



November/ December 2023 Newsletter

Fall is here. The *Holidays* are slowly approaching. I hope everyone is able to plan as much sewing time as possible to make all the gifts you want to celebrate with Family and Friends.

Programs and Sunshine Committee have great activities lined up for November and December. Mark your calendar for the fun to come at the January 8, 2024 New Year's Celebration. Contact Beth Di Domenico to see how you can help make the Celebration bigger, and better.

Always check the website to stay in touch with what we are doing at Garden State Quilters. If you have any ideas, you want to see happen at Garden State consider volunteering for the many positions on the Board or on any one of the Committees. This is your Guild. You make it great.

I want to wish everyone a Joyous, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season.

Happy Thanksgiving

Happy Hanukkah

Merry Christmas

HAPPY KWANZA

Happy New Year

Piecing and quilting every chance I get,
Karen

All Cut Up Quilt Show



GSQG 2023 Quilt Show by the numbers:

- 536 attendees, 50 were volunteers
- 12 vendors
- over 150 quilts on display
- 196 Little Wishes raffled off
- Boutique sold 400 out of the 500 items
- 19 Pioneer Blocks on display
- over 20 children participated in the I Spy game
- about 20 hours to set up over the course of 3 days
- 8 high school students volunteered to help with the take-down
- 90 minutes to disassemble the show and clear out the equipment and the quilts
- countless hours contributed by many members over the course of the planning year

The end result was countless smiles and compliments from attendees on the:

- quilts displayed
- show venue
- and especially on the friendliness of the GSQG members

Value of the show for the guild: PRICELESS!!!

October 2023 Quilt Show

Congratulations to our Viewer's Choice winners!!

Saturday's winners:

- 1st: Marcia David – Insane Jane
- 2nd: Sue Schmerler – Cabins in Winter
- 3rd: Karen Appezzato – Patience, Kindness, Hope



Sunday's winners:

- 1st: Carol Mann – Color My Window on the World
- 2nd: Sue Adams – Boho Feathered Star
- 3rd: Jacqueline Laba – Family Dynamics



For many more pictures of other quilts from the show, please check out our Facebook and Instagram pages!

General Guild Notes

Membership: We now have 89 members, with 12 of them being brand new! Please check in at the Membership table for your new badge if you haven't gotten it already. A reminder that all members and guests should wear their badge at every meeting. This will help new members see who you are. If you have any questions, or changes to your address or contact information, please see Jan Martin or email her at jmartinnj@comcast.net.

General meetings are **in person** at Grace Church, unless otherwise noted on the website. Dates are listed on pages 12 and 13. 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 page 12 and 13.

The Friendship Quilt: This year's Friendship Quilt is falling leaves. You will need scraps of browns, reds, oranges, yellows, purples, and greens. We are looking for textures that approximate a fallen leaf. Fabrics that read as not quite solids, perhaps a little splotchy or with a small design, but no actual pictures. There will be sample blocks and a printout of what the finished quilt will look like at our table in September. Looking forward to seeing you then.

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. We are open every meeting except the January birthday party.



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 12 and 13 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 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 14). We ask that contributions be sent to Cindy Koziol-White at cynthiakoziol27@hotmail.com. The schedule for submission of information is listed below:

January-February 2024	December 15, 2023
March-April 2024	February 15, 2024
May-June 2024	April 15, 2024

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 2023-2024	
November	Ocean, Waters
December	Solid Colors
January	30's – Aunt Gracie
February	Rainbow Bright
March	Tone on Tone
April	Geometric
May	Red, White, and Blue
June	Batiks

****Attention sewing/quilting business owners****

We are putting together a listing of member-owned sewing/quilting businesses. We would like to make this available to all members, as there have been questions to the board and at general meetings with regards to where to take quilts to be longarmed, as well as other quilting-related questions. Please let us know if you own a longarming business, quilt shop, or sewing business and we can put your business on a list that will be available to all members. Please email your business information to Cindy Koziol-White at cynthiakoziol27@hotmail.com.

Programs

For November, the guild has invited Barbara Vedder. Her lecture on **November 13** will be **Sensational Solid Quilts**. Her presentation will explore the origins of solid quilt design and what might have inspired them. She will guide us on a visual journey of color exploration and appreciation. She will share sensational quilts made with solid fabrics from early quilting in America through the modern quilt movement of today.

Her workshop on **November 14** will be **Small Solid Study** at **Grace Episcopal Church from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm**. This new Modern workshop is a great introduction into making quilts with solids. Students will supply inspiration photos, use a quilt block or work in the abstract. She will guide students on how to use color and composition to make a small quilt or the start of a larger project.



On **December 11**, the guild will be doing its annual Charity Sit and Sew. Sunshine will be hosting, and members will be helping to assemble and sew reusable sanitary napkins for women that do not have access to store bought products. This is one of the ways our guild can give back to the community during the holiday season!





On **January 8, 2024**, the guild will hold its annual January Party and a celebration of the new year! See January Party page in this newsletter for more detailed information (page 11). On **January 15**, our own Laura Wagner will be teaching an English Paper Piecing workshop at Sew Jersey from 4-7 pm.

On **February 12** we will be doing a Members Teaching Members program at the guild meeting. Jann Slapin will be our member presenter that will be telling the guild about her quilting journey!

In **March 11**, the presenter for the guild meeting will be Krista Moser presenting on Diamonds are a Quilter's Best Friend. Our first virtual workshop will be on Saturday, **March 16** with Krista over Zoom and will cover her Entangled Sky quilt pattern.



<https://www.kristamoser.com/>



All lectures and workshop dates are listed in the events calendar on pages 12 and 13. Please see/contact Carol Mann (cmannconso@yahoo.com) or Mary Ledyard (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

Come see the Sunshine volunteers at the table next to the snacks. We bring kits to be pieced and quilts to be bound to each meeting. Bring a project home to work on at your leisure and return it at a future meeting. Would you rather work as part of a group? Come to a Bee at the Library of the Chathams. The next Bee is on Wednesday, November 15th from 1-4 pm. Just bring a machine and we will provide the rest. It's a great way to get to know members of the guild.

In December, the monthly meeting is the Bee of the month. The Sunshine committee provides a charity sit n sew project for everyone to share in. On December 11th, we will be making reusable sanitary napkins for women who have no access to store bought products. This project does involve machine sewing, so we encourage you to bring a sewing machine with you if you can. There will be cutting to be done as well. Sunshine will provide cutting mats and rotary cutters along with the fabrics needed.

Stay tuned for the Bee dates for 2024. The Bees are usually on the third Wednesday of the month. Thank you for your support of all of our charity projects!!

Dates are shown below for the rest of 2023 and listed in the newsletter on pages 12 and 13:

- November 15, 2023
- December 11 – Charity Sit & Sew at Guild Meeting

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



Block of the Month

Hello everyone!

I am excited to be chairing Block of the Month + Fabric Raffle for the Guild for the coming year. One table, two fun things to participate in! I hope that you will consider participating in both, but especially BOM. I am always excited for our Show & Tell to see your amazing quilts, and I hope you will bring that same fabulous creativity to BOM. As this is my second year returning to the guild after a 20 year hiatus, I hope to get to know more of our members (and remember names, OMG!!). Please stop by the FR/BOM table to say Hello!

-Marisa Austenberg

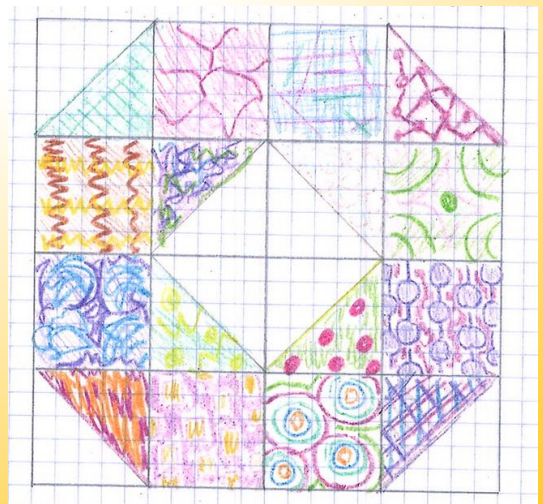
Below are the November and December 2023 blocks of the month that are available for download at: <https://www.gardenstatequiltersguild.com/block-of-the-month>

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

November 2023 –
Japanese X and Plus



December 2023 – Shoo Fly/
Patchwork Wheel/Roundabout



January Party

With the conclusion of our very successful Quilt Show, it is time to put the January Party planning into full motion. I am **requesting volunteers** (thank you already - **Sue Driscoll**) for joining the Committee. And thank you also to **Jan Martin** for the very first donation of a beautiful 2 ½" strip package and pattern suggestion.

Volunteer Activities:

- Call and send email/snail mail various vendors and ask for donations – we have a list.
- Keep track of / gather up all donated items and create baskets for the party. This is a fun / creative activity . I have many baskets (but can always use more) so please volunteer if you enjoy putting fun baskets together (and you get to preview of the items).
 - Day of party – help with set-up and transporting,.

What to Donate: Members may decide to donate quilting related item to the raffle – the Committee will put individual items together into baskets to raffle. The more, the merrier!!

- No one has enough fabric – so donate yardage in bundles that would make a nice quilt: charm packs, strip packs, etc.
 - Notions
 - Tools
 - Books (new – otherwise give to Library)
 - Something you bought (or received as a gift) that you never used
 - Services: additionally, some members may consider donating their time and expertise via services (instead of items) -- such as long arming a quilt. Feel free to set parameters such as: a) maximum size of quilt, b) end to end quilting only or straight-line quilting only, c) quilts must include sufficient batting and backing with 5-6 inches extra to spare, etc. You might also want to include an expectation around timelines to complete the activity, and an estimated \$\$ amount if the individual was to pay for your service.

Please call or text Beth with your name and phone # if you'd like to help. 862-812-3108. Looking forward to a fun evening on a cold January night!

Thanks sew much, Beth

Calendar of Events

2023/2024 Guild Year

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Event</u>
November 13	Guild Meeting – Sensational Solid Quilts with Barbara Vedder Hospitality: Last names A-M
November 14	Barbara Vedder – Solid Small Study Workshop at Grace Episcopal (9:30 am – 3:30 pm)
November 15	Bee
November 27	Board Meeting
December 11	Guild Meeting – Charity Sit & Sew Hospitality: Last names N-Z
December 15	Newsletter deadline for Jan/Feb issue
December 18	Board Meeting
January 8	Guild Meeting – January Anniversary Party!! Hospitality: Last names A-M
January 15	English Paper Piecing Workshop with Laura Wagner at Sew Jersey (4-7 pm)
January 29	Board Meeting
February 12	Guild Meeting – Members Teaching Members & Jann Slapin’s Quilting Journey Hospitality: Last names N-Z
February 15	Newsletter deadline for March/April issue
February 26	Board Meeting
March 11	Guild Meeting – Diamonds are a quilter’s best friend with Krista Moser Hospitality: Last names A-M
March 16	Krista Moser – Entangled Sky workshop over zoom (Saturday) (11 am – 5 pm)
March 25	Board Meeting

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April 8	Guild Meeting – Josie’s Colourful Journey with Josie Dakars-Braithwaite Hospitality: Last Names N-Z
April 9	Learning felting with Josie Dakars-Braithwaite at Sew Jersey (10 am – 3:30 pm)
April 15	Newsletter deadline for May/June issue
May 7	Shibori Dyeing with Sue Mitrano at her studio (Titusville, NJ) (1-4:30 pm)
May 13	Guild Meeting – lecture TBA Hospitality: Last Names A-M
June 3	Board Meeting – Lundt Room
June 10	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

10/1 -11/30, 2023
The Gallery
at the Summit
 Free Public Library

STATION STOPS ON
THE TIME MACHINE

in partnership
 with the **Visual**
Art Center of
New Jersey

a selection of Digital Explorations by Yolanda V. Fundora

Upcoming Quilt Shows/Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>Event</u>
November 4 & 5	Saturday & Sunday 10 am – 4 pm	Harvest of Quilts Evening Star Quilters Belvidere High School 809 Oxford St, Belvidere, NJ 07823 https://www.esqg.com/
November 10 & 11	Saturday 10 am – 5 pm Sunday 10 am – 4 pm	Celebration of Quilts 2023 Brownstone Quilters Eric S. Smith Middle School 2 Monroe St. Ramsey, NJ 07446 https://brownstonequilters.com/ quilt-show

Board Members

Executive Board (2023-2024) – 1 year appointment		Committee Positions (no term expiration)	
President	Karen Jack	Library	Laura Wagner
Vice President	Christine Courtney	Hospitality	TBD – Volunteer?
Treasurer	Sue Adams	Raffle Quilt	Ginger Scott, Jean Stubaus, Sue Adams
Secretary	Molly Adams	Block of the Month	Marisa Austenberg
Programs	Carol Mann & Mary Ledyard	Fabric Raffle	Marisa Austenberg
Trustees		Friendship Quilt	Alix Martin Ria Wolff
Membership	Jan Martin & Lori Darnulc	Historian/Show 'n Tell	TBD – Volunteer?
Nominating	Jann Slapin	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	Christine Courtney; Ginger Scott, Jean Stubaus	Programs Committee	Becky Dieckmann & Juliet McDonnell
Webmaster	Yolanda Fundora Caitlyn Roper	Sunshine Committee	Pat Buikema, Emily Egerter, Mindy Mathisen, Liz Merson