

Great South Bay Quilters Guild Newsletter



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Mission Statement:

The Great South Bay Quilters' Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering an interest in quilting, encouraging the preservation of our quilt heritage, and offering year round instructional opportunities for its members.

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Newsletter Submissions:

Please feel free to email your thoughts, pictures, favorite links to quilting and fabric websites, recipes, etc., to mransom699@aol.com. Or hand them to me at our meetings.

We would all love to see your ideas in upcoming newsletters!

Welcome Back!

A Message from Our President

Isn't it great to be together again?

At our last meeting in February of 2020, who would have thought that the COVID -19 pandemic would soon take hold and shut down our way of life? Eighteen months later we're all getting back to living life again, even though life will never be the same for many of us.

GSBQ would not be up and running again if not for the help of many...my fellow officers and committee chairs who stepped up after a long hiatus, the Bay Shore Library for giving us a home, and for all of YOU for embracing the guild and returning with such enthusiasm and optimism in moving forward. I appreciate all of the assistance and positive comments I've received, and value your patience as Sarajeon and the program committee work to rebuild our calendar and programs for the upcoming year. We always welcome volunteers to help with the many tasks needed to run this organization, so please let us know if you'd like to take a more active role. We are only as successful as the dedication and willingness of our members.

A very warm welcome to our NINE new members ... Lena, Stephanie, Cathy D. Mary, Cathy G, Linda M., Jennifer, Linda T. and Joann. We're so happy to have you as members of our guild!

Please be sure to submit information to MaryEllen as she works to make our newsletter an informative and entertaining reflection of our guild.

It's going to be a great year!

Joan Dlouhy
President, GSBQ

Our Vice President's Message

Being adaptable to change these past two years has not been easy. Let's look forward to the future with a positive attitude and an open heart. It is fall and a sign that life is moving forward. I am so happy to be part of this guild of creative quilters.

There was so much creativity in our program committee meeting. We have a lot of new ideas for our monthly meetings and on going programs. I am excited about the changes and hope all of you will be too. As the temperatures change and the cool air blows, I hope all of you have extra time at your sewing machines. Let your sound be fed by your needle and thread.

We had an incredible show and tell of quilts at our first meeting back in August. So many of you worked on such beautiful projects during the pandemic and it was a nice way to start our new year. Thanks to MaryEllen for showing her creative ways to use orphan blocks at our September meeting. Fifteen people signed up for Olive's all day baby quilt workshop in October and I'm sure we will see some beautiful quilts from the ladies. In November we will be repurposing the Born to Read bags into Holiday Busy Bags to donate to a local children's group. Don't forget to bring a variety of small toys, markers, crayons etc. to the November meeting as we will be filling at least 100 bags!

Finally in December we'll be able to socialize and enjoy a gift exchange at our annual holiday party. I look forward to sharing all of these events with you.

Sarajeen Palese
Vice President, GSBQ

Basic Quilt Size Chart

Baby	30-45" W x 40-55 L
Crib	35-50" W x 45-60" L
Lap	45-60" W x 65-76" L
Twin	54-68" W x 84-100" L
Double	70-84" W x 80-100" L
Queen	76-90" W x 90-108" L
King	92-108" W x 90-108" L
California King	100-114 W x 102-116" L

Chart from FaveQuilts.com



A Note from Rose!

WE'RE BACK!

We were going to get together and finally have a quilt meeting and some fun! I think we were concerned this might not happen this year due to the covid mandates. But thanks to a determined group of ladies both on the board and their elves this was going to happen!

The evening of our meeting, at our temporary new quarters, we started to arrive--some with masks others not, but all with excitement and anticipation. Some hugged, some were more reserved. We welcomed new members and visitors, we are always happy to have newbies and their ideas.

COME BACK!

After we went through the important stuff the show began! Where do these talented ladies come from - I have been quilting for some years now but I look in awe at the finished and that's the operative word (finished) quilts. Where are the mistakes, where are the mismatched points and why do the colors blend and are so relaxing to behold — oh wait that's my quilt I am talking about.

Thank you ladies for letting this event happen and hoping for a fruitful, healthy and safe year for all members.

SEE YOU IN OCTOBER!

Rose Alvarado
Name Tag Raffle, GSBQ

Ed. Note: Can you feel Rose's excitement to get back to GSBQ??? I sure can, and year after year, Rose is at the meetings making sure everyone has their name tag and raffle ticket. Always pleasant and welcoming, so many of us share her feelings about our September reunion!

Favorites on the Internet

JinnyBeyer.com has free resources that include tons of wonderfully illustrated blocks

HelloSewing.com offers many simple sewing projects for those occasions when you need a little break from huge quilts

And Gerrie recommends checking out the tutorials on MissouriStarQuilters.com

Do you have a go-to website you love for tips, tricks, great sales, or inspiration? Please share it here!
Email: mransom699@aol.com



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Remember, the GSBQ Newsletter is YOUR newsletter...please contribute or share your words, thoughts, links and pictures!



My Special Sewing Someone



When I was about 3 years old, maybe 4, I asked my mom for a toy sewing machine. I must have seen her sewing clothes, and I wanted to sew for my doll. She got me that toy, but she said she felt so bad for me trying to use it, as it was small and tipped over a lot, so she committed to teaching me to sew on her actual machine.

She was meticulous in her sewing, as she was with all needlework she did: knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, embroidery, counted cross-stitch, crewel, you name it! She would rip out her work if it weren't as perfect as she wanted, often

part of a complicated pattern NO ONE would ever notice a mistake on... But that is how she was. She often would see me struggle to rip out my own work, and she would always reach over to do that part, then "put it back to where it was" but no further, so I could still take credit for doing the whole project!

- Mary-Ellen Ransom

POLL QUESTION: Who introduced you to sewing? Or started your love affair with quilting? We want to know!!!
Email: mransom699@aol.com to be included in our next GSBQ newsletter!



Maintaining Membership

Each member of Great South Bay Quilters is required to attend a minimum number of 5 meetings per year. In addition, dues for the year are \$25, payable at the first yearly meeting in September. Members are also required to create either a lap quilt, veteran quilt, or baby quilt as part of their community service requirement. Quilts must be submitted before the end of the year (June).

As the success of the Guild and its activities are reliant on its individuals' participation, all members are strongly encouraged to take an active role by volunteering to serve as officers and/or chairs of Guild committees.

If at any time a member is unable to fulfill any of these requirements, the member should inform the President and special exemptions can be granted (due to personal or family illness, other extenuating circumstances, etc.)



Remember the FREE batting that Joan was able to get donated from Hobbs? This past week Joann I., Audrey C., former member Liz S. and Joan D. got together and cut up enough batting for all of the participants in the October 9 baby quilt workshop. The roll is 96" x 30 yards so we should have enough for awhile.

Book Nook

Reading a good book about quilting? Or quilters? Or people who admire quilts? We want to hear about them!

It could be a how-to book with patterns and ideas, a book about vintage fabrics used in quilts, or even a mystery where the person murdered is wrapped in a quilt! (Yes, check out **Goose in the Pond** by Earlene Fowler...one of the many novels she has written that are named after quilt blocks!)

Send an email with your recommendations to: mransom699@aol.com



Recipe: **Yummy Pumpkin Muffins (perfect for the Thanksgiving table!)** 

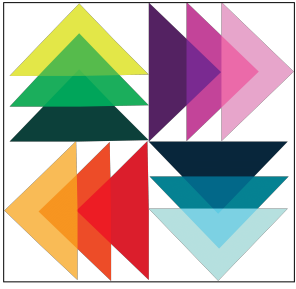
From the Kitchen of: **Gerrie Fitzpatrick**



2 cups all-purpose flour	1 tsp ground cinnamon	2 eggs, lightly beaten
3/4 cup brown sugar, packed	1/4 tsp ground ginger	1/2 cup butter, melted
2 tsp baking powder	1/8 tsp ground cloves	1/4 cup buttermilk
1/4 tsp baking soda	1/8 tsp ground nutmeg	2 tsp vanilla extract
1/2 tsp salt	1 cup canned unsweetened pumpkin puree	

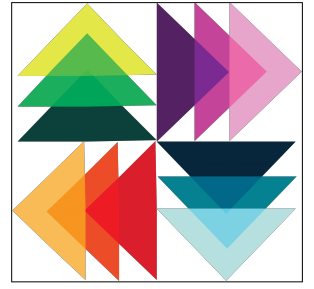
1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. 2. Grease or place paper muffin cups in a 12-cup muffin tin. 3. Mix the flour, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, ginger, cloves and nutmeg together in a mixing bowl. 4. Beat the canned pumpkin, eggs, butter, buttermilk, and vanilla together in another large mixing bowl. Gradually beat in the flour mixture until well blended. 5. Spoon batter into muffin tins about 3/4 full. 6. Bake in preheated oven until a toothpick inserted in the middle of a muffin comes out clean, 20-25 minutes. Cool 3 minutes before turning out from pan. Serve warm or at room temperature.





BLOCK PARTY

GSBQ STYLE



Baby Quilt Workshop

by Sandie Kowalchuk



On Saturday, October 9th, fifteen women from Great South Bay Quilters gathered at the Bay Shore/Brightwaters Library to make baby quilts under the able direction of Olive Archer. The quilters set up their machines and were ready to sew by 9:45am. Fabrics had been precut at home so sewers were ready to start the assembly of their Tossed Squares Baby Quilt.

As blocks were completed, then sewn together, they became rows, and rows became quilt tops. All the different fabrics chosen, proved to make beautiful quilts. Under Olive's capable guidance, after our lunchtime break, many of us bordered and completed our quilt tops.

A great class, full of fun and laughter, made for a most enjoyable day of quilting with friends old and new.



In attendance: Olive Archer - instructor, Linda McIvor, Cathy Demmers, Sandie Kowalchuk, Gerrie Fitzpatrick, Cindy Carroll, Rose Alvarado, Joan Dlouhy, Joan Munro, Stephanie Conley, Lena Christie, JoAnn Vecchione, and Sarajeon Palese.