



# May/June 2025 Newsletter

Dear Members,

What a year...so many changes~

The guild moved forward implementing on-line credit card payments, rolled out a new membership process and created the EVENT tab for workshops and the October quilt show signups. This year has been filled with wonderful programs, inspiring Show and Tells, a successful January fundraiser and the Verona farmers' market that not only provided additional funds but promoted the guild and brought us new members.

Change continues May 4<sup>th</sup> with a ***Sit and Sew*** event for members to gather to sew on personal projects, share their sewing experiences or simply enjoy the company of others. Novice to expert quilters are welcome to stop by for a short visit or stay awhile and sew. So, mark your calendar for the first Sunday of the month, except July's gathering will be on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

These changes to the guild could not materialize without the hard work, creativity and commitment of our Board, Committee Chairs and even New members. Thank you for your support and I greatly appreciate all you have done!

See you at the Sit & Sew and the Sunshine Bees throughout the summer.

*Happy Quilting, Christine*



# General Guild Notes

**Membership:** We are excited to be continuing with our year with very high membership attendance at the general meetings! Please continue to wear your name badge at all meetings. If you have forgotten your badge, please let us know and we can provide a temporary one. A reminder that this year we do not have a password on the back of our name tag to access the "Members Only" portion of our website. The password is the one set up when you registered thru the new on-line registration. If you have forgotten your password or do not know it, you may easily reset it. On our Garden State Quilters Guild website at the top right corner is the log-in. Click this, enter your email and follow the "forgot password" process.

Our membership list is now posted on the guild website under Members Only section complete with the information that members opted in/out included. This is only available once you are logged in. Please review your personal information for accuracy. Any changes/updates to the posting or if you are unable to log in please contact Jan Martin at [jmartinnj@comcast.net](mailto:jmartinnj@comcast.net) or text 908-616-9843.

Any questions regarding membership, please contact Lori Darnul or Jan Martin ([jmartinnj@comcast.net](mailto:jmartinnj@comcast.net)). **General meetings** are **in person** at Grace Church, unless otherwise noted on the website. Dates are listed on page 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 start promptly at 7:15 pm.** **Board meetings** are also in person two weeks prior to the general meeting, unless noted beforehand. Dates are listed on page 14.

Our President, Christine Courtney, will hold on to any item left at the GSQG meeting. She will bring it to the next meeting, or you can contact her to arrange a pickup. Christine's email is: [ccourtney1717@gmail.com](mailto:ccourtney1717@gmail.com), or you can reach her on her cell phone at 201-841-7036. Also, if you need a ride, please contact Jan Martin to arrange.

**Fabric Raffle:** With the fabric raffle being a success, we will continue to run it. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

**Drop and Shop:** 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. We are so happy that members have really enjoyed, and continue to enjoy, Drop and Shop. It has been popular with members at every meeting!



**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 14 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 most meetings, and as always reach out to Laura Wagner ([lajawagner@gmail.com](mailto: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 that is usually in the newsletter near the end of the document). 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 for the next guild year:

Newsletter	Information Submission Date
September-October 2025	August 15, 2025
November-December 2025	October 15, 2025
January-February 2026	December 15, 2025
March-April 2026	February 15, 2026
May-June	April 15, 2026

**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 2-3 fat quarter bundle winners!

Razzle Dazzle Schedule for 2024-2025	
May	Neutrals
June	Nature



# New additions to the Garden State Quilters Guild website

[www.gardenstatequilters.com](http://www.gardenstatequilters.com)

The GSQG website has gone through major changes this past year. The expanded options for workshops, membership and quilt show vendor signups have created a large collection of Personal Identification information. The New Jersey Data Privacy Act became effective January 15, 2025. This law has stronger requirements than the current Federal law and applies to non-profit organizations. Key aspects are Right to Deletion and Right to Opt-Out consumer's personal data. Please note that credit card information is not stored on the GSQG website nor by WIX, the website builder.

Privacy Notice and Terms of Service has been posted on the website. The documents can be viewed by clicking on the links posted on each page of the website.



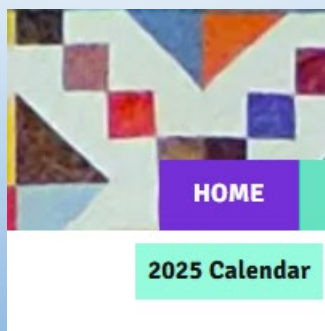
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Check out the **new calendar**, available under the HOME tab. Events are listed by month, date, time, location with Google map links and event description. Check it out!



# Garden State Quilt Challenge 2024-2025

Selfie Sampler Show-and-Tell in May—and Beyond!

We are hoping to have an eye-opening show and tell in May with your Selfie Samplers and Maker Mirror challenge responses. This year's challenges are intended to help us learn more about each other as quilters and as people.

Not enough time to finish your challenge? No problem. We want to showcase your work at our October quilt show too with a "Meet the Quiltmakers" exhibit! This way we can introduce ourselves not only to our guild members but also to the public. Just have your challenge projects ready for the October take-in date.

Here are the challenge descriptions again:

## **Challenge 1 – Selfie Sampler**

Create a sampler of at least 4 blocks, each of which relates to an aspect of your life, your background, your interests, your family, your beliefs, your personality etc.

Examples: state block of your birth state; a block related to your birth month; a block highlighting your favorite color; a block related to your profession or hobby; a block depicting your pet. Make at least one block that will be a surprise even to those who know you.

## **Challenge 2 – Maker Mirror**

Instead of a sampler, create a sewn project that reveals an aspect of your life and personality. It can be a single block, a table runner, a bag, an article of clothing, a wall hanging, a mug rug, etc. Again, dig deep and make this item a true mirror of you.



**GARDEN STATE** **2025**  
**QUILTERS GUILD**

**QUILT SHOW**  
**Sat. Oct. 18 - 10 am to 5 pm**  
**Sun. Oct. 19 - 10 am to 4 pm**  
**Chatham Township Municipal Building**

Please Save the Date for our Quilt Show, "Peace by Piece" on October 18-19, 2025. As you know, this is an "all hands on deck" event that requires the talent and time of our members to be successful. Our last show was a wonderful display of our talents, as well as our camaraderie...let's do it again!! We can't wait to see what you submit to show off!

Please look for Quilt Show information at our General Meetings as we get underway with the countdown to the show...in the meanwhile...

**LITTLE WISHES:** We need small quilts no larger than 24" on one side and no smaller than 12" on any side to be raffled off during the show. This is an important fundraiser held during the show. Please reach out to Judy Mason [masonja1204@aol.com](mailto:masonja1204@aol.com) with any questions.



**BOUTIQUE:** We have been getting in some really nice items for the boutique. Items for the boutique will be collected at the general meetings through September. Thanks to all who have contributed so far. Remember it's "every holiday" theme. Some suggestions are: Kitchen/home décor: small zipper pouches, table runners, placemats, napkins toppers, potholders, microwave bowls, casserole carriers and pillowcases. Gift items: wine bags, Christmas ornaments aprons, pincushions, knit hat, scarves, tote bags, pocketbags, eyeglass cases Children: doll clothes, baby items and kids quilts. We welcome all you are interested in creating and appreciate your participation. Nancy Myers [joennancy@optonline.net](mailto:joennancy@optonline.net) and Grace Walsh [gracesewsquilts@gmail.com](mailto:gracesewsquilts@gmail.com)

**VOLUNTEERING:** Please consider helping out any of the Quilt Show committees; opportunities to sign up will begin in May at our General Meeting. Help is needed during the week leading up to the show and of course during the event. As mentioned at the February meeting, we will be hosting a table at the Chatham Farmers Market, Saturdays from 10 am – 2 pm during August, September and the first two Saturdays in October, to promote the Show and our wonderful Guild! You may contact Susan Wolfman [susan@swolfmanconsulting.com](mailto:susan@swolfmanconsulting.com) with any questions.

**VENDORS:** We are looking for member suggestions for possible vendors for our show. Do you know someone, or a business, that may be interested in setting up a space at the show? Getting potential vendors from upcoming quilt shows and craft fairs would be a great way to help out the Vendors Committee! Please contact Melanie Sukh [msukh59@gmail.com](mailto:msukh59@gmail.com) with any information.

**PUBLICITY:** Our show Postcard will be ready for distribution soon. We will need volunteers to help distribute them to varied businesses and community settings in the upcoming months. Please consider taking on this **sub-committee role** (as a small team?) to help our Publicity Committee be successful in promoting our Show. Please contact Cathy Tyrrell [cathytyrrell@gmail.com](mailto:cathytyrrell@gmail.com) to sign up.

Remember to 'SAVE THE DATE(s)' and thank you for all you do to make Garden State Quilters Guild the amazing guild that it is!!

Marisa Austenberg & Blanca Peereboom



# Quilt Show Raffle Quilt



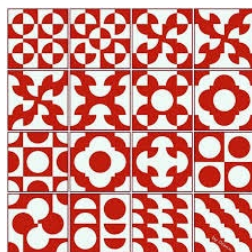
The raffle tickets are here! Starting at the April guild meeting, tickets will be distributed to each of our members. Each member is requested to sell 10 tickets, priced at \$2.00 each. Although some members opt to buy the tickets for themselves, we strongly encourage you to sell tickets to people outside of the guild. These tickets are also advertising our October quilt show. This is a good way to get people to come to our show.

There are plenty more tickets to sell so please don't hesitate to ask for more!! Any questions or for more tickets, please contact Jean Stubaus at [jstubaus@optonline.net](mailto:jstubaus@optonline.net) or you can call or text 973-476-8561.

Please share the posting about the raffle quilt and the Quilt Show to your social media pages to help boost the events happening in the guild! Share the info with all of your friends!

# Programs

On **May 3** (Saturday), Jackie Laba and Cindy Koziol-White will be running a **free** workshop at the Library of the Chathams from 10 am – 2 pm to show members a few different ways to piece curved blocks, using a Drunkard's Path block as the example. They will show participants the multitude of layouts for this versatile block as well as examples from their own quilts showcasing curved piecing. Members will have the chance to make a small table runner or even a quilt that they could donate to Little Wishes! Come join us for the fun!



On **May 4** (Sunday), there will be the first ever member Sit and Sew at Kitchell Memorial Presbyterian Church in East Hanover, NJ from 1-4 pm. This event is **free to members**, and is planned to take place throughout the summer on the first Sunday of each month (with the exception of July). Please bring the project(s) you're working on and spend time with other members. We hope to see you there!

On **May 12** at the general guild meeting, we will have the wrap up of this year's Challenge Quilt as part of another super Show and Tell. Please bring your completed quilts as a part of the fun!

On **June 9** will be our annual Strawberry Supper. We will do it as a potluck dinner as we've done in years past, and will announce which sections of the alphabet can bring appetizers/salads, main dishes, or desserts as it gets closer to the meeting date.

All lectures and workshop dates are listed in the events calendar on page 14. Please see/contact Carol Mann ([cmannconso@yahoo.com](mailto:cmannconso@yahoo.com)) with any questions, need further information, or would like to suggest lecturers, workshops, etc for next year. We would love member input!





# SIT AND SEW

Come enjoy a brand-new **FREE** activity. Bring your hand sewing or sewing machine to work on your own project in the company of fellow GSQG members. A great opportunity to work on items for the Quilt Show boutique and Little Wishes. Novice to expert quilters welcome!

## DETAILS

Kitchell Memorial Presbyterian  
469 Ridgedale Ave. East Hanover, NJ

**First Sunday of each month starting May 4<sup>th</sup>  
from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

If you have questions, contact  
Activity Chair Mary Ledyard  
**(973)713-2911**

# Sunshine

To all those who have contributed to the Sunshine quilt making service project, great job! As of the end of March, we distributed 249 quilts to various hospitals, nursing homes, group homes, and individuals who were experiencing a difficult time in their lives. Comfort pillows and heart pillows are also being distributed to our veterans, cancer patients and those experiencing emotional health issues.

Remember – it takes a ‘village’ and I am proud to be part of our Garden State Quilters ‘village’.

Monthly sewing bees are held at the Library of the Chathams to work on various charity projects. There are machine sewing, hand sewing, stuffing and rotary cutting projects available to work on at each Bee. Bees are held from 1-4 pm in the Women’s Club room. The schedule is as follows (and is listed on page 14):

- Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>
- Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

If there are enough people interested in continuing the Bees over the summer, we will reserve dates for July and August and post them on our website.

Thank you for supporting our charity projects!





# Block of the Month

Greetings fellow Quilters! Hello Spring...!

Thank you for participating in BOM this year. It is always so exciting for me to see what you come up with every month!

I for one am looking forward to learning curved piecing on May 3rd to facilitate such a block for next year. I already have a couple of ideas brewing. Let's see how I do with the actual sewing, LOL! I hope to have September-December 2025 ready for posting in early August.

A special Thank You to Laura Wagner for supplying our Fabric Raffle bundles again this year!!! The Guild appreciates your taking a chance in the monthly Fabric Raffle, as this contributes to the fund raising for the Guild 🌸 Marisa

Below are the May and June 2025 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.

May 2025 –  
X and Plus



June 2025 -  
Sweet Sixteen Patch



# Calendar of Events - 2024/2025 Guild Year

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Event</u>
April 23	<b>Intriguing Interleaving Workshop Follow-up (over zoom) 7 – 9 pm</b>
May 3	<b>Curved piecing workshop with Jackie Laba and Cindy Koziol-White Library of the Chathams Women’s Club Room 10 am – 2 pm (Saturday)</b>
May 4	<b>Sit and Sew at Kitchell Memorial Presbyterian Church 1-4 pm (Sunday)</b>
May 7	Board meeting (ZOOM)
May 12	<b>Guild Meeting – Show and Tell and GSQ 2024-2025 Challenge Hospitality: Last Names A-M</b>
May 21	Sunshine Bee at Library of the Chathams, Women’s Club Room 1-4 pm
June 1	<b>Sit and Sew at Kitchell Memorial Presbyterian Church 1-4 pm (Sunday)</b>
June 2	Board Meeting – Lundt Room
June 9	<b>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</b>
June 18	Sunshine Bee at Library of the Chathams, Women’s Club Room 1-4 pm
July 13	<b>Sit and Sew at Kitchell Memorial Presbyterian Church 1-4 pm (Sunday)</b>
August 3	<b>Sit and Sew at Kitchell Memorial Presbyterian Church 1-4 pm (Sunday)</b>

# Member News & Upcoming Events

Upcoming Quilt Shows/Events		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>Event</u>
May 3-4	Saturday 10 am – 5 pm Sunday 10 am – 4 pm	Northern Star Quilters Guild Purchase College Gymnasium 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 6-8	8:30 am – 4:30 pm each day	Mid-Appalachian Quilters Annual Education Workshops Gettysburg College Campus Gettysburg, PA <a href="https://maqonline.org/annual-educational-seminar/">https://maqonline.org/annual-educational-seminar/</a>
June 24-27	10 am – 6 pm (workshop times vary)	Quiltfest Virtual Summer Schoolhouse (zoom classes) <a href="https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/quiltfest-virtual-summer-schoolhouse/">https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/quiltfest-virtual-summer-schoolhouse/</a>
June 26-28	Thursday & Friday 10 am – 5 pm Saturday 10 am – 4 pm	Road2VA Greater Richmond Convention Center 403 N 3rd Street Richmond, VA <a href="https://road2va.com/">https://road2va.com/</a>
July 20-July 25 July 27 – August 1	Week-long workshops	Quilting by the Lake Workshops Hobart and William Smith University Campus Geneva, NY <a href="https://schweinfurthartcenter.org/qbl-2025/">https://schweinfurthartcenter.org/qbl-2025/</a>
September 10- 13	Wednesday - Saturday 9 am - 5 pm Saturday 9 am – 4 pm	Spooky Nook Sports Conference Center 75 Champ Blvd. Manheim, PA <a href="https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/event/landing/eventid/39">https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/event/landing/eventid/39</a>
September 11- 13	Thursday- Saturday 10 am – 5 pm Sunday 10 am – 4 pm	Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza Greater Philadelphia Expo Center 100 Station Avenue 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 (2024-2025) – 2 year appointment		Committee Positions (no term expiration)	
<b>President</b>	Christine Courtney	<b>Library</b>	Laura Wagner
<b>Vice President</b>	Ginger Scott	<b>Raffle Quilt</b>	Sue Adams, Ginger Scott, Sue Schmerler
<b>Treasurer</b>	Molly Adams	<b>Block of the Month</b>	Marisa Austenberg
<b>Secretary</b>	Sarah Holman	<b>Fabric Raffle</b>	Marisa Austenberg
<b>Programs</b>	Carol Mann & Mary Toscano	<b>Friendship Quilt</b>	Alix Martin Ria Wolff
<b>Trustees</b>			
<b>Membership</b>	Jan Martin & Lori Darnulc	<b>Historian/ Show 'n Tell</b>	TBD – Volunteer?
<b>Nominating</b>	Marisa Austenberg	<b>Drop &amp; Shop</b>	Paula Raimondo & Sue Schmerler
<b>Newsletter</b>	Cindy Koziol-White and Kennah Simmons	<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>	Marisa Austenberg, Blanca Peereboom	<b>Quilt Challenge</b>	Jackie Laba
<b>Webmaster</b>	Cathy Tyrell	<b>Sunshine Committee</b>	Pat Buikema, Emily Egerter, Mindy Mathisen, Liz Merson