



# Hunterdon County Quilting Guild

*48 Years of Quilting Together*



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## From Our President

Dear HCQG Members,

It's hard for me to believe it is almost the end of our Guild season! It seems to have gone by so quickly.

I have heard that the Spring retreat was a success — They say what happens at the retreat stays at the retreat, but I'm pretty sure I heard something about tattoos. . .

The bus trip was a roaring success (well, my credit card hasn't arrived yet, so...) I think all of us on the trip picked up at least one "must have" item! And the late afternoon rainstorm didn't seem to dampen any spirits.

I hope everyone is looking forward to our Tricky Tray on June 5. For those of you who haven't been with us long enough to have experienced one, I think you'll enjoy it. So many treasures, and a few bidding wars at the silent auction!

Our business portion of the meeting will include the installation of officers for the 2026-2027 season. I hope you'll join me in welcoming the newest board members. I have faith that they'll do a great job.

I hope to see all of you at the June meeting!

Ellen Greco



Raffle Quilt Proceeds Presentation  
to the  
*Open Cupboard Food Pantry of  
Clinton*

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

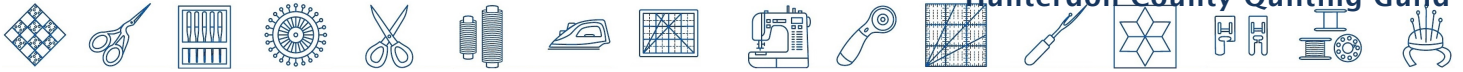
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Next Guild Meeting is Friday, June 5, 2026 at 9:30 am at the Church.



## Committee News

**BLOCK OF THE MONTH:** Susan Biuso & Chris Kirsch

Pictured: May's beautiful tulips

Here are the [directions for the May Block of the Month, \*Spectrum Square\*](#).

Please bring your completed block(s) to the June meeting. Remember to bring the **trimmed corners** too!



**COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

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

We will present the seat belt protectors during our June meeting.

**HISTORIAN:** Maggi Emmons

Hard to believe we are finishing up the Guild's 48th year! Enjoy this trip down memory lane from Diane's photo archive.



**HOSPITALITY:** Barbara Carroll & Sharon Bittle

We are looking forward to our June luncheon!

Always so grateful to those who signed up to bring a dish or food item to share. Wishing everyone an enjoyable summer!!

**PROGRAMS:** Jackie Owens & Darilyn Paul

Thank you to the wonderful members, Donna, Michele, Val, Maggi, and Cindy who shared their skills at the annual Round Robin. Everyone walked away learning something new!

Join us for our Annual Luncheon June 5th. Good food, good friends and good treats, don't forget to bring money for your Tricky Tray tickets!

Tricky Tray drop-off is Wednesday, June 3 from 9-12, and Thursday begins at 9. Length of time depends on how much gets done Wednesday.

Also, the Guild challenge this year "Through My Window", please bring your challenge pieces to share at Show & Tell.

**WEB/IT TEAM:** Susan Decker & Barbara Gates

In addition to the regular monthly updates, the winning raffle ticket number has been added to the Raffle Quilt page. [Check it out!](#)

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



The QOV committee awarded quilts to two deserving Vietnam veterans on May 22, 2026. The presentation took place at Calfon Island Park during the opening ceremony of The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall; it was a very humbling and memorable experience. Additionally, three QOV awards will be presented at the Red Mill in Clinton

during the Salute to Service Day on Saturday, June 13. The time for this event is yet to be announced.

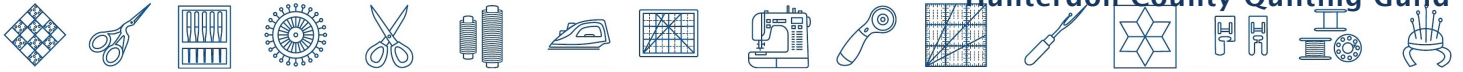
A big THANK YOU to the members who have sponsored Barbara, Arminda and Nancy in this year's QOV 5K fundraising walk. Anyone wishing to contribute to this effort to bolster our QOVF fund with a \$5 or more sponsorship should see one of us at the June 5th meeting. The entirety of these funds are deposited into our account to cover the cost of fabric, backings, batting, labels, certificate covers and cardstock, postage for mailing quilts to longarmers when necessary... in short, everything we need to purchase to fulfill our mission. Anyone who wishes to become a member of the Quilts of Valor Foundation for \$10/year as part of our registered group can do so by going to [qovf.org](http://qovf.org), select Join Us, click on Individual Membership, fill in the blanks and select Group \$10, insert Hunterdon County Quilting Guild in the drop down box. See Barbara or Eileen with questions.

## Special Events

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

**Spring:** Think about your projects for the next Spring Retreat, May 3-7, 2027. Hope to see you then.

**Fall:** The Fall retreat at Crossroads is scheduled for October 19-23, 2026. Deposits of \$150 are due by July 1, 2026. More information will be provided at the June 5 meeting.



## LANCASTER BUS TRIP: Eileen Porretta

We had another successful bus trip to Lancaster County, PA, on Wednesday, May 20. We visited a new quilt and fabric shop, Zinck's in East Earl, which all attending members highly recommend. We plan to schedule another trip for next year.

## 4H FAIR: Andy Foster & Carolyn Gauer

Thank you to those of you who have signed up for shifts at the HC Fair booth in August! If you have not had opportunity to sign up, we will have the sign-up sheets available at our June meeting. Please consider taking a shift or two. We need to have two to three volunteers per shift.

We have a particular need for coverage at the following shift times:

- Booth set up day, Tuesday, August 18
- Friday, August 21, 3:30-7:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 21 7:00-10:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 22, 2:00-6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 22 6:00-10:00 p.m.
- Sunday, August 23, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, August 23 "Take Down" 5:00-6:00 pm

A list of suggested items to make is linked [here](#). Please also consider a few patriotic items, as we will set up a "Celebrate America 250" section. Consider helping with the intake and tagging, it is a great opportunity to "snag stuff" you like early!

The days for accepting and tagging our items are:

- Wednesday, August 5, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 12, 10:00-12:00 noon

Information about the Quilt Show will be sent in the coming weeks. This is our year to hang the quilts, which add to our need for volunteers on set up day. Dates and requirements for entering your quilts into the show will be made available over the coming weeks. Look for separate emails.

Thanks in advance for all that you do to help with the Fair. Remember, this is one of our "money makers" that supports our programs and Guild commitments.

## To Consider

Open House Flyer:

Link to draft of an [Open House Flyer](#), put together by Kitty Ward. She can easily change anything, including colors, font, and wording. (If you print the 2 pages, put wrong sides together and then fold, you'll get an idea of how it would look).

Canva is the software she used to create the flyer. They have a print service that will print and fold 50 copies for \$42, or 100 copies for \$72

She is traveling (Europe!), but will check around for other printing prices when she returns.

One suggestion might be to keep the flyer generic and place the OPEN HOUSE with dates on a sticker. This way we can always have the flyer around town, but then add the sticker when we get close to Open House.

## An Invitation

We received this invite from friends of our longtime member John MacPherson.

[Come celebrate Pop-Pop/Grampy Mac turning 92 years YOUNG!](#)



June 27, 5 pm  
Join us in his backyard for a low-key get-together to hang out.

Of course, there will be no shortage of food.

We will have hamburgers, hot dogs, chips/dips, deviled eggs (fresh from Lizzy's chickens), and cake and ice cream.

If everyone could bring a side dish to share, that would be appreciated.

We will also have lemonade, ice tea, and water. It's BYOB if you would like to drink anything else.

Finally, no gifts are necessary! He is happy to accept presents in the forms of hugs.