



# Hunterdon County Quilting Guild

*48 Years of Quilting Together*



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## From Our President

Dear Members,

It was so nice to see so many smiling faces at our meeting this month. And welcome back to some of our returnees (those who were gone from our membership for a while and those who returned after long absences). Our open house meeting is always entertaining and informational. I hope every one of you learned at least one new piece of information from our presenters.

Our November meeting is scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup>. We will, once again, be collecting items for the food pantry. At this time of the year, when we are thankful for all that we are fortunate enough to have, it is important to remember that that is not the case for so many families. Please open your hearts to help provide for those less fortunate than us.

Happy Halloween to all of you! Do you think trick or treaters would be averse to receiving fat quarters? I have a ton of them!

Ellen Greco  
President

*Row 1: Pendell, Eileen, Lenore, Donna, Mary Jane, Valerie, Andy*

*Row 2: Barb R, Jana, Debby F, Arminda, Barb G*

*Row 3: Carol L, Diane, Elise, Joanne, Susan B*

## EXECUTIVE BOARD 2025-26

President:

Ellen Greco

Vice Presidents:

Jackie Owens

Darilyn Paul

Secretary:

Michele Colabraro

Treasurer:

Sharon Weatherford



We meet at Readington Reformed Church, 24 Readington Road, Whitehouse Station, NJ. Meetings are once a month on Fridays, at 9:30 am, schedule is on page 2 of this Newsletter. There are no meetings in July and August.

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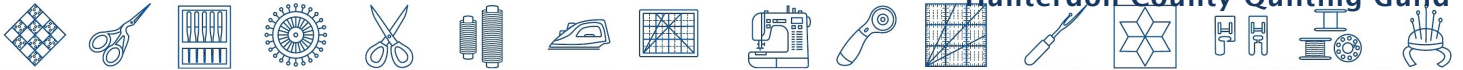
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## Committee News

**BLOCK OF THE MONTH:** Susan Biuso & Chris Kirsch



Thank you to all those who participated in last month's Block of the Month. Our two lucky winners were Jackie Owens and Rosemary Seemon. Congratulations to both those members.

We are looking forward to seeing



everyone's pumpkin blocks in November. [Directions are linked here.](#)

The December month's block will be dedicated for Project Linus. We are looking forward to a lot of participation. Remember that winners of blocks do not have to make a quilt for themselves. Quilts could be made for charity. Also placemats, bags etc. could be made with won blocks, so please participate.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Debbie Gianos, Sharon Bittle, Michele Colabraro, Mary Jane Dunworth, Maggi Emmons

The decision has been made. We will be making the toiletry bags and filling them with donations from the guild. Anyone who would like to join our committee please email me at [deb.gianos@gmail.com](mailto:deb.gianos@gmail.com) so Maggi can put you on the group list. The more the merrier!

**HOSPITALITY:** Barbara Carroll & Sharon Bittle

The refreshments at our October open house meeting were amazing. *THANK YOU!*

Our Holiday luncheon is coming up, it will be here before we know it. We will have a sign-up sheet at our November meeting.

**LIBRARY:** Peggy Corsentino, Judy Iselin, Anne Parsons

It's not too late to start thinking about the year-end project, "Through a window." If you are having trouble getting started - go to our guild web page and [browse our wonderful library](#) for some inspiration! If you would like to see any of the books you can contact Anne Parsons, Judy Iselin or Peggy Corsentino and we will pull them out for you.

If anyone has had books or magazines out for an extended time, please consider returning them, or re-checking them out so we can keep an accurate

accounting. Thank you for helping us keep our library a useful tool for us all.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Arminda Barbone

We welcome new members Elise Flomerfelt and Debbie Read! Welcome back also to Norma Bregen! At the next meeting, if you run into them or any members that you don't know, take a moment to introduce yourself. Thank you for remembering to wear your guild badges and pins. New members will receive their badges and pins next month.

The hunt for the elusive Guild pins is over and I will have pins for anyone for whom they are overdue. Sorry for the wait! Patterns for making a fabric Guild badge will be sent again via a separate email. The paper pieced version has been simplified and I will explain next month.

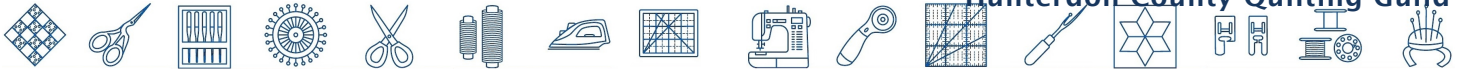
**PROGRAMS:** Jackie Owens & Darilyn Paul

Thank you to all Committee Members who presented at the Open House! Our Guild is very busy and committed to our Mission. Please keep the various committees in mind throughout the year and see where your talents may be needed.

Challenge for 2025-26 carries the theme: **Through My Window.** Have some fun with this! Your final project could be a postcard, a potholder, a king-sized quilt, a tote bag or an I Spy quilt. Some members may wish to review photo collage techniques or photo printing onto fabric. Anything fitting the theme is fair game. The Challenge will be presented at the June 5th Luncheon.

**SIGN UP** for ALL workshops at the front table after the Business Meeting. Typically, the instructors give a class size limit. This number is given so that each participant is able to receive instruction and so that all have a satisfying experience. Often, supplies are ordered ahead of a class. The Guild requires a \$20 cash deposit when you sign up. It is returned when you attend the class. Other than special supplies recommended or required by the instructor, the Guild covers the cost of the workshops and trunk shows. Our goal is that all members who wish to participate in a workshop have the opportunity to do so whenever feasible. **Calendar:**

November 21st. We welcome instructor Claire Whitehill of Fern Valley Studio in Vermont to our Guild meeting. After the business meeting, Claire will guide us through a fun ***Tumbling Block Weaving Workshop.*** Detailed info regarding prep work has been sent by email to the members participating in the November workshop. After the workshop, you should have a woven block, ready to become part of a bigger



project - a pillow, a tote bag, a jacket decoration, a pocket, a table runner and more.

December 5th. **Holiday Luncheon.** Look for a sign up at the November meeting. Hospitality will arrange a terrific potluck meal with our contributions. Lots of fun and games!

January 16th (**Friday**) **Business meeting** at the usual time and location.

January 17th (**Saturday**) **ZOOM workshop with Quilt Maven Dave** in the comfort of your own sewing space. Dave Sirota has added a few new projects to his class list, and we will send out more details when they are confirmed.

February 20th. **Round Robin.** We have a few instructors already, and we are looking forward to sharing the tricks and talents of the Guild members with the group. Please reach out to Darilyn or Jackie to sign up to demonstrate a 5-15 minute technique.

March 20th. **Member-led Workshop.** Our own Arminda will share a fun artistic fabric dyeing technique. Details will follow closer to the date.

April 17th. **Community Service Sewing Day.** Membership in attendance voted on sewing a Toiletry Bag as this year's project. The plan is that it would be filled by donated toiletries and distributed to local women's shelters.

May 8th. **Quilted Vest/Jacket Workshop.** Claire from Fern Valley Studio will teach a workshop guiding us through construction of a jacket or vest made from quilted material. In the coming months, keep an eye out for a suitable small quilt, old quilted bedspread, or quilted fabric that you may be willing to give a new life to. More details to follow, but a throw or twin-size piece should do the job. This will be a sewing machine workshop.

June 5th. **Luncheon and Tricky Tray.** Start collecting fabric, tools, patterns, UFOs (Un-Finished-Objects), threads and any quilting related items for the Tricky Tray. Collection and organization of donations takes place in the Spring. Lots of FUN!

**QUILTS OF VALOR:** Eileen Porretta, Barbara Gates, Rosemary Seemon, Sue Biuso, Peggy Corsentino, Debbie Gianos, Judy Iselin.

Our QOV Committee has awarded 5 QOVs since July 1<sup>st</sup>. The QOV Committee has been fortunate to be able to award two QOV recently. BG Nunn was awarded his on October 15 and Vince D. was awarded his on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

The committee will be awarding three more at the Veterans Day ceremony on November 11 at the VFW

Post 5119. The VFW, located at 179 Main St., Glen Gardner, will host an event to honor all veterans, and it is open to the public. The observances will begin at 11 AM sharp. Our entire committee will be there to honor 3 deserving veterans with Quilts of Valor. Doors open at 10:30 and there will be light refreshments.

If you have a deserving Veteran, please talk to Eileen P or Barbara G. There is also a link on our Guild website that takes you to the QOVF website.

After Veteran's Day we will have two remaining on our nominations list.

**WEB/IT TEAM:** Susan Decker & Barbara Gates

Have you been to our website lately? Our Guild website is always [just a click away](#), and has *all* the Guild information handy.

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## Special Events

**LANCASTER BUS TRIP:** Eileen Porretta

Let's plan the bus trip for 2026!!

**OUTREACH CONNECTION FOOD PANTRY:** Diane Stevens

Please remember to bring your donations to the next guild meeting. Non-perishable food items as well as toiletries and personal hygiene items are very much needed. Special holiday meal items, as well as monetary donations are appreciated. The money is used to buy perishable items such as eggs, etc. More people than ever depend upon the good nature of others to help feed their families especially during these difficult times. The food pantry has over 1000 clients and the list is growing every day. We can help to make a difference!

Thanks!

**RAFFLE QUILT FINANCE:** Chris Colabraro, Peggy Corsentino, Eileen Porretta

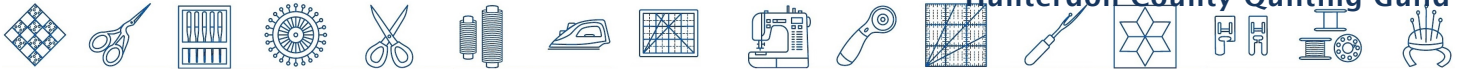
As members of the Guild we benefit from programs, workshops, and (here's hoping) bus fare to Lancaster for fabric shopping.

All of these are made possible in part through the proceeds of our raffle. That is why selling our raffle quilt tickets is so important.

To date about 2300 tickets have been returned. But there's more work to do to help Open Cupboard Food Pantry and fund our activities.

If you need additional tickets, text Chris at (973) 214-4349 and she'll make arrangements to get them to you.





**RETREATS:** Eileen Porretta, Barbara Rennie, Jana Laidlaw, Mary Jane Dunworth

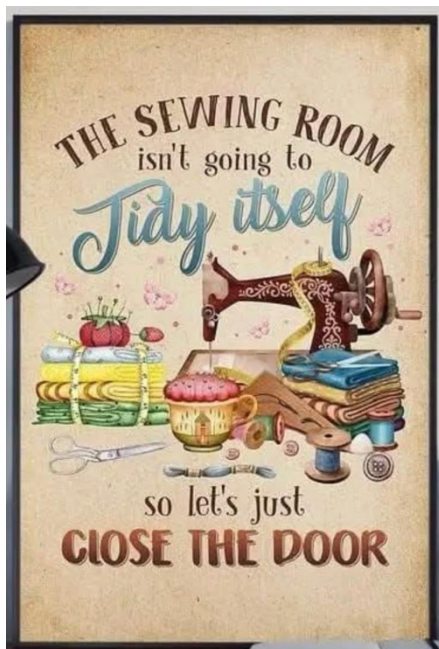
Dates for the Spring Retreat are May 11-15, 2026, at Crossroads Camp and Conference Center located in Lebanon Township NJ. A Deposit of \$150.00 is due at the January meeting, with balance due at the April meeting. I will not receive the contract until January, so I don't know the final cost for a single room, double room, or day tripper. At this time, there is one room open, could be double or single occupancy.

## Recipe!!

### Member Nancy Coldreck's Gluten-Free/Low FODMAP Banana Bread

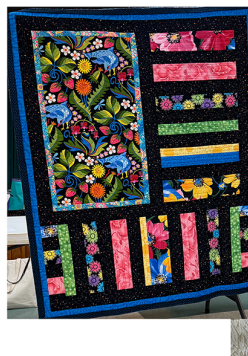
1/3 cup melted coconut oil  
 1/2 cup pure maple syrup  
 2 large eggs  
 2-3 Medium ripe bananas  
 1/4 cup unsweetened almond milk (I used Lactose free whole milk)  
 1 teaspoon vanilla  
 1 cup Bob's Red Mill 1:1 Gluten-Free Baking Flour (the blue bag)  
 1 teaspoon baking soda  
 1/2 teaspoon fine salt  
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
 1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease a bread loaf pan and set aside.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the melted coconut oil and maple syrup. Add the eggs and whisk. Then add mashed bananas, milk, and vanilla. Whisk until well combined.
3. In a large bowl, mix together the gluten-free flour, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon. Add the wet ingredients into the dry mixture and stir until mixed. Gently fold in the chopped walnuts.
4. Pour batter into the greased loaf pan. Bake 55-60 minutes or until done. Allow the bread to cool before slicing and serving.



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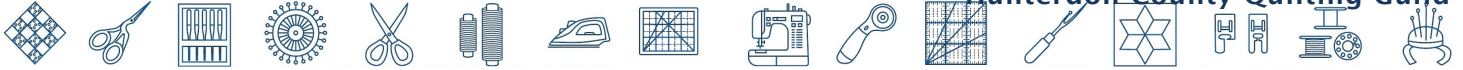




## Show & Tell October 2025







## HUNTERDON COUNTY QUILTING GUILD

### SHOW & TELL

OCTOBER, 2025

COLLEEN BARCELLONA, QUILTS

DEBBY FIEBIG, QUILT

SUSAN BIUSO, TURKEY WALL HANGING

LIZ SHLOM, HALLOWEEN QUILT

MERRY KNAPP, BARN QUILT

ANNE PARSONS, FRIENDSHIP WEDDING QUILT

ELLEN GRECO, (3) DONATION QUILTS

DEB GIANOS, TMNT QUILT

ANDY FOSTER, MEXICALI" WALL HANGING, KING SIZE SATURDAY SAMPLER BLOCKS

JACKIE OWENS, TABLE RUNNER & NATIONAL PARK QUILT

PEGGY CORSENTINO, TREES AND STARS QUILT (DONATED)

DARILYN PAUL, BLANKET CHRISTMAS QUILT (DONATED)

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