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Dear Fellow Quilters,

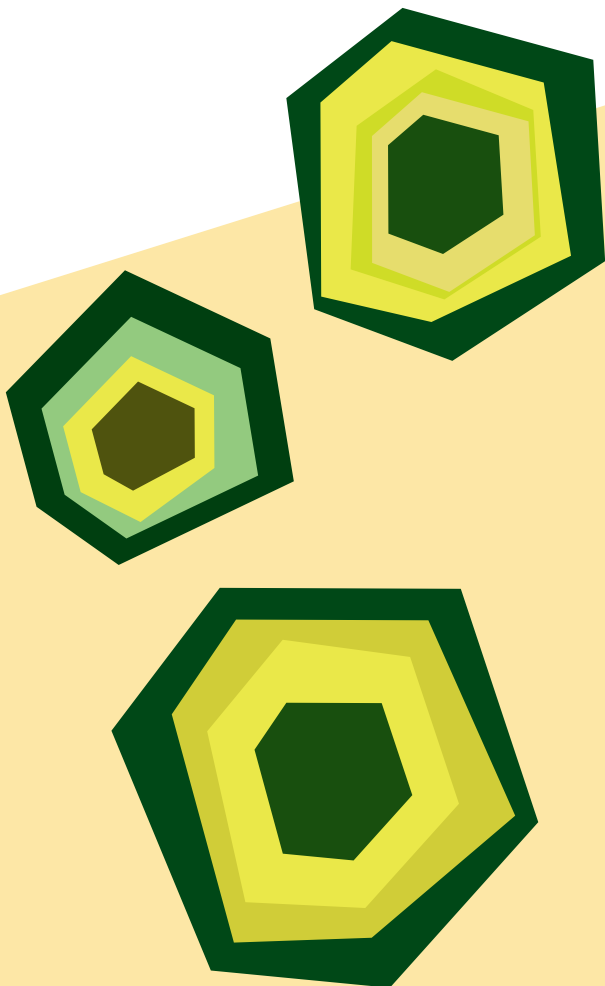
With much appreciation and gratitude, I would like to thank all our members that attended the first meeting of the 2023/24 season. Whether you attended in-person or on zoom, your participation is what brings our community together. It was wonderful to see returning members and meeting new members. I look forward to getting to know all of you over this next year.

I would like to send a special thank you to the members that stayed for the Pillowcase Palooza after the meeting. Together we enjoyed pizza, shared stories, and made 155 pillowcases. Events like the Pillowcase Palooza allow us to help and support our local community. The guild offers many community quilt programs. I encourage all our members, to take a look at the work we do in the community. There are many ways to get involved.

There is much to look forward to this season. We have an exciting programming schedule. There will be opportunities to shop locally from vendors at our meetings. You can show off your latest projects and get inspired from fellow members. We have retreat weekends planned as well. It's an exciting time to be a member of the Brooklyn Quilters Guild.

I wish you all Happy Quilting!

Richie Doron,  
Co-President



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## Our Social Media Links

**Facebook BOM Group**  
<https://tinyurl.com/ycxzf8fs>

**Facebook Member-Only Group**  
<https://tinyurl.com/ycbwzom9>

**Monthly Show and Tell**  
<https://tinyurl.com/y6xv5wyd>

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**YouTube**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Qfeous\\_-lc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Qfeous_-lc)

## Guild Meetings

### NEXT MEETING: October 21, 2023, 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).

Masks are encouraged at meetings. If you are experiencing illness, please stay home and join us on Zoom.


**ZOOM MEETING LINK:** will be emailed to members in a Bee Blast the morning of our meeting or can be accessed on the Events page in the Member section of this website.

**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.


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**OCTOBER VENDOR**  
Sew Beary Special



**Something to share?** The deadline for submissions for the November 2023 issue of *The Brooklyn Bee* is 9 a.m., **Monday, October 23, 2023**. Please email: [susan.aronoff@gmail.com](mailto:susan.aronoff@gmail.com). Please send show listings to Katie O'Brien: [katieobean@gmail.com](mailto:katieobean@gmail.com)

## Guild Calendar

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

### October 2023

**October 21, 11 a.m.** — Guild meeting, hybrid/Zoom. Masks are recommended to attend the in-person meeting.

**Going Green(er)** Fence Show Quilts are due!  
Round Fabric Bowl workshop after the meeting

**October 22, 1 – 4 p.m.** Sewing Bee on Zoom

### November 2023

**November 12, 2023, 1 – 4:00 p.m.**— Sewing Bee on Zoom

**November 18, 2023, 11:00 a.m.**— Guild meeting, hybrid/Zoom. Masks are recommended to attend the in-person meeting.

Members Teaching Members

**November 26, 1 – 4 p.m.** Sewing Bee on Zoom

### December 2023

**December 16, 2023, 11:00 a.m.**— Guild meeting, hybrid/Zoom. Masks are recommended to attend the in-person meeting.

# October Programming

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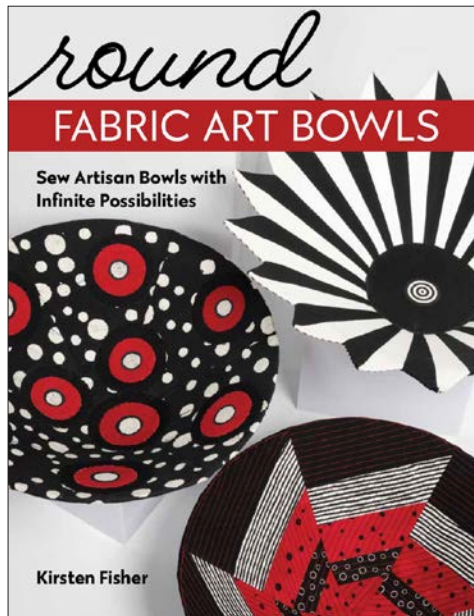
## Gift from the Guild: Round Fabric Art Bowl Workshop

Thanks to the generous support from the Eileen Anderson fund, the Guild is offering a free class in making round fabric art bowls. It will be taught by Guild member Kirsten Fisher who has developed a new technique for making fabric bowls and has recently written two books, one on square bowls and the second on round bowls.

These beautiful bowls make wonderful holiday gifts and once you have made one or two, they can be made in an afternoon.

This class will focus on round bowls and although the class itself is free, it is required that you purchase the book and supplies. The book, *Round Fabric Art Bowls*, is available from Kirsten or on Amazon and she will send a supply list.

The first part of the class will take place after the meeting on Saturday, October 21. The second part will be on Zoom on Sunday, October 22.



This class is limited to 15 students. To sign up, email Poppy O'Neill at [poppy.oneill@gmail.com](mailto:poppy.oneill@gmail.com). If the class is full, Poppy will keep a waiting list and Kirsten may teach the class again in the new year.

If you have questions, contact Kirsten at [kf7willows@gmail.com](mailto:kf7willows@gmail.com).

## Come Play Strip Poker at our October Meeting

Please come to the October meeting with 10 fabric strips measuring 2.5 inches X width of fabric (42-45 inches). We will be playing a game called Strip Poker with everyone's strips. You can bring ready-made strips from a jelly roll or make your own, but be sure to only bring the most beautiful ones that you would want to win.

Please bring extra strips to share with members who forgot theirs or didn't know to bring them. We don't want anyone to miss out on playing Strip Poker.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Micki Segel at 917-506-6055.







**Dates:** Saturday, Nov 4; rain date Saturday, Nov 11

Interpret as you will: Think nature, environment, sustainability, food, events, money, jealousy, envy. Have fun and be creative! Please note: The meaning of "green" has been expanded and loosened for this fence show to include any interpretation. Quilt submissions from the President's Challenge of our April show are welcome and encouraged.

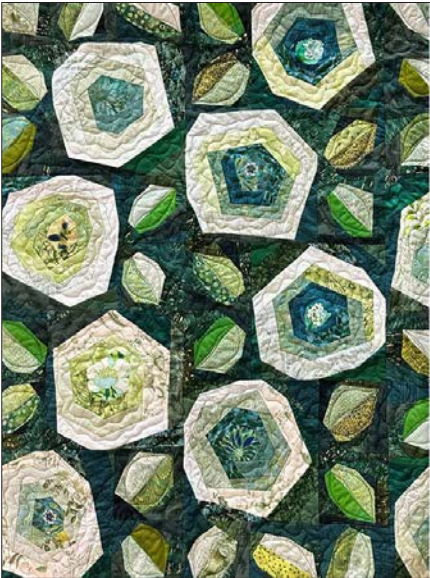
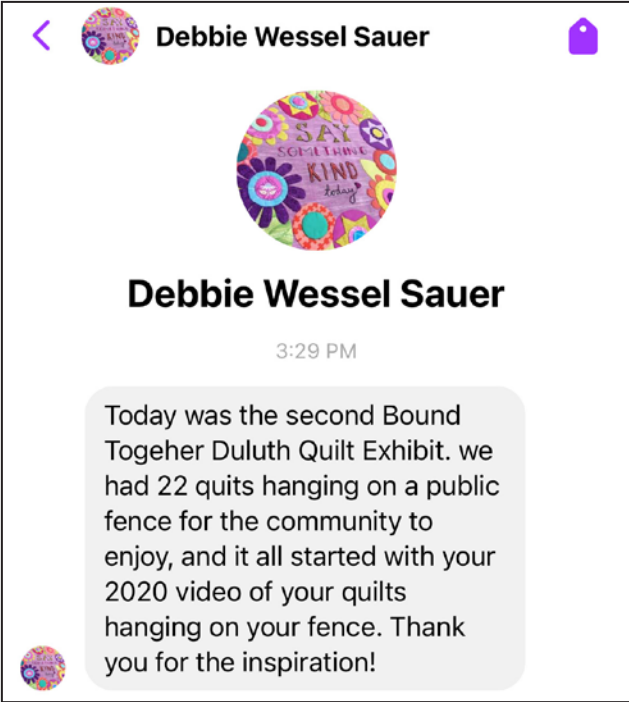
Size: 36" x 36" square.

Should feature green as a concept or color (from a dot to a lot — any amount of green).

We are limiting entries to two quilts per person until we see how much space we have. A hanging sleeve is not required. Include your name in a quilt label on the back.

**Submission deadline:**  
Saturday, October 21, Guild meeting

~Susannah Laskaris and Margaret Marcy



**Free Outdoor Quilt Fence Show**  
 Saturday, November 4, 11am - 4pm  
 Rain date: Saturday, November 11  
**Free!**

Featuring more than 40 quilts inspired by the challenge theme of "Going Green".

245 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY  
 For more information: [www.quiltbrooklyn.org](http://www.quiltbrooklyn.org)

## MEMBER NEWS AND NOTES:

October 21-22

# Thadine Wormley at Bowne House

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## Artist's Statement

Through my eyes I envision an image from simple to abstract that I love enough to create. As a painter utilizes canvas—paint & brush, I use cloth, thread, needle & scissor to create quilts, wearable items, fabric postcards & dolls.

Quilting and dollmaking via hand-sewing provides a therapeutic and relaxing diagnosis for mind, body & spirit. It brings an inner peace from start to finish for the textile created. I've unknowingly committed decades, from my childhood through this autumn season loving cloth, thread & yarn manipulation.

## Sylvia Hernandez @

FACEBOOK POST ON OCTOBER 4:

So this happened last night. I went expecting a beautiful, historical and meaningful art collection. But to my surprise one of my quilts was included. Thank you @officialspikelee for including this other kid from Brooklyn.



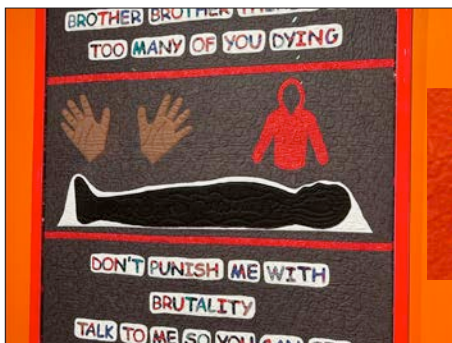
The longer doll (27 inches long) is a replica of the original 1900 century doll found in the Bowne archives. It's a work in progress



FACEBOOK POST ON SEPTEMBER 19:

Last 2 days have been pretty amazing! I was invited to attend the Clinton Global Initiative in midtown, where by the way I was part of an extraordinary art quilt exhibit. Thank you to @allisonwilburquilts, @leamccomasfiberart, Ben Thielemier and @clinton-center @clintonglobal @hillaryclinton #doloreshuerta #storyquilts @brooklyn\_quilters\_guild.

The quilt, Si Se Puede, is headed to the Houston Quilt Show in November.



**Sylvia Hernandez**  
born New York, New York, 1961

What's Going On, 2014  
Cotton, felt appliqué





# Events of Note

COMPILED BY KATIE O'BRIEN

***Sewn Together, The Converging Worlds of Southern American Quilts And Boro Textiles, Ricco/Maresca Gallery, September 14, 2023 – October 21, 2023.*** For more information: <https://www.riccomaresca.com/viewing-room/114-seswn-together-gallery-one-in-person-and-online/>

***What That Quilt Knows About Me, American Folk Art Museum, March 16, 2023 – October 29, 2023.*** For more information: <https://folkartmuseum.org/exhibitions/whatthatquiltknowsaboutme/>

***Open House New York Weekend at the Bowne House, Bowne House Museum, October 21-22,*** This exhibit features a recently conserved rare 19th-century Black Doll\* from the Bowne House museum's collection, as well as contemporary work by quilter and dollmaker Thadine Wormly. The exhibit explores the doll's connection to abolition, education, and material culture in relation to the 19th-century greater Flushing free black community. For more information: <https://www.bownehouse.org/events>



***Ellen Piccolo, Prince Street Gallery, October 31 – November 25, 2023.*** Guild member Ellen Piccolo's work will be on view in November (see graphic below). More information will be available as the date for the opening approaches. <https://princestreetgallery.com/exhibitions/upcoming-exhibitions/>

***A Dark, A Light, A Bright: The Designs Of Dorothy Liebes, Cooper Hewitt Museum, through 2/4/24.*** American textile designer, weaver, and color authority Dorothy Liebes (1897-1972) had a profound influence across design fields, helping to shape American tastes in areas from interiors and transportation to industrial design, fashion, and film. <https://www.cooperhewitt.org/channel/dorothy-liebes/>

***Quilts at the Kenan, November 3 – 5, 2023*** from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission \$6, Kenan Center Arena, Lockport, NY. <http://www.kenanquiltersguild.org/biennial-quilt-show.htm>

## ONLINE RESOURCES YOU MAY ENJOY:

**The Smithsonian National Museum of American History's** entire quilt collection is online: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9ry2n3>

## Textile Talk from SAQA:

***Sewing & Survival: Native American Quilts From 1880 – 2022*** <https://tinyurl.com/yc2yuuur>

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

### QuiltCon call for Quilts

Submit a Quilt to QuiltCon! Photos of entries must be submitted between 9/1/23 and 10/31/23. Submission fee is \$20 per quilt and you may submit up to 4 quilts. For all the categories and guidelines, follow this link: <https://quiltcon.com/submit-a-quilt/>



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**PSG Prince Street Gallery**

# ELLEN PICCOLO

## A JOURNEY

October 31 - November 25, 2023

**RECEPTION**  
Thursday, November 2, 2023  
5-8pm

**GALLERY HOURS**  
Tuesday - Saturday, 11-6pm  
[www.princestreetgallery.com](http://www.princestreetgallery.com)

*Reflections, Vicki's Boat, 47" x 32"  
cotton fabric, cotton batting, 2023*

# ROAD TRIP!

BY JOYCE AUSTIN

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Are you heading out to Long Island this fall? There are four delightful quilt shops in Suffolk County. Two are on the South Shore, and two are on the East End. Each is unique and carries different fabrics and classes. All of the owners are friendly and helpful, check them out if you are in the area! Remember to check the website of each shop for current hours, and for online shopping too.

## SOUTH SHORE

Shop Name: **Sew What's New, and Yarn too!**

The name says it all! This is probably the largest of the four shops. The fabric selection is in the range of 3,000 bolts. The yarn section, although small, is crammed with lovely selections. There is a classroom and sewing machine sales and service. This shop has been in business more than 20 years under the same owner, Linda Linsenbarth. Islip is a lovely little village with some great restaurants.

Web site: [sewwhatsnew.biz](http://sewwhatsnew.biz)

Address: 400 Main Street

Islip, NY 11751

Phone: (631) 277-4215

Shop Name: **Patchworks**

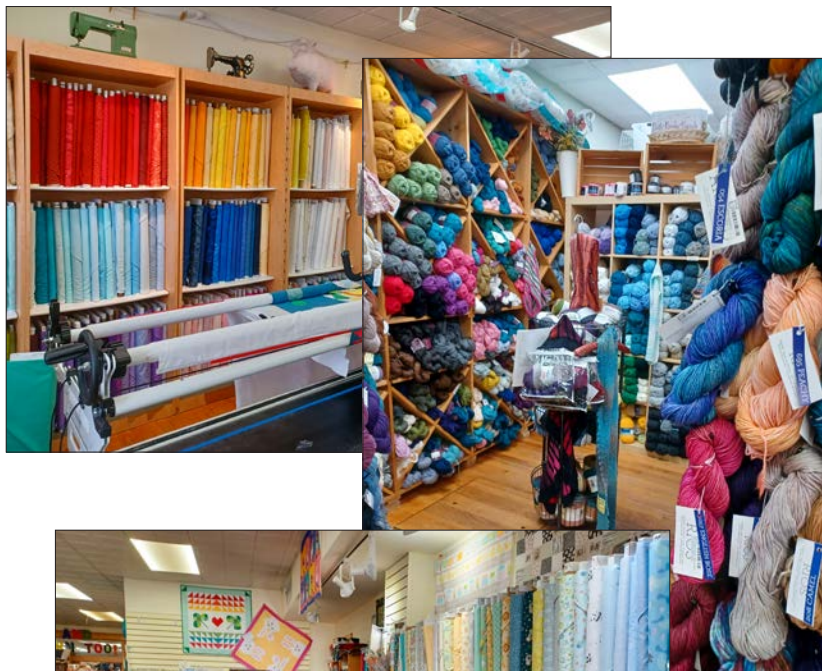
A great selection of fabrics in two rooms, make this shop a fun destination. Just a block south of Sunrise Highway, it is easy to get to. Check out the website for directions and hours. Note that their hours are very limited, and on a visit last spring, I tried to go in the middle of their day only to find them closed, it might be worth a call to verify the hours before you plan a trip.

Web site: [patchworks.com](http://patchworks.com)

Address: 299 Raft Avenue

Sayville, New York, 11782

Phone: (631) 589-4187





EAST END

Shop Name: **Riverhead Vacuum & Sewing Center**

Yes, you can still get a vacuum here, but that section of the store is now very limited, and most of the space is devoted to quilting! Kelli, the owner is the second generation to run this shop, she literally grew up here. A nice fabric selection, along with notions patterns and bag making supplies are all here. The classroom is right in the main shop, and the shop's long arm is available for rent. Look for the municipal parking behind the shop.

Web site: [vacandsew.com](http://vacandsew.com)

Address: 31 E. Main Street  
Riverhead, NY 11901

Phone: (631) 727-1550



Shop Name: **Second Spring Quilt Shop**

This shop is the newest of the four and the furthest east. Yvette the owner, opened the shop in the midst of the pandemic in the village of Greenport. This spring, the shop moved to the new location in Southold. It is on Main Road tucked behind a chocolate shop! Classes are taught by local quilters who know their stuff. And the classroom is in the main shop, providing easy access to supplies and a atmosphere of fun that fills the brightly lit room with laughter. And the village of Greenport is just 10 minutes down the road if you have a favorite eatery there.

Web site: [secondspringquiltshop.com](http://secondspringquiltshop.com)

Address: 56340 Main Road, Route 25  
Southold, NY 11971

Phone: (631)314-9141





# Pillowcase Palooza 2023

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Wow! The power of our guild members is astonishing!

On Saturday, September 23rd, after our first Guild meeting of the year, over 25 members stayed for our first ever Pillowcase Palooza. We cut, trimmed, ironed, and sewed hundreds of pillowcases. We spent the afternoon getting to know new guild members, strengthening existing friendships and sharing sewing techniques, tips, and tricks!! We also enjoyed a slice of pizza or two!

Fabric prints of Spider-Man, Dumbo, Halloween pumpkins, witches and bats, Frozen characters and zoo creatures were joined by colorful flowers to brighten the rainy day. Everyone worked hard to maximize the finished pillowcase count. Brooklyn Quilters Guild members are bringing a lot of smiles to the children who receive the pillowcases.

We greatly appreciate the time and hard work members dedicated to the Pillowcase Palooza. It was a huge success! Your hard work supported Case for Smiles "Miles of Pillowcase Smiles" Campaign and added a total of 155 Pillowcases to their 40,000 goal!! Not bad for a few hours work. And after adding all the pillowcases that were returned during the meeting, we are well over 260!

Please email any comments or suggestions you may have for next year's Palooza. Future events will include breaks with guided stretches and fresh fruit.

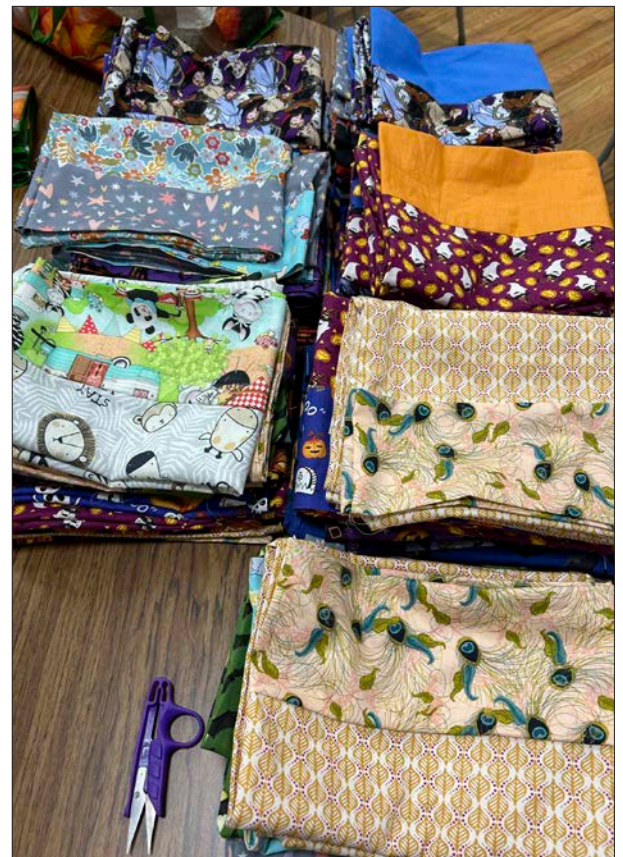
The pillowcases are a fun, easy project requiring little time and fabric. Kits are always available at monthly guild meetings. (be sure to return the plastic bags with your pillowcases.) Please consider making one or many!

The mission is to "Help Kids Feel Better to Heal Better!"

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Annette & Chris

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# Family Gifts

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My nephew was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Mobile, Alabama, this past June. My sister asked me to make a quilt for him for his ordination. I have attached photos of the quilt.

My nephew has visited Gees Bend twice and purchased two small quilts. He is very interested in the history of Alabama and the Gees Bend quilters.

Sylvia Hernandez did the long-arm quilting on this quilt. She always does a beautiful job!

~ Theresa Ferraioli



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## ONE DOOR CLOSSES... ANOTHER OPENS

By now most of us are aware that, after nine years, Gotham Quilts in Manhattan is in the process of closing its physical doors—they will continue to have an on-line presence.

For those of us who enjoy a tactile experience, Manhattan will soon be home to Keaton Quilts owned by Justin Stafford and his dog, Buster.

Justin taught classes and led Social Sewing afternoon/evenings at Gotham for years and has also been one of their long-armers.



Justin and Buster

Keaton Quilts is located at 150 West 28th st. Suite 804 New York, NY 10001. right near FIT, steps from the 1 train at the 28th St subway station and close to the R train also on 28th.

Justin is planning a soft open on October 17th. At the beginning the store will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. On Thursday the hours will be 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Keaton Quilts is a work in progress—the possibilities abound!

For updates and more info: <http://www.keatonquilts.com/>



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# 2023 AND 2024 RETREATS

## Cross Roads in New Jersey

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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](http://www.crossroadsretreat.com).

### 2023 Cross Roads retreats

Sunday–Friday, October 22–27, 2023

### 2024 Cross Roads retreats

Sunday–Friday, February 18 – 23

All mid-week retreats are for 5 nights and 14 meals.

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

## 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

October 23–27, 2023. This retreat is filling up. Contact Carol Lieberman (see below)  
Please see the Guild website for pricing options.

### 2024 Heritage retreats

April 24–26 (package); extra days 4/22 & 23  
July 23–25 (extra days 7/22 & 23)  
October 23–25 (extra days 10/21 & 22)

If interested, please contact Carol Lieberman, 917-439-9549, or email: [clieber@verizon.net](mailto:clieber@verizon.net).

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



## BLOCK OF THE MONTH



The September Block of the Month was a Wonky Baby Block. The winner of many delightful blocks was Valerie Bull.





# Quilting: A Legacy of Sustainability and Creativity

Quilting is a centuries-old craft that is both sustainable and creative. It is a natural fit in today's push to reduce waste and live more sustainably.

Recently, the Brooklyn Quilters Guild received a donation of fabric from the estate of Nanette Costas, an early guild member. Nanette's donation included more than a dozen unfinished quilt projects, bundles of fat quarters, books, and larger fabric pieces. The guild is honoring Nanette's legacy and love of quilting by distributing this donation to current BQG members.

Chris Augenbraun distributed Nanette's unfinished quilts to members at the September meeting for completion and donation to our community quilt programs.

Bundles of fat quarters were sold for \$5.00 each to help offset Fabscrap fees to process our unwanted fabric scraps, keeping them out of the landfill. We raised \$104.00 from the September sale.

Fat quarters were gifted as a welcome gift to our new September members, and others given away as incentives to inspire our generous and creative community.

Larger fabric pieces went to the comfort quilt committee for backing quilts and to the small raffle committee as prizes.

Many orphan blocks, scrap bags, fabric pieces, and books landed on the free table for the guild membership. Sometimes that quirky scrap is just what was needed or will inspire a whole new project!

The Brooklyn Quilter's Guild is a generous community where quilters come together to learn, create and support each other. By using Nanette's donation to create quilts for the community, the guild is honoring her legacy and helping to make the world a more sustainable place.

~Margaret Marcy Emerson

## Resources for Recycling, Repurposing and Composting

The three organizations below include education as part of their missions. Check the links for more information and volunteer opportunities.

### Big Reuse

Big Reuse seems to do it all: composting; selling new and vintage clothing, appliances and home goods.

**Mission Statement:** Big Reuse advances New York City's sustainable urban environment through circular economy programs that divert waste from our landfills and reduce greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere.

<https://bigreuse.org/>

### Fabscrap

"FABSCRAP is your one-stop textile reuse and recycling resource."

<https://fabscrap.org/>

### Grow NYC

Grow NYC provides us with our farmers markets, many composting and several textile collection sites. Sadly, since COVID, many of their collection sites are no longer accepting textiles though Brooklyn has more venues than the other Boroughs. <https://www.grownyc.org/>



October 2023 - BOM

# HALLOWEEN LANTERNS

In October, we highlight creating a *snowball*, a simple technique that rounds off a block creating the illusion of a circle or curve. The design can be used solo or in combination with other blocks.

Enjoy - Linda McNeely & Heidi Swanson

The *snowball* is created with a square of fabric sewn diagonally in each corner. We have used this technique for creating

## **HALLOWEEN LANTERNS.**

Technique = Snowball

Block finished size of 12 ½"

¼" Seam allowance

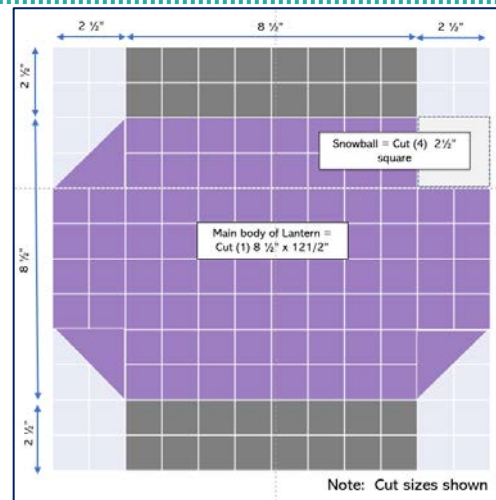


## **Fabrics & Cutting**

Think Halloween! We suggest lanterns of orange, green, purple or a color you think best.

### **CUT:**

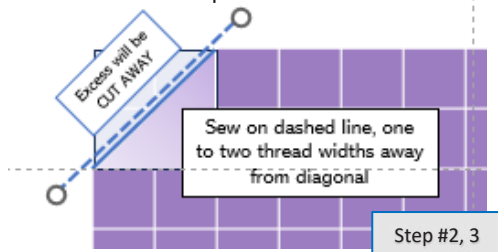
- (1) Lantern body – 8 ½" x 12 ½"
- (8) Background – 2 ½" White squares; Four for snowballs, four for lantern top/bottom.
- (2) Lantern Top/Bottom – 2 ½" x 8 ½" Black fabric



## **Assembly**

### MAIN BODY

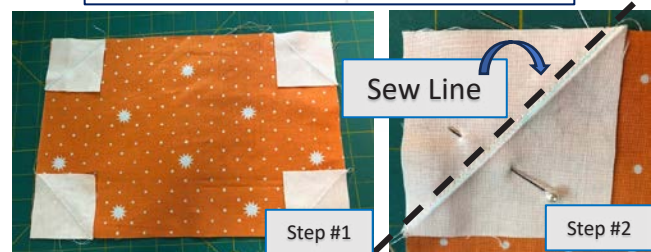
1. Place white squares on each corner of the main fabric, right sides together.
2. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner for each block and sew just outside the line (towards corner). This allows for the piece to be folded over and create the corner element.
3. Trim excess fabric ¼" from seam and press corner back. Repeat for all four corners.



### LANTERN TOP/BOTTOM

4. Sew two white squares to each side of each black strip creating the top and bottom of the lantern.

FINISH - Sew top and bottom to the main piece to finish the block.



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 BOM. Facebook page by 10 am the morning of the Guild Meeting. Each completed block give 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.



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