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

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Message from the President Linda London	***Programs and Meetings 2026-2027***
Dear QUILT, Inc. members and friends, Now that most of us have put our gardens away for the season and the weather is cooler, it's time to settle in to quilt. In celebration of our 50th year, we have some exciting plans. We are organizing to display quilts at one of the local malls for National Quilting Day, March 20, 2027. We will also have a special presentation and workshop on March 12 featuring award-winning quilting teacher and designer Sue Pritt of Sweet Season Quilts. Sue specializes in nature-inspired and rural/city themed designs using fusible web machine appliqué and her own unique quilt as you go methods. I also hope to hear more about QUILT, Inc.'s formative years from some of our longest-time members. It takes many hands to prepare and promote these special events so please consider how you can get involved in celebrating our 50th year. At a minimum, consider inviting friends who have an interest in sewing to join with us for some of the fun events. Mary Helen Collen has agreed to be nominating chair and will be reaching out to fill positions—hospitality, program, workshops, and newsletter for our 2027-29 term. Please consider how you can contribute to keep QUILT, Inc. the vibrant guild that it has become. Happy quilting, Linda London	November 12: Workshop to make rail fence blocks in patriotic colors. Some fabric will be provided. Quilts will be donated to the Veteran's Hospital. November 13: Monthly meeting with Jason Goman to talk about veteran services/ donations. Block of the month: Modern Log Cabin in fall colors. December 10, 2026: Block party to make guild placemats. December 11, 2026: Monthly meeting with holiday celebration. December 'Healthy' Quilt Challenge judging, and Show & Share. June 2027 challenge announcement. Block of the month: Woodland Blooms; red, pink or white poinsettias. January 7, 2027: Zoom workshop on crumb quilts with Brita Nelson. January 8: Monthly meeting **via Zoom**. Lecture by Brita Nelson. Block of the month: Snowball block in winter theme. February 11: Zoom workshop on braid runner with Kate Colleran Designs. February 12: Monthly meeting **via Zoom**. Lecture with Kate Colleran Designs. Block of the month: Crazy Patch Log Cabin. March 11: Service day. Note change in date to Thursday March 12: Monthly meeting. Sue Pritt presentation. Block of the Month: Scrappy Churn Dash April 8: Liberated Birds workshop with Lynne Tyler. April 9: Monthly meeting. Lecture with Lynne Tyler. Block of the month: Memories of Grandmother – Easter Themes. May 13: Wool appliqué workshop with Ruth Kvale. May 14: Monthly meeting. Lecture TBD. Block of the month: To the Garden in Spring colors. June 10: Workshop TBD. (corrected date) June 11: Monthly meeting, potluck luncheon and meet the member. Block of the month: Jacknife (corrected date) Amelia's Garden is now a drop off point for Gloversville Sewing Services.

Board meetings are scheduled for November 6, 2026 via Zoom and tentatively scheduled for 2027 on January 4, March 5 and May 7. If you wish to attend but are not a board member, please contact Linda London to receive a Zoom invitation.

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Membership

Ellen Vande Bunte

Membership renewal for the 2026-2027 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

Q.U.I.L.T., Inc. MEMBERSHIP FORM 2026-2027

Name:_____

Address: _____
City Zip:_____
Primary Phone_____ Other Phone_____

E-Mail _____(For guild-related e-mails only.)

FOR GUILD USE ONLY
Date
Member no.
Check no.

Check one: Renewal____ New Member____ If new, how did you hear about us? _____
2026-2027 Membership fee is $35.00. 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.
Optional donation to the guild to be included with membership fee: $ _____
Please send this form and check payable to Q.U.I.L.T., Inc., PO Box 523, Delmar, NY 12054-0523.
Online payment for membership is available at https://quiltinc.org/membership/

Harvest Quilt Show 2027

Kimberly Rings Guild Chair

We have details and we have a challenge!

Harvest Quilt Show: October 23 - 24, 2027

Location: Menands Union Free School District, 19 Wards Lane Menands, NY 12204

Website: Harvestquiltshowny.com

Quilt Challenge: "In the Garden" theme

Celebrate the beauty, wonder, and inspiration found in gardens. Quilts in this category may depict flowers, plants, trees, vegetables, herbs, pollinators, garden structures, garden tools, or scenes inspired by cultivated or wild gardens. Entries may be realistic, traditional, whimsical, abstract, or modern interpretations of the theme. The connection to a garden should be evident in the design, imagery, color palette, or overall concept. All pieces should be 24" X 24".

Special Presenter: Guiseppe Ribaudo (Giucy Guice) https://www.giucygiuce.com/

He will be presenting on Saturday and Sunday. There will be an additional fee to see his presentation at a cost to be determined.

I hope everyone is working on their quilts for the upcoming show. We are very excited to be at our new location. There is plenty of room and parking.

The vendor table committee for the guild is Kimberly Rings, Julie-Ann Fortran and Paul Peters. We will be working on samples and directions for the guild members to make items for our table. Our intention is to make the samples and directions available on a table for members to look at and take anything if they are interested in making items for our guild to sell at the show. We will accept take any donations of completed items to sell at the table. We are hoping to have an open sew for interested members to come and make some items for us to sell. We will have fabric and directions and a day of fun sewing and community on a date to be determined.

QUILT, Inc. is also responsible for assembling and contributing six baskets to the show to be raffled. We will also be taking donations of items to fill the baskets.

I will be updating the guild with news at our meetings but if you have any questions, you can contact me at communications@quiltinc.org

Kim is still asking for a guild member to co-chair the show alongside her for the next show as she will be stepping down after the 2027 show. 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.

August Bus Trip to the AQS show in Hartford, CT

Sharon Gormley has let us know that AQS will host another show August 4-7, 2027 in Hartford. She will arrange for a one-day trip to the show if there is enough interest. Please let Sharon know of your interest by emailing her at communications@quiltinc.org

We had a great time earlier this year so at least save the dates if you think you would like to attend.

Lectures and Workshops 2026-2027

Coming Attractions- SAVE THE DATES!

Chairs Kim Rings, Sharon Gormley and Sue Irwin

We are asking that our members please try to sign up at least 15 days before the class so that we can order tools or books if needed and to let the instructor know how many to prepare for. If the class is not filled at that time, we will then open registration to other quilters in the area. Our quilters may still register but at that point it will be first come, first serve. 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.

The committee met with the program committees of several local guilds, and the decision was made to share our workshops with them to maximize attendance. Priority will be given to guild members so if you are thinking about a workshop, it is best to register as soon as you can.

To register for workshops, use the registration forms that will be included in this newsletter when the schedule is formalized. Forms will also 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.

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

November 12, 2026: Workshop to make Patriotic quilt blocks in the rail fence pattern. Some fabric will be provided. These quilts will be smaller versions than the Quilts of Valor for patients at the Veteran's Hospital.

December 10, 2026: Block Party to make guild placemats with a pattern to be provided. Or, create a placemat from an orphan block.



January 7, 2027: Zoom workshop on crumb quilts with Brita Nelson.

Workshop	Crumb quilts via Zoom
Teacher	Brita Nelson
Date	January 7, 2027
Time	TBD
Registration Deadline	December 23, 2026
Fee	$30 for members/ $40 for non-members
Name	
Telephone	
Email address	
Check # and amount	

February 11, 2027: Zoom workshop with Kate Colleran Designs.

Workshop	Braid runner via Zoom
Teacher	Kate Colleran
Date	February 11, 2027
Time	TBD
Registration Deadline	January 27, 2027
Fee	$30 for members/ $40 for non-members
Name	
Telephone	
Email address	
Check # and amount	

*March 11, 2027: Service Day. Please note that the service day has been changed to Thursday with the monthly meeting occurring on Friday March 12.

March 12, 2027: Program and workshop featuring Sue Pritt of Sweet Seasons Quilts.

April 8, 2027: Workshop with Lynne Tyler on Liberated Birds.

April 13, 2027: 10-11:30am. This is a special opportunity to share our quilts at At Massry (formerly St. Rose Art Center) located at 1002 Madison Ave, Albany NY. This show is being

publicized through Hudson Valley Community College's adult education program.

March 12, 2027: Program and workshop featuring Sue Pritt of Sweet Seasons Quilts.

April 9, 2027: Workshop with Lynne Tyler on Liberated Birds.

May 13, 2027: Wool Appliqué workshop with Ruth Kvale.

Below are a few pictures from Anita Paul's workshop in September on how to make a jacket from a sweatshirt.





QUILT Inc. Sharing & Stories

With the U.S. Bicentennial in 1976 came a renewed interest in quilting among the people of the United States. That was certainly true in Delmar, NY. People began taking quilting classes and from those classes, quilters began getting together to enjoy their activities. Thus in 1977 women in the Capital District met and formed what later became Quilters United in Learning Together, Inc. (Q.U.I.L.T., Inc). Come and see our Quilts! Examples of the artistic creativity of this group, who over the years have gifted thousands of their quilts to area hospitals, service agencies and other groups in need.

This presentation is part of our 50th anniversary celebration. More information will be forthcoming as the date nears. Please contact Leslie Johnson at communications@quiltinc.org for additional details.

Placemats

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.

Any cheerful design is welcome. The recommended finished size is 14" X 18". A collection bin will be at the back table for finished placemats. 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.

Technology Note

Chairs Michelle Young and Kim Rings

When meetings or workshops are on ZOOM, please watch your email for a PRE-REGISTRATION link to the meeting or workshop. 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.

The Block of the Month Patterns are now available on the website in the "Members Only" section. If you do not have a login yet, you can create one from a link on the login page. Then remember, it might take a few days for a human to approve your request.

Michelle also noticed that using the site on a mobile device had its challenges. While Michelle cannot totally rewrite the login page because it is controlled by the software, she was able to add some additional links to the login and some additional menu options that should help the mobile experience.

The 'forgot password' may not currently work due to some changes at Google. Michelle is working with the previous administrator to see if it can be resolved as she is unable to do it on her own. If you need to reset your password (or get a new account approved faster), you can send an email to communications@quiltinc.org and Michelle can help you out in the meantime.

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!

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.

June 2026 Red, White and Blue Challenge Results

Traditional:
First Place – Michelle Young
Second Place – Ruth Baker
Third Place – Ellen Zinni

Non-Traditional:
First Place – Linda London
Second Place – Paul Peters
Third Place – Darlene Balfort tied with Joanne Frangella


RESIST



Announcing the December 2026 Quilt Challenge:
Let's Get Healthy!

Julie-Ann Fortran and Paul Peters

Our December challenge is a healthy one- the fruit, vegetable and nut challenge.

Please create a piece that is made from fruit, vegetable and/ or nut fabric or a piece that depicts a piece of fruit, vegetable and/or nut. For example, pieces of fabric arranged to mimic the shape of a piece of fruit, vegetable and/or or a nut. One challenge item can be depicted or a combination of the challenge items.

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 December 2026. Prizes will be awarded to the top three viewers' choice in the two different categories of $50 for first prize, $30 for second prize and $20 for third prize.

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

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 Project

Service Chairs Sue Lynch, Chrissy Wagner and Karen Smith

If you like to sew, but you have inundated your family and friends with quilts, consider making one for service. We donate to many places that need these donations. We ask at this time that all quilts be at least 48" square or larger. We are currently obtaining a list of recommended sizes from each group that we will donate to. We will update the members via the website and newsletter as soon as we have identified the needs of the various organizations and their size requirements.

We have kits already made up and ready to sew. They are available before each meeting or available upon request. We also have quilts pinned that need machine quilting and binding. Look for them on the service table before and after meetings. Also, watch for a pop-up kit making day so that we can make even more kits. We had a wonderful time at our kit making party over the summer.

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

Service recently donated 20 quilts to Community Hospice.

If you or your organization needs a raffle quilt or a quilt donation, please contact Chrissy Wagner at communications@quiltinc.org or through the guilds' website.

Block of the Month

Please join us in a monthly block of the month (BOM) raffle to learn new patterns and have a chance to win a set of blocks. You will receive a raffle ticket for each block you make.

Thanks to all of you who have participated so far. All of the patterns for 2026-2027 have been downloaded to our website and can be found under the Members Only tab. This access makes it easier for those who want to get ahead making the blocks.

Although we do not meet in person in January or February, please bring your finished blocks for those two months to our March meeting in addition to the March block. We will then do three drawings for all three months at the same time. If you know of anyone who would like to participate but does not own or use a computer, please let Sharon Gormley know and she will bring a few printed copies to our November meeting. Sharon can be reached at communications@quiltinc.org with any questions.

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. HIPAA 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!

Quilts for Kids

In October, Service hosted Karen Casey from the Albany Chapter of Quilts from Kids. 18 quilts were made for the organization. Karen hosts a sew day the second Saturday of the month at the Emmanuel Reformed Church located at 1150 Maple Hill Road in Castleton on the Hudson, NY 12033. If you would like to participate in the Quilts for Kids sew day, please contact Karen directly at (518) 653-7184 or Casey.AlbanyQFK@gmail.com The website for the Albany chapter is www.quiltsforkids.org



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. This is a communal, social, get advice, feedback, laughing and/or gossip while you work on any project you want to. We provide cutting and ironing stations, and sewing areas with power. There are also a few Singer Featherweight machine users too. We answer questions, share showing our machines, have a place for maintenance and seldom bite. Plan on staying the afternoon and have a good time.

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

Quilts for USCRI (US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants)

Anne O'Brien Carelli, a former guild member and avid quilter, is collecting quilts for 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.

If you are interested in donating quilts, please call or email Anne at 518-424-6375 or anneobriencarelli@gmail.com Anne can pick them up or they can be dropped off on her porch in Delmar.

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

Anne thanks you so much for your generosity.

Labeling Your Quilt

From the Quilt Alliance: “….when it comes to labeling quilts, more is more! Labeling your quilt is a way to keep its history from fading away.” According to a document that I picked up at a quilt show, the label should include your name, other makers’ name, like the machine quilter, or the recipient. Was the quilt made as a gift or for someone specific? The document also lists a few other pieces of information to include on the label or with the documentation for the quilt. One piece of information to consider including is what else was happening in the world, or your world. For example, made during COVID-19 or made as a healing quilt after or during an illness. More information can be found at Welcome to Quilt Alliance - Quilt Alliance

Below is an example of how Julie-Ann labeled her Alaskan quilt. It was made from fabric purchased in Alaska in 2011 and completed in 2012 at the Strong House Inn in Vermont. The patch was purchased, but then she found an interesting Alaska label at Zebra Patterns | Zebra

Patterns This was a Princess cruise and we were given a Princess pin, which was also attached to the label because she didn't know what else to do with it!



Something to make you smile!

