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Susan Sato

Dear Guild members,

Another beautiful autumn surrounds us. I love the crisp air, the tumble of the leaves caught by the wind, and the metamorphosis of color everywhere. I am trying to soak it in before the stretch of winter days sets in.

I am fresh from a quilt retreat at Cross Roads in New Jersey. It was fun to think of another group of you doing the same further north at the Heritage retreat. Retreats are a wonderful way to recharge and focus. During this retreat, I noted the uniqueness of everyone's processes, the challenges we give ourselves and the joy we receive from resolving them. I loved seeing the design walls build over the course of days. Some are led by mathematical minds, making calculations of color and proportion as they build their creations. Others are lost in the process — positioning a sliver of color here and then there while looking and responding— having a conversation with a bit of colored fabric. Others still, come prepared with organized stacks of precut shapes, methodically stitching them together, as the geometry comes into being. Whether methodical, intuitive, or improvisational, the walls become alive with color and pattern under experienced hands and eyes. And always at retreats, there are quilters at your side to ask a question of, pose a solution, note a relationship, or consider an alternative. Ideas and camaraderie abound. If you have never been on one, I highly recommend it!

Don't miss our November meeting! We have Susan Sato's vending with her colorful Easy Piecing company; our annual, Members teaching Members mini-demonstrations; and after the meeting, an in-person Hawaiian appliqué workshop with Lois Strasberg and Micki Segel.

Thank you to Eileen Anderson and her family for the donation of quilting supplies which were distributed at the October meeting and for your generous donations in her memory. To date, the guild received \$759 in her name.

With appreciation,

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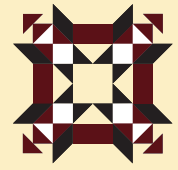
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Something to share? The deadline for submissions for the December 2022 issue of *The Brooklyn Bee* is 9 a.m., **Monday, November 21, 2022**. Please email to: susan.aronoff@gmail.com.

Guild Meetings

NEXT MEETING: November 19, 2022, 11 a.m.

Hybrid meeting: In-person at the Holy Name of Jesus Church and on Zoom.

The church is located at 245 Prospect Park West (enter at Shepherd's Hall in the back, off the parking lot).

A mask and proof of vaccination required for all in-person attendees.

ZOOM MEETING LINK: <https://tinyurl.com/y3ekc9ug>

SUNDAY BEES: Join us on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, 1 – 4 p.m. Zoom link Information will be emailed on Sunday morning and can always be accessed on the EVENTS page in the Member section of our website.

Guild News & Notes

Membership Report

As of October 29th, there are 162 Guild members. Please welcome new members Madison Andres, Bianca Guerrero, Jennifer Horan, Maria Jacobson, Christy Keefe, Eleanor Kriseman, Allison Lew, Diane Preston, Nancy Schulhoff and Sarah Yorra.

Community Quilts

As of our last meeting, there were 37 ABC quilts all donated to the **Bridge to Life**; 2 quilts collected for the **Hole in the Wall Gang**; 5 **Comfort Quilt** tops given to Dorrie and Leona; 3 **Veteran's Quilts** given to Carol Sullivan; 12 quilts received by **Quilts-4-Cops**.

Annette Wallace collected 20 pillow cases in September for **Ryan's Case For Smiles**. At the October meeting she received four pillowcase donations and handed out 51 Pillowcase kits! Hopefully they will come back next month as she made an October delivery today and is all out of completed pillowcases. **Ryan's Case For Smiles** gave her over 10 bolts of fabric and Annette has over 70 kits waiting to be distributed.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH



The October Block of the Month featured pumpkins. The winner was Wilda Smith. Congratulations Wilda!

Guild Calendar

See the **Bee Blasts** for more information on these events.

November 2022

November 13, 1 - 4 p.m. — Sunday sewing bee on Zoom

November 14, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Quilts 4 Cops. 5th Annual Quilt Bee. Location: One Police Plaza.

November 19, 11 a.m. — Guild meeting, hybrid/Zoom. Proof of vaccination and masks are required to attend the in-person meeting.

See page 4 for programming details.

Show and Tell: Seasonal quilts

Members Teaching Members

Hawaiian Applique Quilting Workshop after the Guild meeting. **FULL**

November 27, 1 - 4 p.m. — Sunday sewing bee on Zoom

December 2022

December 11, 1 - 4 p.m. — Sunday sewing bee on Zoom

December 19, 11 a.m. — Guild meeting, hybrid/Zoom. Proof of vaccination and masks are required to attend the in-person meeting.

Along with regular Show Tell quilts, please bring: Winter, snow, Hanukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and other winter holiday-themed quilts

Members Gift Exchange (see page 13)

December 25, 1 - 4 p.m. — Sunday sewing bee on Zoom **CANCELLED**

November Programming: Members Teaching Members

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One of the Guild's favorite programs, Members Teaching Members, will be featured at the November meeting. A Scandinavian woven star ornament, a chunky fabric necklace, a quilted zipper bag and a fabric-covered book are the items you will learn to make.

Members will have a chance to see all of the demonstrations as they move from table to table. Although members won't be making the items at the meeting, they will get to see how they are made and the demonstrators will supply printed handouts and/or links for reference.

MADI APPELL will show how to make a fabric-covered book. She uses plain Xerox paper to create the pages, and oaktag covered with fabric for the cover. "The books can be any size and they are simple to make," Madi says, "and they are great for gifts. Children can color in them or adults can use them for notes. You can also personalize them with embroidery or decorate them with patches if you want to. They can be very simple or you can really embellish them."



The Scandinavian star to be demonstrated by **ANNETTE WALLACE** requires only scraps of four different fabrics. "The stars are pretty easy to make," she says. "There's no sewing required. You can attach them to gifts, use as ornaments or just hang them around your home."



"The necklace is best sewn by machine," says **VALERIE TURER**. She will show how it is made and will have printed handouts with instructions. Fabric, wooden beads and embroidery floss are all the supplies you need.



How to make small zipper bag will be demonstrated by **MARCIE BRENNER**. Even if you don't like working with zippers, this is a fairly quick and easy bag. Marcie will provide a handout to be posted on the Guild's website after the demo.


November Programming continued

The **Brooklyn Quilters Guild** is offering a workshop for

Hawaiian Quilting

Micki Segel and *Lois Strasberg* will be teaching a class on **Nov. 19**, after the guild meeting at Shepherd's Hall. The class is open to **10 members max**, and to the **first 10 who request**. We suggest you have handsewing applique skills... needle-turn applique, even better! You will be **require to buy** 2 yds of solid fabric (1 yd each of contrasting colors)...do not prewash! (Kona Cotton suggested), thread to match, basting thread, needle, straight pins and small sharp pointed scissors.

Contact mickisegel@gmail.com.



The workshop is full!

BUT there is a waiting list. Please contact **Micki Segel** to add your name to our waiting list.

NEWS FROM NEW LEBANON

NEW LEBANON LIBRARY BOOKSHELF QUILT RAFFLE

New Lebanon, N.Y. — The Friends of the New Lebanon Library, a nonprofit organization in Columbia County, N.Y., announced that Maureen Dolan, resident of Canaan, N. Y., won the Bookshelf Quilt raffle on Sunday, September 4th. She was thrilled when she got the call telling her she was the winner and said, "I've never won anything in my life!" She purchased her lucky ticket early in the summer and often visited the quilt on display at the library.

The Bookshelf Quilt was designed and made by Barb Christ, of Canaan N.Y., who serves as the Friends' Secretary. She is an avid quilter and offered to provide the Friends Group with a lovely library themed quilt to help raise money to benefit the library. Barb began making the quilt at the Fall 2021 Crossroads retreat. The titles of the books were pieced using selvages contributed by others in attendance. More than \$1,000 was raised from the sale of raffle tickets and will be put towards maintenance and improvements in the library.



Eileen Anderson



With Eileen's passing on October 5, those of us who knew her have lost a bright light in our lives. Eileen was amazing — generous and outgoing, caring and positive.

First and foremost, Eileen was devoted to her family. At our Tuesdays at the Gerritsen Beach Library, she always enjoyed talking about her husband, Ed, and her daughters, and what was happening in their lives and with their families. We got to see pictures of her beloved grandchildren, and see and hear about quilts she was making for them. Whenever possible, Eileen was available to help her family in any way she could.

Eileen was committed to protecting and improving the environment. She went about this in a number of ways. Eileen helped organize a community garden in her neighborhood; volunteered with the Prospect Park Alliance; she saved cardboard rolls, newspapers, and plastic bags to donate to Sean Casey Animal Rescue for them to put to good use in their mission.

In the same vein, Eileen loved using fabric she already had when deciding how to make her next quilt. When

the Guild issued a quilt challenge, Eileen responded with creative and

interesting solutions to the challenges. She paired with Val Turer for a few years to co-chair the Small Quilt Challenge and was always ready to help and encourage anyone who needed it.

Eileen made numerous quilts through the years, and supported the Guild's many community outreach programs. It was such a treat to see Eileen's quilts. Much of her work was beautifully hand quilted.

When the Guild sent an announcement to its members of Eileen's passing, they included a beautiful photo of her among sunflowers. The picture epitomized her — she looks so bright and happy. Eileen was truly remarkable, and she will be greatly missed.

Chris Petersen

My dear friend, Eileen, will always be an inspiration for the Prospect Farm Community Garden. She was a founding member, on the Board, serving as Treasurer and head of the Compost Committee, while becoming a Master Composter. She was always encouraging, positive, giving of herself, supporting the Farm, while challenging herself to grow and learn.

Grace Bighouse



What sweet memories I have of that sweetheart of a quilter, Eileen Anderson.

We worked together for a number of years as co-chairs of the Small Quilt Challenge, in the beginning installing it at the Windsor Terrace branch of the Brooklyn Public Library, then at the Gerritsen Beach branch.

Because I didn't have a car, Eileen kindly came to pick me up in Park Slope, and we had wonderful conversations on those long drives. What didn't we talk about? Mostly it was grandchildren — Eileen was the proudest and most loving of grandmothers. We shared our family histories. We talked about gardening and we even talked about quilting.

Did we gossip? Never! That was not Eileen's way. She never revealed a confidence or had a bad word to say about anyone. She inspired me to suppress my own worst instincts and bite my tongue.

When it came to installing the quilts, Eileen was very organized and always had a plan. She was the one scampering up and down the ladder while I bravely held on down below. Eileen came up with most of the challenge themes and especially enjoyed creating quilts with a Brooklyn theme. At meetings, when it was time to make announcements, Eileen the articulate did the talking while I stood by beaming with admiration.

At meetings, I always tried to find a seat at the table where she was sitting and it was a sad day for me when she assumed a role on the membership team and began to sit at the Welcome Table.

We will all miss Eileen in many ways. Eileen, with your sweet smile and a twinkle in your eye, you were a gift to all who knew you.

Valerie Turer



HOLLY SCRAP!

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I am a sloppy person. And I hate to toss things that contain a modicum of value... to someone. Somewhere. Needless to say, I love scraps... little bits of beautiful fabric gifted from friends, acquaintances and (she hesitates and blushes) plucked from trash cans at retreats and quilt workshops. So, Diane Rode Schneck's October post-meeting workshop made me giddy with the promise of it all.

~Susan Aronoff



Guild Show Update

We are still working on our 2023 Quilt Show scheduled for April 29-30. We have a lovely 17,000-sq.ft. venue on 26th Street here in Brooklyn in the works, but we haven't received the final contract yet. Hopefully we will have it soon.

While the first raffle prize is the wonky quilt, the second prize will be a Brother ScanNCut SDX85 electronic cutting machine, thanks to a generous donation by Sew Right. This will be offered instead of the traditional sewing machine.

And we have a new committee chairperson. Debbie Breckenridge has volunteered to head up quilt collection at the end of the show.

In the meantime, Katie Mahoney is collecting items for the third raffle prize, the basket filled with quilting goodies. And she is donating a lovely basket. So bring those new items for this basket. Katie is also working on the raffle tickets and we hope to have them available soon.

The sunflower quilt will also be featured at the show and all proceeds from the sale of these raffle tickets will go to UNICEF to help Ukrainian children.

In other news, Martha Musgrove is working on a 30-year Guild exhibit, so if you have any old photos or know any history, please contact her at marf86@hotmail.com.

So keep working on those show quilts. It's going to be a memorable event!

~ Martha McDonald

Food Pantry Donations for the Homeless

Dear Members,

I was leaving one of our meetings and noticed a line for the food pantry. I thought maybe our Guild members would like to bring items when they come to meetings at Sheppard Hall. So I contacted Philip who is in charge and they are delighted that we want to help out.

When you arrive there will be a box set up when you come in to drop off your donations.

Attached is the list of what to donate.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS LIST

Please make sure the items are not past an expiration date, opened or dented.

Cans, jars and boxes of:

- tuna
- pasta
- rice
- beans
- soup
- juice
- condensed milk
- baking goods
- pop-open cans of spaghetti, raviolis, vegetables or fruit.
- chicken
- peanut butter
- vegetables
- fruit
- cereal
- Jell-O

They will also take money donations for fresh fruits and vegetables.

Thanks for all your help!

Susan

Please see Susan Sato (sewsusansew@gmail.com) if you want to make a monetary donation.

Events of Note

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Shari Werner, Contemporary Quilts, The Adler Gallery, November 2 – December 29. Port Washington Public Library. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m. For more information: <https://pwpl.org/exhibitions>.

The Social Fabric Textile Art Exhibit, October 17, 2022 – January 22, 2023. Arts Westchester Gallery, 31 Mamaroneck, Ave., White Plains, NY. Artists, including guild member Sylvia Hernandez, address themes such as climate, equity and justice. For more information: <https://artswestchester.org/the-social-fabric/>.

Art Quilt Elements, Online Exhibition of the March–April, 2022 show can be viewed here: <http://www.artquilelements.org/>. Guild members Susan Byrnes, Barb Danzi and Shari Werner have work in online show.

Fiber Art Now magazine is calling for entries for its Fiber Reimagined show to appear in the Spring 2023 issue. They are looking for innovative, creative art created from fiber and recycled and repurposed mixed media. Selected pieces will also be eligible to appear onsite at Gravers Lane Gallery in Philadelphia. Submissions will be accepted through November 30. For more information, go to: <https://www.fiberartnow.net/calls/>

Quilts=Art=Quilts 2022, Schweinfurth Art Center. **October 29, 2022 – January 8, 2023.** 205 Genesee Street, Auburn, NY. Juried show featuring 64 artists based on overall quality of design, visual impact, and originality of the pieces.

Four Sundays during the exhibit, quilt artists give a lecture about their work and bring their pieces. The talks are at 2 p.m. and free with admission. Videos of the talks will be posted on our website. Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m. Schweinfurth Admission \$10. For more information: <https://schweinfurthartcenter.org/quiltsartquilts-2022/>.

For a video of Barb's talk: <https://youtu.be/AfmAXNXH9js>



Guild member Christine Janove's quilt on view at the 2022 International Quilt Festival in Houston



Guild member Barbara Danzi's quilt is on view at Quilts=Art=Quilts 22

QUILTS 4 COPS 5TH ANNUAL QUILTING BEE

LABOR OF LOVE QUILT PROJECT

Date: Monday, November 14, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Location: One Police Plaza, NYC

Space is Limited Please RSVP ASAP

New Protocol: You must show proof of Covid 19 Vaccination (for at least 1 shot) to enter the building. Masks must be worn.

Sewing stations will be set up for hand-work. You can bring basic sewing supplies such as pins, scissors, needles, and ruler with ¼ inch marking, etc. If you are bringing a sewing machine, you must contact me so there will be space available.

Contact Information: Diane Pryor-Holland, Telephone: (718) 341-0974

Website: quilts4cops.org **Email:** laborofloveproject@gmail.org

Continental Breakfast and a wonderful Lunch will be provided

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TALL TREES

November 2022 Block of the Month • BROOKLYN QUILTERS GUILD

By Eleanor Lutz and Melissa Fitzpatrick



Fabrics & Cutting

Tree (two different fabrics suggested)

A: 2x Trees (1 per fabric), **7x7 in.**

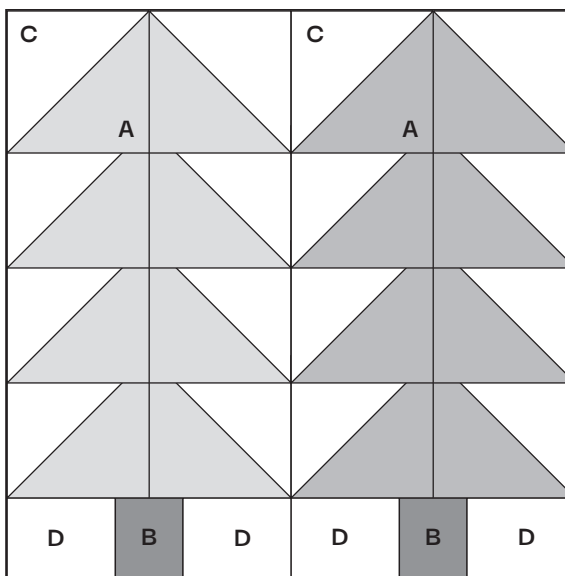
Trunk (dark fabric suggested)

B: 2x Trunks, **1.75x2.5 in.**

Background (light fabric suggested)

C: 2x Large squares, **7x7 in.**

D: 4x Small squares, **2.5x2.5 in.**



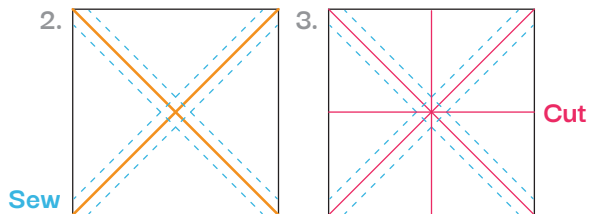
Instructions

All seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ in. Finished block is 11x11in.

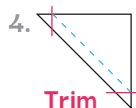
1: Draw two diagonal lines on the back of each background square (C) in washable marker or chalk.



2: Layer each background square (C) with a tree square (A), right sides together. With the marked background square (C) on top, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ in. from both sides of the marked lines. In total you'll sew four lines.



3: Cut each finished square into eight pieces.



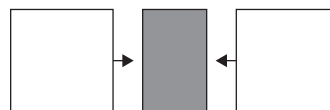
4: Trim the triangle tips and iron flat.

5: Sew the ironed tree pieces into pairs. Each pair should be two pieces of the same color, combined like a mountain.

6: Iron flat. Pick 3 sections from each tree and trim $\frac{1}{2}$ in. off the top. **Leave 1 section untrimmed for each tree!**



7: For each tree trunk (B), sew one background rectangle (D) onto each side of the trunk. Iron all pieces flat.




8: Sew each tree together vertically, with the untrimmed tree section at the top, trimmed tree sections in the middle, and the tree trunk section at the bottom.

9: Iron flat and sew the two trees together horizontally.

This pattern might look complicated, but it's not really. We'll use a quick sewing trick to make lots of half-square triangles at once.

Bring your block to our next guild meeting to enter the lottery and win that month's collection of blocks! If you can't come to the meeting, you can enter by sharing your block on our B.O.M. Facebook by 10a.m. the morning of the Guild Meeting. Each completed block gives you a chance to win, whether you are present at the meeting or not. Blocks will be collected from those attending the meeting in person. Everyone else will privately mail their blocks to the winner.

 [facebook.com/groups/838028493370905](https://www.facebook.com/groups/838028493370905)

Sew Know: RAFFLE QUILT FOR UNICEF UKRAINE

BY MARCIE BRENNER, MCSE

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JUST A QUICK THANK YOU to the members that contributed sunflower blocks for the quilt. I want to acknowledge Joy West and Robin Engelman, who were kind enough to make six blocks each. I was asked to keep the quilt to a Queen size, 84X84 inches for display purposes, which worked out well as my machine frame just managed it.

I had to redesign the quilt to those dimensions. The center medallion was 42 inches and to accommodate the 12-inch Sunflower blocks, a checkerboard inner border 3-inch wide was

added to increase it to 48 inches. Now the quilt was 72 inches, another 12 inches needed to be created. To echo the medallion bias binding, I cut six ½-inch squares to finish six inches on the 45-degree angle to form a chevron pattern from a striped fabric as the border. Since the outer edge was bias, it had to be stabilized to prevent stretching, so I used seam binding to stay the edge on the wrong side. To finish the quilt top, four Ukrainian Sunflowers were machine embroidered in the cornerstones.

The quilting is an edge to edge design of sunflowers that was offered by one of the Longarm quilting sites for free as was the machine embroidery design. The quilt backing is a white floral that is very sunflower like. A machine embroidered quilt label will be attached to the back.

This was definitely a labor of love as I thought about why I was making it. My hope is that it will raise awareness and resources for children in an intolerable situation, reassuring them that the world cares. ❖



2022 RETREATS

Cross Roads in New Jersey

Cross Roads is a camp and retreat facility located in Port Murray, NJ, one and a half hours from Brooklyn. Information about Cross Roads can be found on the website, www.crossroadsretreat.com.

Some members have expressed interest in going on a quilt retreat, but they need it to be on a weekend because they have regular Monday-Friday jobs. We are happy to offer a weekend retreat at Cross Roads Retreat Center in New Jersey.

Here's the dope:

Dates: Friday March 10 through Sunday March 12, 2023. (Great time for finishing our show entries.)

Price: \$190 per person in a double room; \$230 in a private room. That includes 2 nights lodging (Fri., Sat.) and 5 meals: B,L,D Saturday and B,L on Sunday.

The catch: We need a firm 15 people, to commit two months in advance — and that would be January 13 — for us to secure this weekend with Cross Roads. If not, we need to release those dates back to them so they can offer it to others.

Want to come? Interested? Or questions? Martha Musgrove (marf86@hotmail.com) or Susan Aronoff (susan.aronoff@gmail.com).

We also have a mid-week full retreat of 5 nights, 14 meals, scheduled for March 5-10.

Heritage in Connecticut

The Heritage Hotel is a Spa and Conference Center in Southbury, CT, about one hour and 45 minutes from Brooklyn. For more information, go to: <https://www.heritagesouthbury.com>

2023 Heritage retreats

Monday-Friday April 17-21, 2023.

July 24-28, 2023

October 23-27, 2023

Please see the Guild website for pricing options.

If interested, please contact Carol Lieberman, 917-439-9549, or email: clieber@verizon.net.

More detailed information on the retreats can be found on the Guild's website at <https://www.quiltbrooklyn.org/retreats>.

Rulers, and Pins, and Gadgets... Oh My!

Our December Guild meeting is a fabulous opportunity to spread some Holiday cheer.

If you are attending in person, please bring a favorite quilt tool, notion, or supply that you want to share with a fellow guild member. Make sure it is new, wrapped, and ready to give, because by giving you also get! Yes, you will get to select a surprise for yourself in a fun exchange during the meeting.

Start thinking about that must have tool you want to share!

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