



# BASTING LINES

the quarterly newsletter of the Greater Hartford Quilt Guild, Inc.

## SAVE THE DATE!

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### Pieces of American History: Connecticut Quilts

October 11—May 16, 2020

CT Historical Society, Hartford, CT

### Vermont Quilt Festival

February 1, Quilt contest submissions open

### Stitches United

March 26—29, 2020

Hartford Convention Center

### GHQG Sharing Day

April 4, 2020

Hosted by Stafford Mill Town Quilters

Stafford Community Center

### QHQG Retreat

April 23—26, 2020

Incarnation Center, Ivoryton, CT

### Spring Lecture & 40th Anniversary Celebration

June 6, 2020

St. Mark's Parish Hall, West Hartford, CT

Speaker—Sarah Ann Smith

Catered luncheon and Quilt show included—see enclosed details.

# GHQG

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# Letter from the President

Happy Winter Everyone! Hope you all are enjoying 2020 so far. This year is shaping up to be a busy one.

STITCHES UNITED is coming back to Hartford, March 26-29. (If you are a knitter, you probably already know it.) We will again set up a table to inform attendees as to who we are and what we do, raffle tote bags, and display quilts. All the information on how to participate in this event, as well as volunteering for GHQG, is in this issue.

On Saturday, April 4th, SMQ will be hosting Sharing Day. This is a favorite event for many GHQG members. We get to see what the Chapters have been up to, catch up with old friends and make new ones, learn something new, eat delicious baked goodies, and perhaps win a gift certificate. What could be better?

The retreat will be here before you know it – April 23-26. Look for more information in this issue.

The committee (of six) is in full planning mode for the GHQG 40th anniversary celebration. It will be on Saturday, June 6th, in conjunction with Spring Lecture. Our speaker is Sarah Ann Smith, and she will also be holding a class on Sunday. From what I hear, festivities will begin in the morning with the speaker, then we will commence our celebration; with food being brought in for lunch, votes on our favorite challenge quilt (an event that happened within the past 40 years or the Ruby, Ruby, Ruby), and anything else the committee can dream up. Speaking of the committee, they can use some help if you can spare some time. This event is to celebrate us – past, present, future. So, save the date!

It's that time of year where we are thinking ahead for officers of the GHQG board. Up for vote are: Vice President, Treasurer, and Trustee. Please consider joining the Executive Board. We are always looking to make GHQG better, so fresh ideas are needed. We want members to be excited about what we are doing and the direction GHQG is heading, but that cannot be done without input from its members.

Why are you a member? What would YOU like to see or learn? Have a suggestion to make something better? Joining the Executive Board is a great way to see how the guild is run, make new friends, and participate in the future of GHQG.

Last, attached to this newsletter is a flowchart regarding copyright laws as they pertain to crafters. Look at it and keep it for reference. It can help with what to write on a show label as well as the label on the back of your quilt. Remember to always give credit to a pattern designer of a kit and the longarmer who quilted your quilt. Donna

# GHQG CHAPTER REPORTS

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## Apple Valley Quilters

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AVQ meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September through May, 7-9pm, at the Summit, 261 Summit St. in Southington. Guests are welcome at our meetings.

There is a \$5 non-member fee if we have a paid lecturer.

Feb 11: Christina Blais - Transition from Traditional to Art Quilting

Mar 10: Charity Work Night

Apr 14: Karen Griska lecture/trunk show, title to come

May 12: Cheryl Kirk lecture/trunk show, title to come

## Ellington Country Quilters

Micheline Bissell  
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Meetings are (usually) held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Ellington Congregational Church, 72 Main St., Ellington Center, at 7pm. Guests and new members are welcome. Show and tell should be held every month except November.

Feb 20: Bev York, an Educator from the Windham Textile & History Museum, will be our speaker

Mar 19: Member Sue Hulce will demo the Potter's Wheel

Apr 16: Make and take Wonder Clip holder

May 21: All Challenges due for Show and Tell

## Enfield Quilters

Cyndy Ostrout  
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Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Hazardville United Methodist Church, 330 Hazard Ave, Enfield, at 7pm. No meetings are held if schools are closed due to bad weather.

Feb 4: Community project meeting. We will sew pillowcases, bindings and patchwork quilt tops. Second UFO due.

Mar 3: Free Motion Quilting by Diane Loomis

Apr 7: Beading and Art Quilts by Amy Roppel. Third UFO due.

May 5: Guild Fund Raiser Tag Sale

Our Community projects include:

Pillowcases for the Shriner's Hospital in Springfield (we've sewn over 1,000!)

Quilts for children of all ages for the Children's Medical Center in Hartford

Mastectomy Pillows

Port Pillows, for those with an infusion port

Quilts from 6" squares for the charities supported by Lost Acres Farm in Granby

## Berlin Sisters in Quilting

Vreni Breakell-Caudle  
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Meetings are held at 6:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Bethany Covenant Church, 785 Mill St. (Rte. 372), Berlin. Please mail all correspondence to Berlin Sisters in Quilting, c/o Vreni Breakell-Caudle, 145 Hickory Hill Rd, Kensington, CT 06037. Guests and new members are always welcome. Come check us out!

Feb 4: Tea cup/basket auction

Mar 3: Disappearing patches blocks

Apr 7: Hand dyed fabric presentation

May 5: Final Business meeting of the year, review finances of the year and elections, budget planning for next year.

Berlin Challenges for the year: 30th Anniversary challenge, red and white 20" square wall hanging of any design. Cray-on challenge— 2 solid colors matching selected crayons, plus color of your choice, in any quilted item. UFO challenge—make a pledge to finish as many quilts as you can and pay up for any you don't.

# GHQG Quilt Retreat

## April 23- April 26, 2020

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### Incarnation Center, Ivoryton

Come and join us for 4 days of sewing with all your friends in GHQG. Thursday afternoon, Friday, Saturday, and until Sunday afternoon including **all meals** starting with lunch on Thursday and with full breakfast Fri, Sat, & Sun. as part of your registration. Incarnation center is in a peaceful wooded setting, with walking trails to and around the lake. Rooms are dormitory style with singles, doubles and a couple of triples with full remodeled bathroom facilities down the hall. Handicap accessible.

If you want some other activity, Essex village is nearby, Joann's and My Friends and Me quilt shop just 8 miles away and Clinton Crossing is less than 10 miles. There are cultural centers nearby, and Hammonasset State Park.

There will be a retreat quilt project taught in easy stages, and some other activities – info and pre-class quilt instructions will be made available to registrants. We're going to have a bonfire with marshmallow roast and an ice cream social, and maybe chair massages. Maybe a vender. Some door prizes too. You don't want to miss this! **Watch "Groupworks/GHQG" for a peek at the retreat quilt project**

There are limited spaces available so register soon. Mail registration after Feb 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Registration Deadline April 1<sup>st</sup>.

This year we are going to try to accommodate as many quilters as we can. We can do this by filling every bed and sharing sewing tables. Therefore we need to fill double rooms as well as singles. Please fill out the registration accordingly.

Send registration and check made out to GHQG to Ginny Dodd, 123 Bolton Center Rd, Bolton Ct 06043. Direct questions to [gdodd@snet.net](mailto:gdodd@snet.net) 860-416-9321. Refunds only if your space gets refilled.

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4 days starting 11 am Thursday – **\$305** (all meals beginning with Thurs lunch)

(Minimum 30 registrants required to start on Thurs.)

3 days starting 11 am Friday – **\$235** (all meals beginning with Fri lunch)

**Circle one and provide registration fee indicated**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Physical considerations (some areas have stairs) \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

There are always vegetarian choices. If you have some other restrictions **please bring your own snacks or additional meal supplements**. The kitchen staff will try to accommodate.

Roommate request \_\_\_\_\_

I don't have a roommate preference \_\_\_\_\_

I would also like to sew with \_\_\_\_\_

Please send confirmation packet by \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_ snail mail \_\_\_\_\_

# GHQG CHAPTER REPORTS

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## Friendship Quilters of Windsor

Kathy Spriestersbach  
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We meet at 6:30pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Windsor Senior Center, Matianuck Ave, Windsor. Visitors are welcome at all our meetings and coffee Saturday mornings by the river.

Feb 13: Members teaching Members—use of specialty rulers

Mar 12: Carol Vinick—Fabric Collage

Apr 9: John Anton of New England Sewing

May 14: To Be Determined

June 11: Year end Wrap up

## Heritage Quilters

Janette Steward  
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Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month, 4th floor Social Room at Masonic Healthcare Center, 22 Sonic Ave, Wallingford, except for November (2nd Tuesday), and December and June potlucks. All meetings start promptly at 6:30pm.

Feb 25: Technique Night

Mar 24: Stitch our guild projects, bring sewing machines

Apr 28: Christina Blais—Transition from Traditional to Art Quilts

May 26: Lois Mitchell, from Quilt Shop by Lois, Creative Grids Rulers

## Newington Schoolhouse Quilters

Judy Van Blarcom  
drewandderek8@gmail.com

Newington meets on the 2nd Monday of the month (except October, when we meet on the 3rd Monday) at the Senior Center in Newington. Meetings start at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend and join the group. We always welcome new members and guests

Feb 10: Chinese New Year's Celebration (table runners/placemat swap due)

Mar 9: Leslie Bok from Green Heron—Quilting with Japanese Kimonos

Apr 13: Lois Mitchell from Lois's Quilt Shop—Stripology Rulers and Trunk Show

May 11: Jean Scibek doing rug weaving

Jun 8: Potluck and end of season items

## Quilter's West

Virginia Mikolowsky  
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Meetings are held at 7pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at West Hartford Health & Rehab Center, lower level, 130 Loomis Dr, West Hartford. Guests are always welcome.

We continue on our G.O.A.L.S. journey. (Gaining Our Aspirations with Less Stress)

Feb 19: Rework a traditional pattern into a modern style: Marty Strong will be here to discuss traits of Modern quilts (with samples) GOAL: Incorporate a new style into your quilt work

Mar 18: Speaker—Diane Hamm: Whose Style is it Anyway? GOAL: Meet someone new, learn something new

Apr 15: Small but Mighty: The Unit—discussion of One Block quilts and hand out pattern to be used for Yankee Swap GOAL: complete item using one Unit, for end-of-year Yankee Swap

# **GHQG CHAPTER REPORTS**

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## **Stafford Mill Town Quilters**

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Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Stafford Public Library Community Room, 10 Levinthal Run, Stafford, from 6:30—9:30pm. Guests are always welcome. Saturday open sews are held the third Saturday of the month (unless otherwise noted) at the Stafford Fire House, Willington Ave, Stafford.

In addition to our standard business meeting and member Show & Tell, upcoming meeting events are as follows.

Feb 18: GED (Git 'Er Done) # 2 due & fall fabric exchange for fabric wreath (reveal in May).

Mar 17: "Think Irish" challenge due & Sew & Chat.

Apr 21: Speaker - Jamie Eaves - History of the Sewing Machine & Quilt Book & Bookmark swap.

## **Vernon Nutmeg Quilters**

Heather Emmette  
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We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the First Congregational Church at 695 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon. We are an active group that enjoys Saturday Sewes as well as 2-day Mini Retreats. Guests and new members are always welcome.

Feb 11: Bag Night. Bring your favorite bag.

Feb 15: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm: Open Sew

Mar 10: Joan Blade Johnson-Contemporary Fiber Art Sprouting from Traditional Roots.

Mar 13-14: Mini Retreat from Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 am and Saturday 8:00 am to 9:00 pm. \$10 per day, lunch included.

Apr 14: Chelsey Cayer- Fashion Fabric Design and History.

Apr 18: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm: Joan Blade Johnson Workshop: Foiling on Fabric. Note: fee for supplies required.

## **West Hartford Quilters**

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Meetings are held at 7pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month (Sept—June) at the West Hartford Health and Rehab Center lower level, 130 Loomis Rd, West Hartford (just north of West Hartford Center off North Main St). Guests are always welcome to join us.

Feb 5: Technique/New Product Night  
Members will demonstrate a technique or present/discuss a new product they especially like

Mar 4: Teacup Auction

Apr 1: Charlie Hietala—'Crazy Quilts - Facts and Fabrications' Lecture & Vending

May 6: Members present 'Stashbuster Tips' Presentation of Summer Challenge

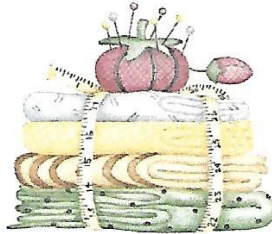


# SHARING DAY 2020

**HOSTED by Stafford Mill Town Quilters**


**April 4, 2020**


**9am to 12pm**






**Stafford Community Center**

**Rte. 190 (3 Buckey  
Highway), Stafford, CT**

 Sharing Day is an annual event hosted by the GHQG chapters to reflect on the activities, creativity, and inspiration through the display of sample works including but not limited to: lecture, workshop, challenge and community service projects. It's a time to find out what other chapters have been up to and a chance to chat with others who share your interest in quilting. Each Chapter will offer an educational opportunity (i.e., a tip, project, block etc.) to share with all as you Travel around the room.

 Doors open at 8:30am for set-up. A table and chairs will be provided for each chapter. If you wish, bring racks for display. Please be aware that electrical access is limited. If you require electrical access, please contact: Laurie Evans (860.926.4384) or Colleen Sheridan (203.814.4598) as early as possible. Preference will be given on a first-come-first-served basis. If your Chapter will not be represented, please notify Laurie Evans (860.926.4384).

 We are asking each Chapter to donate a \$25 Gift Card to be used as raffle prizes. Please purchase the Gift Card from a quilt shop and do not solicit shop owners. The Gift Cards should be given to your Steering Representative, who in turn will give them to our Steering Representative, Colleen Sheridan or Adi Sutherland, no later than March 14, 2020. In the event of inclement weather, please contact your Chapter's President.

 SMTQ is looking forward to your traveling to our town for Sharing Day. 

Directions from Hartford:

84E to exit 70 (Stafford Springs/CT Rt. 32), left onto CT-32/River Road (4.3 miles), sharp right (at rotary) onto Main St/CT 190 (0.8 miles), stone building on right.

The honor of your presence is requested  
at the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
of the  
Greater Hartford Quilt Guild

Please join us on  
Saturday, June 6, 2020 at  
St Mark's Parish Hall  
465 Quaker Lane S, West Hartford, CT

The day's events include:

9:00 am ~ Doors Open

Light food and beverages will be served

Photo Scroll from the past 40 years

Display of Quilted Items made by our members  
to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

10:30 am ~ Lecture/Trunk Show

By Sarah Ann Smith

12:00 pm ~ Catered Luncheon

1:00 pm ~ Presentation of Acknowledgements  
and Viewers' Choice Winners

Independents, please RSVP to [janice.dipietro@gmail.com](mailto:janice.dipietro@gmail.com)  
Chapter Members, please RSVP to your Steering Rep by April 30, 2020

To be reported at the Steering Rep meeting on May 7, 2020



# 1980-2020

## In 1980...

Mount St. Helen erupted in Washington State;

Lech Walesa began leading strikes for Solidarity in Poland;

Magic Johnson, a rookie for the Lakers, scored 42 points to help his team with the NBA championship;

The Philadelphia Phillies beat the Kansas City Royals in the 6<sup>th</sup> game to win the World Series;

“The Empire Strikes Back”, the second film in the Star Wars franchise, was released and became the highest grossing film of the year, outperforming “Airplane!” and “The Blues Brothers”;

Pac-Man, the best-selling arcade game of all time, was released;

Ronald Reagan beat incumbent Jimmy Carter for president;

**And, most importantly, a handful of quilters set up a meeting to organize the Greater Hartford Quilt Guild.**

## To celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, GHQG is running TWO challenges!

**RUBY RUBY RUBY** – Since Ruby is the gemstone for 40<sup>th</sup> anniversaries, GHQG members are invited to display a red-and-white quilt; any size, any pattern. The only restriction is that it must be made from red and white fabric only!

**A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN 40 YEARS** – GHQG members are invited to display an art quilt depicting any significant event that happened within the last 40 years. (Sorry, the moon landing’s too far back...)

The challenge quilts may be made by individuals, groups or chapters. The quilts will be displayed at the 2020 Spring Lecture (venue and date to be determined). We hope you will be inspired to join us in one or both of these challenges!

A form for the committee to use in planning space and hanging requirements is attached to this email. If you are making a quilt or quilted item to answer the challenges, please complete the form and get it to Pam Kelly, either at the address on the form or to her e-mail, which is also on the form, no later than May 7, 2020

## STITCHES 2020

March 26-29

We are looking for the following:

30-40 quilts to display at the event. I will collect them at the March Steering meeting. If you would like to participate, please email me by February 15<sup>th</sup>, so I can put it on the list for the organizers and get your quilt(s) to your Steering Rep or make arrangements with me if you are an Independent.

Volunteers to work a shift at our table selling raffle tickets for our tote bags Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We only need one or two members per shift. (Fri and Sat. 10-6, Sunday 10-4) Please contact me if you would be willing to help so I can make a schedule. Volunteers get in free!

An idea for a 15-30-minute demo in the Playground on Saturday. They will provide a sewing machine for us to use, if needed. Please email or call me with your idea, and if you would be willing to demo it.

There are several quilt classes, as well as garment sewing classes. Go to [knittinguniverse.com](http://knittinguniverse.com) for information. Also, parking on the streets is free on Saturdays and Sundays, if you don't mind walking. And, admission is FREE on Sunday!

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## At the New England Quilt Museum:

Through Feb 8, 2020: The Colorful World of Pat Delaney

Through Apr 4, 2020: Salvaged: The Stitched Narratives of Jennifer Regan, on loan from the Burchfield Penney Arts Center, Buffalo, NY

Amish Quilts from the NEQM Collection

Feb 11—Apr 25, 2020: Stories of West Africa, Works by Hollis Chatelaine

Through May 16, 2020: Pieces of American History: Connecticut Quilts

CT Historical Society, Hartford, CT

Mar 15—Jun, 2020: Bisa Butler: Portraits

Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St (route 22), Katonah, NY

Mar 26—29, 2020: Stitches United

Hartford Convention Center

Mar 28—29, 2020: Spring Shower of Quilts XVIII

Connecticut Piecemakers Quilt Guild annual quilt show

Wyndham Hotel, Southbury, CT

Apr 4, 2020: Sharing Day, hosted by Stafford Mill Town Quilters

Stafford Community Center

Apr 23—26, 2020: GHQG Retreat

Incarnation Center, Ivoryton, CT

Apr 24—27: AQS Quilt Show and Contest

Paducah, KY

May 5—6, 2020: Northern Star Quilters Annual Quilt Show

Danbury, CT

June 6, 2020: Spring Lecture and 40th Anniversary Celebration

St. Mark's Parish Hall, West Hartford, CT

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st		BSQ EQ	WHQ	GHQG Exec. Board/ Steering Committee	
2nd	NSQ	VNQ AVQ		FQW	
3rd		SMTQ	QW	ECQ	
4th		HQ			