



Hunterdon County Quilting Guild

48 Years of Quilting Together



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From Our President

Dear Members,

Welcome back for another guild year. It was so nice to see so many of our long-time members as well as newer members (and one brand-new member – welcome!) at our September meeting. Jackie and Darilyn have set up what looks to be a fun-filled and educational program schedule. And, although I know that what happens at the guild quilt retreats stays at the retreats, I think we can all agree that enough information slips out to know they continue to be fun-packed retreats (but I'm not tattling. . .)

October, as you all know, is our Open House meeting. It's a great time to encourage other quilters (and wanna-be quilters) to come and learn more about our guild. So, bring a friend, or two, to our meeting on the 24th. We are always open to greeting new quilting friends.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 24th.

Ellen Greco,

President



September Meeting, 2025

Row 1: Sue, Debby F, Valerie, Arminda, Kitty, Diane, Carol
Row 2: Barb G, Annie, Sue D, Donna, Peggy, Chris C, Chris K, Barbara E.
Row 3: Barb C, Sharon, Liz, Marie, Margaret, Susan B, Kris, Cynthia
Row 4: Merry, Judy, Mary, Carol G, Jennifer, Carol L, Anne P, Joanne, Tish
Row 5: Maryanne, Andy, Rosemary, Mary Jane, Judy, Eileen, Barb R
Row 6: Sharon, Michele, Debbie G, Ellen, Jackie, Darilyn, Maggi

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.

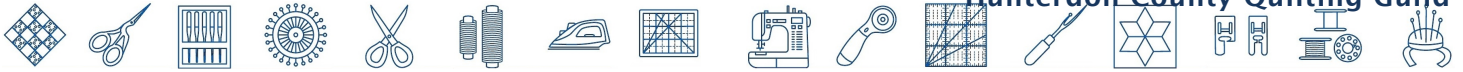
Mailing address: P.O. Box 52, Readington, NJ 08870

[Link to Guild Email](#)

[Link to Guild Website](#)

Photo Library: [HCQG FLICKR](#)

Next Guild Meeting is Friday, October 24, 2025 at 9:30 am at the Church



Committee News

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Susan Biuso & Chris Kirsch



Congratulations to Liz Schlom for winning these beautiful summer blocks.



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

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

The people we usually donate items to are so very grateful to anything we give them. For the most part all the projects they request or need is very general. That being said here's a little write up of each place we give to. If anyone knows of any organization that could use anything to donate.

Lauren Welch collects quilts to be added to bereavement baskets given to families who have lost a pregnancy. These can be any size from a lap quilt to a quilt for a twin bed. Any colors, patterns or quilting design can be donated.

Quilts are always welcome. In the past, the members of the guild have made quilts of various sizes. The most popular is a crib size or a large lap quilt. We will accept any size. I have been given quilts from 30"-60" X 36"-70". The bottom line is that anything we give them is greatly appreciated.

Project Linus provides blankets, both quilted and crocheted to children from the ages of 0-18 who are in the United States. These children have been traumatized, are seriously ill, or in great need. More information can be found on their website projectlinus.org.

Shannon Daley Memorial fund was started to honor Shannon who passed away at four months old from cardiac issues. Twice a year, needy children are nominated to receive a quilt. The gentleman who runs this chapter will let us know: 1. How many quilts/blankets are needed. 2. The ages and sex of the children that has been chosen and the back story of these

children. The size of the quilt doesn't seem to matter as I have donated just about every size to him. Making them age appropriate and gender appropriate seem to be the general idea of the donation. He is extremely grateful for anything we send his way.

Placemats are usually donated to Meals-on-Wheels. They don't require any specific size. They take anything and everything I bring them. So, whatever you can or want to make from your stash is great.

Pillowcases should be standard size. The fabric can range from children's to adult themed. These would be distributed to Hunterdon Medical Center +/- or Morristown Goryeb Children's Hospital.

CRAFT CONSULTANTS, SHOW & TELL:

Cynthia Storch, Kris Weigner

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

HOSPITALITY:

Barbara Carroll & Sharon Bittle

Thank you to the executive committee and the committee chairs for providing the refreshments for the September meeting.

It was nice to see everyone again.

We would appreciate any additional refreshments as only a few members signed up for our October meeting.

LIBRARY: Peggy Corsentino, Judy Iselin, Anne Parsons



Click on the [library catalogue on HCQG website](#) to find books to complete this year's challenge "Through a Window." E-mail requests to Peggy, Judy or Anne. Books will be ready for you at the following guild meeting.

MEMBERSHIP:

Arminda Barbone

If you have not yet paid the annual dues, please bring \$40 cash or a check (made out to the Hunterdon County Quilting Guild) to the October 24th Open House meeting. Thank you!

The Open House meeting is free for guests (normally \$10) so invite your quilting friends so that they can see what we are about!

Follow this link for [Patterns for making our logo guild badge](#), in case you are interested in replacing the paper version. Look around for members who have them. Follow this link to see [some photos of member's badges](#). There are a number of cool techniques used –

Special Events

4H FAIR: Andy Foster & Carol Gauer

Reminder to all that we will have the Fair boutique items out for sale at the October meeting. There are lots of great holiday gifties and stocking stuffers!

Bring lots of cash to buy each other's stuff! :-)

OUTREACH CONNECTION FOOD PANTRY:

Diane Stevens

REMINDER: 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 would also be appreciated. The food pantry has over 1000 clients and the list is growing every day. We can help make a difference! Thanks!

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

Thanks to a fabulous response from the Saturday Sampler crowd at Pennington Quilt Works and you hawking those raffle tickets to friends and family we have surpassed the 2K mark for tickets sold. CONGRATS!

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



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

The fall retreat is getting close!! We will arrive at CrossRoads at 10:30.am on Monday 10/13 and stay until Friday 12:00 pm. The committee will be there to greet you. Quilting fairies will be in attendance. Get your projects ready. Clean & oil your machines where necessary. Make sure you are ready for Sip & Sew. We will bring the toolbox, cutting mats, 2 irons, (ironing boards are at CrossRoads), 4 extension cords, 2 sets of table risers and a first aid kit.

More Spring Retreat information, scheduled for May 11-15, 2026, at CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center, will be coming after the Fall Retreat. Be sure to put the dates on your calendar and plan your projects.

LANCASTER BUS TRIP: Eileen Porretta

It is not too early to plan our bus trip to Lancaster County, PA. Questions or concerns please see Eileen Porretta.

For Sale:



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- LCD Screen: The backlit LCD display allows you to easily make and view your stitch selections

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hard case, control
foot, electric cord,
walking foot, extra
bobbins, 1/4" foot,
and
manual included.

Contact [Eileen Porretta](#) for more information. \$125.00. \$100.00 for cash!



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