



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



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Message from the President Linda London	Programs and Meetings 2025-2026
<p>Thanks to our members who stepped up to organize the Harvest Quilt Show and for doing such an exceptional job.</p> <p>Special recognition goes to Kimberly Rings, a relatively new member of QUILT Inc., who stepped up to co-chair the show with Alix Duggan of the Capital District Modern Quilt Guild. Kim and Alix remained smiling and calm throughout the planning process demonstrating exceptional leadership.</p> <p>Thank you guild members who served on the planning committee: Janice Butler, Julie-Ann Fortran, Brenda Jackson, Anita Paul, Ellen Vande Bunte and Michelle Young.</p> <p>Thank you also to the quilters who made our beautiful sparkly raffle quilt: Deb Grana, Diane Kingston, Diane Millson, and Linda Zinzow and to Leslie Johnson who prepared a wonderful slideshow of QUILT Inc. activities.</p> <p>And thank you to all who submitted quilts for the show and ALL the volunteers who made the show such a success.</p> <p>THANK YOU!!! Linda</p>	<p>February 12: Workshop with Kaitalin Horvath via Zoom</p> <p>February 13: General meeting via Zoom; please register ahead of time.</p> <p>March 13: Service Day Bring your machine and sew on service projects and pinning and sandwiching quilts. Open sew 12:30 – 3:30pm. Featherweight gathering ‘may’ occur after service projects are completed.</p> <p>March 19: Trunk show at Hawthorne Ridge 1:30 pm</p> <p>April 9: Trip to AQS show in Hartford, CT.</p> <p>April 10: General meeting. Tara Kordich will present a program on Color Theory. Open sew 12:30 – 3:30pm. Featherweight gathering will occur during this time.</p> <p>May 5: Fabric Painting with Sandy Jung from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm in person. Please note this is a Tuesday.</p> <p>May 8: General meeting. Program to be determined. Open sew 12:30 – 3:30pm. Featherweight gathering will occur during this time.</p> <p>June 12: General meeting and potluck luncheon. June Quilt Challenge judging, and Show & Share. December 2026 challenge announcement.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winter Weather Policy</p> <p>As winter approaches, if Bethlehem schools are delayed for one hour due to weather, the meeting will continue as planned. <u>If Bethlehem schools are delayed for two hours, the meeting will be cancelled.</u></p> <p>Amelia’s Garden is now a drop off point for Gloversville Sewing Services. Log Cabin Fabrics is now closed and will be offering retreats in the future. Please send an email to LCF1145@gmail.com to be added to their mailing list.</p>

Board meetings are scheduled for March 6 and May 1, 2026 via Zoom. If you wish to attend but are not a board member, please contact Linda London to receive a Zoom invitation.

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Ruth Kvale

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Membership

Ellen Vande Bunte

Membership renewal for the 2025-2026 program year can be accomplished either in person at a meeting, through the mail, or online at our website: www.quiltinc.org/membership. Payment of the annual dues of \$35 entitles a member to a membership card, voting privileges, use of the Q.U.I.L.T., Inc. library, and access to workshops, and special privileges that may arise. Dues are used for renting the meeting space, having guest speakers, and maintaining the Q.U.I.L.T., Inc. library. Q.U.I.L.T., Inc. members are asked to contribute at least 3 hours of their time to service projects as part of their membership.

Emails including all details of the upcoming monthly meeting are sent the Friday before the meeting from the email address - communications@quiltinc.org. Emails are sent occasionally at other times when contact with membership is needed.

Any questions? Email Membership Chair Ellen Vande Bunte at communications@quiltinc.org

Harvest Quilt Show 2025

Kimberly Rings Co-Chair

QUILT, Inc. and the Capital District Modern Quilt Guild (CDMQG) hosted the Harvest Quilt Show on November 8 – 9, 2025 at Blessed Sacrament School in Albany. The show featured both traditional and modern quilts, and was a huge success!

Harvest Quilt Show 2027

Members voted at our December 2025 meeting and it is official: we will be working with Capital District Modern Quilt Guild on our next Quilt Show. Kim will keep us informed of all relevant news regarding the show. Let's start getting excited about working on quilts to put in the 2027 show.

Kim is asking if any QUILT, Inc. member would like to co-chair the show alongside her for the next Harvest Quilt Show. She did a fabulous job in 2025 and has offered to chair the 2027 show one more time, but will step down afterwards. The monthly meetings are on zoom in the evening, and it is a great way to get involved with our guild and meet new members. It is very rewarding to see members display their works of art.

Trunk Show at Hawthorne Ridge

Come join us March 19th at 1:30pm at Hawthorne Ridge, a senior living site located at 30 Community Way in East Greenbush for a trunk show. Bring a few quilts and talk about their stories. Refreshments will be served. We can meet in the parking lot at church at 1 pm for car pooling. More information will be available at the service meeting, but please save the date!

April 9 Bus Trip to the AQS show in Hartford, CT is now FULL!

April 8-11, 2026

Sharon Gormley has arranged for a one-day trip to the AQS show in nearby Hartford on April 9th. The cost is \$36 per person for transportation only and a tip for the driver. Cost of admission to the show will be determined by group sales. Payment is now due and can be made by sending a check made out to QUILT, Inc. and mailing it to Sharon at 1308 Greenwich Drive Albany, NY 12203.

The schedule is as follows:

Pick up at Crossgates Mall at 7:30 am with arrival at approximately 9:50 am.

Departure from the show at 4:30 pm with arrival in Albany at approximately 6:45 pm.

A waitlist has been started so please let Sharon know if you need to cancel.

Please let Sharon know if you have any questions by contacting her at communications@quiltinc.org.

**Lectures and Workshops 2025-2026
Coming Attractions**

Chairs Kim Rings, Sharon Gormley, Sandy Jung and Sue Irwin

Workshops are in the works on watercolor quilting, confetti quilting & a visit from the Nubian Quilters (an African American guild). The committee is organizing a trip to the AQS show in Hartford, Connecticut on April 9, 2026.

Please register for our workshops 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 that will be included in this newsletter when the schedule is formalized. Forms will also be available at our website. Fees will be listed on the forms. Supply lists will be 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 when they have been posted.



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

Placemat Project

Placemat Chairs Maureen Feeney 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. In December, we donated 379 placemats!

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.

Please add your name to your placemat if you want to have it judged or qualify for a prize for the most made.

Results of Donations

The Placemat Committee collected 344 placemats in 2025. Donations were made to the Jewish Community Center, Bethlehem Senior Services, Cohoes Senior Center, Watervliet Senior Center, Rensselaer Meals On Wheels, and Life Path -Albany Senior Services.

The winners of the 2025 Placemat Contest are:

First Place- Nancy Schlegel

Second Place- Brenda Jackson

Third Place- Ruth Kvale

Julie Stump made the most placemats with a total at 92.

At Sue Irwin's Placemat Workshop 20 were made and collected.

More placemats were collected at the Christmas Party bringing the total number for the year to 384.

Thank you to all who made this so successful.

Placemat Block Party

The placemat block party held on December 11th to make placemats that were donated was a huge success! Twenty four participants were in attendance. Thank you to Sue Irwin who cut all the fabric for each placemat, had them all organized and ready to sew and did a great job teaching the pattern.



Workshop with Katalin Horvath

Please join us by zoom on **Thursday February 12, 2026** via Zoom. This is an appliqué-draw-sew-trim technique. The cost of the class includes Katalin’s e-book. Participants have a choice of three options to make. A supply list will be forwarded after registration.



Workshop	Applique-draw-sew-trim-technique
Teacher	Katalin Horvath
Date	February 12, 2026
Time	9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Registration Deadline	February 1, 2026
Fee	\$50 for members/ \$60 for non-members
Name	
Telephone	
Email address	
Check # and amount	

Workshop with Sandy Jung

Save the date for a fabric painting workshop with Sandy Jung on **Tuesday May 5, 2026**. If you have ever wanted to try this technique, consider registering for this class! More details to follow on our website.

Workshop	Fabric painting
Teacher	Sandy Jung
Date	May 5, 2026
Time	9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Registration Deadline	April 24, 2026
Fee	\$30 for members/ \$40 for non-members
Name	
Telephone	
Email address	
Check # and amount	

Technology Note

Chairs Michelle Young and Kim Rings

The February meeting will be on ZOOM. Please register ahead of time and watch your email for a PRE-REGISTRATION link to the meeting. After you register, the registrations will need to be manually reviewed and approved. When that happens, you will receive an actual link to the meeting just for you. Additionally, you should receive a reminder a day or two before the meeting. If you wait until the day of the meeting to register for the link, we cannot guarantee a timely response because we will be busy admitting people to the meeting. All of these procedures were setup to protect the integrity of the meeting. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have information technology or computer experience in your career that would benefit the guild, please contact Michelle at communications@quiltinc.org

Fundraising

Chairs Julie Stump, Helen Farnam and Rose Grey

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

Chairs MaryAnn Gibson with Ellen Zinni and Elizabeth Zinni

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! Thank you to all who contributed sweets to our December meeting!

Mini Mart

Mini Mart Chairs Janet Snyder, Lou Ann Connelly and Joanne Frangella

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 communications@quiltinc.org if you have donation questions. As always, small bills are appreciated when making purchases! Please consider supporting the guild by making purchases at bargain prices! The Mini Mart will be open during all meetings except December, June and those conducted via Zoom.

Results of the December 2025 Circle Challenge

Traditional:

First Place Lorraine Doyno Evans

Second Place Ellen Zinni

Third Place Connie David

Non-Traditional:

First Place Linda London

Second Place Anna Kemp

Third Place Linda Hamel





Announcing the June 2026 Quilt Challenge:

In order to honor the 250th birthday of our country in 2026, Challenge Chairs Julie-Ann Fortran and Paul Peters announce that the next challenge is the red, white and blue patriotic challenge using three or more distinct blocks.

Create a piece with three, or more, distinct blocks in red, white and blue. Blocks can be of different sizes but must only include red, white and blue fabrics with one optional exception that can be exercised. The exception is to use a patriotic fabric within the piece that may have more colors than red, white and blue. For example, if a patriotic fabric is used that has a little bit of gold in it, that is acceptable. But it is not acceptable to use gold fabric within the piece to accent the patriotic fabric. The white fabric can be white, white on white or paper white, but not cream

A block can be repeated in the same piece. However, three distinct blocks must be included.

Please include a description of the piece that is approximately 35 words long.

The quilt can be either a traditional or a non-traditional design and will be voted on by members at the June 2026. Prizes will be awarded to the top three viewers' 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 Julie-Ann Fortran or Paul Peters at communications@quiltinc.org
Have fun!!

Service

Service Chairs Sue Lynch and Anita Paul

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 60" x 72", but can take them if they are a little larger. Baby and kid size quilts are also welcome.

Service has kits already made up and ready to sew. They are available before each meeting or available upon request. Additionally, there are quilts pinned that need machine quilting and binding. To date, we have donated 110 service quilts.

Please remember to return any service quilts from our March service day that you worked on over the summer.

Please send a message to communications@quiltinc.org with any questions or if you know of an organization needing quilts.

Service Block of the Month

The first block of the month will be due at the March 13, 2026 in person service meeting. Below are the instructions for our first block; the Spool. Please bring all completed blocks to the service meeting. Members will receive one ticket for every block completed. A ticket will be pulled at the meeting for the winner. The winner will receive all blocks, so the more blocks you make, the greater your chances of winning! This is a great way to learn new blocks.

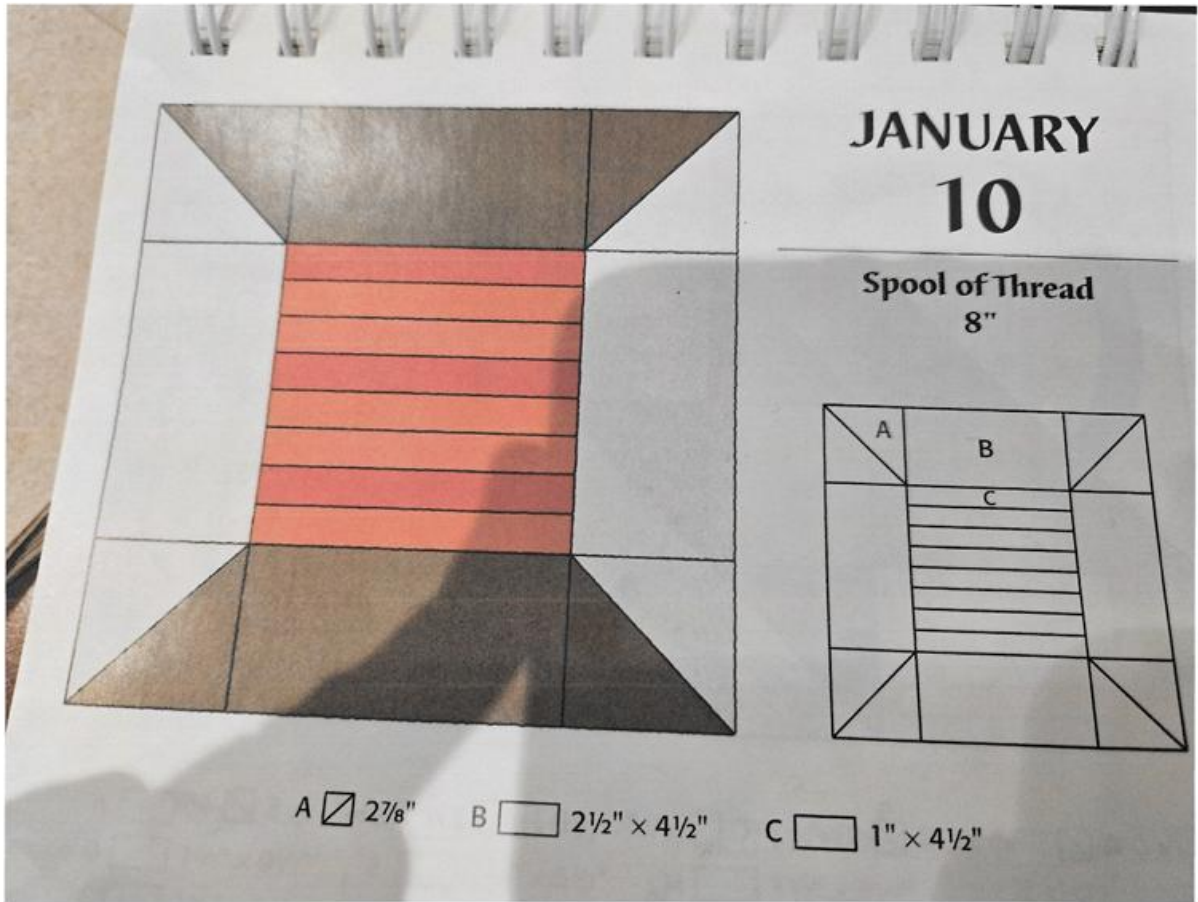
Please read all instructions carefully before making the block. Use a ¼" inch seam. The block should measure 8 ½" when completed.

4 half square triangles; cut a 2 7/8" square into two triangles

4 strips 2 ½" X 4 ½" strips

Several 1 X 4 ½" or 2 ½" X 4 1/2" strips to make the thread part of the spool, or 1 piece 4 ½" X 4 ½"

The background is preferred to be neutral and wood tone fabric for the spool. Your choice of color and design for the thread part of the spool.



Some examples follow:



Comfort Quilts

Sharon Gormley reports that the NICU at AMCH has an abundance of quilts right now and what they really need are comfort quilts.

Comfort Quilts are for adult patients who are passing away. HIPPA regulations prevent a nurse from telling the staff on the floor that their patient is at end state. A comfort quilt is put on their bed to make the patient's room homier and let the staff know to treat the family with compassion and comforting words. The family takes the quilt home after their loved one passes on.

Quilts need to be a minimum of 48 inches square, but there is no restriction on how large.

Sharon is hoping that our members will embrace this new venture as it seems like a very worthwhile and compassionate thing to do. She will still take the NICU quilts that are already made and make sure they go to the NICU. Sharon is always amazed, but shouldn't be by this point, how generous our members are. She appreciates the many hours dedicated to doing charity work.

Sharon can be reached at communications@quiltinc.org with any questions.

Quilts of Valor

In November, a representative from the Quilts of Valor (QOV) project made a presentation at our meeting. The ideal size for a QOV is 60" X 80". But quilts should be no smaller than 55" X 60" and no larger than 72" X 90". They can be other than red, white and blue, and they can include a panel.

Their website for additional information is [Basic Requirements - Quilts of Valor Foundation](#)

Thank you for supporting this very important project supporting our veterans!

Quilt Donation

The guild has received a request to send some of our quilts to Uganda for homeless youths in Uganda. In the past, we have donated quilts to countries other than the United States. We have some service quilts that we will be sending them.

Also, if you know of any non-profit organizations that may want a quilt for a raffle or for clients, please let Anita know. Linda can give them ideas on running a raffle.

Library

Library Chair Susan Jacobsen along with Judy Shapiro and Linda Zinzow

The Library welcomes suggestions and requests from people for purchases of books and materials they are interested in. Meanwhile, if you have borrowed books, please return them when you are finished enjoying them. Returns can be made at any in-person meeting, whether the Library is open or not so we can put them in someone else's hand!

We'd also like to remind members that the library also lends templates for hand quilting and rulers. The library will be open during all meetings except those conducted via Zoom.

Our traditional practice of fines for overdue materials (\$1 per month late, unless renewed) has resumed as of September's meeting (9/2025). Members may renew materials they have borrowed by emailing Susan Jacobsen communications@quiltinc.org, or in person at meetings. Thank you for your interest!

Featherweight Gathering: Sit, Sew and Maintenance

The Featherweight group will meet anytime there is an open sew after an in person meeting. But in the meantime, Paul reminds everyone to oil their machine and smile!



If you have questions about your Featherweight including maintenance, please reach out to Paul Peters from our guild. He can be reached at communications@quiltinc.org

Thank You!

This message is from Anne O'Brien Carelli, a former guild member and avid quilter.

Thanks to all of you who have been donating quilts to the refugees who have resettled in the Capital District.

These families escaped danger with nothing, and fully appreciate the time and thoughtfulness you have put into the quilts.

I have witnessed their reactions, and all ages, men and women, shed tears of gratefulness.

If you are interested in donating quilts, please call or email me. I can pick them up or you can drop them off on my porch in Delmar.

Any size is fine, especially twin size (60" X 80").

Please note that the men from Afghanistan who arrived in Albany three years ago, were rescued because they assisted American soldiers by translating, making maps, and accompanying our soldiers into battle. Their families could use the warmth of a quilt right now.

Again - thank you so much for your generosity. anneobriencarelli@gmail.com 518-424-6375

Fun Fact from Linda London!

I was traveling in Turkey and learned that Quilting was a Muslim Contribution that changed the world:

Sewing two pieces of cloth together with a layer in between was brought back to Europe by the Crusaders when they noticed the Muslim armies did not wear armor, but instead wore canvas quilted shirts filled with straw. This was quite an improvement over the metal armor the Crusaders were wearing. Quilted shirts also provided a good deal of insulation and warmth. Hence quilting became very popular in colder regions of Europe like Britain.

Do you have a sewing machine to donate or know someone who does?

The Innovation Center at the Saratoga is ready to open the Sewing Room to support creativity and skill building in our community. They are currently seeking donations of used sewing machine in good working order to be available to students.

If you have a machine to donate, please contact Eileen at 518-932-2042 or email programming@innovationcentersaratoga.org

The Innovation Center will work with groups to host events. They are always looking for teachers as well.

Out and About for your Calendar

February 7-22, 2026: Quilt display by the Cooperstown Art Association. Daily 11 am to 4 pm and Sunday 1-4 pm. 22 Main Street Cooperstown, NY

March 19, 2026: Trunk show at Hawthorne Ridge located at 30 Community Way, East Greenbush, NY 12061 at 1:30 pm.

March 25-28, 2026: The Lancaster Quilt Show at Lebanon Valley Expo Center in, Lebanon, PA. Details at: www.thelancasterquiltshow.com

April 8-11, 2026 AQS show in Hartford, CT. Details at: [New England 2026 - American Quilter's Society](#)

June 18-20, 2026: The Vermont Quilt Show at the Doubletree Expo Center in S. Burlington, VT. Details at: www.thevermontquiltshow.com

April 25-26, 2026: The Empire Quiltfest will be held at the Fulton Montgomery Community College. Details at: www.EMPIREQUILTFEST.ORG

May 2-3: Pioneer Valley Quilt Show in Springfield, MA Details at: [Quilt Show - Hands Across the Valley Quilt Guild - Amherst, MA quilt guild - sharing the love of quilting in the Pioneer Valley for the past 40 years](#)

May 15-17; Genesee Valley Quilt Show in Rochester, NY Details at: [Quilt Show | Genesee Valley Quilt QuiltFest | Rochester NY](#)

June 18-20, 2026 The Vermont Quilt Show to be held at the Doubletree Expo Center in South Burlington. Details at: www.thevermontquiltshow.com

July 23-25: Maine Quilt Show, Augusta, ME Details at: [Maine Quilts 2026 – Pine Tree Quilters Guild, Inc.](#)

Be happy!

