



Q.U.I.L.T., Inc.



Quilters United in Learning Together Q.U.I.L.T., Inc., P.O. Box 523, Delmar, NY 12054
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Message from the President Anita Paul	Programs and Meetings 2023-2024
<p>Dear Quilters --</p> <p>I was recently asked what the founding principles were of our quilt guild and I believe our name says it all: Quilters United In Learning Together, that's Q.U.I.L.T., Inc.</p> <p>Quilters: those drawn to color, texture, fabric, sewists who want to make something lasting, a legacy.</p> <p>United: we come in unity to support each other, to aid and encourage each other, clearly, not to criticize or scorn.</p> <p>In</p> <p>Learning: we are all always meeting some new challenge, tackling a new technique, mastering a new pattern, no matter how long we have been quilting.</p> <p>Together: we learn from each other -- together we know more than any one of us alone. We know we need each other, and it's a lot more fun that way too.</p> <p>Come have some colorful fun!</p> <p>See you soon, Anita Paul, President</p>	<p>March 8: Service Day Bring your machine and sew on red, white and blue hospice quilts, NICU quilts and pinning and sandwiching quilts. There will be lots of fun and prizes too!</p> <p>April 11: BLOCK PARTY day and in person open sew with prizes! Make a red, white, and blue Floating Star on Thursday, the day before our monthly meeting. Fabric will be provided. Bring your machine.</p> <p>April 12: General meeting in person, Show and Share, What's Your Angle 'Running With Scissors Quilters' via Zoom. 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm Open Sew; bring a project and quilt with your friends. Running With Scissors Quilters will also host two in person workshops in May*.</p> <p>May 9, 2024: All day work shop 'Running with Scissors Quilters' Crossroads pattern.</p> <p>May 10: General meeting, Show and Share, 'Running with Scissors Quilters'; A Designer's Journey. Half day workshop 'Running with Scissors Quilters' Nested Star Table Runner pattern</p> <p>June 14, 2024: General meeting and potluck luncheon.</p> <p>Out and About</p> <p>The annual art show at the Thacher Park Visitor's Center runs March 9-29 Tuesday – Sunday 9am-4pm</p> <p>The Empire Quiltfest is April 27 & 28 at Fulton Montgomery Community College. The show will feature lectures, vendors and of course, lots of quilts! Details at EMPIREQUILTFEST.ORG</p> <p>Quilters' Quest Shop Hop is May 9-19, 2024</p>

*See workshop pricing and details with registration forms found later in the newsletter.

2023-2024 Quilt Board Members

Board meetings are scheduled for January 5, March 1 and May 3, 2024 via Zoom. If you wish to attend but are not a board member, please contact Anita Paul to receive a Zoom invitation.

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Lectures and Workshops 2023-2024
Workshop Registration

Please register prior to our registration deadline. We have this date set in order to cancel a workshop (without penalty) if we have insufficient enrollment. For open sew days, we need the number of participants in order to set up the room.

To register for workshops, use the registration forms included in this newsletter. Forms are also available at our website. Fees are listed on the forms. Supply lists are posted at <https://www.quiltinc.org/workshops/> so you can get a head start on assembling requirements. Or, you can scan the QR code below to take you right to the Workshop section of our website.



We are now able to register and pay online for workshops using PayPal. A PayPal account is not required to use this service.

Q.U.I.L.T., Inc. Workshop Registration Form	
Workshop	Service – Open Sew*
Date	Friday, March 8, 2024
Time	12:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Registration Deadline	February 29, 2024
Fee	Free for members
Name	
Telephone	
Email address	
	Check one or both <input type="checkbox"/> Machine <input type="checkbox"/> Handwork
To register, send a note to Michelle Young at michelle.young@socialscience.net	

*At the March open sew day, we will be making two different blocks from fabric and patterns that will be provided in order to make service quilts. Come join us, have fun and bring your lunch!

Q.U.I.L.T., Inc. Workshop Registration Form	
Workshop	Service – Open Sew
Date	Friday, April 12, 2024
Time	12:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Registration Deadline	February 12, 2023
Fee	Free for members
Name	
Telephone	
Email address	
	Check one or both <input type="checkbox"/> Machine <input type="checkbox"/> Handwork
To register, send a note to Michelle Young at michelle.young@socialscience.net	



Running With Scissors Quilters



Q.U.I.L.T., Inc. Workshop Registration Form	
Workshop	Crossroads
Teacher	Running With Scissors Quilters
Date	May 9, 2024
Time	9:30 am to 4:0 pm
Registration Deadline	April 12, 2024
Fee	Members \$50 Non-Members \$75 Tool \$37.50
Name	
Telephone	
Email address	
Check # and amount	
Mail check payable to Q.U.I.L.T., Inc. to Michelle Young at 3 Staffords Crossing Slingerlands, NY 12159	



Q.U.I.L.T., Inc. Workshop Registration Form	
Workshop	Nested Star Table Runner
Teacher	Running With Scissors Quilters
Date	May 10, 2024
Time	12:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Registration Deadline	April 12, 2024
Fee	Members \$40 Non-Members \$50 Tool \$37.50
Name	
Telephone	
Email address	
Check # and amount	
Mail check payable to Q.U.I.L.T., Inc. to Michelle Young at 3 Staffords Crossing Slingerlands, NY 12159	

Email Communications and Membership

Publicity Chair Ellen Vande Bunte

We currently have 101 members. Thanks to each of you for joining! We are excited and hope each member will be involved, meet others, and learn as a quilter. Join others at workshops, Open Sews and Service Days to get the most out of your membership! If you like what you are seeing at the guild, please invite your friends to join us.

Emails including all details of the upcoming monthly meeting are sent the Friday before the meeting from the email address - communications@quiltinc.org. These emails are like mini-newsletters and contain the most up-to-date information. Emails are sent occasionally at other times when contact with membership is needed.

Be sure to click on and read the emails. Ignoring the emails may eventually send them to your spam folder and make them harder to find. Add the address to your contact list as well. You can always reply to these emails and I will filter them to the appropriate person for follow-up.

Any questions? Email me at communications@quiltinc.org.

Technology Note

Marcia Middleton

Marcia Middleton has sheperded us with technology through the fields of the pandemic so that we could all stay connected through Zoom. Over the last five years, she has updated the Website to be more user friendly and more inclusive of our activities through MailChimp and Paypal. Thank you Marcia!

Michelle Young will be taking over chairing the tech team July 1st. If you have information technology or computer experience in your career that would benefit the guild, please contact Michelle at michelle.young@socialscience.net

Fundraising

Fundraising Chair Julie Stump

Raffle tickets are available at the beginning of most meetings to win a basket of goodies. Please bring a few dollars to support the guild and maybe win a prize!

Hospitality

Hospitality Chair MaryAnn Gibson

The hospitality committee always appreciates donations of goodies to go along with coffee and community at our guild meetings. Remember to bring your own coffee mug!

Mini Mart

Mini Mart Chair Janet Snyder

Please stop by the Mini Mart open before most meetings to support the guild. We currently are accepting donations of fabric no less than a fat quarter and no scraps please. Patterns, magazines, tools, etc, are also accepted. Please contact Janet at (518) 806-0287 or janetsnyder70@gmail.com if you have donation questions. As always, small bills are appreciated when making purchases!

Results of the December 2023 Quilt Challenge Two plus One Challenge

Challenge Chairs Mary Helen Collen and Judi Doody

Congratulations to the winners of the December 2023 Challenge:

Non-Traditional Category

1st - Diane Kingston
2nd - Julie Stump
3rd - Michelle Young

Traditional Category

1st - Ellen Zinni
2nd - Linda London
3rd - Andrea Freeman

Announcing the June 2024 Quilt Challenge: Read a Quilt

Take a few pieces of fabric, thread, your quilter's creative imagination and bring to life your vision or impression of a scene from a book you have read. You may have read the book before the announcement of the challenge. Include in the explanation the name of the book and a 35 word description of the scene you are depicting. The quilt can be either a traditional or a non-traditional design and will be voted on by members at the June 2024 meeting. Prizes will be awarded to the top three viewer's choice in the two different categories.

To be eligible for this challenge, the quilt must:

- *have been started after the announcement of the challenge
- * have a perimeter of less than 144 inches
- * be finished (quilted and bound)
- * have no uncovered identifying labels

If you have any questions please e-mail Judi Doody (judidoodu@yahoo.com) or Mary Helen Collen (collenmh1@gmail.com) Have fun!!

Placemat Project

Placemat Chairs Lorraine Doyno Evans and Ruth Kvale

Join the guild's Placemat Project! Quilted placemats are collected at guild meetings throughout the year and are distributed in December to local organizations serving the elderly, shut-ins, and other people in need. Our placemats bring much joy to the recipients. We donate hundreds a year!

Any cheerful design is welcome. The recommended finished size is 14" X 18". A collection bin will be at the back table. Trying out a new technique? Turn that unwanted test block into a placemat. Got unwanted orphan blocks? Those could be turned into placemats as well.

In 2023, the committee collected and distributed 355 placemats this December compared to 461 in 2022. Six agencies received the placemats:

- * Cohoes Senior Center
- * Delmar Town Hall
- * Albany County Senior Services
- * St. Thomas Church in Delmar
- * Rensselaer County Meals on Wheels
- * Jewish Community Center

Congratulations to the winners of the placemat contest:

1st place – Nancy Schlegel
2nd place – Ellen VandeBunte
3rd place – Helen Ernst
Most Placemats – Julie Stump

Thank you all for the donations.

Service

Service Chair Diane Millson

Service quilts benefit the many organizations that receive them, and members as they reduce their stash! If you like to sew, but you have inundated your family and friends with quilts, consider making one for service. We like them about 54" x 72", but can take them if they are a little larger. Baby and kid size quilts are also welcome. In March and April, we will be concentrating on red, white and blue quilts. Community Hospice has asked for Veteran quilts either lap size of 35" X 40" or hospital bed size of 66" X 90" in red white and blue. Camp Erin quilts should be 48" X 72".

Sharon Gormley is collecting quilts for the NICU to cover incubators to keep the light out and to swaddle the tiny babies. Quilts should 36" X 36" or 24" X 24". Sharon recommends a light batting or flannel to keep the light out.

Anne Carelli-O'Brien of **US Community for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)** is now accepting quilts for immigrants again. She is looking for quilt for twin and full size quilts. (Mattress size for a twin is 38" X 75" and size for a full size is 54" X 75") She is also able to accept small wall hangings for kid's rooms like maybe 36" X 36".

Service has kits already made up and ready to sew. They are available before each meeting or available upon request.

For 2023, service received 95 quilts and 17 fidget quilts from members. 77 quilts and 29 fidget quilts were donated including 4 quilts to Camp Erin. As of January 5th, there are 54 quilts and 3 fidget quilts available for donation. Some of the other organizations quilts were donated to are:

Community Hospice
Albany Med Children's Hospital
Center for independent Living
Baptist Health Nursing Home
Albany Jewish Community Center
Albany VA Hospital and Fisher House
Capital City Rescue Mission
Sleep in Heavenly Peace
Relay for Life
Bethlehem Fire Department

Please contact Diane at (518) 869-6563 or at dmillson1@nycap.rr.com if there are any questions or if you know of an organization needing quilts.

Library

Library Chair Susan Jacobsen

The Library encourages everyone to look through their quilting books to see if Guild books have been mistakenly left unreturned and are now mixed in with people's personal collections. This applies especially to items borrowed during the pandemic. Please return materials so we can put them into someone else's hands! Returns can be made at any in-person meeting, whether the Library is open or not.

There will be no Library fines for the remainder of this year. Our regular practice of fines for overdue materials (\$1 per month late, unless renewed) will resume next season (September 2024). Members may borrow books and magazines, etc., for use over the summer with the expectation that they will be returned at the September meeting (unless renewed).

We welcome suggestions for acquisition of new materials according to your interests. Thank you for your support!

Thank You!

Julie-Ann Fortran would like to say thank you for nominating her to represent the guild on the Community segment of Channel 10 News Friday February 23rd. The piece was very successful. She is very thankful for those behind the scene people who contributed pictures and suggestions. On Wednesday 28th, she was interviewed by a freelance writer from the Times Union about the guild. Stay tuned for publication!