



# May/June 2024 Newsletter

Just as recent as 2017, The Board was considering dissolving the Garden State Quilters Guild. The Guild has come a long way. I hope that my contributions during the last two years have enhanced the progress that the guild will achieve in the coming years. None of the tasks accomplished during my tenure would be possible without my **AWESOME** team. The Board, Trustees and Committee volunteers have worked hard to provide services to benefit the membership while focusing on our Mission as a teaching and charitable organization at all times.

- Membership dues, the same for 2 years!
- Standard Policies and Procedures
- Diversified Speakers and Workshops - Saturday Zoom workshop
- Fantastic Quilt Show and Raffle – Donations to three charities and funding for our Grants and Scholarships Committee
- Charitable donations - Jersey Battered Women's Service, Community Food Bank of New Jersey, and Innocence Project
- Over 100 members annually
- Streamlining cost and Upgrading the Website
- In the works – Access to improved Online Membership applications and Online Payments

Chatham Municipal building and the cooperation of the Chatham Art League are welcoming us back for a 2025 Quilt Show

Let me be clear that none of these things would be possible without the members' participation. You are the reason we exist and the reason we succeed. You are all an important part of the Garden State Quilters. I am happy that Committee chairs are planning to continue in their positions for next year.

There is a lot happening over the course of the next few months. We are winding down to the end of our guild year.

Memorial Day – Graduations – Weddings – Fourth of July - Summer Vacations

- Slate presentation and Vote
- Friendship Quilt reveal
- Strawberry Supper – Good eats...
- Super Sunshine Sale – Store Quality items at Discounted prices
- "Never have I Ever" Project reveal
- Chatham Library Exhibition – watch for details and sign up

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

I cannot say it enough to everyone who has participated in making the last two years for me seamless. We have not always been in agreement but we have done what was necessary for the success of the guild. I commend you all on your fellowship amongst each other.

I want to take this time to wish everyone a Safe and Fun Summer.

-Karen, GSQ president

# General Guild Notes

**Membership:** We now have 102 members! Please check in at the Membership table for your badge if you haven't gotten it, and please wear it at meetings so everyone knows who you are (this helps not only new members, but all members!). The guild membership year is from September 2023 - June 2024. Signups for membership for next year start in July and you will be getting an email about it as the date gets closer. If you have any questions, or changes to your address or contact information, please see Jan Martin or email her at [jmartinnj@comcast.net](mailto:jmartinnj@comcast.net).

**General meetings** are **in person** at Grace Church, unless otherwise noted on the website. 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 of all general meetings are listed on page 10.

**Drop and Shop:** Drop off at our table your fabric, books, quilting tools and notions that you no longer need. Shop: Bring your own canvas bag and \$5.00. Fill it up with quilt goodies. Reminder that the last Drop and Shop will take place at the **May** meeting, as the June meeting will feature the Sunshine Super Sale! There will be a sale on things like jelly rolls, layer cakes, kits, etc. Make sure to save any items that you want to give to Drop and Shop after the May meeting for the September guild meeting.



**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 page 10 is the general meeting dates which members are asked to bring something to share according to the first letter of your last name.

**Library:** The Library is always looking for suggestions on good books to purchase to expand our fabulous collection! Please stop by the table next meeting, peruse our collection, find inspiration and make any suggestions you have. 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). We ask that contributions be sent to Cindy Koziol-White at [cynthiakoziol27@hotmail.com](mailto:cynthiakoziol27@hotmail.com). The schedule for submission of information for the next guild year is listed below:

<b>September-October 2024</b>	<b>August 15, 2024</b>
<b>November-December 2024</b>	<b>October 15, 2024</b>
<b>January-February 2025</b>	<b>December 15, 2024</b>
<b>March-April 2025</b>	<b>February 15, 2025</b>
<b>May-June 2025</b>	<b>April 15, 2025</b>

**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!

<b>Razzle Dazzle Schedule for 2023-2024</b>	
<b>May</b>	<b>Red, White, and Blue</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Batiks</b>

**Quilt Show:** The success of the 2023 All Cut Up quilt show has allowed the GSQG board to make the following donations.

- \$250 Innocence Project [innocence project.org](http://innocenceproject.org)
- \$250 Community Foodbank of NJ. [cfbnj.org](http://cfbnj.org)
- \$250. Jersey Battered Women’s Service. [jbws.org](http://jbws.org)

Net proceeds from the raffle quilt has provided \$500 towards the grant/scholarship program for 2024-2025 guild year.

### **2025 QUILT Show**

The Board is looking for Co- Chairs for the 2025 Quilt Show. Please consider the opportunity to work with a fellow member to organize the next show.

The Quilt Show date is set for October 18-19, 2025. The show will again be at the Chatham Municipal building.

The 2023 Co-Chairs have documented the process and will provide support for the new committee.

**Summer Chatham Library Show:** The GSQ Guild is planning a quilt exhibit at the Chatham Public Library in August 2024. The exhibit we had at the library in 2023 was very well received by both the public and the library. The exhibit will be set up on August 1st and taken down on August 29th. Opening reception will be on August 5, 2024 from 5:30 – 8 pm, with light refreshments served.

Details for quilt entry will be posted on the guild website. Forms will be available at the monthly meetings, and are posted on the website. Basically, each member will be able to submit two entries; there is no fee for submitting a quilt; not every quilt is guaranteed to be hung in the show as space is limited. Quilt sizes are limited to a minimum of no less than 12 inches per side and no larger than 50 inches per side. Volunteers will be needed for set up and take down, and signup sheets for these activities will be at the guild meeting. Please contact Ginger Scott to volunteer and if you have any questions. Contact information: [gingerscott503@gmail.com](mailto:gingerscott503@gmail.com) or 201-213-9034. Please see the website for the Show Guide for further information (which is the same as the one for last year's Library show).



## THE NEVER HAVE I EVER CHALLENGE – May 2024 meeting!

This year's challenge gets you out of a quilting comfort zone and into a new and hopefully rewarding place. The title is self-explanatory: your challenge is to make a quilt— or quilted project—using a new **Technique, Design, Process, or Purpose**. You choose the project, the size, and how far out of your comfort zone you want to go. Here are some examples, but feel free to come up with your own idea:

*Never have I ever made a quilt/project with this—*

### Technique

English paper piecing  
Foundation paper piecing  
Curved piecing  
Free motion quilting  
Hand quilting  
Hand quilting  
Improv piecing  
Inset circles  
Applique  
Half square triangles  
Half rectangles  
Improv piecing  
Embroidery/embellishments

### Design

Only 2 colors  
Bias binding as a design element  
A holiday theme  
Orphan blocks  
Unconventional material  
A social/political message  
My own original pattern  
Only neutral colors  
Words as the main design element  
A whole cloth design  
A story told in fabric  
Pieced borders  
Quilted clothing

### Process

A partner or group  
Computer software  
A jelly roll  
Only my stash  
Repurposed or recycled fabrics  
A panel  
A zipper  
A quilt along (QAL) or mystery quilt

### Purpose

A quilt show submission  
A donation to Sunshine (juvenile quilt)  
A Quilt of Valor  
Donation to a woman's shelter

At the May meeting we will have an epic Show and Tell to show off what the members have made as a part of the challenge!

# Programs

On **May 7**, Sue Mitrano (Blue Fox Studio) will be running a workshop at her studio in Titusville, NJ from 1-4:30 pm showing members how to shibori dye fabric. She was our October meeting speaker.

At the **May 13** guild meeting a few different members will be demonstrating various fabric cutting techniques including how to use a cricut machine, a Brother Scan n' Cut machine, a Stripology XL ruler, an Accuquilt Go, and other methods for cutting fabrics.

On **June 3**, our own Ellaree Pray will teach a workshop on Self Portraits with Fabric at Sew Jersey from 2-5 pm. The cost of the class is \$35.



All lectures and workshop dates are listed in the events calendar on page 10. Please see/contact Carol Mann ([cmannconso@yahoo.com](mailto:cmannconso@yahoo.com)) or Mary Ledyard ([Mledyard@gmail.com](mailto:Mledyard@gmail.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!!! The guild response for Sunshine has been outstanding! We have received several finished quilts and many quilt tops in addition to the completed projects that Sunshine provides. In the last 2 months, we have made donations to: the Retired Nuns Home, Morris View Nursing Home, Habitat, Morristown Memorial Hospital and Jersey Shore Hospital. We are currently creating kits to make more masculine quilts for the Firemen's Retirement Home. We are using some of our patriotic fabrics for this project too.

***Sunshine Super Sale*** is coming to our June 10<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Supper meeting. We have been given a lot of new and beautiful quilting fabrics, kits and supplies. Since Sunshine has more than we need, we decided to share these special items with our guild members at greatly reduced prices. I hope you will all agree that this is a wonderful FUNdraiser.

**Bees:** We hope to see many of you at our upcoming Bees. We meet at the Chatham Library once a month. Bring a sewing machine if you can as there are several projects to choose from that need a machine. There are also opportunities for hand sewing. Bee dates are back on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 1-4 pm at the Chatham Library. Mark your 2024 calendar as follows (and see page 10 of the newsletter):

Dates: May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 19<sup>th</sup>



# Block of the Month and Scrap Swap

Greetings everyone!

The “Scrap Swap” has started at my table. Bring a Ziploc sandwich bag size with a variety of scrap fabrics you’re happy to part with. Please have the shortest side be no less than 2.5”. About 30-40 scraps should fill the bag. Anyone participating will be given a ticket to grab a bag from the collection before the end of the evening when it’s least disruptive (and once all bags are submitted!).

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

Any archived BOMs from past years will require members to log into the website with the password found on the back of their nametag.

May 2024 – Haiku



June 2024 – B & S  
(Batiks & Solids)



# Calendar of Events

## 2023/2024 Guild Year

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Event</u>
May 7	<b>Shibori Dyeing with Sue Mitrano at her studio (Titusville, NJ) (1-4:30 pm)</b>
May 13	<b>Guild Meeting – The many ways to cut fabric (member demos) Super Show and Tell – Never Have I Ever Challenge Hospitality: Last Names N-Z</b>
May 15	Quilting Bee at Chatham Library
June 3	Board Meeting – Lundt Room
June 3	<b>Self Portrait in Fabric Workshop with Ellaree Pray at Sew Jersey (2-5 pm)</b>
June 10	<b>Guild Meeting – Strawberry Supper Super Sunshine Sale Hospitality: Last names will be assigned to appetizers/main course/desserts as we get closer to the event for potluck supper</b>
June 19	Quilting Bee at Chatham Library
August 2 – 28	Chatham Library GSQG Quilt Show

# Member News & Upcoming Events

Upcoming Quilt Shows/Events		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>Event</u>
May 4 – 5	Saturday 10 am – 5 pm Sunday 10 am -4 pm	Northern Star Quilt Guild World of Quilts Show Purchase College Gym 735 Anderson Hill Road Purchase, NY <a href="https://www.northernstarquilters.com/event/world-of-quilts/">https://www.northernstarquilters.com/event/world-of-quilts/</a>
June 21-23	Friday and Saturday, 10 am – 5pm Sunday, 10 am – 3 pm	Brandywine Valley Quilters Lazy Crazy Days of Summer Quilt Show Neumann University, Aston, PA <a href="https://www.brandywinevalleyquilters.org/lazy-crazy-days.html">https://www.brandywinevalleyquilters.org/lazy-crazy-days.html</a>
September 11-14	9 am – 5 pm 9 am – 5 pm (14 <sup>th</sup> )	AQS Lancaster Show Spooky Nook Sports Convention Center 75 Champ Blvd. Lancaster, PA <a href="https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/event/landing/eventid/34">https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/event/landing/eventid/34</a>
September 12 – 15	?	Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza Greater Oaks Expo Center 100 Station Ave Oaks, PA <a href="https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/">https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/</a>

# Board Members

Executive Board (2023-2024) – 1 year appointment		Committee Positions (no term expiration)	
<b>President</b>	Karen Jack	<b>Library</b>	Laura Wagner
<b>Vice President</b>	Christine Courtney	<b>Hospitality</b>	TBD – Volunteer?
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sue Adams	<b>Raffle Quilt</b>	Ginger Scott, Jean Stubaus, Sue Adams
<b>Secretary</b>	Molly Adams	<b>Block of the Month</b>	Marisa Austenberg
<b>Programs</b>	Carol Mann & Mary Ledyard	<b>Fabric Raffle</b>	Marisa Austenberg
<b>Trustees</b>		<b>Friendship Quilt</b>	Alix Martin Ria Wolff
<b>Membership</b>	Jan Martin & Lori Darnulc	<b>Historian/Show 'n Tell</b>	TBD – Volunteer?
<b>Nominating</b>	Jann Slapin	<b>Drop &amp; Shop</b>	Paula Raimondo & Sue Schmerler
<b>Newsletter</b>	Cindy Koziol-White	<b>Razzle Dazzle</b>	Sue Schmerler & Paula Raimondo
<b>Sunshine</b>	Jean Stubaus	<b>January Party</b>	Beth DiDomenico
<b>Grants &amp; Scholarship</b>	Wannetta Phillips	<b>Social Media</b>	Cindy Koziol-White
<b>Quilt Show</b>	Christine Courtney; Ginger Scott, Jean Stubaus	<b>Programs Committee</b>	Becky Dieckmann & Juliet McDonnell
<b>Webmaster</b>	Yolanda Fundora	<b>Sunshine Committee</b>	Pat Buikema, Emily Egerter, Mindy Mathisen, Liz Merson