

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. It would be great if you put GSBQ Newsletter in/on it! Or hand your them to me at our meetings.

We would all love to see your ideas, thoughts and photos in upcoming newsletters!

Fall: The Frenzy Begins!

Happy Fall!

It was so nice to see the return of our members at the September meeting, and also to add five new members to our group. Welcome to Anita H., Laura K., Harold M., Jean P., and Suzanne W. We're so glad to have you with us and look forward to sharing our love of the fabric arts.

We are still in need of volunteers to act as a "resource" for members looking for assistance with various quilting skills. This will not require much time on your part ...it might just be a simple question or advice on a technique. Please see Dawn to sign up. Also, please remember that if you have an idea or suggestion, please note it on the index card located at the front desk.

If you haven't already done so, please make sure you check the membership list located on the sign in table this evening and update any changes to your information. A copy of this is also available on our website under the "Members Only" tab. The password for this is mugrug. Please do NOT share any of this information with anyone who is not a member of GSBQ.

Because of the work and willingness of all of you in volunteering for the many tasks needed to run this guild, I am certain of another successful year at GSBQ!

Joan Dlouhy
President, GSBQ



Ed. Note: To kick off the "holiday season" — always a time to hustle for quilters — Joan sent in a photo of this adorable Halloween decoration she whipped up! It is an "in the hoop" embroidery design called Sebastian the Scarecrow. How cute is he!!!



An Idea Comes to Fruition With a Donation of Over \$5,000!!!

Gerrie, Cindy, and Joan went to Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church back in July to deliver the proceeds from the raffle quilt. They met with the pastor's wife, Ivanna, and presented her with our donation: a check for \$5200! (The actual amount we collected was \$5182, but it was rounded up with \$18 from guild funds to make it an even amount.)

To say that she was overwhelmed is a tremendous

understatement!

She was very grateful, and even teary-eyed, at how generous the guild was. When asked about how the Church would go about distributing the money, she assured them that they are in touch with organizations in Ukraine and it would be sent to those most in need.

It was a wonderful meeting, and Gerrie, Cindy and Joan were thrilled to be able to deliver this

donation on behalf of everyone at GSBQ.

Joan is still amazed at the amount of funds raised, and thanks each and every member of the guild for their participation.

What a wonderful example of the quilting community coming together to help those who find themselves in unimaginable circumstances that risk the lives of themselves and their families.



Milestones: Family and Friends



A quilt from a mom can follow you anywhere! Pictured here is my daughter Shannon, who is an Elementary Music teacher at a public school in Pittsburgh.

She graduated in 2020, with no cap and gown, after half of her student teaching was done via remote technology. She did a whole year teaching music in a Philadelphia public school remotely before moving to Pittsburgh.

This is the first time her classes were both in person and completely hers at the start of the year! When I visited her in August, we were supposed to decorate her room together, but they were waxing the floors! I am honored to have her hanging the music quilt I made for her behind her desk, even if I couldn't help hang it!

by Mary-Ellen Ransom

Ed. Note: Please send submissions for your family milestones to be included in our newsletter.



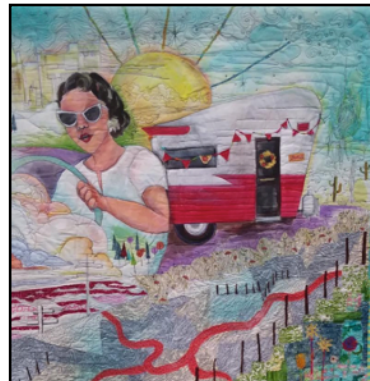
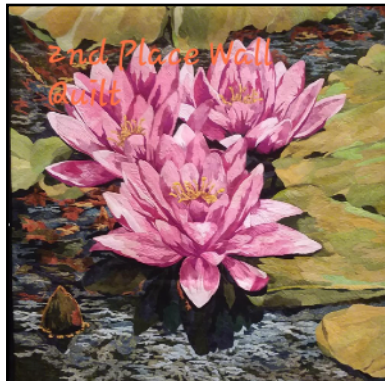
New England Quiltfest Springfield, MA

I attended this quilt show and enjoyed it very much, mainly because it contained many categories of quilts. They were Innovative, Traditional Mid-century Mod Modern, and Wall Quilt Competitions. Displayed were COVID Hope Quilts, Fabulous Faces, Nature Shapes, Our Quilted Gardens, Peaceful Protest and Environmental Dangers. Another category titled was Wordplay and Puns. Dyed and painted fabrics are joined with each artists' unique interpretation of a word, phrase or pun. That was quite interesting.

The show was laid out nicely all surrounding the sufficient number of vendors, some demonstrating their wares. I spent a leisurely 2.5 hours there.

By Dorothy Christofor

Ed. Note: Thank you so much for the review, Dottie. It is so nice to hear about your impressions of quilt shows!



Looking for Your Thoughts



Providence Block is looking for recommendations for custom labels! You know, the kind that you get custom printed so that you can sew them into gifts without having to create your own?

If you have had excellent (or horrible!) experiences ordering, please share what you know! It can be so hard to trust online sellers when you search without a personal recommendation.

Information that would be invaluable? Cost, of course, and customization, shipping, and turnaround time, as well if you know of any really nice designs you absolutely love.

Thank you in advance, and please feel free to send in subjects you would like some thoughts on!

By the Yard™

by Jen Lopez

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I'M OK WITH ALL OF THESE HUGE HALLOWEEN CANDY DISPLAYS... I AM A PARAGON OF SELF-CONTROL!

DIDN'T WE GO TO SIX QUILT SHOPS YESTERDAY?



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, 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

Ed. Note: It is never too soon to sign up to bring cake, fruit or any yummy treat to a meeting! Just reach out to our wonderful Hospitality Chairperson MaryAnn Leonard. She will be more than happy to sign you up!



Upcoming Quilt Shows

QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse
November 2-5, 2022
Live - Online / www.quiltfest.com

QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse
January 25-28, 2023
Live - Online / www.quiltfest.com

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival
February 22-26, 2023
Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, VA

QuiltFest Greenville, SC
April 20-23, 2023
Greenville Convention Center, Greenville, SC

QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse
May 10-13, 2023
Live - Online / www.quiltfest.com

Submitted by Dorothy Cristofor

Collecting Toys and Toiletries for the November Meeting!



Last year, our GSBQ members turned into little elves, and over 100 bags of toys and toiletries were put together for donation!

This year, we will be at it again...at our **NOVEMBER** meeting! Please bring your donations **NEXT** month for this rewarding and appreciated project.

Quilt Raffle Winner Chosen!

Raffles would be no fun if there were no winners. Once the deadline approached, Joan and Gerrie placed all the tickets in the spinner, and the winner of the quilt was *Leslie Bedford of Farmingdale.*

Thank you to all who purchased tickets and made this donation possible!



2022-2023 GSBQ Quilting Challenge

How Sweet It Is!

There is still time to sign up! Just email or call Mary-Ellen Ransom at 631-859-0217. As long as there is fabric available you are welcome to participate.

Categories:

- 1. Baby or Child Quilt:** Take this opportunity to do your Community Service Quilt! Minimum size: 36" x 40".
- 2. Wall Hangings:** Needs to include at least one word in the quilt. Word and/or words may be pre-printed on fabric, embroidered, painted, or appliquéed or fused. Minimum size is 18" x 24".
- 3. Bags:** Tote bags and purses.
- 4. Mini Bags:** Smaller projects that hold or protect other items, such as eyeglass cases, checkbook covers.
- 5. Precision Block:** You will be given a pattern for a block. You choose the additional colors, and sew it together. Your block will be judged on size, points, stitching and alignment. It is a challenge everyone should try!
- 6. Table decor:** Place mats, table runners, table toppers, free-standing bowls, etc.
- 7. Kitchen Accessory:** Cup holders, pot holders, oven mitts, microwave bowls, potato bags, etc.
- 8. Pet Toy or Accessory:** Anything that will make a pet happy! Cat toys, dog blanket, bow tie, let your imagination run wild!
- 9. Bling!** Can't resist rick rack, beads, bows and buttons? This is the category to show off your "more is more" skills! The only requirement is that the focus fabric is visible and identifiable.
- 10. New Quilters Only:** A category just for less experienced quilters. You may enter any project you like from the above categories. All entries will be awarded at least an Honorable Mention.

Remember to pick up your challenge bag during the October meeting if you already signed up!

Favorites on the Internet

Sometimes the tried and true internet favorites offer unexpected benefits when we are desperate!

Stephanie Garite was on an embroidery Zoom call with Donna, Dottie and Sandie when she shared the news that she fixed her washing machine herself! They recommended she share her story.

Here, in her own words, is Stephanie's

experience with appliance repair:

The problem was that the machine emptied the water, but did not wring the water out of the clothes.

First, I used YouTube to find out how to remedy this problem and followed very simple steps for the fix:

1. Unplug the washing machine.
2. Wait 5 minutes and replug the machine into the socket.
3. Within the next 30 seconds of plugging it in, lift the door on the machine 2-4" high 6 times within the next 12 seconds.

That's it. Voila! It worked. YouTube is such a wonderful learning tool. Add another hat and "Plumber" on my shingle.

Excellent work, Stephanie! Thank you for sharing! This most definitely is newsletter worthy!

Ed. Note: Please send your suggestions for links or sites on the world wide web to mransom699@aol.com so we can share them in our next newsletter.



Special Thanks To:

Dawn Zaffuto, Stephanie Garite, Dottie Christofor, Gerrie Fitzpatrick, Sarajeon Palese, Joan Dlouhy, Providence Block,, and all those who have submitted or shared their experiences and work, and have been so supportive of the Great South Bay Quilters newsletter!

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

We are expanding the Milestones feature to include not only weddings, births, engagements and awards, but to also include any any accomplishments in sewing, quilting, life in general, or appreciation. A quilt in the milestone is a bonus!

Don't forget recipes, your Special Sewing Someone, or an introduction of yourself!

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RUMOR MILL

It has been heard through a secret source (Gerrie) that there is a new JOANN superstore coming to our area!

Could it be the current store in Holbrook will close, and a new location will open up in the old Kmart shopping center between Lakeland and Johnson on the north service road of Sunrise Highway!

Anyone have more info? There IS a green sign with no name on a large building that was seen by a passerby recently (me, your friendly, snoopy newsletter editor!)





BLOCK PARTY

GSBQ STYLE



It's only just begun, but like the squirrels, I feel like I have to scurry quickly to bury all the acorns in preparation for winter! So much to do and so very little time.

Preparation for the baby quilt workshop began with the shuffling of papers and vain attempts on my part in trying to send out email reminders. Who knew you could save as a draft, make changes and forward to whoever. Not Me - but I'm learning.

The baby quilt workshop was a huge success thanks to Olive Archer! She was so well prepared and willing to assist everyone. There was a flurry of activity watching the furrowed brows of ladies heads peeking out over the humming of their sewing machines.

And so we move on to October. It will be so interesting to see what Kim Young and JoAnn Incalcaterra offer us in the station rotation. Sarajeon will be bringing a surprise pillow pattern for all to take home and sew. As you can see, the fall madness has only just begun!!!

Dawn Zaffuto

