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#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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- Nov. BOTM Pumpkin
- Dec BOTM Candy Canes
- 23-24 Membership Roster

## EXECUTIVE BOARD 2023-24

President: Susan Biuso

Vice Presidents: Eileen Porretta Ellen Grecco

Secretary: Rosemary Seemon

Treasurer:

Carol Gauer

# **Hunterdon County Quilting Guild**

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## From Our President

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Wow! Fall is about half over and the holidays are upon us. While the calendar year is quickly coming to an end, our guild year has only recently begun. We have gotten off to a great start with a fun welcome back September meeting with a couple of new members joining us. That was followed by Karen Dever joining us for our October Open House. She presented a very interesting talk on, "If Quilts Could Talk". She shared some of her research on quilts to learn about the history of the quilt and the quiltmaker. After our meeting Karen led a workshop on her "Strip Illusion" quilt. About fifteen members participated. As I write this message I am STILL sewing strip blocks together, but nearing the end. Maybe by the time you read this message all blocks will be completed and hopefully the top will be sewn together. *Participants, please bring your projects to our next meeting, at whatever stage has been completed*.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our November meeting with another speaker and at our December meeting for our holiday party.

Susan



We meet at Readington Reformed Church, 24 Readington Road, Whitehouse Station, NJ. Meetings are held monthly at 9:30 am. on the third Friday, except for December, and June. There are no meetings in July and August. **Mailing address:**P.O. Box 52, Readington, NJ 08870 **Email:**HunterdonCountyQuiltingGuild@gmail.com Website:HCQuiltingGuild.wixsite.com/HCQuiltingGuild Photo Library: HCQG FLICKR



## **Committee News**

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Donna Passarotti & Maggi Emmons

These 24 6" Fall Blocks were won by Rosemary Seemon!



There are 2 months available now, November and December. It is with the thought that we get busy in December.



We hope you enjoy these 2 blocks as much as we did.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Deb Gianos

On October 2nd the community service committee got together to brain storm ideas for community service day sewing marathon. After much discussion we settled on creating the quilts for the NICU.

Prior to that day, we will need 10" squares of appropriate material, batting to complete a quilt 5'X4". We plan on putting together kits prior to the day of the sewing marathon so those who want to help but can't be there on community service day can still help. More info to come as the date approaches.

In the meantime, we will continue to gather placemats for Meals on Wheels, Project Linus quilts, baby quilts for the first baby of the year at HMC and RWJ-Somerset, and pillowcases. I will take anything you wonderful ladies make and find a home for them

#### HISTORICAL: Maggi Emmons



Our Flickr account has so many photos, including this one of the 2018 Raffle Quilt drawing.! Follow this link, **HCQG FLICKR** and you'll see they are organized into clearly named albums. Browse, there are so many years of

photos, and they are **wonderful**!

Also, there is an album for the Quilt of Valor photos that were in the different albums.

**HOSPITALITY**: Debby Fiebig, Barbara Carroll, and Sharon Bittner

Please bring snacks to the November meeting. And...(next column) It's time to sign up for the Holiday Luncheon. Click the link to get to the electronic sign-up sheet. The printed sheet will also be available at the next meeting.

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#### LIBRARY: Judith Iselin, Jean Mansur, Anne Parsons

The library volunteers plan to inventory the HCQG books this year. If you have any books on "long term loan", please inform one of the librarians, so that it is not labelled as LOST. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP: Arminda Barbone, Nancy Coldreck

There were 30 members present at the October Open House and 2 guests, Brenda Gerlipp and Kelly Steve. We thank our guests for visiting!

As of the end of October, Guild has a current total of 52 members and the 23-24 roster was sent out. It can be found as an attachment to the October Newsletter email.

**Do wear your Guild pin and name badge to meetings each month**, and to any event where you represent the Guild. (To keep them together, we suggest you keep the Guild pin attached to your name badge.) We wear our name badges as a courtesy to one another, and to display pride for our Guild!

The Guild provides paper name badges but you will notice that many members have made their own fabric badges. Look around the next time we are together! Two pattern options were sent electronically with the October Newsletter. Our Guild's Flickr photo account has a few examples of completed name tags.

#### **NEWSLETTER:** Maggi Emmons

Each newsletter's first page has convenient links to our website and photo account.

#### PROGRAMS: Ellen Greco, Eileen Porretta

Our November meeting will feature a talk and trunk show with Jean Saks. Jean will be speaking about quilting through the years, which will cover quilting trends, fabrics and their dyes, as well as some examples of quilts she has collected over the years. She possesses a wealth of knowledge she has graciously agreed to share with us.

We are looking forward to the November and December meetings. As usual, following the December meeting we will have a Potluck luncheon. The Program for that day will be interesting and promises to be lots of fun! We will have a story to tell. <u>Please bring one Fat Quarter to the December</u> <u>meeting</u>. If you do not have one, one will be provided for you. It can be holiday-inspired fabric or any print that you have in your stash. A Fat Quarter measures 18" x 22", also known as 1/2 of a 1/2 yard!!!



#### PUBLICITY: Rosemary Seemon

**QUILTS OF VALOR:** Eileen Porretta, Barbara Gates, Ginny Ettlemyer, Lenore Aulenbach, Rosemary Seemon

Our QOV Committee will award a Quilt of Valor on Saturday, November 11 at the Spruce Run Memorial VFW Post, 179 Main St. in Glen Gardner after its annual Veterans' Day Ceremony which is <u>open to the</u> <u>public</u> and all ages are welcome. The ceremony takes place outside, weather permitting, and light refreshments are served inside. Please consider stopping by for this opportunity to honor our Veterans.

If you know of a veteran anywhere in the country who was touched by war and you would like to make a nomination, go to <u>https://www.qovf.org/</u> then click on Nominations & Awards to be taken to the online nomination form. We have several quilts in inventory for more local veterans. If you have any questions about completing the form, or anything about the QOV award process, don't hesitate to contact Eileen or Barbara.

#### SUNSHINE: Carol Lane

WEB/IT TEAM: Barbara Gates, Sue Decker

You will find lots of good information on our Guild's website https://hcquiltingguild.wixsite.com/hcquiltingg uild . A summary of our 45-year history has been added to the About page; check out Other Events under Programs & Events; guidelines for Community Service projects; Photos from monthly meetings; a complete list of our library books available for borrowing; links to important forms; and links to Resources such as quilt shops, longarm quilters, quilt appraisers, and other NJ quilting guilds.

### **Special Events**

SPRING RETREAT: Barbara Rennie, Eileen Porretta, Jana Laidlaw

The spring retreat is scheduled for Monday, April 8 through Friday, April 12, 2024. A \$100 deposit is needed at sign up at the January meeting. The balance will be due at the March meeting. You can sign up earlier, just let us know. Members will be given preference.

The fall retreat is scheduled for Monday, October 14 through Friday, October 18, 2024. More information will be given in the future.

HUNTERDON COUNTY FAIR: Judith Iselin, Carolyn Russo, Carol Gauer

LANCASTER BUS TRIP: Eileen Porretta

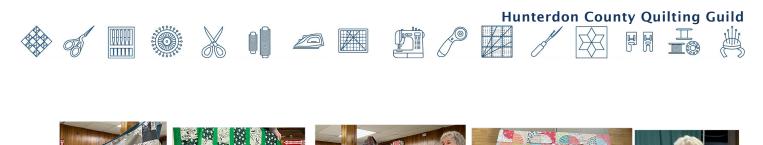
**FOOD BANK COLLECTION:** Diane Stevens Thank you all for supporting the food pantry. Please keep in mind that our next meeting will be right before Thanksgiving. Let's make this a special contribution of food for the holiday!

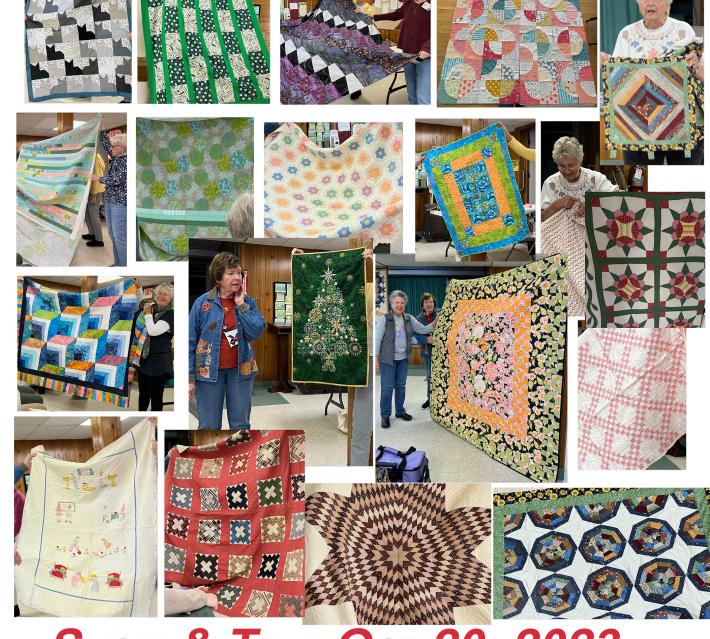
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## Ad:

Bernina 430. Excellent condition. Well maintained. Additional purchased feet, ruffler foot, additional 1/4" foot, walking foot. Asking only \$975. This would be a great machine to learn how to quilt on. Contact Donna Passarotti at 908-256-6472 or email passarottidonna@gmail.com





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