



Hunterdon County Quilting Guild

48 Years of Quilting Together



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From Our President

Hi HCQG Members!

Wasn't our holiday party a blast! I hope everybody had their fill of all the great food our members brought to share (see, we don't JUST quilt – we can cook too!). Since you'll be reading this after Christmas, I hope Santa brought you all the newest fabrics and quilting accessories you asked him for. Wouldn't you just love to add a few snips of his beautiful suit to a quilt or two?

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our January meeting on the 16th. It should be a short meeting since the Zoom class with Quilt Mavin Dave is scheduled for the next day. Until then, keep on stitching!

Ellen Greco

President



EXECUTIVE BOARD 2025-26

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Ellen Greco

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Jackie Owens

Darilyn Paul

Secretary:

Michele Colabrador

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.

Mailing address: P.O. Box 52, Readington, NJ 08870

[Link to Guild Email](#)

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Next Guild Business Meeting is Friday, January 16, 2025 at 9:30 am at the Church, **Zoom workshop on the 17th!**



Committee News

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Susan Biuso & Chris Kirsch

The block for the month of January is for quilts to be made for a women's support group our guild has supported for several years. The group is "Healing After Loss", and supports women who have lost a child during some stage of their pregnancy or during birth. The founders are Lauren Welch and Hayley Weichler. This group is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. We donate quilts to add to their Pregnancy and Infant Loss Care Baskets. The group also offers other services such as support groups. Their website is www.haloutreach.org We found the block easy and fun and encourage you to make as many blocks as you'd like for this worthy cause. White on white backgrounds and comforting florals or other fabrics are nice to use. [Directions are linked here.](#)



Thank you so much for the blocks returned in December for Project Linus quilts. The response was



outstanding! Please return any blocks you still have for the Project Linus quilts at the January meeting. The blocks we received last month are fabulous. These quilts will be so bright and cheerful for the children that receive them. An extra thank you to Carolyn Russo for offering to quilt these when the tops are completed.

To be part of a guild willing to donate their time and resources for charity quilts is so wonderful. If you don't feel thanked yet for making blocks for these two charity organizations, this is your official thank you!

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Debbie Gianos, Sharon Bittle, Michele and Chris Colabrador, Mary Jane Dunworth, Maggi Emmons

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and my wish is for a happy and healthy new year.

Info on the community service day will be forthcoming!

HOSPITALITY: Barbara Carroll & Sharon Bittle

Happy New Year! A big thank you to those who had volunteered to bring items to our Christmas luncheon. As always, your contributions help make our events great.

Snacks for our social time after our January business meeting will be much appreciated.

LIBRARY: Peggy Corsentino, Judy Iselin, Anne Parsons

Library books will be available at the January meeting. Please e-mail any book requests to one of the librarians by Monday, January 12, 2026

MEMBERSHIP: Arminda Barbone

There were 49 members present at our December meeting. As always, advise me of any changes to your email, address or phone number. Thank you for remembering to wear your name badges and Guild pins each month!

PROGRAMS: Jackie Owens & Darilyn Paul

Please remember our quilting challenge for the year: [A View Through My Window](#).

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

JAN 17 - (Saturday) ZOOM workshop with Quilt Maven Dave Dave Sirota will teach Collide O Scope on Zoom. David has recently provided an update to the prep work. Please follow [this link to his site](#) for pre-workshop prep details. Workshop participants will print the triangle template (from his website) at home onto regular copy paper and use it to cut lots of triangles of our fabric PRIOR to class. A few days before the workshop Dave will email the paper piecing patterns to the workshop participants. We will print those at home onto regular printer paper. David will show us how to use those during the class. Please review the materials list to be prepared for class. Dave had capped the class at 20, and graciously expanded to include a couple of extra participants. If you have paid your \$20 and signed up, you are all set.

February 20th. **Quilted Vest/Jacket Workshop.** Claire Whitehill of Fern Valley Studio is looking forward to our FEB 20 Quilted Jacket or Vest Workshop. We will be using the [Tamarack Jacket pattern](#) from Grainville Studio. The attendees for the quilt jacket workshop should purchase the pattern directly from Grainville. It can be ordered as a print-at-home, which comes via an easy,



shareable electronic link, or as a printed paper pattern which comes in the regular mail.

Participants should prepare their paper patterns at home and then cut into the quilts at home OR cut at the workshop, whichever they are more comfortable with.

Look around your stash or your house for a quilt about twin size for a jacket, smaller for a vest. Pre-quilted fabric can be purchased if you wish. [See the general fabric recommendations here](#). Contact Jackie Owens with any questions. More details will follow from Fern Valley for all who have signed up.

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 placemats as this year's project. More information will be coming at the January business meeting.

May 8th. **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.

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.

We will postpone the Quilts of Valor National Sew Day from February 7 until March 14th. On Saturday, March 14 we will meet at the VFW Post 5119 at 179 Main Street in Glen Gardner to sew from 9:30-3:30. During that time we will work on various QOV related tasks. Specifics will be presented at the meeting. Eileen will have a sign-up sheet at the January 16th meeting. Contact Eileen or Barbara with questions.

WEB/IT TEAM: Susan Decker & Barbara Gates

All the monthly updates have been made. If you have a needlework project of any kind that was left to you to complete and you cannot do it, go to the [website's Resources tab](#) and click on the Shops and Miscellaneous item in the dropdown box. The last item in the right column is a link to an organization called "Loose Ends". Check it out.

Special Events

LANCASTER BUS TRIP: Eileen Porretta

After discussions at the December meeting, we have received confirmation that the cost of the transportation for our trip to Lancaster, PA in May of 2026 will be paid by the Guild treasury for members attending. Non-Members will be charged separately. We are looking at 5/20/2026 as the date. More information to follow after the committee contacts Easton Coach.



OUTREACH CONNECTION FOOD PANTRY: Diane Stevens

How very nice to receive this Thank You via Facebook!

RAFFLE QUILT FINANCE: Chris Colabrador, Peggy Corsentino, Eileen Porretta

The drawing for the fabulous quilt is approaching. As you are aware we must account for every single ticket. Please bring all your raffle tickets (sold-hopefully or unsold) to our January meeting.

Every sold ticket makes a donation to the food pantry and helps us finance activities and programs for our guild. Your support is vital.

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

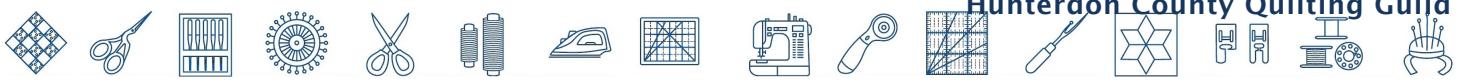
Spring Retreat, May 11-15, 2026

Deposits for the spring retreat will be due at the January meeting. Balances will be due at the March meeting. All those members who expressed an interest in attending will be contacted to verify if they are still interested in attending. At this point, there is 1, or possibly 2, rooms open for a single or double occupancy.

If interested contact Barbara Rennie.

Fall Retreat: We currently have reservations at Crossroads Camp and Retreat Center for October 19-23, 2026. More information to follow

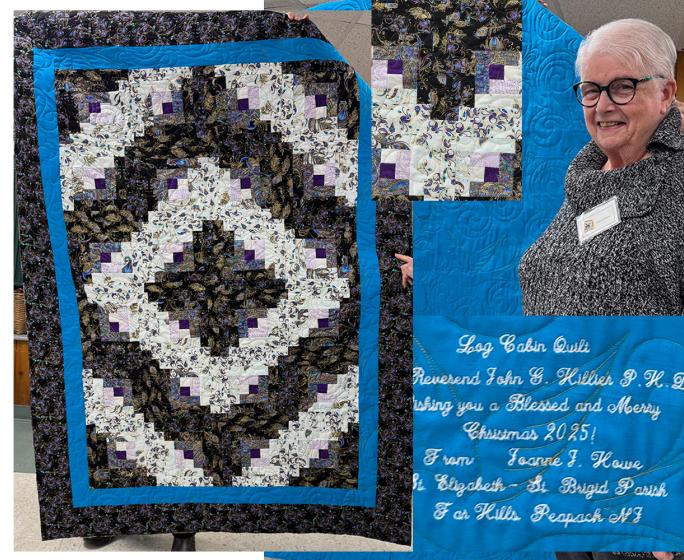
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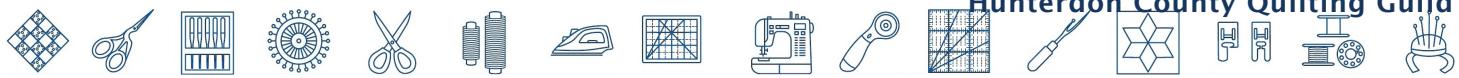
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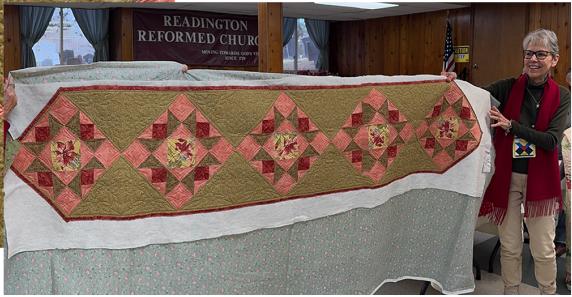
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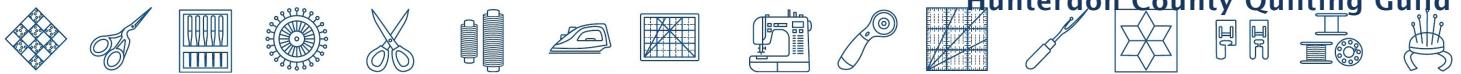
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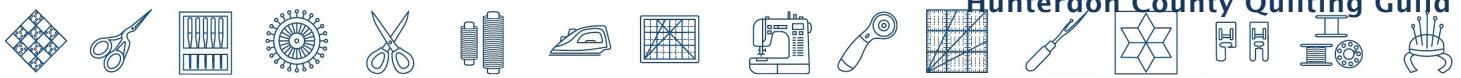


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HCQG Holiday Luncheon



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Thank you
Sharon &
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