

GREAT SOUTH BAY QUILTERS



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Mission Statement

The Great South Bay Quilters' Guild 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.

President's Message

Dear GSBQuilters,

While the weather has not been as cooperative as we would like this Spring, we at GSBQ have much to celebrate! With the awarding of the \$8000 grant from the Town of Islip's Keep Islip Thriving (KIT) Program, we are able to provide a new benefit for all members in constructing our community service quilts. Knowing that the grant money is to be used for material only, the Executive Board met a couple of weeks ago to determine how we could best achieve this. We agreed on the following procedures, to be effective September 2025. Executive Board members have already purchased some of the fabric we anticipate being needed for next year. Teachers of our classes will provide Olive Archer with their pattern and a list of yardage needed by September 1. She in turn will let our newly formed "cutting committee" the amount and type of fabric needed. Anita Hayes and Laura Knoell have graciously agreed to head the cutting committee and are seeking more members to help with this task (please see them at our April meeting to volunteer). Each member who signs up for one of our community service classes (baby, lap, and veterans quilts) will be given a packet of yardage material needed to complete the project, free of charge. Of

course if members choose to use their own material, that is always an option. In addition, it was noted at our last meeting by Pat Mahar that it would be wise to create a quilt to be used if we are asked for a raffle quilt for a worthy organization (as we often are). The membership seemed to be in agreement with this idea, so we will be not only funding the materials needed for this with the KIT grant but are also asking for volunteers to create a raffle quilt committee. Please see one of the officers if you are able to volunteer your time.

With the rising cost of fabric (and perhaps even more of an increase in the coming months) we can all enjoy the benefits of our KIT grant!

Best,
Joan

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Vice-President's Message

It is difficult to fathom with all the activities still to come, that we are on the down slope for this year.

Quilt camp was phenomenal!! It would be difficult to decide which class was the best as they were all unique. Every bag taught by Joan Monroe came out slightly different due to fabric variations. The jelly roll quilt taught by Mary Ellen Ransom also proved to be extremely diverse. Gerrie Fitzpatrick taught the rope bowls. Initially the project appeared challenging, however with Gerrie's expertise, she made the project easy and great fun. She also demonstrated various ways to personalize the bowls. Hope everyone who attended had a great day!!

There is no slowing down in April. We will host a members market. Members can bring items to sell, trade, or just give away. This should be interesting. A special guest, Michele Mulligan will give a presentation on an antique quilt. Lastly we will hand out the questionnaire. For the new members, we hand out a questionnaire listing all the activities that were offered throughout the year. We ask that you rate only the events that you participated in. Please bring the completed questionnaire back to the May meeting. These are important as we use this to formulate next year's program. At times I forget that not everyone is aware of what I am talking about. Never hesitate to ask for clarification when information is given. Stay healthy and see you in April

Dawn



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.

April – Canned Chicken

May – Bar Soap and Toilet Paper

June – Shampoo or Shampoo/Body Wash combo

*gift cards to Stop and Shop always welcome

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GSBQ Meeting and Program Dates

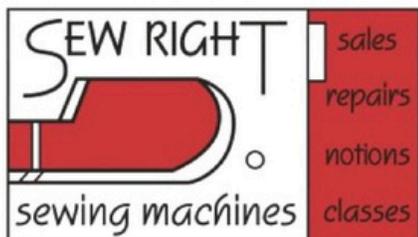
All events are held at the Joyce Fitzpatrick Senior Center at Brookwood Hall, East Islip, NY.

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
April 16, 2025	7 pm	Monthly Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TMT Quilt Binding – Sandy K. • Vendor – North Shore Quilting • Return Questionnaires
June 18, 2025	7 pm	Monthly Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42nd BD Party • Questionnaire Results • Program Committee Signup



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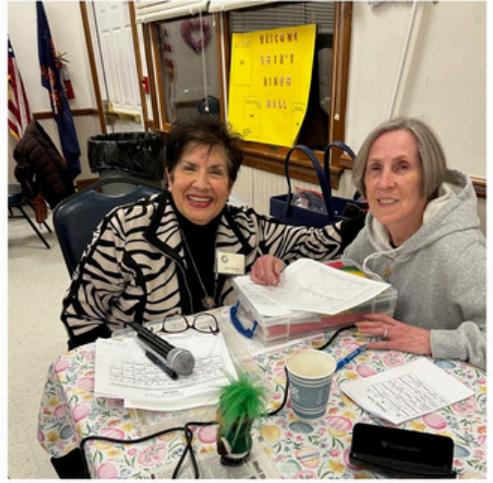
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February Show and Tell





Veteran's/Lap Quilt Workshop

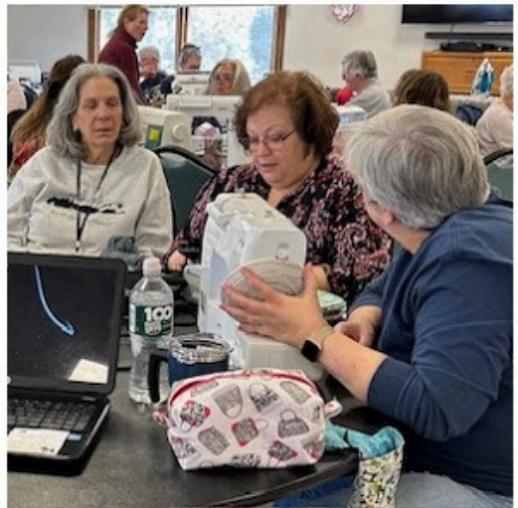
It was a cold winter morning at Brookwood Hall on Saturday, February 22nd but you would never know because inside the hall it was full of 24 energetic, optimistic women of the Great South Bay Quilters. They set up quickly, staking out their spots. In the meantime another group set up the food tables. Always food; pound cake, healthy nuts and cookies, pretzels, you get the picture. Thanks Ladies!!!

Maryellen with assistance from Rose aka Me!(minimal help at best)worked on the veterans scrap quilt. It was fun - easy, Maryellen said the magic words "that doesn't matter". I love those words when learning a new block. The other group of quilters worked on another scrap quilt with the direction of Donna Muolo, Jelly Roll Jam II Quilt Blocks. This group also reiterated the simplicity of this block. All in all that made for a happy, talkative, active, everyone visiting each others machines, group! Please check out the pictures below-they are fabulous- Oh that's me with the one block I completed. but remember "I was helping". Thanks once more organizers, teachers, food bearers and "helpers."

Sincerely and fellow quilter, Rose Alvarado



Quilt Camp Highlights



This poem was written by one of my favorite authors, Nikki Giovanni.
It is told from the perspective of a speaker who feels like a “fading piece of cloth”. She embraces the image of herself as the cloth and considers its uses over time.

Quilts

Nikki Giovanni

1943 –2024

Like a fading piece of cloth

I am a failure

No longer do I cover tables filled with food and laughter

My seams are frayed my hems falling my strength no longer able

To hold the hot and cold

I wish for those first days

When just woven I could keep water

From seeping through

Repelled stains with the tightness of my weave

Dazzled the sunlight with my

Reflection

I grow old though pleased with my memories

The tasks I can no longer complete

Are balanced by the love of the tasks gone past

I offer no apology only

this plea:

When I am frayed and strained and drizzle at the end

Please someone cut a square and put me in a quilt

That I might keep some child warm

And some old person with no one else to talk to

Will hear my whispers

And cuddle

near

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Hasenzahl White Fruit Cake

My husband, Gary, baked this Hasenzahl White Fruit Cake for our February workshop. According to family folklore, this cake was a recipe that Gary's great-grandfather, George Hasenzahl, had created. His grandfather, George Hasenzahl, arrived in America from Germany in 1865. He eventually became the sole proprietor of a bakery in Manhattan. This recipe has been passed down for a few generations and we typically make it at Christmastime but we enjoy it all year round.

It is a delicious, dense, buttery slice of heaven!

We hope you enjoy it too!

Donna Muoio

HASENZAHL WHITE FRUIT CAKE

1 lb. Butter, softened
2 cups sugar
4 eggs, separated
1 lb. Raisins
1 ½ cups milk
4 cups flour
3 tsp. Baking powder
2 tsp. salt

In a large bowl, cream together butter and sugar until smooth. Add egg yolks, one yolk at a time mixing each thoroughly. Mix in milk. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. In separate bowl, use two tablespoons of the flour mixture to coat the raisins. Add remaining flour mixture and raisins to mixture and beat thoroughly. In separate bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Fold egg whites gently into cake mixture. Pour batter into greased and floured tube pan. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Place cake in center of oven and bake for 30 minutes. Lower oven temperature to 325 degrees for 90 minutes. Remove from oven and place on cooling rack. Remove from pan after 30 minutes of cooling.

Smaller Cake Option

Split batter evenly into 2 greased and floured loaf pans and cook in a pre-heated oven at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Lower oven temperature to 325 degrees for 90 minutes. Remove from oven and place on cooling rack. Remove from pans after ½ hour of cooling.

Lemon Poppy Seed Option

Eliminate the raisins and add 2 Tbls. of Poppy Seeds, the grated rind and the juice of one large lemon to the batter.

Chocolate Chip Option

Eliminate the raisins and add one cup of Chocolate Chips.



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