

# Sew Busy Quilt Guild

**The Sew Busy Quilt Guild was formed in September, 1995 by a group of women who wanted to share their love of quilts. We are a non-profit organization whose membership is open to all!!**

## From the President:

Welcome to new members, and welcome back to previous members, to the Sew Busy Quilt Guild. Thanks to Joanne Gasner and Donna Palczak we have a full line up of upcoming events. Whenever possible we have included topics that you showed an interest in on the survey. Please peruse the newsletter for more details.

Speaking of the survey, some of you added some interesting comments, such as:

- Why did you join the guild? – *“Sandi made me do it!”*
- On business meetings – *“... for those who are rude and talk when others have the floor, can we put them in a corner?”*
- On service projects – *“Nothing new – enough already!”*

I guess we are not without our opinions, but we do appreciate you shared them with us.

There was one thing that you all agreed on – keep the parties! It is heart-warming to know that what you like best about being a guild member is the friendship and camaraderie that we share. A common point of concern is the length of meetings. To shorten meetings when there is a speaker, we will forgo Show and Tell and do it at the next meeting. Since you showed an interest, we will be collecting all those delicious recipes to distribute to you. We have installed a clothesline so that Show and Tell creations can be better displayed. You see, we have been listening and we hope that these ideas make for a better, more efficient guild. Thank you for your input!

The only way we know both the positives and negatives of what is happening is **IF** you let us know. Please keep the ideas and suggestions coming! Feel free to speak to any officer or board member.

This is from Jean, a new motto: “K.I.S.S.” – “Keep It Simple Stitches”

See you in September! - *Carolyn*

**Meetings** are held the **third Monday** of each month from **September to June** at the Gloversville **YWCA** (Church Street Entrance). An exception for this year is the December meeting, which will be held the second Monday. The doors open at 6:30 PM. Refreshments will be available at 6:45 PM. **Meetings will begin at 7:00 PM** with Show and Tell, followed by guild business. After a short break demonstrations and/or presenters will follow.

## OFFICERS:

Carolyn Washburn – President (2010)  
Joanne Gasner – Vice President/Program  
Chair (2011)  
Sandi Christman – Secretary (2012),  
QCNYS Rep  
Mary Jo Brady – Treasurer (2010)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Rosemarie Knichel – Hostess Chair (2010)  
Patti Muselbeck – Membership Chair (2012)  
Jean Quick – Service Chair (2013)  
Donna Palczak – Assistant Program  
Chair, Baby Quilts (2010)  
Mary Jo Rave – Nominating/BOM Chair  
(2011)

## DEPARTMENT CHAIRS:

Karen Brown – UFO Challenge  
Georgia Budzeika-Rogers – Publicity  
Jill Fonda – Empire QuiltFest Raffle & Booth  
Nancy Frank – Historian/QCNYS Rep  
Joan Lusenhop – Sunshine  
Lisa Stegeland – Webmaster  
Ceci VanDenburgh – Empire QuiltFest Rep  
Trina Zimmerman – Newsletter

**Sit and Sew Nights** are held the **second Monday** of each month from October to June (but no Sit and Sew in December). The doors open at 6:30 PM. On some of the nights workshops will be offered. Members are welcome to participate in these or work on their own projects. This is a good time to baste a quilt, have committee meetings, work on Block of the Month kits, etc.

**Membership dues** are \$25. According to the new by-laws, dues must be paid by the end of October. Our Treasurer, Mary Jo Brady, will take membership dues at the September and October meetings. You can join now by sending a check (payable to Sew Busy Quilt Guild) to: Mary Jo Brady, 61 Elmwood Ave., Box 105, Gloversville, NY 12078.

As an added perk for joining the guild, the Gloversville Sewing Center will give members a 10% discount when your current membership card is shown before your purchase is rung up.

Please note that only current guild members will be able to participate in guild projects and “in house” raffles.

\*\* A special Sew Busy THANK YOU to Markie King for her time and effort as Vice President and President (2007-2009)- thanks for a job well done!! Now you can sit and enjoy more time "just quilting".

\*\* THANK YOU to our Superwoman, Secretary Sandi Christman, for re-upping for two more years.

\*\*A Sew Busy "WELCOME" to Joanne Gasner as our new Vice President and Program Chair. She's already done a great job- love those puzzle balls!! (You'll see)

\*\* WELCOME to Georgia Budzeika-Rogers, our new Publicity chair, with her ever present camera she's the perfect fit. So if you have Sew Busy news, she's your go to gal.

\*\*And lastly ( but definitely not least), WELCOME BACK Nancy Frank. She's back—this time as Historian Chair! We just love to keep Nancy working on something for the Guild- she's "Sew Busy". She's worn a lot of hats and will now earn another. Please forward pictures, articles, etc. to her so when they make the movie "The Betsy Ross Code" in 400 years they'll have the archives.

#### Grab Bag Challenge

At a spring meeting 16 Sew Busy Guild members received a gallon bag full of scraps from a fellow quilter. The challenge was to create some quilted object from this fabric, utilizing as many scraps as possible, and adding from one's own stash as needed. The creations will be shown and given to the fabrics' owners at the **September 21st** meeting. It will be interesting to see what our members were inspired to create!

#### Guild Booth at Empire QuiltFest

We came up with a few easy to make items that would be great for us to sell at the Sew Busy Guild's table at the show in October. Ideas and patterns were sent via email or snail mail previously. If you would like to make something to donate, please bring it to the September meeting.

Remember to keep selling raffle tickets for the beautiful quilts we made.

Donated items and raffle ticket money will be collected at the September meeting.

Also, members may sign up at the September meeting to work at the guild's booth at the show.

#### **Empire QuiltFest 2009 -**

#### **Voyage of Discovery Quilt Challenge**

Come see our member's challenge pieces at the Empire QuiltFest! In keeping with this year's Empire QuiltFest theme, Voyage of Discovery, fabric was distributed to SBQG members last fall in hopes that they would create a challenge quilt embodying this idea. Entries were due August 15th and the show begins October 17th. For those of you who haven't finished your challenge quilt yet let's get cracking! For everyone else, come see how creative these challenge pieces can be!!

#### Empire QuiltFest

**This year, the Empire QuiltFest joins in the celebration of Henry Hudson's historic voyage up the Hudson.** This quadricentennial anniversary will be marked with many events highlighting the local area.

Our show aims to showcase how quilting can be a "voyage" of self-discovery, how studying antique quilts can lend insight into the lives of those who came before us, and learning about modern forms of quilting can teach us about ourselves and point to the future.

The show is October 17 and 18 at Shenendehoa High School East, Clifton Park, NY. Specific information is available at our website [www.empirequiltfest.org](http://www.empirequiltfest.org).

As a member guild, our participation is key to the success of our show. It is important that we all try to contribute in some way. Want to learn about antique or art quilts? Attend one of our lecture/luncheon events. Please consider volunteering for a few hours. There are many jobs that need to be done before, during and after the show. Not sure what it's all about? Attend the show and bring your friends. At the very least, you'll be inspired to go home and sew.

#### Raffle Baskets

Many thanks to the more than 45 guild members who donated fat quarters, quilt books, quilt tools and monetary donations. Thanks to your generous donations, we are arranging two raffle baskets.

The first basket will be donated to The Gloversville Public Library. Their fundraiser will be held on September 27, 2009. Members made a black and white tote filled with assorted colored fat quarters, quilt books, and a gift certificate. The title of the basket is "Fat Quarter Frenzy". If you get a chance, stop by the library and take a look at all the fundraiser baskets. You might even want to buy a few raffle tickets! Thanks for your commitment to this community.

The second tote will have a Winter theme. This will be raffled off at Empire QuiltFest. The proceeds from this basket will go back to our guild.

## SERVICE PROJECTS FOR 2009-2010

This will be a fun year to use up a lot of your "odds and ends" stash and benefit good causes. We will continue to make lap and baby quilts for the Domestic Violence Shelters in Fulton and Montgomery Counties. Both shelters deeply appreciated the generous donations from this year and said that the clients were so very grateful to receive something that was their own. If you have simple patterns for fast quilts, please share with me and I will pass on at the September meeting. We will also be making "Puzzle" pillows for the children at the shelters. This is a fun project that we will learn at a Spring Sit and Sew.

Our survey also mentioned that the local hospitals are in need of Breast Pillows for mastectomy patients. We will provide stuffing - you provide the sewing! There will be more information on this project in September.

We will be collecting monetary donations for the area food banks during our October, November and December meetings. Your generous donations in 2008 netted several hundred dollars to help fill hungry stomachs last winter and it is hoped our guild can do even better this year.

At our November meeting, we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. This is in lieu of a gift exchange at our Christmas Party. Why not shop the early sales for the best buys!

Happy sewing! Jean Quick, Service Project Chair [rquick3@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rquick3@nycap.rr.com)

### Quilt Kits

Ever feel like helping out the guild with a service project, but lack an idea or the fabric to bring the project to fruition? We have solved this problem! There will be "kits" available, complete with fabric and pattern, to make a lap size or crib size quilt top. All you will have to do is cut and sew! We also will have batting and backing fabric available at the March Sit and Sew to finish the quilt. The only stipulation is that you have to make the quilt for one of our service projects. Please see Carolyn if you would like one of the kits. Thank you for helping out!

**Sew Busy Golf Shirt Sale:** You have the opportunity to order a navy blue golf shirt with the Sew Busy Guild name and a sun-flower embroidered on it. Women's sizes Small to X-Large are \$16.64. Sizes 2XL and 3XL are \$18.20. Samples will be available at the September meeting and orders will be taken. Contact Sandi Christman ([laprofe68@yahoo.com](mailto:laprofe68@yahoo.com)) for more information.

**MINI GROUPS:** Sign-ups for a mini table runner group will be taken at the October meeting. All that were made last year were super, and it was a well attended group. Those who sign-up will self organize, decide on a project chair and decide on patterns, etc. We're only running one group in the fall and another in the spring to avoid girls trying to be in two places at once.

### Mayfield Quilt Show

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show and Holiday Bazaar of the Mayfield Presbyterian Church will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2009. Information letters and quilt registration forms will be mailed soon. We have added a new Viewer's Choice category this year. In addition to large quilts, small quilts, and youth quilts, we will have a "Beauty of the Earth" challenge - in honor of our 15<sup>th</sup> year. Cash prizes will be awarded in all four categories. More information will be included in the letters to quilters. (Anyone who does not receive a letter can contact Nancy Frank or Carol Cownie.) For your information, Kathryn Greenwold will be available by appointment to appraise quilts on November 18. As always, we hope lots of members of the Guild will allow us to display their beautiful work at the show.

### Block of the Month

This year's theme for the block of the Month is "Fabulous Flowers" (Bright Pieced Colored Blocks) based on Lynette Jensen's Thimbleberries Big Book of Quilt Blocks. The cost remains **\$20 for members only**. Sign up will be at the September and October meetings for both the blocks and for the committee to prepare the kit.

Don't forget to bring your completed top of the 2008/2009 to the September meeting to be entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate.

Contact Mary Jo Rave 853-4084 with any questions.

Check out the guild's website:  
[www.geocities/sewbeezy/](http://www.geocities/sewbeezy/)

### "Template and quilt book lending library"

We are going to try out something new this year! Every so often we need a special template or book to make a quilt, but don't have the money to buy either, or can't find. We are going to institute a lending library. Anyone who wants to participate will submit a list of books or templates they are willing to lend. This information will be shared with all members. If someone wants to borrow, then all she has to do is contact the person who listed the article,

### Guild Historian

We want to express our thanks to Barbara Vingerhoet who has served as the Guild Historian for several years. A big welcome to Nancy Frank for taking on this task. Unfortunately, some of our history has not been included in the book so we will be looking *forward as well as back*. If anyone has pictures, newspaper articles, or items that would be considered to be part of our history as a guild, please give them to Nancy. Please include dates (at least the year) and any other information you have that will explain the event. If you have questions, call Nancy at 661-5328.

### Free Table

At every guild meeting there is a table set aside for members to offer fabric, patterns, magazines, books, etc. to others. Please look through the offerings and take anything you can use. If you bring something to put on the table, make sure to take it home with you if no one else takes it. We don't have space to store extra stuff now!

### Fat Quarter Exchange

Often we find ourselves in a position where we can't find just one more FQ that we need to finish a project, or we can't find just the right color. The FQ box from last year is now permanently stored at the Y and will be available at every meeting. The rules are simple. Look through the Fat Quarters, take any number of FQ's that you would like, and at some future meeting, replace them with an equal number of Fat Quarters from your stash. You are on your honor to eventually even things up, and it is hoped that this exchange will help you to finish that project.

### Education News

At the **October 12th** Sit and Sew, we will have a presentation by **Sherry Matthews on Borders and Bindings**. This presentation will include but not be limited to pieced borders and a discussion on using paper to determine pieced block size.

After our business meeting on **October 19th**, **Georgia Bonesteel**, quilter extraordinaire, will present a Trunk show. Her specialty is "**Use of Color**" & "**Tricks that Work**". She has had her quilts in Juried shows and will bring them for us to see, as well as many others. A member of the Gloversville Sewing Center Masters Class, she's a fun gal--you're gonna love it!!

At the November 9<sup>th</sup> Sit and Sew, Trina Zimmerman will lead the way in constructing a name badge you will all be proud to wear. Trina, Sandi Christman, and Rosemarie Knichel will embroider your name on the background fabric if you'd like. Sign up will be at the October meeting. Whether you are a new member, or hate or have lost the badge you have, all are invited to this activity.

### Lucky the babies born on March

**20, 2010, National Quilting Day!** Our guild will once again participate in the National Quilting Day project of gifting baby quilts to the first babies born at St. Mary's Hospital and Nathan Littauer Hospital on National Quilting Day. Last year's mother's were so thrilled with the quilts that we knew we had to do it again. Donna Palczak is chairing this project and is in need of two more volunteers. The volunteers take the quilts through the whole process from selecting the patterns to completing the quilts. Last year both quilt tops were completed in a one day session. Call (842-3723) or email Donna

### HO HO HO

Since our usual December meeting is only four days from Christmas, we're going to have our party (and meeting) on the Sit and Sew night (December 14th) at 6 PM and forgo the December Sit and Sew. If members show an interest, we'll be collecting all the scrumptious recipes for the goodies you share. Sandi Christman has graciously offered to type up and disseminate to all of us--wonderful, don't you think?!!

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### **Mark your Calendar**

Monday, September 21, 2009	Guild Business Meeting- Organizational Details
Monday, October 13, 2009	Sit and Sew- Sherry Matthews- Borders & Bindings
Monday, October 19, 2009	Guild Business Meeting- Georgia Bonesteel -Trunk show
Monday, November 9, 2009	Sit and Sew-Trina Zimmerman - Name badges
Monday, November 16, 2009	Guild Business Meeting- Extended Show and Tell
Saturday, November 21, 2009	Quilt Show - Mayfield Presbyterian Church
Monday, December 14, 2009	Guild Business Meeting- Christmas party- 6 PM
Monday, January 11, 2010	Sit and Sew- Demonstrations - Joanne Gasner, Barbara Skoda, Carolyn Washburn