



Hunterdon County Quilting Guild

48 Years of Quilting Together



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From Our President

Hi HCQG Members!

I hope your Summer has been great and productive! I'm looking forward to seeing all the wonderful items you've all been working on. Show & Tell should be a lot of fun.

Jackie and Darilyn will be telling us about the programs they've been planning for the 25-26 season. I know they've been hard at work arranging them. And I've heard a little about what Kris and Susan have planned for our Block of the Month this year. I think you'll all be pleased with their ideas.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on Friday, the 12th.

Ellen Greco,
President



This boy was the recipient of a **First Baby Born in 2022 Quilt!**

She said he loves it and uses it every night.

She gave verbal consent to have their photo shared. She said it's reds, oranges, yellows, bright and colorful with some cats on the fabric.

-Submitted by Chris Kirsche

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.

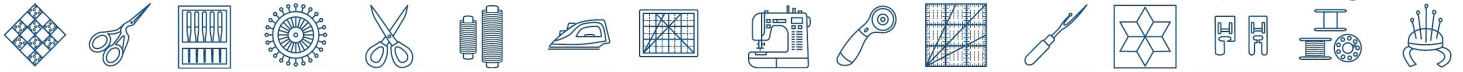
Mailing address: P.O. Box 52, Readington, NJ 08870

[Link to Guild Email](#)

[Link to Guild Website](#)

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Next Guild Meeting is Friday, September 12, 2025 at 9:30 am at the Church



Committee News

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Darilyn Paul & Valerie Smith

Click for the [September Block of the Month directions](#).

Chris Kirsche and Susan Biuso are this year's co-chairs for the BOMs. The theme is "Scrappiness is Happiness".



Most of the blocks chosen are from the book by that same name or a book entitled "200 Blocks" from Quiltmaker magazine, so get ready to use your scraps. In addition to being scrappy, three of the month's blocks will be specially dedicated to QOV, Project Linus and the Women's Pregnancy Loss Support group. Of course, any of the months could also be donated to a charity if the winner of the blocks so chooses. It is hoped that there will be a lot of participation this year, so please join the fun!

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Debbie Gianos, Sharon Bittle, Michele Colabraro, Mary Jane Dunworth, Maggi Emmons, and Deb Persoon

Our Guild received this lovely [Thank You letter form the County Commissioner](#) and photo for our Hug-A-Bears. Please read it and be proud of the work we did!



Community service just delivered three quilts to Paul McGill for the Shannon Daley Foundation. Two young men and one girl will each be receiving their quilt in September. As always, the quilts were beautiful!

Still looking for someone to lead the community service sewing day. I will be available to help, and I believe the team are all interested in returning to help out. Thanks in advance for thinking about it.

I will continue to collect the donations and distribute them as needed.

CRAFT CONSULTANTS, SHOW & TELL: Cynthia Storch, Kris Weigner

So many beautiful and creative items continue to be shared at Show & Tell.

HOSPITALITY: Barbara Carroll & Sharon Bittle

Don't forget: The Executive Committee and the Committee Chairs bring in the refreshments for the September meeting. Thank you

Looking forward to seeing you all in September. We'll have the coffee ready:)

LIBRARY: Peggy Corsentino, Anne Parsons & Judy Iselin

[Our website provides a link to see our Library offerings!](#)

Holiday sewing is almost here. If you are looking for a specific Quilting magazine or holiday patterns let me know and we will search for it in our library at church.

You can contact Judy Iselin, Anne Parsons or Peggy Corsentino. We will try to have it out for you at the next meeting. Look forward to seeing all at meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Arminda Barbone

For the September meeting, remember to bring:

- 1.) **\$40** for annual dues (payable by cash or check made out to the Hunterdon County Quilting Guild)
- 2.) **Name tag and Guild Membership Pin** (We haven't forgotten that we owe pins to a couple of members.)

Do you know someone who is interested in quilting? Would they like to see first-hand what we are all about? The guest fee is \$10 or they can pay dues and join us for the year.

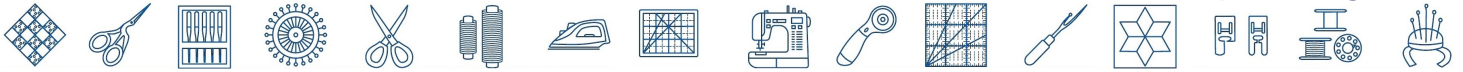
PROGRAMS: Jackie Owens & Darilyn Paul

Please refer to the Calendar below for our Programs. We are looking forward to presenting the Challenge of the Year and exploring fun programming for 2025-2026.

Don't forget to bring any summer projects to the September meeting for Show and Tell!

Mark Your Calendars:

Sept 12 (2nd Friday)	WELCOME
Oct 24 (4th Friday)	OPEN HOUSE-Committees present their focus and projects
Nov 21 (3rd Friday)	WORKSHOP/TRUNK SHOW
Dec 5 (1st Friday)	Holiday Luncheon
Jan 16 (3rd Friday)	BUSINESS MTG at CHURCH.
Jan 17 (3rd Saturday)	Zoom Workshop
Feb 20 (3rd Friday)	ROUND ROBIN
Mar 20 (3rd Friday)	Member-Led Workshop
Apr 17 (3rd Friday)	SERVICE SEWING DAY
May 8 (2nd Friday)	Trunk Show
June 5 (1st Friday)	LUNCHEON & TRICKY TRAY



QUILTS OF VALOR: Eileen Porretta, Barbara Gates, Ginny Ettlemeyer, Lenore Aulenbach, Rosemary Seemon.

The QOV committee members have been working on bindings, awards presented and awards to be given in the fall of this year. We have a few quilts that need to be quilted. If anyone has a long arm machine and is interested in quilting a QOV please see Eileen Porretta or Barbra Gates. We will be planning a Sew Day again soon. This time we will hope to have it during a better weather month. Updates will be given at the meetings and in future newsletters.

The QOV Committee met in Stewartsville in July to make an award presentation to a deserving veteran there. Go to our Guild's Facebook page or to the New Jersey Quilts of Valor Facebook page to see pictures. Two awards will be made in September and one in October. We are hoping to make at least one on Veterans Day at the VFW Post 5119 in Glen Gardner. If you know a deserving veteran either in our area or anywhere in our Country, go to QOVF.ORG then click on Nominations and Awards to complete an online nomination. It will be passed to the appropriate State Coordinator who will send it to the appropriate Group Leader.

WEB/IT TEAM: Susan Decker & Barbara Gates

The [website](#) has been updated with the upcoming year's meeting dates. Please check it out because several dates are other than 3rd Fridays. Some additional updates: The Summer edition of our [Newsletter](#) contains many photos; a photo of our [Raffle Quilt](#) has been added; a new quilt shop has been added to the list under the [Resources](#) tab: Hangin' By A Thread, in Lafayette. (Barbara visited this shop...it is not a big shop, but they carry all high-quality fabrics and some beautiful yarns. There are other shops and eateries there as well.) Finally, the Joann's Fabrics information has been moved to the Online column of that page with a link that takes you to a Michael's/Joann's page.

Special Events

4H FAIR: Sharon Weatherford & Carolyn Russo

The Fair Committee would like to thank all guild members for donating sale items and their time for this year's 4-H fair.

RAFFLE QUILT FINANCE: Chris Colabraro, Peggy Corsentino, Eileen Poretta

Sales of raffle tickets for our beautiful quilt have been kicked into high gear thanks to the 1100 plus tickets sold at the Hunterdon County fair. Woo Hoo!

We are scheduled to sell tickets at Pennington Quilt September 11-13. Please contact Peg Corsentino (pegisus74@hotmail.com or 908-303-4383) if you are able to help out.

It's not too early to hand in your sold tickets and know that you can be provided extras if needed.

RAFFLE QUILT TOP: Susan Bioso, Ellen Greco, Mary Ann Kenny, Chris Kirsche, Eileen Porretta, Valerie Smith

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

We are hoping you have your projects ready for our Fall Retreat. The retreat will be October 13-17, 2025. Registration has ended. **The final payment is due at the September 12, 2025 meeting.** If you are sharing a room with a friend your final cost will be \$181 each. If you will be in a single room your final cost will be \$221. If you are a daily visitor your final cost will be \$48.

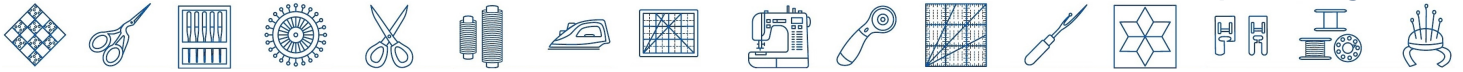
What happens at retreat **STAYS** at retreat!! Thank you for deciding to join us.

The Spring Retreat dates are May 11-15, 2026. More information will be available after we have the Fall Retreat in October.

LANCASTER BUS TRIP: Eileen Porretta

Are you ready to plan another bus trip to Lancaster? Let's get it started!

On Facebook Join [the Hunterdon County Quilting Group page](#)! So many wonderful posts and comments!

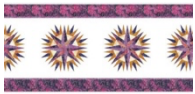


Information Shared with Us From Around the Quilting World:

Garden State Quilters will be having its biennial quilt show on Saturday and Sunday, October 18 & 19, in Chatham Twp., NJ. (There will be handouts with information about the show at our September meeting.)

Brownstone Guild's "Celebration of Quilts 2025" takes place on November 7 & 8 at the Eric Smith Middle School, 2 Monroe St., Ramsey NJ 07446. Quilts, Vendors, Raffle, Mini auctions, special exhibits. Free parking on site. Admission \$15.00.

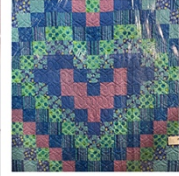
The guild is currently accepting quilts for entry. [Click here for the form.](#) Additional information on our website: brownstonequilters.com.



Oct. 17, 2025 – in person Compass Rose workshop with Susan Deshensky

This in-person workshop takes place at Old Paramus Reformed Church, 660 E. Glen Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450. Add a touch of elegance to any dining table or sideboard, with our newly reimagined Compass Rose Table Runner pattern! Measuring at 22" x 69", this table runner is sure to impress with its use of fabrics from assorted Hoffman Batiks collections. It's a great introductory pattern featuring a stunning mariner's compass block and is perfect for both beginner and experienced quilters. With its basic foundation paper piecing techniques and traditional assembly, this pattern will guide you through creating a beautiful table runner.

4H Fair Photos on next page....



2025
4H Fair



Third Place Wall Hanging
Carol Lankfer



First Place Modern, and Best of Show
Tish Lascelle



First Place Traditional,
and Best of Division
Chris Kirsche



Third Place Modern
Sue Biuso