



Hunterdon County Quilting Guild

48 Years of Quilting Together



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From Our President

Dear HCQG Members,

What can I say? Snow, football play-off games. I think it's a good day to head upstairs and commune with my fabric! I hear it calling me.

On a more serious note, we have some great events coming up for the last half of our 25-26 season. Quilted jackets and/or vests, watercolor scarves, our Round Robin (which is always a good time), community service day. . .and, of course, our Tricky Tray!

More importantly, though, is the drawing in March of a winning ticket for our beautiful raffle quilt. Please be sure to get any checks for tickets sold and/or unsold tickets back to Chris Colabraro by the February meeting. She has a big job ahead of her making sure that every ticket is accounted for.

Until I see you at the February meeting, happy quilting!

Ellen Greco

President



EXECUTIVE BOARD 2025-26

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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

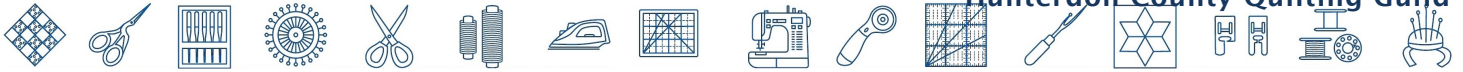
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Next Guild Meeting is Friday, February 20, 2026 at 9:30 am at the Church



Committee News

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Susan Biuso & Chris Kirsch



Here are the directions for the beautiful **January BLOCK OF THE MONTH**.

We are so excited about the responses/finished blocks we have received for the Project Linus and

Women's Support Group. We should be able to make three Project Linus quilts, and we have three volunteers to assemble them. We will have at least two quilts for the Women's support Group. Thank you to all who have sewn blocks and volunteered to assemble quilts. This month's block is not a dedicated block but would make a wonderful donation to Shannon Daley if the winner so chooses. We have an amazing group of women in our guild who are so willing to help out those in need. Thank you.

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

The committee is working on getting all the pieces in place for the Community Service Sewing Day. We will have sign-up sheets at the March meeting for members to sign up for different stations. We would like to have a lot of seat belt covers to give out to several areas that could use them. Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

HOSPITALITY: Barbara Carroll & Sharon Bittle

Thank you to all who signed up to bring refreshments for our Hospitality Table this month. Even though only a few sign up, it seems the table is always full of amazing treats. Much appreciated!



For those who wanted the heart log cabin pattern that Sharon used on this beautiful quilt, it is a free pattern from Diary of a Quilter. [It can be found here](#). Sharon changed the size of the strips from 1 1/2" to 2".

LIBRARY: Peggy Corsentino, Judy Iselin, guided by Anne Parsons

We will have all our Library books out for you at our next meeting. If there is a specific magazine you would like, let one of us know and we will find it for you. You can look at the list of magazines we have [online](#). It's never too early to start a project for our booth at the Hunterdon County Fair. See you soon.

MEMBERSHIP: Arminda Barbone

There were 37 members in attendance at the January meeting. Thank you for remembering to wear your badges and Guild pins each month.

PROGRAMS: Jackie Owens & Darilyn Paul

Thank you to all who participated in Quilt Maven

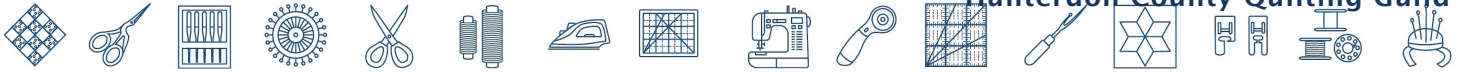


Dave's [Collide-O-Scope Workshop](#). This pic is of Barb Rennie's beautiful Collide-O-Scope. See our Facebook page for more photos! David is working on another pattern. Let Darilyn know if there is interest in scheduling David Sirota for next year.

February 20th. Quilted Vest/Jacket Workshop.

Claire Whitehill of Fern Valley Studio is looking forward to our 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 online [from one of many sources](#). 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. *Claire has offered that she can assist members who have a different jacket pattern as well.*

Participants should prepare their paper patterns at home and then cut into the quilts at home OR cut into the quilts at the workshop, whichever they are more comfortable with. Look around your stash or your house for suitable quilted material if you haven't already (prequilted fabric, an old/new quilt, a Kantha quilt or heavy blanket material can work). Please bring BIAS cut fabric strips for binding if you can. You may also use purchased half-inch double fold bias binding. The pattern recommends 5yds of binding strips. Consider flannel, soft corduroy, or velvet fabric for the binding as well. We will NOT be completing the welt pocket during this workshop, but it can be added later if desired. Patch pockets or inside



pockets are also great on this jacket. We will have 2 irons and boards set up, if needed, to iron binding.

[See the general fabric recommendations here.](#)

Remember to bring your machine and any typical sewing supplies. Contact Jackie Owens or Claire Whitehill with any questions.

March 20th. Member-led Workshop.

Our own Arminda will share a fun artistic fabric dyeing technique on silk scarves. A "kit" fee, due on the day of the workshop, is expected to be \$25. And....

We will pick the winning ticket for the Raffle Quilt!

April 17th. Community Service Sewing Day.

We will join together at the Church to sew post-op/post-chemo seatbelt pads. Be sure to sign up for one of the stations so that we can be as productive as possible. See Community Service for more info.

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. THIS is also COLLECTION DAY for items for the June Tricky Tray. Start collecting fabric, tools, patterns, UFOs (Un-Finished-Objects), threads and any quilting related items for the Tricky Tray. Sorting and organizing the donations is a LOT of fun and is planned for the days right before the June Luncheon. Sign-ups for that will be out in May.

June 5th. Luncheon and Tricky Tray.

Good food, good company, and good fun as we drop tickets in the bags and bid on bigger prizes! Our Yearly Challenge: View Through My Window will make up a big part of Show and Tell.

Hoping you are all staying warm!

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

The QOV committee is preparing for a busy spring season. Please see the following updates regarding our upcoming events:

QOV Events

- March 14: Hunterdon Sew Day. The VFW of Glen Gardner has graciously offered the use of their accessible building. We currently have 27 members signed up to help create quilt tops, pillowcases, and mug mats. The

mug mats will be presented at a Gold Star Mothers event in South Jersey this September.

- April 16: The committee has been invited to the Warren County Veterans Expo, an event we also attended in 2025.

- May 22: We will be awarding at least two Quilts of Valor at the Traveling Vietnam Wall in Califon.

- June 13: We will award two Quilts of Valor at the Salute to Service Day at the Red Mill Museum in Clinton.

If you would like to nominate a veteran for a Quilt of Valor, please see Eileen or any member of the committee.

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

Special Events

LANCASTER BUS TRIP: Eileen Porretta

The bus trip is scheduled for May 2026. The final date will be announced at the February meeting.

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

We are coming down to the wire on the deadline for our raffle quilt. The drawing will be held at noon March 20 at The Readington Reformed Church. Thanks to everyone who has participated in this fundraiser. This is absolutely a team effort, and we have an awesome team! Your efforts will result in funds for our Guild and a much-needed donation to Open Cupboard Food Pantry of Clinton.

To date we have sold more than \$3500 in tickets. If you have tickets outstanding, please contact Chris at christinecolabraro@gmail.com or 973-214-4349. If you know of an event where we can sell additional tickets, please contact Peggy at pegisus74@hotmail.com or 908-303-4383.

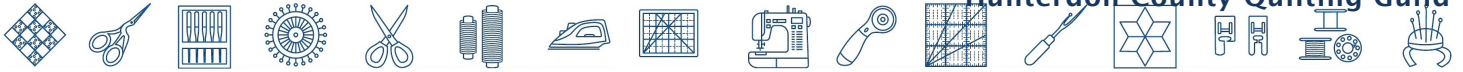
We need time ahead of the drawing to prepare the entries, (un-staple, etc.), so getting your tickets stubs in ASAP is appreciated.

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

The Spring Retreat is set for May 11-15, 2026. All spaces have been filled. If there are any questions, please contact Barbara Rennie.

The Fall Retreat is scheduled for October 19-23, 2026.

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For Sale



Never used Babylock Acclaim serger with serger table. Plus 6 serger threads. Paid \$2,700 for serger and \$1,600 for table. This is a steal for anyone wanting a serger or upgrading theirs. It has the air threading system. I'm only asking \$2,500.

Contact member Donna Passarotti if interested. Her cell is 908-256-6472, and her email is passarottidonna@gmail.com

From other Guilds:

Harvest Quilters

Here is a link to their flyer for their [annual show of the Harvest Quilters Guild](#), as well as a page of [coupons](#), which you can present electronically.

Brownstone Quilters

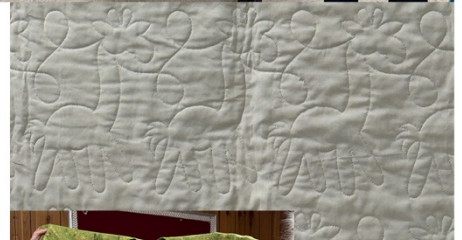
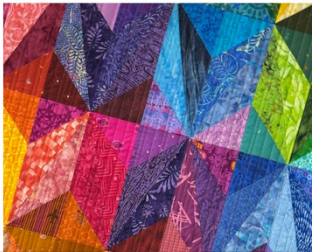
There are still openings for the Feb 14 [Brownstone Quilters virtual "Kaleidoscope," workshop](#). Deadline for registering is February 6 to ensure that you receive supplies.



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