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Mission Statement

The Great South Bay Quilters' Society 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's Message

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of another year! As 2024 comes to a close, we have much to celebrate, for our Guild has experienced many achievements since the beginning of the year.

We continue to create quilts that are donated to the less fortunate. Since our start 41 years ago, it is safe to say that at the end of this year we will have donated well over 2,000 quilts to the many organizations we work with. Veterans, seniors, children, women in need...these are the people who have benefitted from our work. This is only realized through the dedication and talent of our in-house member teachers and guild participants. These workshops allow us not only to learn a new pattern, but also to learn and enjoy more about our fellow quilting sisters.

This past June we successfully held our Quilt Exhibit at the Sayville Grange. So many of you worked tirelessly to ensure that our guild was well represented in displaying our work to the public. We were also able to raise a decent amount of funds to add to our resources in order to continue to buy some of the needed materials to create our quilts.

2024 also saw our Guild enter the social media forum through our new Facebook page. Here, we are able to further grow our public presence, celebrate our achievements and share photos of the beautiful work of our members.

Our membership list is the largest it has been since before the pandemic. Every month it seems like we are adding yet another talented quilter to our ranks.

So, thanks to all of you for being the reason we are so successful. I look forward to what new milestones lie ahead!

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Joan

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Vice-President's Message

So much to do and so little time, is an appropriate cliché that certainly is fitting at this time of year! Between the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, visits with family and friends, somehow we still find time to focus on our fantastic guild.

We have only completed a portion of the meetings for 2024-2025 calendar, and yet you have already shown your enormous generosity with donations for the needy. Thank you to everyone!!

Many members have inquired about a class with an outside instructor. We are happy to fulfill this by starting the new year with Deb Kircheim. Many of you will recall that Deb did a verbal presentation a while back. She will be here on January 18, 2025 to do the Hunter Star workshop. For all taking the class, please make sure to get in touch with Deb regarding the need for a ruler.

In February we will have a chance to complete our charitable obligation by offering either a veterans quilt or the lap-robe quilt workshop. I realize we have new members and I would like to clarify. As a guild member, we have an obligation to donate one specific size quilt per year. In order to help you meet with success, we offer workshops throughout the year to help you fulfill this obligation. Please feel free to ask questions anytime during the meeting for clarification on anything being said.

In closing I would like to say that I am so proud to be a G.S.B. Member!! We are a talented group of people who not only share their expertise, but add warmth and laughter to our room. For this I am grateful. Have a peaceful, joyous and healthy new year.

Dawn

Reminders

Membership dues of \$25 are payable either in cash or by check made out to GSBQ. Please note that our dues have not increased for another year, even though other guilds on the island are charging \$50 or more.



Food Drive for Veterans' Beacon House

As voted on by the membership at the September meeting, below is the list of items to be collected for Veterans Beacon House.

Each month please bring only the item listed and/or a gift card.

Thank you for your generosity in helping our veterans.

December - \$10 gift cards, to Target, Shop Rite and/Or Stop and Shop

January - 12 oz. cans of coffee

February - Tide pods

March - Shelf stable milk such as Parmalat (2% or whole)

April - Canned Chicken

May - Bar Soap and Toilet Paper

June - Shampoo or Shampoo/Body Wash combo

GSBQ Meeting and Program Dates

All events are held at the Joyce Fitzpatrick Senior Center at Brookwood Hall, East Islip, NY.

Meetings: doors open at 6:30, business meeting at 7, program to follow.

Workshops/Quilt Camp: doors open at 9 am, programs start at 9:30.

Lunch is at 12, program day concludes 3-4 p.m.

Date	Time	Type/Topic
December 18, 2024	7 pm	Holiday Party and Voluntary Gift Exchange
January 15, 2025	7 pm	Monthly Meeting: How to create a label for your quilt
January 18, 2025	9:30 am-3 pm	Saturday workshop: Hunter's Star with Deb Kircheim
February 19, 2025	7 pm	Monthly Meeting: Bingo with Rose!
February 22, 2025	9:30 am-3 pm	Lap Robe Workshop- Donna M Veteran's Workshop - Mary-Ellen R.
March 19, 2025	7 pm	Monthly Meeting: Video presentation – Lin T.
March 22, 2025	9:30 am-3 pm	Quilt Camp: Sit and Sew, Rope Bowls – Gerrie F.; Bag – Joan M.; Jelly Roll Quilt – Mary-Ellen R. and Lin T.
April 16, 2025	7 pm	Monthly Meeting: Antique Crazy Quilt presentation – guest Michele Mulligan, Members' Market: Swap, Sell, or Gift: new or gently used items from your personal quilting/sewing stash, Questionnaire will be distributed
May 21, 2025	7 pm	Monthly Meeting: TMT Quilt Binding – Sandy K. Vendor – North Shore Quilting Return Questionnaires
June 18, 2025	7 pm	Monthly Meeting: 42nd BD Party , Questionnaire Results, Program Committee Signup

Kim Young

Kim's Quilts

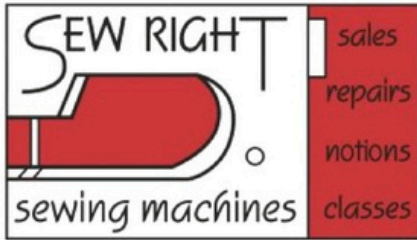
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A Dozen Tips on Storing and Caring for Your Quilts

1. Do not use a plastic container or bag to store your quilt. They cause mold and mildew because it traps any moisture. This will lead to discoloration and staining. It also attracts insects.
2. Mothballs are a big no-no, as well as cedar or wooden chests. These leave an odor that will be impossible to remove. It can also break down fibers.
3. Direct sunlight can be detrimental for your quilts. Your fabrics will fade over time.
4. You should store your quilts in areas of your home where the humidity and temperature are most constant, not in the attic or basement.
5. Do not pile your quilts on top of one another especially if they are folded. This will cause many creases that will be very difficult to get out.
6. Hanging for long periods of time can cause harm. You need to change them out every six months from hanging and any UV rays. If you use a wooden quilt rack you need a barrier between the quilt and wood. It can cause brown spots where your quilt and wood touch each other.
7. Don't use colored tissue paper, newspaper or cardboard boxes when folding your quilts to prevent creasing. These items contain dyes and decaying agents that can ruin your quilt.
8. Although cute to see animals sitting or sleeping on your quilt for any extended time will smell and get soiled. Make a special one just for them which can be washed as much as needed.
9. Layering: Layering your quilts on a guest bed is a great way to store your quilts.
10. Use a batting tube: Another great way to store your quilt is a batting tube or pool noodle. You may want to cover it with cloth though in case you aren't sure if the tube is free of chemicals.
11. It is always a good idea to use acid free white tissue paper crumpled inside the folded areas to prevent creases. I will fold it from side to side then switch to folding it top to bottom every six months to prevent permanent creases.
12. Labeling is important. Always let people enjoy your quilt knowing who made it. Keeping a provenance and letting them know who spent all their talent and time making your beautiful masterpiece.



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Lifetime Member Award

**Congratulations to Audrey
Collins on becoming a lifetime
member. Audrey was one of
the four founding members of
the guild. She is always willing
to help out and lend a hand,
thank you Audrey and
CONGRATULATIONS!**



October Show and Tell



Baby Quilt Workshop



Thank you Mary Ekelund!

What a delightful day spent quilting and chatting with fellow members! The Heart and Cross quilts came out beautiful and it was wonderful to see all the various combinations that were created

Bountiful Bags

Through the generosity of all of our members, the guild was able to assemble and donate approximately 160 bags for those in need.



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