

Great South Bay Quilters Guild Newsletter



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Have A Great Summer!

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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President	Joan Dlouhy
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Name Tag Raffle	Rose Alvarado
Newsletter	Mary-Ellen Ransom
Raffle	Gerrie
Website	Joan Dlouhy

A Message from Our President

One of the things I enjoy most about summer is the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors accompanied by a good book that offers inspiration and new ideas. Some of you may be familiar with New York Times best selling author Jennifer Chiaverini, author of the Elm Creek Quilts series, many historical novels, and the numerous quilt patterns inspired by her books. She has ideas that are both innovative and practical, and while reading one of her articles recently I came across this quote, "Anyone who works on a quilt, who devotes her time, energy, creativity, and passion to that art, learns to value the work of her hands. And as any quilter will tell you, a quilter's quilting friends are some of the dearest, most generous, and most supportive people she knows."

I think those words are so appropriate to our time this past year at GSBQ. We came back in August 2021 after a too-long hiatus imposed on us by COVID, yet look at all we accomplished! Our extended show and tell opened our year, followed by monthly mini quilt patterns, discounted batting sale, station rotations, newsletters, baby and lap robe projects, hundreds of holiday busy bags, birthday celebrations, quilt camp, our holiday party, mug rug swap, trunk show, our inaugural lifetime member, quilt bingo, guest speaker, and raffle quilt for Ukrainian relief efforts. You have rebounded above and beyond any expectation and I thank each and every one of you for your support and willingness share your time and talents. I have found deep and lasting friendships through this guild, as the women in this group are, as Chiaverini says, "some of the dearest, most generous, and most supportive people [I know]". Thank you...thank you...thank you. Special recognition must also be given to our outgoing officers and

chairs. SaraJean, Carol, Kim and Gerrie - we are deeply grateful for all that you have done to make this guild enjoyable and productive. Your ideas, organization, professionalism and talents were vital to our success. I personally relied on each of you for a variety of reasons and you always exceeded what was 'required' of your position. We look forward to your well deserved 'retirements' as you can continue to enjoy membership on a more relaxed level.

Welcome and kudos to those volunteering to step in and take over these officer and chair positions. Dawn, Providence, Cindy and Dottie...your willingness to increase your roles in this guild are what continues to move us forward. I anticipate the new ideas and inspiration you will surely bring to your new roles. Of equal importance is yet another member, Susanne, who has graciously volunteered to take over as photographer. Please join me in thanking each and every one of them for their willingness to serve.

Our program committee will be meeting over the summer to organize our events for 2022-2023. If you have volunteered for this committee, you will be hearing from Dawn very shortly as to the date and place of our first get together. We will be using the questionnaires you all filled out as the basis of our planning.

Finally, please remember that we will be returning to the Joyce Fitzpatrick Senior Center at Brookwood Hall in East Islip for our meetings and workshops next year. I am deeply grateful to everyone at the Bay Shore -Brightwaters Library for giving us a "home" this past year. Enjoy your summer, and I am looking forward to seeing you all in September!

Joan Dlouhy
President, GSBQ

Please Welcome Our Incoming 2022-2023 Officers

So many of us appreciate how smoothly the Great South Bay Quilters Guild always runs! But not all of us truly make note of the immense amounts of time and effort this organization requires!

Programming, raffles, minutes, Quilt Camp, Parties, a place to meet, and all the details require man hours...or in this case, QUILTER hours! Every effort is appreciated, so please welcome these ladies to their new positions. You will recognize them, I am sure, because eventually, we all heed the call to step up and share the responsibilities.

Congratulations to all the new Officers, and we wish them a rewarding term with all the support they could possibly need.



(L-R) Raffle Chair Dottie Christofor, Vice President Dawn Zaffuto, Corresponding Secretary Providence Block, and Membership Chair Cindy Carroll.

Getting to Know Them!

1. How long have you been quilting?
How did you learn to quilt?

Dottie: About 20 years. I started when Sew What's New opened the store in Islip.

Providence: About thirty years ago I tried to make clothes but found it to be frustrating every time I had to pull items apart to redo them when they didn't fit. I have always liked sewing so I decided to give quilting a try. At that time you could take a class in the evening program for adults at the East Islip High School. (My teacher was a member of the GSBQ.)

2. What is your favorite technique (Machine, hand, embroidery, paper piecing, etc) and type of fabric?

Dottie: I started out making quilts because I was invited to a meeting at GSBQ. Then after learning different things I learned hand applique. I seem to like that the most.

Providence: My favorite type of quilt to make is one where I could cut pieces of fabric and put them together without any stress like a nine patch.

3. What is your favorite type of quilt?

Dottie: Traditional, I guess because I always seem to have orphan blocks.

4. Describe a quilt you have made for someone else that is particularly special.

Dottie: I made quilts for my sons and the grandchildren. The one that comes to mind of being special is the one for my granddaughter. She loves the beach and she doesn't live near any. She went to a quilt show with me and just happened to meet Donna Belford. Donna told her Grampa was paying so pick out a lot of different fabrics that she liked. I made a template of Long Island from a map and applied it smack in the middle of the quilt. I also added pictures of her and her friends at Robert Moses with the lifeguard's boat in the background. It is still on her bed. (See below)



5. What was your worst quilting disaster and were you able to fix it?

Dottie: I really don't have a disaster quilt but I do have a quilt that I feel the colors don't match. Red and pink, what was I thinking? It is still hanging on the back of the door to my sewing room.

6. Do you do any other types of sewing or crafts?

Dottie: Lately I have been taking lessons on making tote bags and a pocketbook.

7. How long have you been a member of GSBQ? How did you join? (Friend, relative, word of mouth)

Dottie: I have been a member, I think, close to 20 years. I was invited to a meeting by a friend, which one, I don't remember!

Providence: I became familiar with the GSBQ because they used to announce the meetings in Newsday so I decided to give it a try. Almost everything I learned was by attending demonstrations and classes at the guild.

8. What project or projects made through this guild are most memorable? Why?

Dottie: That's a tough one. I enjoy all the projects. I especially liked it when we had a professional come in and teach a class.

An Act of Kindness from Our Guild in Times of Need And My Thank You To Everyone

There is a task in my life I will do anything to avoid. It makes me feel empty and memories will fade if I declutter and get rid of things I no longer need or use but once meant something to me. I know the memories will always be there but the actual time of purging I don't have warm and fuzzy feelings. It is hard to let go.

So when I started to clean up my "Granny's Attic" (aka) fabric stash location, I figured another sad day. I came upon my UFO's and found pieces and parts of an unfinished quilt I knew I had to be finished. I quickly got the top all together but there was still things that had to be done to finish it. I knew then that I would need help to do this. I set it aside "for another day".

That same evening I'm watching the news and they were showing the devastation in Ukraine. They also showed a clip of a 7 year old boy collecting old batteries to save our environment. I had a light bulb moment. If this 7 year old has been able to collect millions of batteries and make a difference for our environment then why can't I do something? This voice in my head said get that quilt down and use it for something good.

At our monthly meeting I ask my quilting guild/family to help out. Within minutes I had hands going up volunteering to finish the quilt. And boy they did not disappoint transforming it in one week and creating a beautiful quilt.



From the bottom of my heart and a special thank you to:

- Sandie K.** - hand embroidery
- Linda L.** - donation of backing
- Kim Y.** - donation of batting and quilting
- Audrey C.** - hand sewing of binding
- Ronnie A.** - hand sewing of binding
- Joan D.** - raffle acquisition creating and printing
- JoAnn I.** - raffle tickets distribution
- Cindy C.** - Acquiring the Church in West Islip to partner with us

Pat M. - displaying the quilt at her church

GSBQ Members - Everyone for selling raffle tickets

Anonymous Donor - Raffle ticket purchase

All the Ticket Angels - for selling their books of tickets

100% of the proceeds will be donated directly to The Ukraine Relief Fund.

My heart is full and grateful to all Our Members THANK YOU!

Now to find a new mission!!!

By Gerrie Fitzpatrick

A Note from Rose

Forecasts for Saturday weather were ugly most of the week, but Friday evening rolled around and bam big change!

It was a lovely Saturday morning at the Sayville Farmers Market. We met in the gazebo where Gerri set up the Ukrainian Quilt that the guild is raffling off.

I was scheduled for a 9 to 11 slot with Gerri, Donna K. and Linda.

Things started off slow but then our hook showed up (Linda) and that got things going. She went out on the runway and she cajoled, threatened and guilted the shoppers to come up and take a look at the quilt -once they did they were amazed at the quilt and the work involved and all wanted to WIN! Then the money came flying in!!!

Once again the work and dedication to the cause and everyone involved in the entire undertaking has been amazing!

Thank you Great South Bay Quilters.



Rose Alvarado
Name Tag Raffle, GSBQ

Ed Note: It seems we have more than one secret selling weapon at GSBQ! Rumor has it Jennifer P. has amazing skills for rounding up a posse...I mean, customers!



Reminder:
we will once again be meeting at the
Joyce Fitzpatrick Senior Center
Brookwood Hall
Irish Lane, East Islip
See You In September!

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Having someone ask you to marry them in front of lions and tigers and bears may not seem so sweet at first, but it surely is when you consider the question was popped in front of ZooAmerica at Hershey Park...known by locals as the Sweetest Place on Earth!

On June 2, 2022, Sue Palmieri asked our own Jennifer Paul for her hand in marriage, and Jennifer responded with a resounding "YES!"

Congratulations to you both! Question: How soon will you be starting your Wedding Ring quilt?



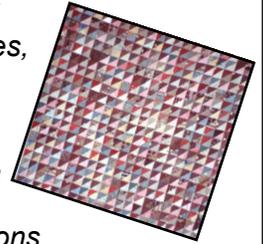
GSBQ Meeting Dates: 2022-2023

All meetings will be held at the
Joyce Fitzpatrick Senior Center
Brookwood Hall, Irish Lane, East Islip NY

Date	Time	Type
Wednesday, Sept 21, 2022	6:30-9 p.m.	Meeting
Saturday, October 15, 2022	9 a.m. -4 p.m.	Baby Quilt Workshop
Wednesday, October 19, 2022	6:30-9 p.m.	Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2022	6:30-9 p.m.	Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2022	6:30-9 p.m.	Meeting
Wednesday, January 18, 2023	6:30-9 p.m.	Meeting
Saturday, February 11, 2023	9 a.m. -4 p.m.	Lap Robe Workshop
Wednesday, February 15, 2023	6:30-9 p.m.	Meeting
Wednesday, March 15, 2023	6:30-9 p.m.	Meeting
Saturday, March 25, 2023	9 a.m. -4 p.m.	Quilt Camp
Wednesday, April 19, 2023	6:30-9 p.m.	Meeting
Wednesday, May 17, 2023	6:30-9 p.m.	Meeting
Wednesday, June 21, 2023	6:30-9 p.m.	Meeting

Favorites on the Internet

One super, searchable resource for identifying all sorts of current, vintage and antique quilts is the Quilt Index, "an open access, digital repository of thousands of images, stories and information about quilts and their makers drawn from hundreds of public and private collections around the world," such as this mid-1800's beauty!



<https://quiltindex.org>



Gerrie's Birthday Corner

Very Happy Birthday wishes are extended to our members with Birthdays in June, July and August!!!

June: Joan Munro
July: Lena Christie
Dottie Christofor
Linda Duplessis
Sarajeon Palese
August: Cindy Carroll
Mary Ekeland

Thanks for keeping this list, Gerrie, and the goodies! If you aren't on Gerrie's list, reach out to her now!



Quilt Raffle For Ukraine



LAST DAY TO SELL TICKETS!!!

Just a friendly reminder that the drawing will be held at our meeting, so PLEASE bring all tickets you have sold in, as well as any remaining unsold tickets. If you have any questions, please reach out to Joan or JoAnn.

The Virginia Quilt Museum

I visited the Virginia Quilt Museum at 301 S. Main St., Harrisonburg, VA during Easter Week.

It was a small cape type house with three floors of quilts and a small shop. The first floor has a large applique hanging with a description of the significance of rainbows in a quilt. The first floor had the quilts from the 1850's. Another section told the history of the house and women's "emotions and experiences" during the Civil War.

There were a handful of crazy quilts too. Most of the pieces had fine embroidery on each scrap and stitched together with fancy stitches. These were from the 1800's also.

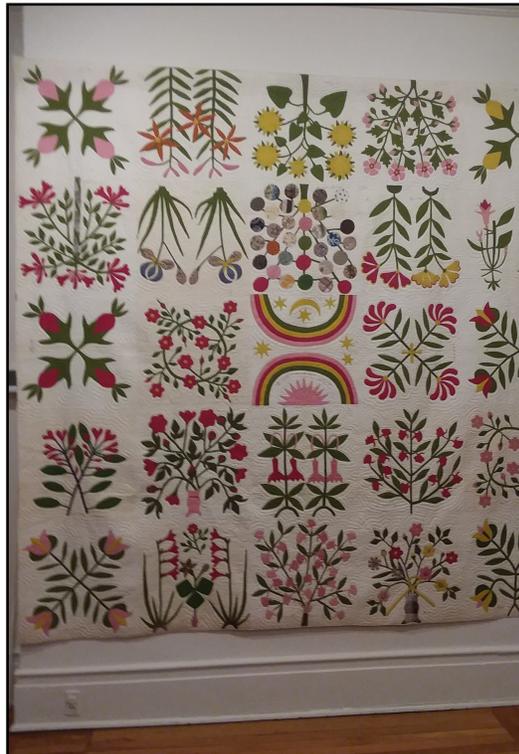
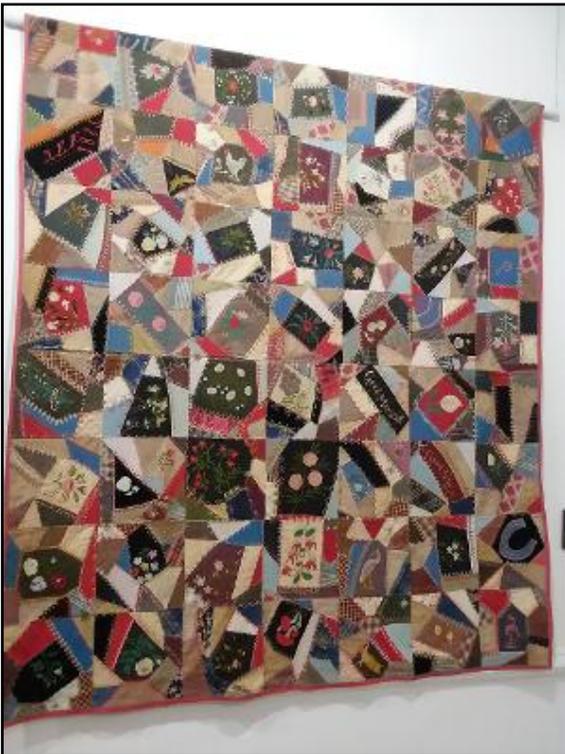
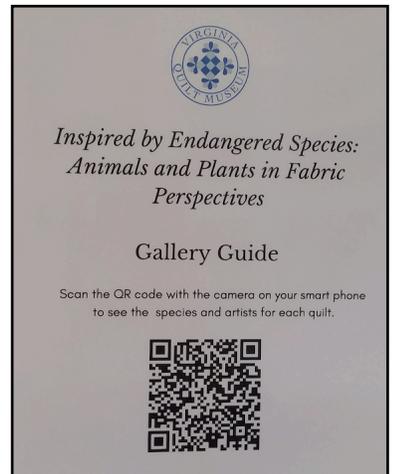
It was pointed out that the quilts were so old that the dye had faded away and you could see that blue and yellow dye was used to make green.

The second floor had a room dedicated to really old sewing machines and animals. The theme this year is "Inspired by Endangered Species: Animals and Plants in Fabric Perspectives." I only took one picture of a distinct animal and one modern bird.

Seeing these pictorial quilts up close was very enjoyable. I would consider these pictorial quilts as thread art. Simply beautiful.

By Dorothy Christofor

Ed. Note: Thank you so much for sharing, Dottie. This looks like a truly special spot for quilters to stop!



Special Guest Speaker Steve Gruber from Sew Right Sewing Machines in Bayside

Steve from Sew Right Sewing Machines in Bayside treated us all to a comprehensive talk on basic sewing machine maintenance. His knowledge and love for the sewing community, and our guild, is obvious!

Steve is the third generation in his family to be a part of Sew Right. Per the website: "As part of my experience in Sewing and Embroidery, I recognize how important repairs are for our customers, and Sew Right's renowned service department is one of the best in the business. Finally, I am thrilled and excited to have been given the opportunity to carry on the legacy created by Harvey with Sew Right Sewing Machines."

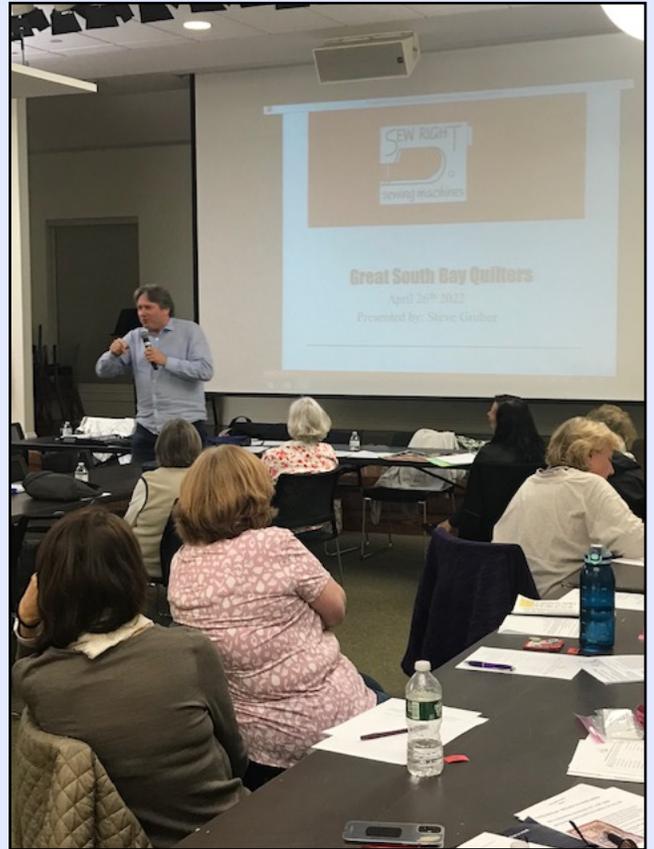


We enjoyed a rousing Q & A about common problems, and goodnaturefully blushed at how often (or not!) we have our machines

cleaned and oiled! (Ed. Note: I get my car maintenance and sewing machine maintenance mixed up since I don't have to change my car oil except for every 60,000 miles...I think!)

What we all knew was that threading the machine properly is the culprit for poor stitching most of the time, but we did gain an understanding about the importance of making sure there isn't dust in the tension discs!

Thank you so much for a wonderful presentation, Steve!



May Station Rotation: Thank You Carol and JoAnn!

We are so lucky to have such talented quilters and teachers in our guild! They are always sharing their creativity, knowledge and enthusiasm, excellently displayed at the May meeting!

We had two stations to visit:

JoAnn Incalcaterra demonstrated wonderful mesh bags, and even had kits available for quilters to buy and sew. Each and every one was adorable, and JoAnn explained them so well they could only be a joy to sew.

Carol Garbarino showed us several options for making tote bags out of tea towels. These were so sweet and useful, as well as fun to think about and sew! Find the instructions for the

Origami Tea Towel Bag at this website:

<http://orangebettie.com/2020/06/18/tea-towel-origami-bag-easy-sewing-tutorial/>



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Special Thanks to:

Dottie Christofor, Gerrie Fitzpatrick, Sarajeane Palese, Joan Dlouhy, Providence Block, Jennifer Paul and all those who have submitted or shared their experiences and work, and have been so supportive of the newsletter!

Remember, submissions are loved and appreciated, and you can email, text, call or have me pick up your stories, tips and hints, links, book and website recommendations, and photos!

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See you in the fall at our previous meeting place on Irish Lane in East Islip!