



# January/ February 2023 Newsletter

Member National Quilting Association,  
Chapter 124

## Happy 2023 Garden State Quilters!

I hope that everyone had a great Holiday Season. The Board is working hard to fill this year with great Quilting and Crafting fun. The 2023 Colors of the Year are Pantone - Viva Magenta and Kona - Crush. These colors are vibrant and tropical to me. Warmer weather in my thoughts. I challenge you all to use these in a quilt this year. Maybe something for the Show Boutique.

Garden State Quilters has a lot planned for the coming year.

- Friendship Quilt is under construction. Big reveal at the Strawberry Supper.
- Programs has various workshops planned with Michelle Banton and our very own Carol Mann. Check the website for details.
- Sunshine is in full swing creating Charity Quilts and Comfort Pillows distributing them to several organizations. Let Sunshine know if there is anyone you feel deserves a quilt/cushion.
- Our Quilt Show "All Cut Up" coming in October is well on its way. There are still several jobs for volunteers to make it a success.

Volunteers: This is an organization that is run with Volunteers. We are always in need of people to help this organization continue to offer the best opportunities and activities that interest our membership. Consider what you would like to happen and how it can get done. All assistance is welcomed. Keep this in mind when Jann, our Nomination Chairperson, asks for your help. Check out the website for all that we offer and see where you can help. Bring new ideas to the organization. You will never be alone. We all work together to make Garden State Quilters GREAT! Again, Happy New Year to Everyone!!

Piecing and quilting every chance I get,

Karen Jack, GSQ President

# Quilt Show (Oct 2023)



**VOLUNTEERING** to help with the Quilt Show is a great way to get to know more members of the guild. Volunteer with a friend, it makes the job easier and more enjoyable.

Highlighting some positions to volunteer for:

Publicity: Distribution of Show postcards to retail shops and libraries OR Posting the show event to online newspaper calendars OR Creating signs to be posted near the show venue.

Featured Display at the show: The Quilt Trail of the Pioneer Women- create 12-inch quilt blocks used by pioneer women as they traveled West. Think of the fun of having a sewing bee to create these blocks.

**Stop by the Quilt Show table at the monthly meetings.** Susan Wolfman has volunteered to be the Chair and will have a full list of open positions.

# General Guild Notes

**Membership**: GSQ membership wants to remind you to sign upon the Garden State Quilters Website, click on "Membership", then click onto "**Become a Member**" - it is for both new and renewal members; fill out the form, don't forget to check "In which areas of the Guild are you willing to help?" Please click on all that may apply to you. Send your check (yearly fee of \$60) to the address listed on website or bring it to the next guild.

Check in at the membership desk for your new badge! Your access password to our "members only" information is printed on the back of each name tag. Any questions regarding membership, please contact Lori Darnulc or Jan Martin.

**General meetings** are **in person** at Grace Church, unless otherwise noted on the website. Dates are listed on page 10. **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 10.

**Drop and Shop**: Drop and Shop will be open in January and February, and will be accepting everything pertaining to quilting-fabric, tools, books, patterns etc. Bring your own bag and for \$5.00, fill it up with quilt goodies!!



**Fabric Raffle**: Instead of a book raffle that we had in past years, we've been conducting a fabric raffle at each membership meeting instead. We've had some incredible fabric bundles that have been raffled at each meeting so far this year.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

**Friendship quilt**: Please hand in blocks for the quilt to Alix Martin as soon as possible.



**Hospitality:** Hospitality committee will provide individual waters and small snacks until further notice.

**January Party:** Our guild is celebrating over 40 years of quilting in New Jersey and our annual Anniversary Party is scheduled for January 9. To mark the occasion we traditionally hold a large basket raffle and this year is no exception! We will have baskets full of fabric, batting, notions, and thread. We will have rulers, cutting mats, and kits of all kinds. We even have cookies and cakes for you to win. Oh yes, and a beautiful Singer Featherweight (1947), too! We have 41 baskets put together by Pam, Ginger, and Ria.

Specialty basket tickets are \$5 each and all other baskets tickets are 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, and 15 for \$10.

This year's donors include:

Acme Country Fabrics  
Andover Fabrics  
Bernina  
Fairfield Batting  
Hobbs Batting  
Missouri Star  
Pennington Quilt Works  
Pocono Sew and Vac  
Quilters Dream  
Sulky Thread  
The Quilt Spot  
The Warm Company



Cakes and cookies donated by Christine Courtney, Kris Dale, and Jean Stubaus. And, of course, many thanks to our members who donated baskets, whimsy balls, fabric, notions, kits, and more to help fill even more baskets! Happy Holidays and looking forward to seeing you in January for the first party of the year!

**Library:** Due to the anniversary party in January, Laura will not be bringing books to the January meeting. Library will open again in February, and as always reach out to Laura with any requests or suggestions of books you think the guild ought to own.

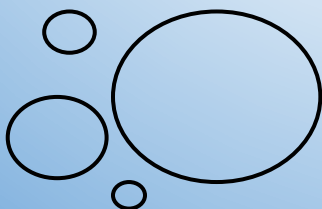


**Newsletter:** As in past years, we run a newsletter every 2 months and anyone in the guild may contribute (see “Member News” section at the back of this edition on page 11). We ask that contributions be sent to [cynthiakoziol27@hotmail.com](mailto:cynthiakoziol27@hotmail.com) by the following dates:

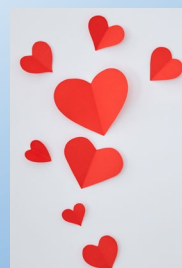
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March-April	February 15 <sup>th</sup>
May-June	April 15 <sup>th</sup>

***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!

### **SCHEDULE FOR 2023**



JANUARY- CIRCLES  
FEBRUARY - HEARTS  
MARCH - PLAIDS  
APRIL - SQUARES  
MAY - TREES  
JUNE - STRIPES





# Programs

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, our own **Beth Wilson** will be presenting a trunk show of her own quilts at our February guild meeting. Our February meeting will also showcase several of our members sharing their skills with other members in mini-workshops at workstations set up around the meeting room. On February 14<sup>th</sup>, our own **Carol Mann** will be running a workshop teaching her approach to Origami handbag making. She has two versions to show and explain. The goal is learning the concept so you can make a bag in a few hours without using a pattern.

Carol's workshop will take place at Sew Jersey unless driving is difficult because of snow. In that case, Carol will teach it on zoom. We love to have our workshops in person because of the camaraderie. It will run from 10 am - 3:30 pm with a break for lunch. You will have a bag before you are done with the class. A sewing machine is required. There are stairs at Sew Jersey but help is available to bring the machines up to the room. A supply list will be provided to those who sign up and at our next two meetings of GSQG.



On March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, Programs will be hosting Michelle Banton:



Michelle's lecture at the March 13<sup>th</sup> guild meeting will be:

### Looking Great, Dresden Plate

A look at the history of the nearly 100 year old Dresden Plate quilt block. What inspired it? How is it being kept current? Something old is still new. We'll see traditional designs and more modern variations.

The workshop on March 14<sup>th</sup> will be:

### Dresden Neighborhood

Location: Grace Episcopal Church, Madison

9:30 a.m. —3:30 p.m.

A fun class based on Persimon Dreams' Dresden Neighborhood pattern. Make it your own – scrap friendly. You'll finish to the top in class.



April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> the guild is thrilled to be hosting **Mary Cargill**. She will be speaking about and running a workshop on Broderie Perse, an applique technique using elements (flowers, birds, etc) that are cut from fabric and appliqued onto solid fabric to make a scene or central design.



Sign up and make this a great year for our guild!!!!

If you have any ideas or want to help in our workshops, please contact Carol or Mary. For cancellation policy, please contact Carol or Mary.



# Sunshine

What a great Charity Bee we had on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Voices and sewing machines were humming. Altogether, 50 Comfort Pillows were completed and are ready for delivery. 41 more have been machine sewn, stuffed and are ready to be hand sewn closed. The saying, “Many hands make light work” comes to mind after such a successful night. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Speaking of donations, since August, our guild has donated 128 quilts!! They have gone to Morristown Memorial Hospital, Jersey Shore Hospital, Project Linus, Great Expectations, Habitat for Humanity, Merry Heart Nursing Home, and Morris Area Battered Women’s Shelter. There were also a few personal donations by our members including to an innocent prisoner who was released after 30 years of wrongful imprisonment. We touch so many lives with our quilts!

Would you like to join in the fun of attending more quilt bees? Mark your calendars for the first half of 2023. We meet at the Chatham Library from 1:00 PM to 3:45 PM. Bring your sewing machine and Sunshine will provide the rest. Bee dates are listed on the calendar on page 10.





# Block of the Month

Anyone can create a theme -- let your creative juices run rampant! Here is an idea: create blocks using various size strips or use light strips on one side and dark strips on the other or each month choose a different direction. All blocks are 12.5" (after squaring). Make one or more blocks.

- January - Diagonal strips colors separated in thirds- the outer 1/3 of triangle is dark and the middle is light.
- February – Diagonal strips, colors separated in thirds – the outer 1/3 triangle is dark and the middle is light

Paper pieced blocks of the month are shown below as well as the Strawberry Supper Ice Cream Cone Block. All are available for download at:

<https://www.gardenstatequiltersguild.com/block-of-the-month>

Note: You will need to log in with the password that is on the back of your current membership card in order to access the files for download.



Join the  
**CONEHEADS**  
Strawberry Supper Club!

Each finished cone block brought to the Strawberry Supper at the end of the Guild year entitles you to one ticket in the raffle for all the cones.

*Sample Fabric Cone*

Visit: [www.gardenstatequiltersguild.com/block-of-the-month](http://www.gardenstatequiltersguild.com/block-of-the-month)

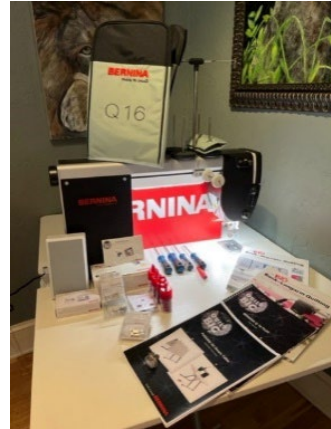
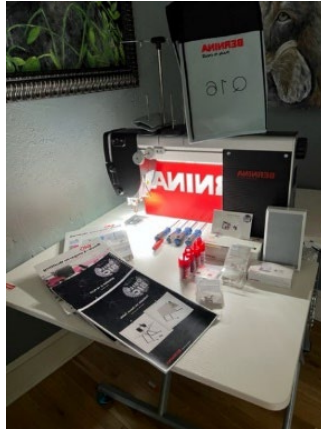
# Calendar of Events – Spring/Summer 2023

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Event</u>
January 2	Board Meeting
January 9	<b>Guild Meeting – New Year’s Celebration</b>
January 18	Bee
	Board Meeting
February 13	<b>Guild Meeting – Beth Wilson trunk show, member skills mini-workshops</b>
February 14	<b>Origami Bag Workshop with Carol Mann at Sew Jersey</b>
February 15	Bee
	Board Meeting
March 13	<b>Guild Meeting - Michelle Banton</b>
March 14	<b>Workshop with Michelle at Grace Episcopal</b>
March 22	Bee
	Board Meeting
April 10	<b>Guild Meeting - Mary Cargill</b>
April 11	<b>Workshop with Mary Cargill at Sew Jersey</b>
April 19	Bee
	Board Meeting
May 8	<b>Guild Meeting – Program TBD</b>
May 9	Workshop TBD
May 17	Bee
	Board Meeting
June 12	<b>Guild Meeting – Strawberry Supper</b>
June 21	Bee

# Member News & Upcoming Events

## Bernina Q16+ For Sale

A practically new Bernina Q16 Plus comes with a Bernina sit down table and Bernina fully adjustable red chair, and is equipped with a needle point laser, gripper rings and machine cover. Additional accessories such as pressure feet, 20 Bernina red bobbins and needles are included. This machine is virtually new and is a quilter's dream. It is owned by a lady who does thread painting, but she found it was not ideal for that. Contact Beth at 973-768-4780.





# Board Members

Executive Board (2022-2023) – 1 year appointment		Committee Positions (no term expiration)	
<b>President</b>	Karen Jack	<b>Library</b>	Laura Wagner
<b>Vice President</b>	Jackie Laba	<b>Hospitality</b>	Phyllis Gilbert & Cindy Koziol-White
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sue Adams	<b>Raffle Quilt</b>	TBD – Volunteer?
<b>Secretary</b>	Molly Adams	<b>Block of the Month</b>	Yolanda Fundora
<b>Programs</b>	Carol Mann & Mary Ledyard	<b>Fabric Raffle</b>	Pam Farago
<b>Trustees</b>		<b>Friendship Quilt</b>	Alix Martin
<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>	Paul Raimondo & Sue Schmerler
<b>Newsletter</b>	Beth DiDomenico & Cindy Koziol-White	<b>Razzle Dazzle</b>	Sue Schmerler & Paula Raimondo
<b>Sunshine</b>	Jean Stubaus	<b>January Party</b>	Pam Farago
<b>Grants &amp; Scholarship</b>	Wannetta Phillips	<b>Social Media</b>	Cindy Koziol-White
<b>Quilt Show</b>	Christine Courtney; 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