



BROOKLYN QUILTERS GUILD WELCOMES YOU!

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Joining an established organization can sometimes be daunting, our goal is to make it as comfortable as possible for you to become part of our group. This brochure outlines what the guild offers and how you can get involved. As an guild, we are continually learning and growing— if you have an interest or skill you would like to learn more about or share with us, we welcome it

OUR HISTORY

The Brooklyn Quilters Guild was founded in 1993 to create a community that supports the art and craft of quilting. A flyer proposing the idea of forming a new guild was posted in a local Park Slope sewing shop. The initial meeting drew an overflow crowd of interested quilters, and the guild was born. We have evolved and grown over the years, and many of our original members are still with us.

We welcome new quilters into our community, with all levels of quilting experience, from brand new to very experienced, from all backgrounds, quilt traditions, religions, gender identities, races, and ages. Everyone is welcome. The guild provides a place where quilters can find camaraderie and inspiration in the exchange of ideas, knowledge, skills, and encouragement. We offer a place to learn, get inspired, share work, and make friends. We currently number around 200 members.



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As a founding member of the guild it amazes me to see how far we've come—from a small group of quilters meeting in the back room of a sewing store to who we are now.

—Leona Shapiro

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

MONTHLY GUILD MEETINGS

In-person and on Zoom, September through June.

The guild holds ten monthly guild meetings each year, generally on the third Saturday of the month. (Check the website to find out our current COVID protocols and requirements and any meeting updates in the event of changes).

Meetings are held in Shepherd's Hall at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 245 Prospect Park West, in Windsor Terrace, Brooklyn. (F/G subway lines) Entrance to Shepherd's Hall is from the church parking lot in back of the church. Parking is allowed for guild members, but never in the designated church spots.

When you arrive at the meeting, you will be greeted by the Membership Team at the sign-in table. Sign in, pick up or show your name tag to get a free "name tag raffle ticket," buy a 50/50 raffle ticket if you wish, and—if you've brought one or more quilts to share—sign up for the Show and Tell.





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I felt so welcomed when I attended my first meeting! Being with men and women who share my love of quilting, seeing their creativity and dedication has been inspiring, enriching and motivating!

—Lois Strasberg

The meeting hall opens at 10 am with a social hour, during which members can catch up with friends, peruse the vendor table when available, buy “small raffle” tickets to win quilting-related prizes, drop off Block of the Month (BOM) blocks, and peruse the “free table”—with fabric, books and tools available for the taking.

The guild meeting kicks off at 11 am with a short business session, followed by the Block of the Month drawing, Show and Tell, a trunk show or special presentation, and the small raffle drawings. The meetings generally last about 90 minutes.

If you are new to the guild, our Membership Team will be happy to arrange for you to have a buddy, so that you will have a friend in the guild right from the start. Otherwise, there are no assigned seats, so you are welcome to sit anywhere and enjoy the meeting.

If joining by Zoom, the Zoom codes are sent by Bee Blast the morning of the meeting and are listed on the Events page in the member’s section of our website.



Block of the Month (BOM)

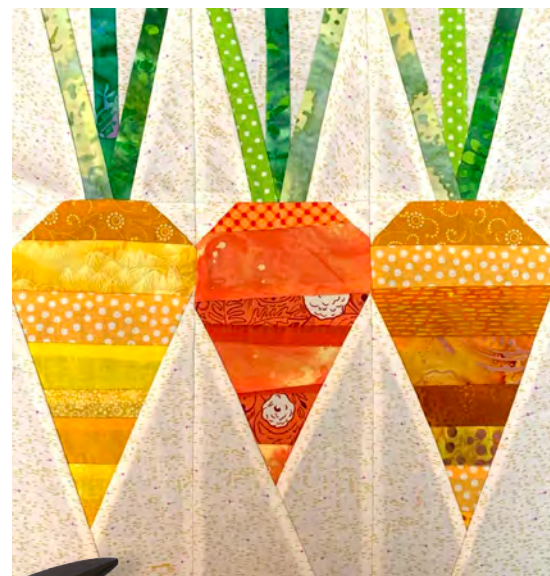
Participating in the Block of the Month is a great way to get started in the guild. Each month the guild offers a new quilt block with detailed directions for members to make. Each completed block submitted gives you a chance to win that month's block collection. Blocks are displayed at the in-person meetings. Zoom attendees can participate by posting their blocks to the guild's BOM Facebook page by 10 am the Saturday of the meeting. Zoom participants mail their blocks to the winner.

Join the BQG BOM Facebook Group:
[Facebook.com/groups/838028493370905/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/838028493370905/)

Guild-Sponsored Workshops and Special Events

Workshops offer excellent opportunities to learn new skills and try new techniques. The guild sponsors classes with popular quilting teachers as well as member-led workshops. Some workshops are free, others are offered at a reduced cost. We also sponsor occasional bus trips, picnics, and other special events. Check the Member Events calendar for upcoming offerings.

Recent workshops have included:
Kirsten Fisher: Fabric Bowl Making; Micki Segel" Appliqué Circles; Maria Shell: Curves; Christina Cameli: Free Motion Quilting; and Lisa Shepherd Stewart: Ankara String Quilting



Share Your Work at Show and Tell

Show and Tell is one of the highlights of every monthly guild meeting. Every member is welcome to show their quilts. Don't be shy! We love to see the diversity of work being done in our group. If you want to show your work, sign up on the Show and Tell sign-in sheet at the entry table. If you are joining us from Zoom, send in a photo of your quilts before 9 am of the Saturday meeting. It will be shared with both the online and in-person groups.

Ten Issues of our Monthly Newsletter

The guild's monthly newsletter, *The Brooklyn Bee* is published September to June. *The Bee* provides the latest guild news, notices of shows and exhibitions, and other articles of interest to our members. The newsletter is emailed to all members at the beginning of the month. It is also available on our website's Member Section.

Sunday Sewing Bees on Zoom

Our Zoom Sewing Bees are held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, from 1 to 4 pm. The groups are usually small in scale and offer a relaxed place to share a project, ask questions, socialize, and sew together. Drop in for an hour or stay for the afternoon.

Zoom links for the Sunday Bees are posted in the newsletter, sent in Bee Blasts, and found on our Member Events page.



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Quilt Retreats

The guild offers many quilt retreat options throughout the year. Retreats generally last three to five days and are located at several retreat centers or hotels in the tri-state area. Price levels vary, depending on the location, type of room (private or shared), and duration of the retreat. Currently we use two retreat locations, a hotel and conference center in Connecticut, and a camp-style retreat center in New Jersey.

Retreats are a great way to get away from the city and relax. They provide in-depth sewing time, large tables to baste quilts, and opportunities to engage with other quilters, learn new skills, and get to know other members. All are welcome.

Information and photos about the various retreat opportunities are available on our website: quiltbrooklyn.org/retreats.



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Retreats are both fun and educational—which is a great combination. I learn a lot from watching the people around me and getting feedback on my own work. It is a creative and inspiring atmosphere.

—Phyllis Siegel



OUR COMMUNITY WORK

SEWING FOR GOOD!

Share your talents by participating in one or more of our many charitable quilting projects detailed below.

Learn more about our community work on our website: quiltbrooklyn.org/community-work.

For specific size information on these projects, refer to the specification sheet at the end of this brochure.

ABC Quilts

ABC quilts are child-sized quilts made for children in foster care, hospitals, shelters, and other situations of need. Donations of finished quilts or quilt tops are welcome and collected each month. ABC quilts can be any style, simple or complex. They should be cheerful, baby or child friendly without any buttons or beads. Batting and backing are provided as needed at the meetings. Look for an ABC volunteer at the ABC table at each meeting.

Children's Pillowcase Project

Cheerful, child-friendly pillowcases are made for children in hospitals fighting serious illness. The BQG partners with the Ronald McDonald House, Ryan's Case for Smiles, and the Komansky Children's Hospital who distribute our pillowcases to children during their hospital stays. Our goal is to deliver between 30 and 60 pillowcases every other month. Kits with everything you need to create a pillowcase are available at most meetings. Completed pillowcases are collected every month.



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Comfort Quilts

The Comfort Quilt project began in the wake of Hurricane Sandy and continues to provide comfort to people in need. We seek to maintain a ready inventory of quilts for these situations. Packages of precut fabric squares are often available at guild meetings to get you started. The committee accepts quilt tops or finished quilts at each meeting.

HOPS / Labor of Love Quilts

HOPS (Helping Our Post 9/11 Survivors) is an organization that provides support to families of service members who made the ultimate sacrifice and died due to 9-11 related illnesses. We seek to provide a quilt to every family that loses someone to these illnesses.

Veterans Quilts

The BQG has made hundreds of quilts for wounded warriors and veterans, most of which have been donated to the Veterans Hospital in Brooklyn.

Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Quilts

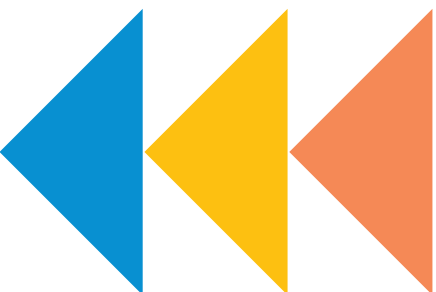
Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, founded by Paul Newman, is dedicated to giving every child—no matter their illness—the chance to experience all the possibilities that camp has to offer, free of charge. The BQG supports this mission by making quilts that are given to each child attending camp.



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Why I quilt? Personal challenge, inspiration, relaxation, handling textiles, satisfaction, good company!

—Michele Kucker



GET INVOLVED!

There are many ways to get involved in the Brooklyn Quilters Guild. We are always looking for volunteers to become officers, head committees, run projects, or teach workshops. If you have an idea, share it with a board member, and if it is feasible, we will do our best to make it happen.

Insider Information

The Member Section of the BQG website is a valuable resource of information. Members receive a password that provides access to the website's Member Section. Here you can access our calendar of events, Zoom codes, BOM block directions, newsletter archives, member directory, special information, ongoing challenges, and more.

www.quiltbrooklyn.org/members

Discounts at local quilt shops

Several quilt shops offer discounts to BQG members. Check the the current list of participating vendors on our our website in the Member Section.



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ENTER OUR QUILT SHOWS!

Biennial Show

Every two years we host a two-day quilt show featuring up to 200 quilts made by our members. Our shows are highly professional and well respected events among quilters and art lovers in Brooklyn and beyond. Every member is entitled to display one or more quilts in the show depending on the size of the venue. The show often includes a Presidents' Challenge for members to participate in and show their unique interpretation and style. Producing these shows requires the participation and team work of all members and are great showcases of who we are as a guild.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: ANNE STONE, TRUDI ROACH, CHRISTINE JANOVE, MARY HAWLEY



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Quilt Fence Shows

When the pandemic struck, the guild initiated a way for members to make work, share it each other and the wider community in a safe way. We produced multiple outdoor, "Fence Shows," with a given theme and size. Each show drew close to 1000 people and was a true celebration of creativity and community in a dark time. Past challenge themes included interpreting a quote by Maya Angelou, "Be rainbow in someone's Cloud"; Earth Day Celebration; Come Together, and Reimagine, Reuse and Repurpose.

Small Guild Challenge

The guild has sponsored a small quilt challenge (20 inch by 20 inch) open to all members. A topic or theme is chosen for members to interpret any way they choose. This is a chance for quilters to challenge and express themselves in a small format. The completed quilts are generally displayed at two venues in the Brooklyn community. Past challenge topics have included "Reflections," "Prospect Park," "Museum Inspirations," "Botany," and "Celebration."

Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to getting to know you and creating together.

[http:// www.quiltbrooklyn.org](http://www.quiltbrooklyn.org)

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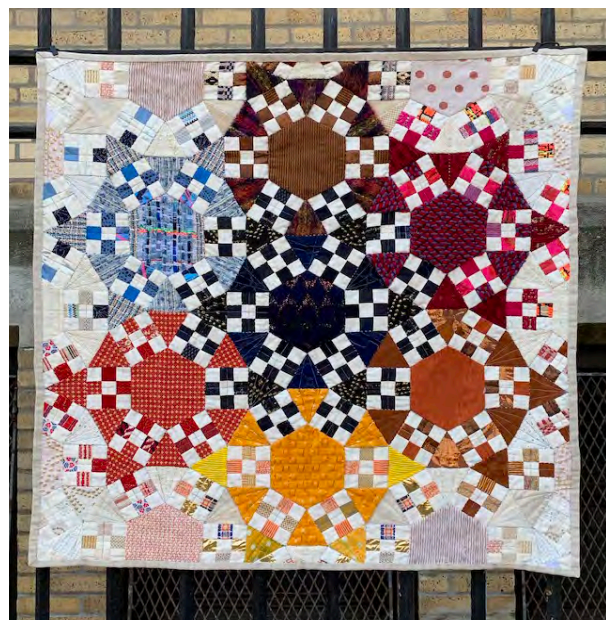
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ALICE BRAZILLER



ELEANOR LUTZ

COMMUNITY QUILT SPECIFICATIONS

Finished quilts are accepted at each Guild meeting by the committees. More information about our ongoing community work can be found on our website, www.quiltbrooklyn.org/community-work.

ABC Quilts

CHAIR: JENNIFER ARZBERGER

jennarzberger@optimum.net / 917-685-6712

- We accept both finished quilts and finished quilt tops.
- Simple or complex—there are no rules about the design, except that they should be baby or child friendly.
- Any size between 32" and 45" square or rectangle.
- No beads, buttons, or loose items that can be pulled off and cause a choking hazard.
- Child-friendly backing fabric donations are always needed.
- Batting for ABC quilts is available at guild meetings.

PREEMIE HEART QUILTS:

- NICU requests heart-shaped quilts around 24" across but will accept a square or rectangle within the 24" range.
- A heart-shaped PDF pattern on our website.

Comfort Quilts

CHAIR: DORI DIETZ

doridietz1@gmail.com / 718-853-2153

- Requesting twin, double, or queen-sized quilts.
- Best if no side is longer than 92".
- Accepting quilts or completed quilt tops.
- Long arm services always needed.

Hole in the Wall Quilts

CHAIR: CAROL LIEBERMAN

clieber@verizon.net / 917-439-9549

- Baby to twin-size. Preference for 40" by 40" to be used on the transport buses, but we will accept all sizes.
- Smoke free / fragrance free / pet hair free.

Labor of Love Quilts

CHAIR: DIANE PRYOR-HOLLAND

laboroflovequiltproject@gmail.com

- Quilts no smaller than 50" by 50" and no larger than 80" by 80".
- Requested fabric colors: blue and white or red, white, and blue.

Pillowcases for Kids

CHAIR: ANNETTE WALLACE

wallace.netty123@gmail.com / 917-647-0770

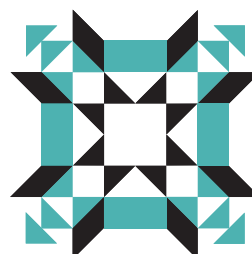
- 100% cotton, whimsical, child-friendly fabrics. (no glitter fabric)
- Downloadable instructions on our website.
- Pillowcase kits are always available at most meetings.

Veterans' Quilts

CHAIR: CAROL SULLIVAN

sulliquilts@aol.com / 917-495-6315

- Quilts no smaller than 50" by 60" and no larger than 72" by 90".
- Patriotic colors are popular, but all colors are appreciated.
- Please add a signed and dated label to the back of the quilt thanking the veteran for their service.



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