



# GARDEN STATE QUILTERS' NEWSLETTER

Member National Quilting Association, Chapter 124

*March/April 2016 Edition*

### **Membership Meetings**

Second Monday of each month, September to June

### **General Meetings held at:**

**St. John's Church**  
587 Springfield Ave. in Summit

6:45 pm (hospitality)  
7:15 pm (business)

### **Meet the Speaker**

Pre-meeting dinner - 5:30 pm  
Venue: Hat Tavern in **Grand Summit Hotel** (across the street from the church)

## Message from our President

I love snow days—moments outside of time when regular routine is on hold and I have time to QUILT. I love being suspended inside my globe watching the snow fall silently while I do what I love to do.

The recent weather gave me lots of time to tackle some UFO's. I am not talking about class projects sitting incomplete inside plastic bags. That kind of unfinished object is more like what an artist refers to as a study. It's an opportunity to practice what we want to learn, free to make mistakes as we perfect a technique. When we have learned what we wanted to know, that study is finished even if it's not a complete quilt. It becomes a bridge to the next project.

Our works in progress are the real UFO's. There may be a reason they are inactively waiting for us. Perhaps, we need fabric that hasn't been designed yet, or we haven't figured out the technique we need to move forward, or we are waiting while our creative mind works out the design. We don't need to rush to finish them. They will be complete when the timing is right.

Are any objects ever finished? Quilting, just like life, is an ongoing process. Even after a quilt is bound, labeled, photographed and in its designated location, it is not finished. It is a stepping stone to the next quilt. We take what we have learned and move on to another project. And so the process continues. It is the joy I feel while in the process of creating a quilt that keeps me moving forward. For me, that joy is the real purpose of quilting.

Happy quilting to all,  
~Marcia David

## Membership

ALL members and guests must wear their badge at every meeting

Membership info/change of address

Please notify me at: [membership@gardenstatequilters.com](mailto:membership@gardenstatequilters.com)

~Ginger Scott

## Workshop Reminders

**All workshops are held at the Chatham Glen Clubhouse (despite what the website may say)**

**There is NO workshop in March.**

**Cancellation policy:** You will be refunded if you cancel 21 days or more before each workshop, or if there is a waiting list. If there is not a waiting list, your money is forfeited unless you find your own replacement.

**Workshops begin at 10AM**

Doors open at approximately 9:40AM.

Check website for list of supplies.

## Programs Committee

We tried an experiment in **October** with a new workshop location and it worked well. **Barb Vedder** inspired us with her Hex Vex fun. We repeated the experiment in **November** and it still was well received: all workshops for this Guild year have moved to the [Chatham Glen Clubhouse](#) (235 River Road, Chatham, NJ 07928). Thank you Judy Mason for this wonderful recommendation!

Those who attended the replacement workshop for Thomas Knauer in **November** were very impressed by **BethAnn Nemesh**. We have a new verb to add to the lexicon; “nemesh” your quilts to award-winning status. BethAnn pays exquisite, detailed attention to fine embellishment that has launched her quilts into the stratosphere. But, as she assured the class, “this is not rocket science, it simply takes will.”

**December** – our traditional meeting dedicated to charitable works went off without a hitch; members brought their own machines to quilt while others were busy hand sewing or binding or tying quilts; all to be donated to those in need. The new location at St. John’s, and a different room set -up lent to an atmosphere of pure camaraderie and quilting joy.

**January**–Garden State Quilters celebrated the Guild’s 35<sup>th</sup> birthday/anniversary; there were door prizes to win and Nifty Notions to be raffled. The member enthusiasm for the raffle generated a HUGE monetary benefit of \$821.00 to the guild. Your support is overwhelming and so very much appreciated. Thank you to our sponsors and our members quilts and stories with us. A fun night for all!

**March** – learn from the Queen of Portrait Quilts, our own **Marilyn Bedford**. Marilyn’s 5-week class is offered online via Academy of Quilting ([www.academyofquilting.com](http://www.academyofquilting.com)). You must sign up on-line to participate. If sufficient guild members sign up, we’ll offer a half-day session in person with Marilyn for an additional small fee to cover costs. Online class is \$51 for 5 weeks; we’ll need 15 Guild members in the class to be able to afford the half-day extra personal attention for an additional \$25. When you sign up on-line, please also send a note to Barbie ([barbie@vanderfleet-martin.net](mailto:barbie@vanderfleet-martin.net)) and/or Leslie ([leslie\\_5755@hotmail.com](mailto:leslie_5755@hotmail.com)).

**Both of our remaining visiting speakers are well-published, award winning artists and professionals. Do not miss the opportunity to experience them in person.**

**April** – **Wendy Butler Berns** will speak and offer a workshop on improvisational piecing using a quirky log cabin as construct. While Log-Cabin may bring to mind Traditional, Wendy is well-recognized as Modern as well. In her own words, “*The log cabin block is one of the wonderfully versatile blocks that can take you from the traditional heart of quilting to the very contemporary edges. There are infinite ways to construct this one block. Come ready to explore the endless possibilities with Wendy’s freeing, spontaneous, no-rule approach. Following demonstrations and a show and tell with examples, you will play with some of your favorites. You can choose to construct multiple sample blocks to take home for future reference, or focus on one or two favorites to construct a quilt top.*” Please go to [www.wendybutlerburns.com](http://www.wendybutlerburns.com) for more information.

**May** – **Frieda Anderson** not only designs and makes extraordinary landscape / botanical quilts, but also hand dyes her own fabrics. Go to [www.friedastyle.com](http://www.friedastyle.com) to see her fabulous work. Her lecture will be: Moving Forward with a new Tradition - Art Quilts and her workshop will be: Little Landscapes. There will be a kit fee, payable in class of \$30.00. See [www.friestyle.com/workshops/little-landscapes/](http://www.friestyle.com/workshops/little-landscapes/) for kit contents, class supply list and all details.

## Peek at who's coming next year.....

Speaker / Workshop Teachers for Guild Year 2016-2017

- October 2016 – **Jaquie Gering**
- November 2016 – **Pamela Zave** – Piecing Your Dream
- April 2017 – **Deb Kalenty** (certified vendor and instructor for Deb Tucker tools)

We are still working on the rest of the roster. However, you can now sign up for the contracted workshops.

Additional notes:

1. Barbie and Leslie think it's time for some new ideas. We will retire after this Guild year to make way for fresh energy to run Programs. We are standing by to welcome apprentices for this very rewarding and critical responsibility for the Guild. Programs has two votes on the Board, and it takes two (plus a volunteer or two).

2. To reduce costs, Programs is interested in finding lodging for Speakers when possible. Some speakers require/request a hotel room but others are happy to stay with a Quilter. Their personal needs are respected (e.g. vis a vis pets or smoking, the normal, with an offering of private bedroom and bathroom). Let us know if you'd like to take advantage of hosting an acclaimed quilter in your home.

Get your quilting friends to sign up with you!

~ Barb Vanderfleet-Martin and Leslie Morgan  
Programs

## NEXT QUILTING BEE

at Chatham Library

Wed. Mar 16<sup>th</sup>  
12-4



**Board Meetings**  
Tuesday before  
monthly Meetings

6:45 pm @  
Library of the  
Chathams  
214 Main Street  
Chatham, NJ 07928

## Sunshine Committee

Thanks to all of you who help us make quilts to give to those less fortunate.

So far this year we have given away 70 quilts. We will be giving another 20 or so to "Quilts for Kids" to be given to kids in hospitals. We have given quilts to Newark Beth Israel Hospital, Hospice, Great Expectations (mothers and children in need), McCarrick Care Center, Project Night-Night, Runnels Rehab, North Porch (mothers and children in need), Jinny's Rainbow (cancer patients), and Community Soup Kitchen (homeless). If you have any suggestions of other charities in need of quilts, please let us know.

We have quilting bees every month. Please come join us! It's a great way to practice your quilting. Our next bee is Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 12-4 pm at the Florham Park Library. We have so many tops that need quilting! If you cannot join us, consider taking a kit home to work on- piecing, quilting, or binding.

~Kris and Linda  
Happy Quilting!

## Hospitality

Hospitality treats will be provided by members whose last names begin with A through M for the March meeting. N through Z for April.

~Carol Scullin and Gail Moodie  
Hospitality

## Newsletter articles

The Newsletter is looking for articles, stories and information about what GSQ members are quilting, sewing, or viewing, throughout the year. If you have future events or information for any upcoming event, please contact Karen or Beth.

IDEAS:

- Local Quilt Shows that you've entered
  - (ribbons, honorable mentions granted)
- New Quilt Fabric store, Shop Hop, a class you particularly enjoyed
- Finished a UFO, New Quilt Pattern, Group project
- Member news: Who, What, When, Where, How

Newsletter articles and notices for upcoming newsletters may be contributed by any Guild member. Think NOW about news articles to be contributed for any edition of the 2015-16 newsletter! Deadline will be ~10 days prior to the regularly scheduled monthly Guild meeting (see below schedule). Pictures and graphics are always welcome.

2015 - 2016 Garden State Quilters Newsletter Calendar

Meeting date	Articles / Ads due by:
January/February	December 18, 2015
March/April	February 18, 2016
May/June	May 1, 2016

Send articles or ads to: [newsletter@gardenstatequilters.com](mailto:newsletter@gardenstatequilters.com).

Information and rates for the 2015 - 2016 Newsletter

Business Card Ad	2" x 3.5" (Horizontal or Vertical)	\$10/issue
1/4 Page Ad	4.25"w x 5.5"h	\$15/issue
1/2 Page Ad	8.5"w x 5.5"h (Horizontal) or 4.25"w x 11"h (Vertical)	\$30/issue
Full-Page Ad	8.5" x 11"	\$60/issue

All sizes are approximate, based on space in the Newsletter.

Please send payment to: Garden State Quilters  
PO BOX 424  
Chatham, NJ 07928

We appreciate your continued support.

~Beth & Karen

### Upcoming Meeting Notes

Hospitality 6:45 pm  
Guild Pins = \$5

Business 7:15 pm  
Membership Lanyard = \$5

Meeting Checklists	
March Meeting	April Meeting
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality → A thru M	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality → N - Z
<input type="checkbox"/> Show 'N Tell	<input type="checkbox"/> Show 'N Tell
<input type="checkbox"/> Guild Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Guild Business
<input type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Belford	<input type="checkbox"/> Wendy Butler Berns

**Reminder:** Garden State Quilters general meeting place is:

**St. John's Church**

587 Springfield Ave. in Summit

Across street from Grand Summit Hotel

Please remember to enter through the automatic doors at the rear of the building. Do not push the doors because this could knock them off track.

Note that the “meet the Speakers” dinner venue will be across the street in the **Grand Summit Hotel** at the “**Hat Tavern**” – downstairs. Lovely burgers, tapas menu. Join us!

As if our move isn't enough of a challenge.....**please remember**, *the Morris Avenue bridge in Summit is closed due to repairs. Please remember to avoid this road or to detour around it when coming to St. John's Church for meetings.*

**Last week the road was still closed!**

## Calendar of Events

September 14	General Meeting
<i>Wednesday Sept 16, noon to 4 PM</i>	<i>Quilting Bee at Library of the Chathams</i>
October 15 – 16	General Meeting with Barb Vedder
<i>Wednesday, Oct 21, noon to 4 PM</i>	<i>Quilting Bee at Library of the Chathams</i>
November 9 – 10	General Meeting with BethAnne Nemesh. Workshop: Devil is in the Details
December 14, 2015	Annual Charity Meeting; GSQ Marketplace
January 11, 2016	35 <sup>th</sup> Birthday/ Anniversary Celebration
February 8, 2016	Special Vendor evening
March 14, 2016	General Meeting with <b>Marilyn Belford</b>
April 11, 2016	General Meeting with <b>Wendy Butler Berns</b>
May 9, 2016	General Meeting with <b>Frieda Anderson</b>
June 13, 2016	Strawberry supper

<b>Board Positions (2015-2016)</b>	
President (1)	Marcia David
Vice President (1)	Pam Bakas
Treasurer (1)	Sue Adams
Secretary (1)	Judy Mason
Membership (1)	Ginger Scott
Nominating (1)	Susan Wolfman
Programs (2)	Barbie VanderFleet-Martin
	Leslie Morgan

Newsletter (1)	Karen Jack and Beth DiDomenico
Quilt Show (1)	??
Sunshine/Grants & Scholarships (1)	Kris Dale and Linda Holm
<b>Committee Positions - no term expiration</b>	
Programs Helper(s)	Deb Lacey
Webmaster	Yolanda Fundora
Library	Laura Wagner
Hospitality	Carol Scullin
	Gail Moodie
Historian/Show & Tell	Carol Esch
Publicity	??
Book Raffle	Pat Buikema
Block of the Month	??
Raffle Quilt	??
Friendship Quilt	Alix Martin
Challenge Quilt	Beth DiDomenico

## A Big Shout Out Thank You to the Sponsors of our Guild's Birthday Bash

Urban Amish (Yolanda Fundora) Rainbox 39 FQ gift box

[www.urban-amish.com](http://www.urban-amish.com)

Gail Moodie quilt kits

Agnes Dembia Sewing Basket

Ria Wolff 4 books

Jean Cook Patterns

Jo Ann Lepore Measuring Tapes

Aardvark & Co. Quilt Shoppe (Sally Alworth) Fabric

Robert Kaufman Fabrics 20 FQ Collection

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

Aurifil USA Thread Collection

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

Jay Bird Quilts (Julie Herman) Book and Patterns

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

Hawthorne Threads Fabric

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

Northcott Toscana Fabric Collection

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

Coats & Clark Thread Package

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

Denyse Schmidt Fabric and Patterns

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

Quilters Dream Batting Batting

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

## MEMBER PAGE

The Board has decided that guild members in good standing may submit advertisements for goods / services that may not be related to quilting (please find the cost for an ad in the Sept/Oct Edition of the newsletter).



Quiltsforkids.org has batting for quilters at discount prices. Contact them directly for details.



**Thank you for so many wonderful years!**

Aardvark is officially out of business.

*It seems quite different not going to the store now on a daily basis. Now, in our spare time, we are downsizing our home. We are looking forward to a new chapter in our lives. We believe that our church mission working with special needs young people will be a blessing to us and others. We are also looking forward to spending more time with family and friends. Aardvark & C has been a great joy and blessing in my life as I have been blessed myself with the great gift of knowing so many of you. Truly I have lead a sheltered life for the last almost 29 years spending time with so many great people. We will always miss you and love you Thank you for your friendship, support, council, gifts and cards. We are looking forward to sometime seeing you all again.*

*As we approach our new mission, these great words of council came to mind. In the Book of Mormon, Mosiah Chapter 4, Verses 9 and 10 it says: 9. "Believe in god; believe that he is, and that he created all things both in heaven and in earth; believe that he has all wisdom and all power, both in heaven and in earth; believe that man doth not comprehend all things which the Lord can comprehend. 10. And again, believe that ye must repent of your sins and forsake them, and humble yourselves before God; and ask in sincerity of heart that he would forgive you; and now, if you believe all these things, see that you do them.*

*We are looking forward to seeing you all again, If you would like to contact me, please call me at home at 908 362-7682, my cell, 908892-0503 or you can email me at [sallyalworth@gmail.com](mailto:sallyalworth@gmail.com).*

*Sending you our love, Sally and Tony*

## Local Happenings

NJ Shop Hop  
April 22- May 1, 2016  
[www.NJShopHop.com](http://www.NJShopHop.com)

Sharing the Quilts (XXXIII) – “33”

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church  
1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, NJ

[www.harvestquilters.com](http://www.harvestquilters.com) or call 908-447-7201

**BeachPlum Quilters** presents

Garden of My Dreams Quilt Show & Sale

Elks Lodge @ 600 Washington St., Toms River,  
NJ 08753

April 9-10, 2016 (Sat 10 AM – 5PM and Sun  
11AM -4PM)

**Long Island Quilter’s Society**

presents: 30 Years of Quilting Together

Freeport Recreation Center

130 East Merrick Road Freeport, NY 11520  
(516) 377 2314

May 14 & 15; (Sat 10 AM – 5 PM; Sun 10 AM –  
4PM)



**COMING SOON**

*back by popular demand.....* **GSQ Market Place**

The Market Place had a fabulous opening at the December meeting! The next time we will conduct this activity will be at the June Strawberry Supper. Please look through your fabrics and see what you can donate. If you no longer need it, someone else will treasure it! Any items not sold must be picked up by you at the end of the meeting. Please only bring quilt fabric (cottons or felted wool); quilting books and patterns are also welcome.



# NYC Tossed Alphabet

the latest City Quilter NYC-themed print



*Sister's Choice Longarm Quilting*

Pantographs/Custom/Meandering/Stippling

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