

The 2017-18 Year at a Glance

Welcome to First Dutchess Quilters Guild. Whether you are new to the guild or a long time member we hope you feel welcome at our meetings and other events. The best way to feel more a part of the group is to get involved, come to meetings, participate in workshops, community quilting, Super Saturday, bus trips, volunteer for a guild position or at the Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show.

The Guild meets regularly on the third Wednesday of every month from September through June. The meetings are held at The Boardman Road Branch Library, 141 Boardman Rd., Poughkeepsie. Doors open at 6:00pm and the meeting begins at 6:45pm. Guests are always welcome.

FDQ Calendar

September 2017

Wed. 6 Newsletter Submissions due
Wed. 20 FDQ Meeting: Row Robin Reveal, Sale and Silent Auction
 Bring your own snack/drink
Thurs. 28 Community Quilt Bee/ Barn

October 2017

Wed. 4 Newsletter Submissions due
Sat./Sun 7-8 Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show
 Dutchess Community College, Falcon Hall
Sun./Mon.8-9 Workshops by Teri Lucas dhquiltshow.org
Wed. 18 FDQ Meeting: Summer Bug Challenge Reveal
 John Kubinieć www.Bigrigquilting.com
 - Big Rig Quilting Talk and Trunk Show
 Snacks – September and October Birthdays
Thurs. 19 Community Quilt Bee/ Barn
Sat. 21 Fall Super Sew In

November 2017

Wed. 1 Newsletter Submissions due
Wed. 15 FDQ Meeting: Cathleen Wiggs www.thequiltladystories.com
 - The Depression Era
 Snacks – November Birthdays
Thurs. 16 Community Quilt Bee/ Barn

December 2017

Wed. 6 Newsletter Submissions due
Wed. 20 FDQ Meeting: De Stress, hands-on make and take
 Holiday Refreshments – December Birthdays

January 2018

Wed. 3 Newsletter Submissions due
Wed. 17 FDQ Meeting: Long Arm Quilting Presentation
 Snacks – January Birthdays
Thurs. 18 Community Quilt Bee/ Pleasant Valley Pres. Church
Fri.19-21 FDQ Annual Retreat, Hudson Valley Resort

February 2018

Wed. 7 Newsletter Submissions due
Thurs. 15 Community Quilt Bee/ Pleasant Valley Pres. Church
Wed. 21 FDQ Meeting: Challenge Announced
 Embellishment member demos
 Embellishment Show and Tell
 Snacks – February Birthdays

March 2018

Wed. 7 Newsletter Submissions due
Thurs. 15 Community Quilt Bee/ Pleasant Valley Pres. Church
Wed. 21 FDQ Meeting: Elly Levie www.eleanorlevie.com
- Talk and Trunk Show
Snacks – March Birthdays

April 2018

Wed. 4 Newsletter Submissions due
Sat. 7 Super Saturday, St. John's Lutheran Church (more information inside)
Wed. 18 FDQ Meeting: Sue Pritt sweetseasonquilts.com
- Show and Tell
Snacks - April and July Birthdays
Thurs. 19 Workshop: Sue Pritt Applique Workshop (more information inside)
Thurs. 19 Community Quilt Bee/ Barn
Thurs. 26 New Jersey Quilt Festival

May 2018

Wed. 2 Newsletter Submissions due
Wed. 16 FDQ Meeting: Laura Little
- "Talking Threads", what threads to use for creative quilting
Snacks – May and August Birthdays
Thurs. 17 Workshop: Laura Little Threads Quilting Workshop
Thurs. 17 Community Quilt Bee/ Barn

June 2018

Wed. 6 Newsletter Submissions due
Wed. 20 FDQ Meeting: Election of Officers, Challenge Reveal
Snacks – June Birthdays
Thurs. 21 Community Quilt Bee/ Barn

Programs and Workshops

Janet Jozwiak

"The Purpose of the First Dutchess Quilters is to promote interest in and encourage participation in the art of quilting to stimulate and coordinate the efforts and artistic talents of individuals interested in quilting in a social setting." – Source Article II of the by-laws.

In keeping with the By-laws of First Dutchess Quilters, the programs offered each year aim to provide education, inspiration and enjoyment in the quilting arts. Speakers from the quilting world are invited to present lectures, trunk shows and workshops several times each year. There are also member driven activities offered at meetings when there is no speaker. The speakers for the 2017/18-year are listed in the FDQ calendar. The workshops are as follows:

Oct. 8-9 Teri Lucas Workshops at the Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show – though not technically an FDQ workshop, please enjoy these creativity-enhancing workshops and lectures at and following the Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show. The show and workshops are held at Dutchess Community College. See DHQUILTSHOW.org for more information.

April 19 Sweet Seasons fast fusible applique workshop by Sue Pritt, 9:00 – 3:00. Choose from one of 10 great patterns and learn the techniques for fast finishing and quilting. Sue will guide you through the assembly and finishing to get a finished wall hanging or a great start on a larger project. Pattern required, optional timesaving pre-marked fusible material is available for workshop members and non-members. Pre-class homework is required to get your project off to a quick start.

May 17 Laura Little, Talking Threads, will guide us in the creative use of threads in quilting.

The guild workshops will be held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension, 2715 Rt. 44, Millbrook NY. The center is 1.64 miles east of the Taconic State Parkway, on the north side of the highway.

Membership

Jennifer Basile and Karen Abramson

Welcome to a new year at First Dutchess Quilters Guild! Come with a friend, bring a guest, or meet new friends who share common interests in the art and craft of quilting.

Membership is \$45 per year due at the September meeting. Members who join or renew early (this year's deadline is Aug 30, 2017) will be entered in a drawing for a free one-year membership. A reduced membership fee of \$30, for part year membership, is for new members joining after December 31, 2017. Guests are always welcome at FDQ meetings, we do appreciate a guest donation particularly when we have a paid speaker or materials provided at the meeting. Dues finance the activities of the Guild (except those that are covered by special fees such as trips and workshops).

All members are welcomed and signed in by volunteer greeters seated near the entrance door. If you remember to wear your name tag you will be given a ticket for the merchandise raffle drawings. Guests and new members will be given a nametag. If you would like to be a greeter for the winter or spring months, contact Jennifer.

Hospitality

Deb Bodner and Kathy Anthony

Have Mug Will Travel! A note to new members...Please bring a coffee/tea mug from home to each meeting. We will provide coffee and tea and a cool drink for your refreshment.

The Birthday Snack System seemed to work well last year so we will continue it until at least the end of 2017. For instance: If your birthday is during October, please bring a snack to share at the October meeting, etc.

The months we have a featured speaker generally draw a larger attendance. So, during those months, we will ask members who have not been assigned during another month to help us out by bringing a snack for that meeting as well.

Some ideas for refreshments include fresh fruit in bite-sized pieces, trail mix, spiced nuts, pretzels, cheese and crackers, baked goods, and last but not least, chocolate! Finger foods and bite-sized pieces work best, but we have plastic cutlery if needed.

Of course you can bring a snack to any meeting regardless of when your birthday is!

Sunshine

Raymonda Crowe

Sunshine sends cards to our members who are hospitalized or have a death in their immediate family. This works only if members let Raymonda or Carol Weber know if they know someone in our guild who is in need of a little sunshine in their life.

Community Quilts

Holly Harvey

Community Quilts meets approximately once a month, traditionally during the warmer months at Liz Kraayenbrink's barn (953 Netherwood Rd., Hyde Park). This year we are planning to also meet during the colder months at an alternate site. Our meetings run from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and include a brown bag lunch break. We work on quilts that are donated to charity. Some of the organizations that we have donated to include the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, Carenet, Astor Home for Children, the Veteran's Administration at Castle Point, and Center for Prevention of Child Abuse. All are welcome to come to the bees to either help for the day, or on a more long-term basis. If you cannot make a bee, please consider working on a quilt kit that are prepared for you and available at the regular guild meetings. The dates for the Bee's are listed in the FDQ Calendar.

Merchandise Raffle

Holly Harvey

The Merchandise Raffle is a fun way to win one of several great prizes each month.

There are usually 4-5 "regular" prizes on the table, and one special Grab Bag prize. You may buy a strip of 3 tickets for \$1.00, or a strip of 10 tickets for \$3.00. When you purchase the strip of 10, one will automatically be placed in the cup for the Grab Bag prize. **No other tickets can be placed in the Grab Bag cup.** You may place as many of your remaining tickets in any of the cups for the regular prizes as you like.

When you wear your name tag to the meeting, the ladies at the membership table will give you one free ticket. You may use this ticket for any of the regular prizes.

The prizes on the table may be books, patterns, kits, thread, tools and of course, FABRIC!!! I shop both locally and when I travel to try to have an interesting array of prizes. I had a blast shopping the vendor floor at Quilt Odyssey this summer.

The raffle is self-supporting. The more tickets that are purchased each month, the nicer the prizes can be the following month. Come join in the fun! Remember, you have to be in it to win it!

Super Saturdays

Denise Warren and Debbie Barbanti

Mark your Calendars! We will once again have two Super Saturdays!

Fall Super Saturday Sew-in will be held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension, Dutchess County, 2715 Rt. 44, Millbrook, on October 21, 2017 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Samples and sign-ups will be available at our September and October Guild meetings. Pick a project or bring your own and join in for a fun filled day of sewing!

Spring Super Saturday will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie on April 7, 2018. Spring Super Saturday is a 'members teaching members' day with project and technique classes.

In order to offer a nice variety of classes, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH! If you have any ideas, techniques, or have a specific class you would like to teach, please contact us.

Challenges

Sue Hardy

There will be two challenges this guild year. The first is the summer bug challenge, which will be revealed in October. This summer's challenge is make something related to bugs. Before you say "Eeewwwww", some bugs are very nice like ladybugs, butterflies, inchworms, honeybees, and dragonflies. There are also many quilt blocks with buggy names, and if you are a computer person, "bug" has a whole different meaning for you. You can make anything you want, whatever fits your summer mood and schedule: quilt, bag, a picnic blanket (maybe with an Ant theme), clothing, fabric bowls, table runners, placemats, etc.

Our February meeting will be focused on Embellishment Techniques such as embroidery, beadwork, ribbon work, etc., followed by a challenge to use these techniques in a small project. The challenge will be due in June.

Retreat

Elaine Watkins

Each winter we get an opportunity for a break by getting away for a weekend of nonstop sewing. The date for the next retreat is Friday, January 19 to Sunday, January 21, 2018. The location is Hudson Valley resort in Kerhonkson NY. We bring our own projects and equipment/supplies {sewing machines, irons, cutting mats, etc.} Meals and accommodations are supplied by the resort. Everyone is welcome! Non guild members may sign up a month after registration starts for members. Details and registration forms will be in the October newsletter.

Trips

Kathy Vanacoro

Bus Trip: Mancuso Quilt Festival – April 26, 2018

Escape from Cabin Fever by joining us for The Quilt & Sewing Fest of New Jersey at the NJ Convention and Exposition Center in Edison, NJ. The dates are a bit later this year because of a change in venue.

The Quilt Fest will feature a Merchants Mall offering the best in fabrics, notions, sewing machines, wearable art, embroidery and everything for the quilter and home sewer! We will have our usual two pickups. First pickup will be from Home Depot parking lot on Rte. 9, Poughkeepsie, at 8 a.m. The second pickup will be Home Depot on Route 9 in Fishkill (right across from McDonald's). The show opens at 10:00 a.m. and traffic permitting, we'll be right there at the start!

I am taking signups starting in November and full payments at the January meeting. Cost of the trip should run between \$45-\$50 and both members and non-members are welcome on the bus. My plan is to book a 47-passenger bus as we did last year; once it's full we will create a waiting list.

Nominating Committee

Raymonda Crowe, Lynne Molzen, Lorraine Swack

Following the rules in the by-laws, the nominating committee presents a slate of officers every year for the June election. The job is easiest when members take the initiative to volunteer for positions because they wish to help define, manage and grow the guild. If approached for an open position, please consider accepting it knowing that you are viewed as someone who can make a positive contribution to the guild. Being a member of the committee also influences the 'personality' of the guild. Getting involved and contributing in any role can bring you personal satisfaction.

Facebook Kate Lange

Be sure and “like” our Facebook page, First Dutchess Quilters. If you have any pictures or news that would be of interest to our group, please contact Kate.

Guild Webpage Fay DuBois

Stop often at the guild’s webpage <http://firstdutchessquilters.org/> that our webmistress, Fay, maintains. There is information there on almost every aspect of the guild’s activities, its history, activities, projects like Community Quilts and Challenges, inspiration, etc. including snapshots! Late breaking news can be posted there also. If you have any information that you would like to add, please forward to Fay for posting.

Newsletter Pat Clark and Judy Beahan

Pat is the newsletter editor. She compiles and edits input from each committee chair, and emails the newsletter to all members and friends ten days in advance of the meeting. Judy Beahan makes copies and mails the newsletter to those members who receive a paper copy. Please NOTE: The email ID that sends the newsletter is firstdutchessquilter@aol.com . Please make sure it is in your contacts list so your newsletter will not be tagged as spam.

If you would like to submit entries to be included in future newsletters, please email/send them to Pat (firstdutchessquilters@aol.com). We welcome your information on quilt related activities in the community. Space allowing, we also will post notices for quilting/stitchery related items you’d like to sell, give away or are searching for. Please notify Karen Abramson, membership, if your email or mailing address changes. Pat maintains a friends and interested parties distribution list. If you know of anyone who would like to receive an email copy of our newsletter, just let Pat know. The dates for Newsletter submissions are listed on the FDQ calendar.

Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show

Karen Abramson

October 7 & 8, 2017 – Falcon Hall, Dutchess Community College

In the fall of 1981, two quilters admiring a display of quilts at a church fair said, "Let's put on a quilt show!" They recognized that there were numerous talented and creative people in the Hudson Valley, and a show would give them the opportunity to share their creativity. The idea did not gain momentum until early 1982 when the two enthusiastic quilters and friends met to form plans for a show to celebrate Dutchess County's 300th Anniversary. The First Dutchess Quilters Guild was approached about hosting the first quilt show, but they decided such a venture was beyond their capabilities at that time. The organizing group, which became known as the Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show Committee, persevered in their quest to find a sponsor and a place to hold the show.

Dutchess Community College was approached. Dr. F. Kennon Moody, Dean of the Office of Community Services, encouraged the quilters to continue their plans with the full and enthusiastic cooperation of the college. The first show, a partnership between the Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show Committee and Dutchess Community College, took place at the college June 4 and 5, 1983, to the delight of all concerned. The show was an unbelievable success for a first venture.

Frames used for display of the quilts at the first show were borrowed from Northern Star Quilter's Guild in Somers, NY. DCC was kind enough to provide a truck and driver at their expense to transport the frames to and from Somers. When it was decided to make the show a biennial event, DCC provided the funds for the supplies to build our own frames. Albert (Pete) Waltz designed and built those frames which we continue to use today.

Proceeds from the first show were used to start the Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show account. After each show, a small amount of money is kept in that account to cover beginning expenses for the next show. The balance of the proceeds from the raffle quilt and the show is given to the Dutchess Community College Foundation to be added to the Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show Scholarship fund. This scholarship is given each year to a student in the Art Department. Thanks to our efforts, and the continuing support of Dutchess Community College, the amount of our yearly scholarship award has continued to increase. Today, we present two scholarships valued at a full semester's tuition.

Executive Committee and Committee Chairs 2017-18

Executive Board:	
President	Carol Weber
Vice-President	Janet Jozwiak
Secretary	Joyce Brower
Treasurer	Linda Dearing
Immediate Past President	Mary Nisley
Committees:	
Audit	Pat Zitz Denise Monteforte
Nominating Committee	Raymonda Crowe, Lynne Molzen, Lorraine Swack
Standing Committees:	
Bylaws	Kate Lange, Chair
Community Quilts	Holly Harvey, Chair
Hospitality	Deb Bodnar Kathy Anthony
Membership	Karen Abramson, Jennifer Basile
Newsletter	Pat Clark, Editor
Program	Janet Jozwiak, Chair
Special Interest Committees:	
Challenges	Sue Hardy
Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show Chairman	Karen Abramson
Merchandise Raffle	Holly Harvey
Retreat	Elaine Watkins
Sunshine	Raymonda Crowe
Super Saturday	Denise Warren
Stitchers' Exchange	April Hubbard
Trips	Kathy Vanacoro
Web Mistress	Fay DuBois