



March/ April 2025 Newsletter

Dear Members,

How often do you visit the guild's website? www.gardenstatequiltersguild.com

The website is the communication center for our guild. This past year the board allocated funds to update the website's security, create a president's email, provide credit card payments, allow members to create their own profile and created an Event page for workshops and the quilt show. In addition to these updates, the website provides links to the newsletter, instructions for BOM, Grant & Scholarships, the Challenge quilt and General meetings and Sunshine Bee dates

The Members Only page can be accessed by signing in with your personal username and password. Did you know you can insert a photo for your profile image? Photos can be added by selecting "My Account" and inserting a photo and saving the update.

Another valuable page is "NEWS". Under the Other News tab is a listing of Upcoming Shows.

There is always room for improvement. Please contact me or Cathy Tyrrell, the webmaster chair, with suggestions.

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I encourage members to make the most of the resources GSQG website offers, and the board will continually make improvements to present an enticing website for you and to visitors.

Happy Quilting, - Christine

General Guild Notes

Membership: 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. 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 or text 908-616-9843.

Any questions regarding membership, please contact Lori Darnulc or Jan Martin (jmartinnj@comcast.net). **General meetings** are **in person** at Grace Church, unless otherwise noted on the website. Dates are listed on page 14. 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 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, or you can reach her on her cell phone at 201-841-7036.

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.

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.



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) 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. The schedule for submission of information is listed below:

Newsletter	Information Submission Date
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! There is **no January Razzle Dazzle**, so please hold your contributions until the February meeting where drawings for both Razzle Dazzle themes will be done.

Razzle Dazzle Schedule for 2024-2025	
March	Words
April	Plaids
May	Neutrals
June	Nature

Garden State Quilt Challenge 2024-2025

In keeping with our president's goal of fostering community by getting to know each other better, this year's challenges are designed to encourage sharing something about ourselves with other members of the guild. Use this challenge as both an opportunity to introduce yourself to us and as a form of self-reflection. At our challenge Show and Tell meeting, you will explain how your project offers a glimpse into who you are.

We have 1 more opportunity for you to share your challenge quilt at the May general meeting.

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 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 and Grace Walsh 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 10-2 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 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 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 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

January Fundraiser

A huge thank you to all of the members and vendors that donated to our January Fundraiser!! Most of all thank you to all of the members that participated in the event. For next year, the annual Fundraiser will be in March rather than January, but I'm looking for an apprentice for next year. The benefits of being an apprentice for the annual Fundraiser are:

- A sneak preview of the baskets
- Being a part of the board and shaping the future of the guild together
- Contributing to the sustainability of the guild
- Making new contacts with local vendors
- Creativity! (mixing fabrics together, creating unique groupings)
- Not a huge time commitment
- It's fun!!

Please come join me this summer in starting individual assemblies that will be a part of the annual Fundraiser!

Thanks,
Beth DiDomenico



GSQG Trivia answers from our January meeting

General Meeting Places: (circle the location that has NOT been used for the guild's General Meetings)

Chatham Methodist Church, Chatham

St Virgil Parish, Morris Plains

St John's Lutheran Church, Summit NJ

Grace Episcopal Church

Membership Dues for 2000/2001:

\$25

\$30

\$40

Quilt Show Themes

Year:	Theme:
1997	"Wish Upon a Star"
2002	"Reflections"
2005	"A Heritage of Quilts"
2007	"Quilts V"
2015	"In Full Bloom"
2023	"All Cut Up"

When was Garden State Quilters incorporated:

April 1991

June 1989

Jan 1992

When was the Check-In procedure changed requiring members to wear name badges?

Nov 1998

Oct 2002

Sept 2010

These Raffle Quilts were in which Quilt Show? (Hint: 2007, 2015, 2018, 2020, 2012)

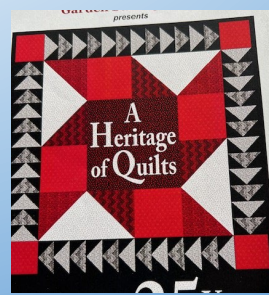
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2015



2007



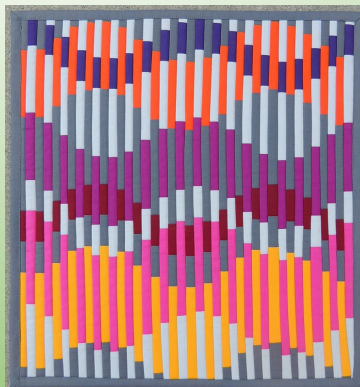
Programs

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”.

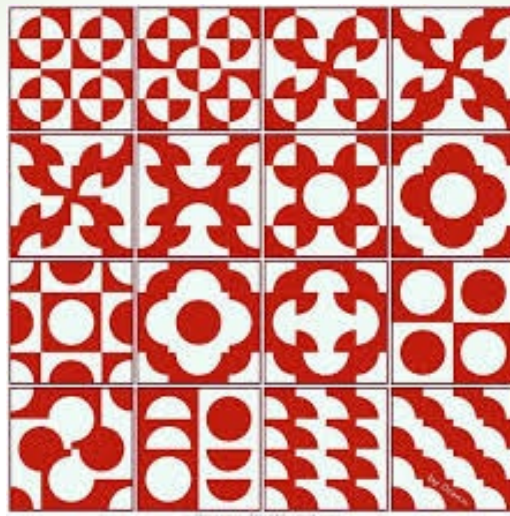
Karen developed this technique as a way to create a pen-and-ink style sketch using thread. She’s written about threadsketching for Quilting Arts Magazine, and also demonstrated the technique on an episode of Quilting Arts TV. It’s simpler than it looks! Her lecture will showcase how she uses it on quilts, and the workshop will teach you how to do it! Come join us for the fun at her workshop!



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 for a final recap and a Show and Tell.



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 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) with any questions, need further information, or would like to suggest lecturers, workshops, etc for next year. We would love member input!

Sunshine

A big 'THANK YOU' to all of you who are participating in our Sunshine quilt making process. You have allowed us to donate many quilts each month. In January, 54 quilts were donated. A few special quilts have been put aside to sell in the Boutique at our quilt show in October. Any quilts that don't sell will automatically return to Sunshine for donation.

Work will continue on the pillow projects at our monthly Bees along with piecing tops from pre-cut kits and binding quilts.

Our Bees are held at the Library of the Chathams, from 1 - 4 pm. The next Bee dates are: *Tuesday*, February 18th and *Tuesday*, March 18th. In April, we return to *Wednesday*, April 23rd. Note that the Bees are held during the week following our general meeting. See page 14 for the bee dates on the guild calendar.

Do you know someone who could use the comfort and warmth of a quilt? Winter is a tough time of year for many people. Please let our Sunshine committee know (jstubaus@optonline.net) if you have a suggested place to donate quilts or if you know someone in need. Let's spread the warmth this winter!



Block of the Month

Greetings fellow Quilters! C'mon Spring...!

The blocks for March through June have been posted to the website! Thank you for participating in BOM. It is truly thrilling to see completed quilts from the BOM endeavor.

I for one am looking forward to learning curved piecing on May 3rd to facilitate such a block for next year. Stay tuned!

We appreciate your taking a chance in the monthly Fabric Raffle, as this contributes to the fund raising for the Guild 🌸 Marisa

Below are the March and April 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.

March 2025 –
Pick a color, any color



April 2025 -
Four Squares Squares Patched



Calendar of Events - 2024/2025 Guild Year

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Event</u>
February 18	Sunshine Bee (Tuesday)
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
March 18	Sunshine Bee (Tuesday)
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 3	Curved piecing workshop with Jackie Laba and Cindy Koziol-White Library of the Chatham’s Women’s Club Room 10 am – 2 pm (Saturday)
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>
February 27 – March 2	Thursday - Saturday 10 am – 5 pm Sunday 10 am – 4 pm	Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival Hampton Roads Convention Center 1610 Coliseum Dr. Hamptom, VA https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival/
March 26-29	Wednesday – Saturday 9 am - 5 pm	A Quilter’s Destination – Lancaster Quilt Show Lebanon Valley Expo Center 80 Rocherty Road Lebanon, PA https://www.aquiltersdestination.com/lancaster-pa
March 26-29	Virtual	Quiltfest Virtual Schoolhouse #11 https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/quiltfest-virtua-schoolhouse-11/
April 11	Friday 9 am – 3 pm	Brownstone Quilters hosts Karen Davers “Strip Illusion” workshop Old Paramus Reformed Church 660 East Glen Avenue, Ridgewood NJ https://brownstonequilters.com/workshops
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 https://www.northernstarquilters.com/event/world-of-quilts/
June 6-8	8:30 am – 4:30 pm each day	Mid-Appalachian Quilters Annual Education Workshops Gettysburg College Campus Gettysburg, PA https://magonline.org/annual-educational-seminar/

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Upcoming Quilt Shows/Events		
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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 https://road2va.com/
July 20-August 2	Week-long workshops	Quilting by the Lake Workshops Hobart and William Smith University Campus Geneva, NY https://schweinfurthartcenter.org/qb-l-2025/
September 10-13	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/event/landing/eventid/39
September 11-13	?	Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza Greater Philadelphia Expo Center 100 Station Avenue Oaks, PA https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/

Information

At the February Members Teaching Members, Ginger Scott demonstrated different ways to press seams. One of the tools she used was a pressing bar called the Strip Stick that can be found at the following site: www.stripstick.com

Board Members

Executive Board (2024-2025) – 2 year appointment		Committee Positions (no term expiration)	
President	Christine Courtney	Library	Laura Wagner
Vice President	Ginger Scott	Raffle Quilt	Sue Adams, Ginger Scott, Sue Schmerler
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	Marisa Austenberg, Blanca Peereboom	Quilt Challenge	Jackie Laba
Webmaster	Cathy Tyrell	Sunshine Committee	Pat Buikema, Emily Egerter, Mindy Mathisen, Liz Merson