



# March/ April 2024 Newsletter

It is that time of year. Nominations are being discussed to select the GSQ Officers SLATE. All members should consider joining the GSQ Board Team. The GSQ organization operates with Volunteers. We have a Great Team on our Board. Our Volunteers provide ongoing services to make GSQ guild a fun place to fellowship and exchange ideas. Board and Committee positions are open to the entire membership. When Jann Slapin, our Nomination Chairperson, calls or talks to you about joining the GSQ Team, consider it. You can always reach out to her let her know how you want to help. Whether the individuals holding these positions decide to Pass the Baton or Stay on Board for another term, consider all the positions and take time to reach out to the chairperson or committee members to learn more. Check the website or the newsletter to see all the positions available. All assistance is appreciated.

## Board Election Timeline:

- March – Accumulate potential Officers Slate.
- April – Present the Officers Slate to the members
- May – Election of officers
- July – New Board Transition

New things happening for the guild and its members. Programs has something new and exciting happening in March. We are having our first Saturday Zoom Workshop with Krista Moser. A great class in the comfort of your home with all your fabric and tools at your fingertips.

The Board is hard at work updating the website and other services to benefit the membership. We hope to have the changes on the website to make membership sign up even more seamless.

Always remember this is your guild. Let us know the things you are interested in learning and knowing.

Piecing every chance I get,  
Karen  
GSQ president

# General Guild Notes

**Membership:** We now have 102 members! Please check in at the Membership table for your new badge if you haven't gotten it already. There are quite a few nametags that haven't been picked up yet, so please visit the membership table to get yours if you haven't 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](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 11.

**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.

**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.



**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 11 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 12). We ask that contributions be sent to Cindy Koziol-White at [cynthiakoziol27@hotmail.com](mailto:cynthiakoziol27@hotmail.com). The schedule for submission of information is listed below:

May-June 2024

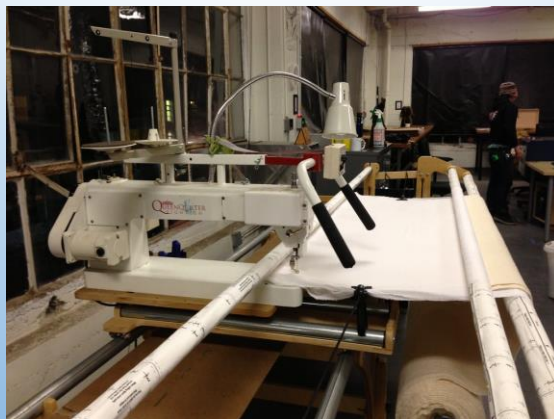
April 15, 2024

**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!

| <b>Razzle Dazzle Schedule for 2023-2024</b> |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>March</b>                                | <b>Tone on Tone</b>         |
| <b>April</b>                                | <b>Geometric</b>            |
| <b>May</b>                                  | <b>Red, White, and Blue</b> |
| <b>June</b>                                 | <b>Batiks</b>               |

**\*\*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](mailto:cynthiakoziol27@hotmail.com).



## THE NEVER HAVE I EVER CHALLENGE

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 **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/>



We are trying to see if members would be interested in virtual workshops like Krista's, and to see if weekend workshops would also be of interest to members. Hope you all sign up for this very cool workshop! The pattern is available on her site and is discounted 50% if you sign up for the workshop.

At our **April 8** guild meeting, Josie Dakers-Braithwaite (owner of Josie's Colourful Journey) will be speaking to the guild about felting and fiber art. She will be doing a workshop on **April 9** at Grace Episcopal Church from 10 am – 3:30 pm where members can learn the technique of felting and make a felted fashion accessory.

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.

All lectures and workshop dates are listed in the events calendar on page 11. 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

The dull days of winter recently got a lot less dull at St. Catherine's with a gift of 15 throw quilts to the retired Dominican nuns living on the campus of Caldwell University. And Sunshine's supply room (a.k.a. Jean Stubaus' home) saw a much-needed reduction in the adult quilt stockpile (see next page for pictures)!

## How You Can Help!

· If you have a connection (or know a neighbor or friend who does) with other institutions, group homes or charitable organizations please let Jean know (jstubaus@optonline.net). A handmade quilt is sure to brighten someone's day!

· Lend a hand!

o Pick up a kit at a meeting. (Estimated time to complete: 2-4 hours)

o Pick up a finished top to quilt.

o Pick up a finished quilt to bind.

o **NEW** – Pick up a pack of fabrics to cut for kits or make into a quilt of your own design.

o **NEW** – Pick up a pack of scraps to cut into squares.

o Help at a Sunshine Bee (dates on p. x of this newsletter)

o Donate a quilt top or finished quilt (children's and men's lap-size especially needed)

New ideas welcome! Any way you can help will be much appreciated!

**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. Mark your 2024 calendar as follows (and see page 11 of the newsletter):

Dates: Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:45PM – 3:30PM (Note change of day)

Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00PM – 4:00PM



Quilts hung on handrails for selection by residents



Sister Christine Coakley – a recipient of one of the quilts



The donated fabric that has taken over an entire room (+ more) of Jean's house!





# Block of the Month

Greetings everyone!

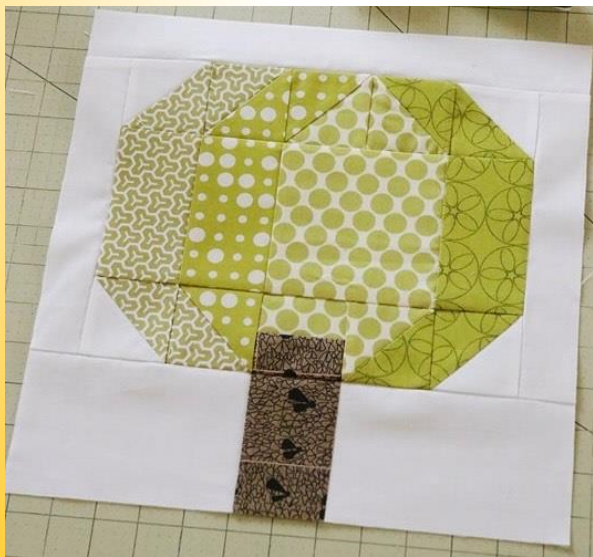
The “Scrap Swap” has started at my table. Bring a Ziploc sandwich bag size with a variety of scrap fabrics you’re happy to part with. Please have the shortest side be no less than 2.5”. About 30-40 scraps should fill the bag. Anyone participating will be given a ticket to grab a bag from the collection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

Wishing you all a peaceful Holiday Season with your loved ones... Marisa : )

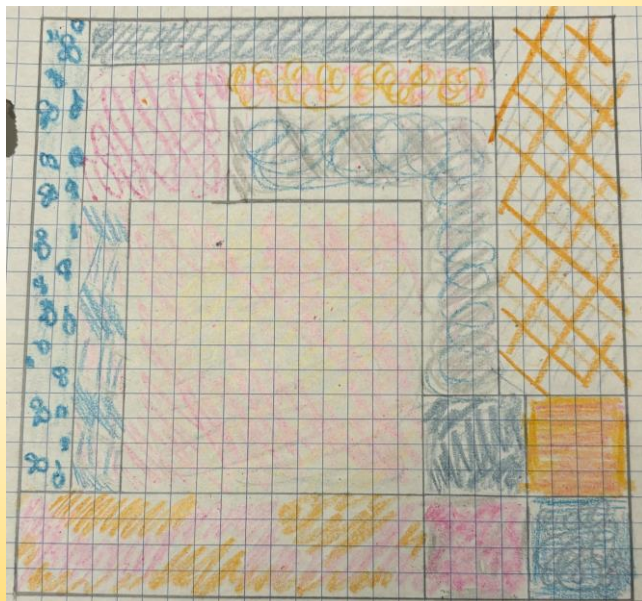
Below are the March and April 2024 blocks of the month that are available for download at: <https://www.gardenstatequiltersguild.com/block-of-the-month>

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

March 2024 – Tree Block



April 2024 – Squangle



# January Party

A **HUGE** thank you to all our Vendors for their wonderful and lovely donations to our January Charity Event! Please continue to shop at their retail stores or online – let's show them our support as well!

Acme Country Fabrics  
Andover Fabrics  
Fabricland  
Fairfield Batting Company  
PBS Fabrics  
Paper Pieces  
Pennington Quiltworks  
Pocono Sew 'N Vac  
Quilter's Dream CoMPANY  
Sew Jersey  
Warm Company

...and to the many guild members who donated fabric and “what-nots” to make this event a great success!



# Calendar of Events

## 2023/2024 Guild Year

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>Event</u>  |
|-------------|---|
| March 11    | <b>Guild Meeting – Diamonds are a quilter’s best friend with Krista Moser</b><br><b>Hospitality: Last names N-Z</b>   |
| March 16    | <b>Krista Moser – Entangled Sky workshop over zoom (Saturday)</b><br><b>(11 am – 5 pm)</b>  |
| March 25    | Board Meeting   |
| March 26    | Quilting Bee at Chatham Library   |
| April 8     | <b>Guild Meeting – Josie’s Colourful Journey with Josie Dakars-Braithwaite</b><br><b>Hospitality: Last Names A-M</b>  |
| April 9     | <b>Learning felting with Josie Dakars-Braithwaite at Grace Episocopal Church</b><br><b>(10 am – 3:30 pm)</b>  |
| April 15    | Newsletter deadline for May/June issue  |
| April 17    | Quilting Bee at Chatham Library   |
| May 7       | <b>Shibori Dyeing with Sue Mitrano at her studio (Titusville, NJ)</b><br><b>(1-4:30 pm)</b>   |
| May 13      | <b>Guild Meeting – The many ways to cut fabric (member demos)</b><br><b>Hospitality: Last Names N-Z</b>   |
| June 3      | Board Meeting – Lundt Room  |
| June 10     | <b>Guild Meeting – Strawberry Supper</b><br><b>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   |

# Member News & Upcoming Events

| Upcoming Quilt Shows/Events |  |   |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| <u>DATE</u>                 | <u>TIME</u>                                    | <u>Event</u>  |
| March 20 – 23               | Online   | Quiltfest Virtual Schoolhouse 8<br><a href="https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/quiltfest-virtual-schoolhouse-8/">https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/quiltfest-virtual-schoolhouse-8/</a>                                |
| April 10-13                 | 9 am – 4 pm                                    | A Quilter's Destination Quilt Show<br>Lebanon Valley Expo Center<br>80 Rocherty Road<br>Lebanon, PA<br><a href="https://www.aquiltersdestination.com/lancaster-show-info">https://www.aquiltersdestination.com/lancaster-show-info</a>                    |
| May 4 – 5                   | Saturday 10 am – 5 pm<br>Sunday 10 am -4 pm    | Northern Star Quilt Guild World of Quilts Show<br>Purchase College Gym<br>735 Anderson Hill Road<br>Purchase, NY<br><a href="https://www.northernstarquilters.com/event/world-of-quilts/">https://www.northernstarquilters.com/event/world-of-quilts/</a> |
| June 21-23                  | ?  | Brandywine Valley Quilters Lazy Crazy Days of Summer Quilt Show<br>Neumann University, Aston, PA<br><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<br>9 am – 5 pm (14 <sup>th</sup> ) | AQS Lancaster Show<br>Spooky Nook Sports Convention Center<br>75 Champ Blvd.<br>Lancaster, PA<br><a href="https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/event/landing/eventid/34">https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/event/landing/eventid/34</a>      |

# Board Members

| Executive Board (2023-2024) –<br>1 year appointment |   | Committee Positions<br>(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<br>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;<br>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 |