

# 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:

Dear Quilting Sisters,

I hope we all have had a joyous holiday season with our families and friends. Now we are ready to start the New Year with hope and a positive conviction in all we try and do! Yes, this includes all of our New Year resolutions...dieting, paying off credit cards, finishing some of our UFO's and, members of Sew Busy, wearing our name tags to guild Sit and Sews and guild meetings.

I have wanted to discuss with everyone the importance of wearing name tags. I have been involved with the guild for three to four years and I still don't know everyone's name, although I have learned many this year. Yes, we are a large group. By wearing name tags it helps those who are new to our guild (and some of us not so new) feel more comfortable approaching one another with a question or a comment. Not everyone is an extrovert like me and a few other members! We are all here to help each other, not only with feeling welcome, but also answering questions concerning a technique, a product one person has used, or any other tricks of the trade that may come up in conversation. It is just easier and friendlier to call a fellow quilter by her name.

The second reason for wearing a name tag is for those of us who do not have great memories! We all have good intentions, but it is proven that once we say a person's name and associate it with a face or a quilt style it is embedded in our mind. Please try and remember to wear your name tag at the January meetings. You just might be surprised and win a prize!

The second half of this year's guild agenda is full of different events! Here is a quick rundown of what is planned for some of our meetings. We have a Spring Fashion show, service projects, and "Scrap Therapy" with Joan Ford. In May, Karen Gibbs will deliver a trunk show and we will follow up on Saturday with a Karen Gibbs workshop! We will end our year with a party...of course, and the Quilt Olympics.

Sit and Sew (the second Monday of every month) has been extremely successful, and we have had excellent speakers and teachers who share their expertise. We will learn how to make the T.V. table top ironing board with Mary Jo Rave. Jean Quick will show us an interesting way to make placemats and then lead us in our service projects. We will also have mini group demos, Eckmeier borders with Nancy Frank, and mini groups that may be working on round robins, heart pillows and much more!

As with any other group, your participation in our activities is what will make our organization more enjoyable, more cohesive, and more productive. It is important that everyone participate in something. There are a myriad of activities, and a helping hand is appreciated in all. If you have some information to share, please do not hesitate to volunteer! Helping out with a fundraiser in any way possible, will benefit all of us. If the guild needs volunteers for some committee, please raise your hand. Quilters, remember your name tags and bring guests that want to join a great group of women who share the love of quilting and friendship in their hearts! The whole is only as good as the sum of its parts.

See you soon!

Markie

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### Where/When

**Meetings are held the *third Monday* of each month from **September to June** at the **Gloversville YWCA** (Church Street Entrance). 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.**

"Sit and Sew" nights are held the *Second Monday* of each month from October to June. The doors open at 6:30 PM.

### Fat Quarter Swap

There is a box of fat quarters on the free table. Feel free to take them, but with a catch. You will be asked to REPLACE the fat quarters you take with an equal number of fat quarters from your stash. You do NOT have to do it the night you take the fat quarters. This is an "honor" system and we know you will respect that and bring in replacement fat quarters at a subsequent meeting. What one of us will not use or doesn't like, another of us will love and use.

If you are not currently a member of the guild, **membership dues** will be \$15 after February 1, 2009. Our treasurer, Mary Jo Brady, will take membership dues at any meeting, or you can join now by sending a check (payable to *Sew Busy Quilt Guild*) to 61 Elmwood Ave. Box 105, Gloversville, New York, 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.

People attending meetings who are not current members will be charged \$3 per meeting.

### What's Happening on Sit and Sew nights???

- January 12th, Mary Jo Rave will be teaching how to make a *Traveling Ironing Board Cover*.
- February 9th, Mini Groups
- March 9th, Members can work on Community service projects.
- April 13th, Mini demos. Members will split up in 4 groups and rotate every 20 minutes watching these demonstrations.
  - Rouching– Patti Muselbeck
  - Appliqué– Joanne Gasner
  - Prairie Points with template– Sandi Christman
  - Cutting Techniques– Marlous Carter & Judy Hugo
- May 11th, Nancy Frank will be teaching how to make borders the "Karen Eckmeier" way. Bring your machines, cutters, mats. You will learn how to do the *wavy border* on a small wall hanging that you previously made or on a piece of fabric that looks like a landscape. A fabric supply list will be available at the April guild meeting.

Members are always welcome to participate in the above projects or work on their own projects. Remember, there is plenty of room at the YWCA and these nights are open to all Sew Busy Quilt Guild members!!!

### Grab Bag Challenge

Judy Hugo came up with a neat new challenge for us that will be explained at the **January** meeting. All who want to participate will bring a gallon zip lock plastic bag stuffed with fabrics (and embellishments if you want) to the February meeting. Your name will be on a slip of paper in that bag. Also on the paper will be any likes/dislikes that you would like to provide for your "partner" (if you choose to provide them). The bag will be given to another guild member. The challenge will be to make, by the September meeting, a quilt no larger than 30" by 30", nor smaller than 9" by 12" **OR** any type of quilted article, for the person who supplied the fabric. The fun part (and the challenge) is putting together combinations of fabrics and making a creation with someone else's fabric! This should be a lot of FUN!!!

### Spring Fashion Show

When the doldrums of winter hit, we all look forward to spring flowers and fashions. The **February** Guild meeting will be your opportunity to show off anything 'springy' that you have made, especially any quilted articles of clothing or bags. This fashion show will brighten our evening.

### Baby Quilt– National Quilting Day

The "Stork" Volunteers are busy creating baby quilts to be presented to the two bundles of joy born on National Quilting Day; one from Nathan Littauer Hospital in Gloversville and one from St. Mary's Hospital in Amsterdam. The primary colored quilts are centered around Caryn Contino's machine embroidered animal squares. Other volunteers are Sandi Christman, Maria Gardner, Markie King, Nancy Frank, Linda Naple, and Trina Zimmerman. Donna Palczak is the committee chairperson.

Work sessions will take place in January and hopefully members will get a sneak peak at the February guild meeting.  
**Cute! Cute! Cute!**

### UFO Challenge

Karen Brown will challenge all members to finish a project by the June party meeting. So, dig into your unfinished projects and bring one to the February meeting to be photographed. If you finish your UFO in the allotted time, you will receive a small token for your efforts. Karen will talk about this further at the January meeting.

### Community Projects– Monday, March 9, 2009 and Monday, March 16, 2009

On both of these nights guild members will have an opportunity to use some of your stash to make gifts for the Family Abuse Shelters in Fulton and Montgomery Counties including lap robes, baby or children quilts. Basically everything is welcome!! At the Sit and Sew Jean Quick will demonstrate a very simple block in a block placemat that only takes 4 fat quarters for 4 placemat tops. Easy sew– easy stitch in the ditch quilting to finish. Of course, you can bring your own projects to work on as well.

Have fun with this while helping those who need lots of love! If you have questions, please contact Jean Quick.

**Empire QuiltFest- October 17, 2009 (9AM– 4 PM) and October 18, 2009 (10 AM– 4 PM) at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.**

This event will be part of the celebration for the Quadricentennial of Henry Hudson's journey up the Hudson River and into the Lake Champlain region. The theme of this exposition will be "Voyage of Discovery". The committee for the celebration is going to include the QuiltFest in their publicity of Hudson's journey and the commemorative events. Prizes will be awarded for entry winners. Ceci VanDenburgh stated that there will be no classes at QuiltFest this year. Instead, there will be two lecture/luncheon/trunk shows. One will be done by a group of ladies who collect antique quilts from the capital district area. The other will be regarding art quilts. With these two presentations they will be "looking forward" and "looking back".

Our guild will be responsible for quilt registration, putting quilts in categories, layout/floor plan, and put together baskets. Basket donations will be requested from each guild, and they are contemplating that the donations will represent "goods" from each county.

Sew Busy Quilt guild would like members to participate in the 2009 QuiltFest Challenge "Voyage of Discovery". The piece must represent this theme in any of the multitude of possibilities. Your challenge must be completed by the September, 2009 meeting. There is special fabric as well as guidelines if you "take the challenge". If you were not at the meeting to pick up the fabric and are interested in participating, please contact CathyJo Rogers. Other members of the Sew Busy Quilt Guild Challenge committee are: Suzette DuPont and Debbie Stock.

Several members participated in the “**Color Game project**” at the October Sit and Sew. From the blocks created during the “Color Game”, three small quilts will be finished and raffled off at the Empire QuiltFest in October, 2009 to benefit our guild’s treasury. Watch for hints of the quilts in the months ahead. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Washburn.

#### Empire QuiltFest Committee

This committee will organize the guild’s responsibilities for the quilt show. They will work directly with Ceci VanDenburgh who is Sew Busy Quilt guild’s representative to Empire Quiltfest. This group will coordinate the guild’s booth and any fundraising projects for the guild, as well as any other jobs the guild is responsible for. Jill Fonda, Sandi Christman, Rosemarie Knichel, Patti Muselbeck, Markie King and Barb Sherwood volunteered to be on the committee. If you wish to join this committee contact Markie.

#### ScrapTherapy

At the April 20th guild meeting. Joan Ford will be presenting the Lecture/ Trunk Show “Do you need ScrapTherapy?” She will bring a trunk full of fabulous quilts. These will get you motivated to turn your scrap fabric stash into quilted projects! Joan will bring all of her original ScrapTherapy patterns for purchase.

Let’s face it, we can always use some ScrapTherapy! Bring a friend to share in the fun!

If you have any questions, please direct them to Donna Palczak.

The Sew Busy Quilt Guild voted to donate money rather than canned food to food pantries. Mary Jo Brady reported that \$120.86 was collected at the November meeting for the Fulton County Food Pantry. At the December meeting \$136.74 was collected for the Montgomery County Food Pantry.

Thanks ladies for being so generous!

**Lisa Stegeland** is our Website wizard. Contact her at 725-0287 if you want to add something to the web page. Check out the current newsletter, recent pictures, and many guild activities at [www.geocities.com/sewbeezy/](http://www.geocities.com/sewbeezy/)

At the **May 18, 2009 Guild** meeting we’ll be welcoming **Karen Gibbs**. Karen has a background in sweater design, along with training in interior designs. She is the owner and operator of The Quilt Studio in Ballston Lake, New York. She will highlight quilts from her pattern line and book “Bits of Bargello”. Her technique creates the illusion of movement and depth through color and piecing and using bits of bargello as a design element.

On the following Saturday, May 23rd ( from 10:00 AM– 1:00 PM, approximately ) Karen will offer a workshop where we will learn to use her bargello technique. Participants will be able to choose to create one of three patterns (Lighthouse, Heart Flowers or Bargello Rails) which can be viewed at [www.thequiltstudio.com](http://www.thequiltstudio.com). Cost of the workshop will be \$20 plus the pattern for members of Sew Busy Quilt Guild. The cost for non-members will be \$25. If you have any questions, please contact Sandi Christman.

#### December News

Jean Quick reported that the BINGO Raffle Quilt which was raffled off at the December party raised \$377 for the Guild. The winner was guild member, Dru Infantino. Dru was very surprised and happy to be the recipient of this creation. Once again, thank you to Jan Ernst for putting the quilt together for us.

Twenty-one completed the “Real Cool” challenge. Each member who completed the challenge received a \$5 gift certificate to the Gloversville Sewing Center - compliments of the Guild. Betsy Dean was the winner of the grand prize - a basket of “real cool” items - some quilting related and some not. A quick singing of “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” concluded the challenge. Nancy Frank says “I think everyone had a good time with this challenge and I hope we continue to see the rest of them as they are finished.” Many thanks to Trina Zimmerman for making the grand prize basket beautiful and for making snowflake cookies to go with the gift certificates. Check out our website for pictures of the Real Cool Challenges.

Let the fun begin at the **June** end of the year party. The **Quilt Olympics are coming!!!** Board members will be testing your quilting skills and knowledge in several events!!! Teams will be set up and points will be given. So, bring your sewing kits!! More information will be available at the May meeting. Remember to mark your calendars for **June 15, 2009 at 6:30 PM.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009- "SIT AND SEW"- MARY JO RAVE- TRANSPORTABLE IRONING BOARD**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2009- GUILD MEETING- GRAB BAG CHALLENGE**

**MON., FEBRUARY 9, 2009- "SIT AND SEW"- MINI GROUPS**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2009- GUILD MEETING- SPRING FASHION SHOW**

**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009- "SIT AND SEW"- COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS**

**MON., MARCH 16, 2009- NATIONAL QUILTING DAY PROJECT**

**MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2009- "SIT AND SEW"- MINI DEMOS BY MEMBERS**

**MONDAY., APRIL 20, 2009-GUILD MEETING- LECTURE- JOAN FORD- "DO YOU NEED SCRAP THERAPY?"**

**MON., MAY 11, 2009- "SIT AND SEW"-WORKSHOP- NANCY FRANK- "BORDERS THE  
KAREN ECKMEIER WAY"**

**MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009- GUILD MEETING- LECTURE- KAREN GIBBS- TRUNK SHOW**

**SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2009- CLASS- KAREN GIBBS- "SUPER EASY BARGELLO"**

**MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009- SIT AND SEW**

**MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009- JUNE PARTY- 6:30 PM- GUILD MEETING- QUILT OLYMPICS- UFO CHALLENGE**