	Board Meeting – over zoom
February 10	Guild Meeting – Members teaching members Hospitality: Last names N-Z
February 15	Newsletter deadline for March/April issue
February 24	Board Meeting – over zoom
March 10	Guild Meeting – Karen Fricke – Stitch a Sketch Lecture Hospitality: Last names A-M
March 17	Karen Fricke Workshop – Threadsketching on a Photograph: Sewing Notions Bag 4-7 pm at Sew Jersey

Calendar of Events (continued)

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>Event</u>
March 31	Board Meeting
April 14	Guild Meeting – Mel Beach Lecture – Let’s get rolling on your creativity goals! Hospitality: Last Names N-Z
April 15	Newsletter deadline for May/June issue
April 19	Intriguing Interleaving Workshop (over zoom – Saturday) 11 am – 3 pm
April 23	Intriguing Interleaving Workshop Follow-up (over zoom) 7 – 9 pm
April 28	Board Meeting
May 12	Guild Meeting – lecture TBA Hospitality: Last Names A-M
June 2	Board Meeting – Lundt Room
June 9	Guild Meeting – Strawberry Supper Hospitality: Last names will be assigned to appetizers/main course/desserts as we get closer to the event for potluck supper

Member News & Upcoming Events

Upcoming Quilt Shows/Events		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>Event</u>
September 12-15	Thursday - Saturday 10 am - 5 pm Sunday 10 am – 4 pm	PA National Quilt Extravaganza Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at Oaks 100 Station Avenue, Oaks, PA https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/
September 11-14	Wednesday - Saturday 9 am - 5 pm Saturday 9 am – 4 pm	Spooky Nook Sports Conference Center 75 Champ Blvd. Manheim, PA https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/lancaster-2024
September 21 & 22	10 am – 4 pm	Catskill Mountain Quilters Hall of Fame Roxbury Art Center, 5025 Vega Mountain Road Roxbury, NY https://www.catskillmountainquiltershalloffame.com/biennial-quilt-show-2022
October 11 & 12	Friday 10 am – 5 pm Saturday 10 am – 4 pm	Keystone Quilters “Star Struck” Show Finland Mennonite Church 1750 Ziegler Road, Pennsburg, PA
October 18 & 19	Friday 10 am – 5 pm Saturday 10 am – 4 pm	Valley Forge Homestead Quilters Guild Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 132 E. Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/Evt-QShow-Pg.html
October 19	Saturday 9 am – 3 pm	Penn Rose Quilt Guild Show Schoeneck Moravian Church 316 N. Broad St., Nazareth, PA

Board Members

Executive Board (2024-2025) – 1 year appointment		Committee Positions (no term expiration)	
President	Christine Courtney	Library	Laura Wagner
Vice President	Ginger Scott	Raffle Quilt	Ginger Scott, Jean Stubaus, Sue Adams
Treasurer	Molly Adams	Block of the Month	Marisa Austenberg
Secretary	Sarah Holman	Fabric Raffle	Marisa Austenberg
Programs	Carol Mann & Mary Toscano	Friendship Quilt	Alix Martin Ria Wolff
Trustees			
Membership	Jan Martin & Lori Darnulc	Historian/ Show 'n Tell	TBD – Volunteer?
Nominating	Marisa Austenberg	Drop & Shop	Paula Raimondo & Sue Schmerler
Newsletter	Cindy Koziol-White	Razzle Dazzle	Sue Schmerler & Paula Raimondo
Sunshine	Jean Stubaus	January Party	Beth DiDomenico
Grants & Scholarship	Wannetta Phillips	Social Media	Cindy Koziol-White
Quilt Show	TBD	Quilt Challenge	Jackie Laba
Webmaster	Cathy Tyrell	Sunshine Committee	Pat Buikema, Emily Egerter, Mindy Mathisen, Liz Merson