

**MAYE RIVER  
QUILTERS  
PROGRAMS &  
WORKSHOPS**

*Lill Helming &  
Karen Park-Bigelow  
Programs &  
Workshops*

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**May 13**

**Palmetto Electric  
Coop**

Social—9:30am

Meeting—10am

Program to follow

Please join in!

**NOTE: This is the  
2nd Saturday!!!**

**Saturday, May 13, 2023  
PROGRAM**

**INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT: Kellie Coombs**

**VICE PRESIDENT: Judy Hertel**

**SECRETARY: Liz Penke**

**TREASURER: Suzanne McClure**

**MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Kris Ducharme**

**PAST PRESIDENT: Cynthia Cassidy**

**CHALLENGE QUILT SHOW AND AWARDS**



**MEMORIAM**

*We have just learned that Joann Moss passed away suddenly on April 24 after a very short illness. Her funeral/burial will be in Alabama.*



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**Saturday, June 3, 2023**

**The Pizza Girls' Program—Fun with the Pizza Girls**

*No information was provided for the newsletter*



**Sunday, June 4, 2023**

**The Pizza Girls' Workshop—Jack's Chain**



This was Cindy's pandemic quilt. Yes, you can make one, too. You will need to do some prep work before class. Each quilter will need to make some 9-patches before class.

Check the supply list to ensure you have all the requirements needed for class. Irons and cutting stations will be provided.

Water and snacks will be provided. Lunch is bring your own.

Workshop Fee: \$30

(make checks payable to Maye River Quilters and mail to Lill Helming,  
22 Devant Dr West, Bluffton 29909  
or by Paypal to Maye River Quilters)

Templates and pattern : (provided at class) \$29.95

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At our impromptu Sunday morning meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Joyce Hughes shared her profound story of her coming into the quilting world. Joyce's award-winning quilts, featuring dimensional thread painting, just wowed us! Several members enjoyed Joyce's wonderful workshop which followed, and we all look forward to seeing some great Show 'N' Tell from this technique.

It's time for the Challenge Quilt Show! At the May meeting Challenge Quilts will be on display. Look for the check-in table where you sign in. You should know which category(ies) you want your quilt to be judged in, and folks will be there to help with labeling your quilt. We have some surprise guest judges, and wonderful prizes. Not to be missed!

The Pizza Girls are coming in June and they will be offering a workshop featuring Jack's Chain. The Pizza Girls were at the Sea Island Quilters show with their Jack's Chain quilt on display. It is gorgeous! What a great way to use up scraps out of your stash and not have to buy fabric! See more info on the MRQ website.



**There are 4 types of fear**

- 1) How much money I spend on fabrics
- 2) The black hole of UFOs
- 3) A denied credit card in a fabric store
- 4) Running out of fabric



All members contact information can be found on the guild website,  
[www.mayeriverquilters.com](http://www.mayeriverquilters.com)

If you require assistance logging in to the guild member section of the website, please contact Brenda Lucas, [btlucas11@gmail.com](mailto:btlucas11@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Joan Darr



**Total Paid Members:** 119

**March Meeting:** 62 members—2 new members

**April Meeting:** 25 members—1 new member

**NEW MEMBER:** Linda Kadesch

**WELCOME TO ALL!!!**



### Happy Birthday to our May gals!

4—Kristine Richardson      6—Dayna Weinert

9—Linda Farineau            13—Verity Creekmore

14—Karen Bird                14—Kristal Woehlke

19—Linda Hartrick



### DUES REMINDER

#### LAST MEETING TO PAY IN PERSON

Dues for the MRQ year June 1, 2023—May 31, 2024  
are payable thru May 31, 2023.

Please complete membership form and send to Joan Darr  
49 Groveview Dr, Bluffton 29910

Please go to the MRQ website and fill in your payment  
information to pay by Paypal or pay by cash or check at  
the meeting. It is important to fill out the form on the  
website as it gives us an accurate record of renewals as  
well as any change in your information, i.e. phone, email ad-  
dress, etc. Please remember, if you pay by Paypal it takes  
a few days for it to process, so be sure you do not wait  
until the last minute.

**FROM THE  
PRESIDENT'S DESK**

*Cynthia Cassidy  
President*

I am a list maker. My Dad was an incredible list maker. He had 3"x5" cards in his shirt pocket with his lists. I remember in the 1990s looking at a list he had made in 1975. His list of projects yet to be started. Do you have a list of quilts yet to be quilted? Perhaps a quilt kit in the closet, a pattern purchased at a quilt show or shop, that scrappy quilt that WILL use up all your stash!?

My life is a list right now. When we have our meeting on May 13... I have one week before wedding day. My daughter's big day! Here in Beaufort, lots of out of town guests (most of whom have no idea what SC humidity is like!).

Being president was a journey.... sometimes it seems like a marathon that I had not trained for.

Thank you for the ride!



**A large part of making those  
quilt pieces fit better  
is to stare at them like this.....  
Right before you get the seam ripper!**



*Norma's Quilt Studio*

**CHARITABLE  
INTEREST**

*Sylvia Cameron  
Chair*



A delivery was made to Meals on Wheels on April 17. Items delivered were:

- 181 placemats
- 61 "clothing protectors"
- 2 microwave bowls
- 5 placemats for Veterans
- 3 holiday placemats

A great big THANKS to all members of Maye River Quilt Guild for your interest and participation in this project.



**FIRST  
RESPONDERS**

*Eileen Keohane  
Chair*

Eileen is in need of volunteers to help with table and chair set-up and takedown for the May meeting.

Contact Eileen at 843-987-0557

## FUNDRAISING

*Debi Bacon  
Chair*

## THANK YOU!

The Fundraising Committee thanks President Cynthia Cassidy for a fun, new idea. She suggested we sell bags of scraps and it has been a hit. Chair Debi Bacon provided all of the scraps (whoo hoo, many bins are cleaned out). From picking our own scraps to fit in a gallon trash bag to stapled up grocery bags with mystery fabric in them, many of you added to your stash and your own scrap bags for very little money. We will have the last dozen or so bags at the May meeting and they are FULL! Thank you to Cynthia for this great idea—she is responsible for about \$200 in profit from this effort. We gifted her with a quilted bag.

## BIRTHDAY BUNDLES



Happy May birthdays to Kristine Richardson, Linda Fari-neau, Verity Creekmore, Karen Bird and Linda Hartrick. We hope that you ladies will provide a birthday bundle for silent auction.

The Fundraising Committee apologized for not having the April Birthday Bundles at the meeting that was moved to Sunday. We did not have the appropriate staffing. We kindly ask those with an April birthday to please bring our bundles to the May meeting. With the May birthdays, we should end the year with a fabulous amount for the guild members to bid on.

May is the last month for the birthday challenge. We will be awarding a prize to the two members whose birthday bundles brought in the most money. The prize will include all members who provided bundles from June 2022 to May 2023. Good luck to all of you!



All tickets are out to be sold and most have been turned in. If you have not turned in your tickets, please bring them to the meeting May 13 or call Fran Oblander at 912-856-8775 to make alternate arrangements. The raffle drawing will be held at the June 3 meeting.



South Carolina allows 502(c)3 charities to have 50/50 raffles at their own meetings and so we will have one at the May meeting. You may buy a ticket for any amount and a drawing will be held. The winner will receive HALF of the money collected and HALF goes to the guild. Let's see who is the lucky winner!

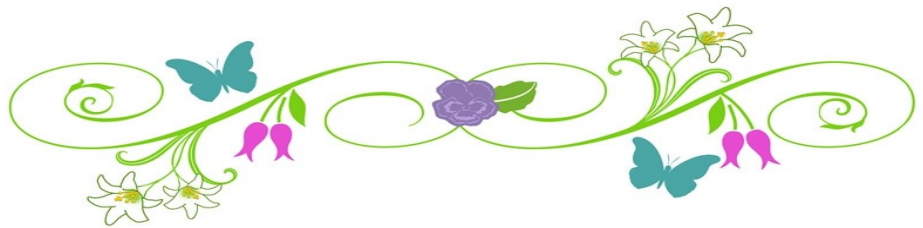
## RETREAT

*Debi Bacon  
Chair*

As I have mentioned at several guild meetings, it is becoming difficult to find a place for a retreat. St. Christopher's is not as conducive as we thought and Epworth has increased prices and has less times available. How about something different?

Sleep In Your Own Bed Retreat. We have arranged for and reserved the craft room at the Haven's community center for October 5, 6 and 7. Rather than traveling somewhere to spend the night, we will sew from 8:00am to 8:00pm on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided on Thursday and Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday for \$100. Bring your own projects, have a table to yourself, cutting and ironing stations provided. Maximum capacity is eight.

Sign ups begin at the May meeting. Please see Debi Bacon for registration and payment,



## MRQ BEE KEEPER

*Judy Hertel*



Four bee groups have started meeting!

We have 2 groups meeting at Savannah Sews in Pooler. Both groups are working on Judy Neimeyer projects. One group meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month and is currently full. The other meets on the 1st Thursday of each month.

Scrappy Ladies meets on the 4th Sunday of each month at Blue Heron from 12:30—4:30. This group will support each other working with their fabric stashes and helping organize Brandy's back room. It also is currently full.

A another group meets the 4th Thursday of each month 6:30—9:30 in member's homes. This group is limited by space so will have only 8 members. It currently has 6.



## GUILD MEETING MINUTES

*Suzanne McClure  
Secretary*



Behind  
every  
quilter is a

### Maye River Quilt Guild General Membership Minutes April 2, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Cynthia Cassidy at 9:00 at Palmetto Electric Coop.

Linda Farineau announced that we had one visitor today. Cindy Tracy introduced Bonnie Shelton. Dayna Weinert was introduced as a new member who had joined online.

Cynthia stated that the minutes of the March meeting were printed in the newsletter. Gaye Paquet moved to accept as published. Kris Ducharme seconded. The motion passed. The Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Linda Farineau announced that we had one visitor today. Cindy Tracy introduced Bonnie Shelton. Dayna Weinert was introduced as a new member who had joined online.

Cynthia noted that there are no birthday bundles this month and that raffle tickets need to be turned in to Fran.

She asked that ideas for our Charitable Interest for next year be submitted to her.

She also noted that the 2023-2024 dues are due by May 31 or \$5.00 will be added to the \$30.00.

Cynthia passed around a clipboard in hopes those members present would sign up for the various committees for the following year.

Show and Tell showcased our creative and talented members.

Sylvia Cameron thanked all who gave their time for making placemats and clothing protectors for the Meals on Wheels clients. MOW had said that 97 placemats were needed and Sylvia received 117 placemats and 63 clothing protectors.

The election for next year's officers would have taken place at this meeting, but since there were only 25 members present, there was no quorum. The president stated the election will be done by an electronic ballot within the following week.

Lill Helming introduced the speaker, Joyce Hughes. Joyce talked about her journey in quilting and thread painting and showed her fantastic work.

With no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gaye Paquet  
Vice President (Acting Secretary)

**MRQ 2023  
BLOCK  
CHALLENGE**

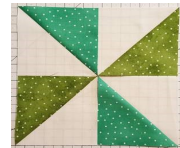
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**The last block has been presented for the Challenge Quilt.  
How is yours coming along? Have you started yet?**

Our Block Challenge—to demo traditional blocks with wonky/modern versions—kicked off in June with the 4-patch and 9-patch blocks. Below is the list of blocks and the guidelines for the quilt to be presented in May.

June	Four Patch & Nine Patch	Cynthia Cassidy
July	Bear Paw	Lill Helming
August	Ohio Star	Sylvia Cameron
September	Square in a square	Sue Smith
October	Dresden Block	Linda Farineau
November	Pinwheel	Karla Ward
December	Friendship Star	June Jones
January	Churn Dash	Liz Penke
February	Log Cabin	April Boyd
March	House Block	Fran Oblander



**MRQ 2023  
BLOCK  
CHALLENGE**



**QUILT CHALLENGE GUIDELINES:**

- Present a finished quilt (quilted and bound) at the May meeting
- Quilt may include one or more of the 11 blocks demonstrated, you can choose the traditional, wonky/modern or both.
- You may include all three challenges in your creation.
  - ◇ Traditional or Wonky block—you may use any or all of the 10 blocks presented.
  - ◇ Border Mania—you may use any of the fancy border ideas presented in September or create a fancy border of your own.
  - ◇ Ugly Fat Quarter—you may use the ugly fat quarter given out by Diane Kretkowski.
- Minimum quilt size is 24" x 36", but may be as large as you wish.
- You may embellish or not, your choice.
- Quilt must be completed and bound for submission in May.
- Labels must be on the back of the quilted items to be judged in May. The label should include your name and the name of the challenge(s) you wish to be judged on. Label can be paper and pinned on. Please write clearly.
- Use your imagination!
- Challenge your creativity!
- Prizes will be awarded for:
  - ◇ Best use of Ugly Fat Quarter
  - ◇ Best use of Monthly Featured Blocks
  - ◇ Best use of a Fancy Border
  - ◇ Most Creative Border
  - ◇ Triple Challenge Award – Best use of FQ, Monthly featured blocks, and border in same quilt
  - ◇ Other Awards as determined by Program and Workshop chairs

**Remember: Most important - HAVE FUN!!**

**MRQ 2023  
MEETING DATES**



**Our meetings throughout 2023 will be held at  
the Palmetto Electric Coop, 1 Cooperative Way, Hardeeville**

**Social: 9:30am**

**Meeting: 10:00 (unless otherwise posted)**

**2023**

May 13*	June 3	July 8*	August 5
Sept 9*	Oct 7	Nov 4	Dec 2

\* Indicates meeting on SECOND Saturday



**MRQ 2022-2023  
OFFICERS &  
COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMEN**

**ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President—Cynthia Cassidy      Vice President—Gaye Paquet  
 Secretary—Suzanne McClure      Treasurer—Carol Treanor  
 Member-at-large—Diane Kretkowski      Past President—Fran Oblander

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**COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

Membership—Joan Darr      Programs—Karen Park-Bigelow  
 Workshops—Lill Helming      Retreat—Debi Bacon  
 Charitable Int—Sylvia Cameron      1st Responders—Eileen Keohane  
 Fundraising—Debi Bacon      Education—Becky Robinson  
 Website & Facebook—Brenda Lucas      Historian—Lynne Mortenson  
 Publicity—Vacant      Hospitality—Kellie Coombs  
 Newsletter—Gaye Paquet      Guild Friends—Linda Farineau

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**FOUNDING MOTHERS**

Ann Godwin and Debi Bacon

## NEWSLETTER

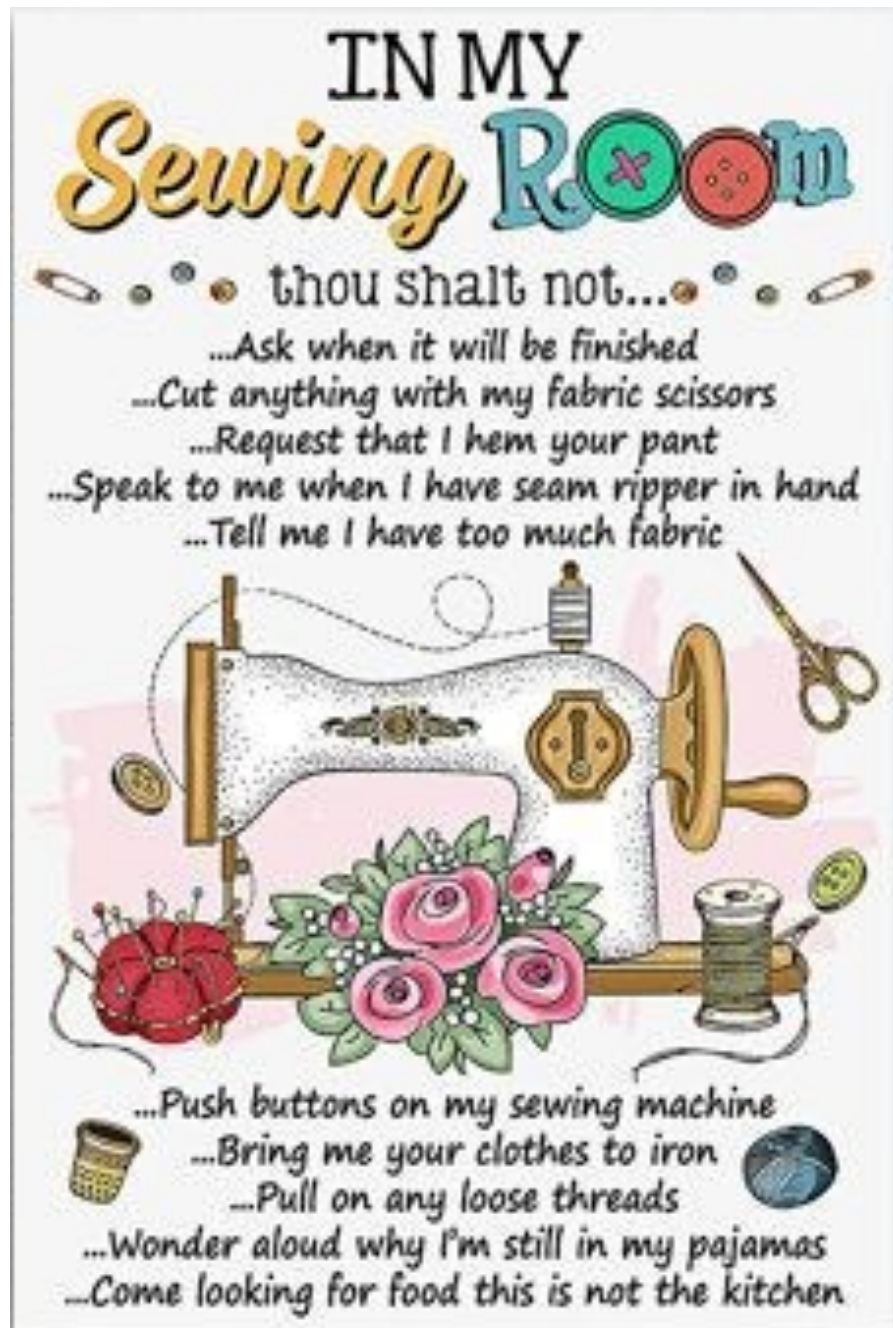
Gaye Paquet  
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### MAY HOLIDAYS

- 1-May Day
  - 2-Brother & Sisters Day
  - 4- Kentucky Derby Day (first Saturday)
  - 4-Star Wars Day
  - 5-Cinco De Mayo
  - 5- Ramadan (varies)
  - 6-National Nurses Day
  - 8- No Socks Day
  - 10- Clean Up Your Room Day
  - 11- Eat What You Want Day
  - 12- Mother's Day (2nd Sunday)
  - 15- National Chocolate Chip Day
  - 17- National Bike to Work Day (3rd Friday)
  - 18- Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday)
  - 18-No Dirty Dishes Day
  - 19- World Plant a Veggie Garden Day
  - 21- Victoria Day (Canada)
  - 22-National Buy A Musical instrument Day
  - 23- Lucky Penny Day
  - 25- National Brown Bag It Day
  - 26-Sally Ride Day
  - 27-Memorial Day (last Monday)
  - 28-National Hamburger Day
  - 30-Water a Flower Day
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Send all corrections, comments, and articles to be published in the  
MRQ Newsletter to:

Gaye Paquet, newsletter editor, [sewcrazy723@gmail.com](mailto:sewcrazy723@gmail.com)

Deadline for submission of articles or photos is the 17th of each month.

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## JULIE'S JOTTINGS

Julie Hiscox



**Do you struggle with accurate seam allowances?** I do. I have often used a ruler to measure the accurate width, applied tape to my sewing machine to mark the width, then struggled to remove the tacky glue from my machine when I'm done.

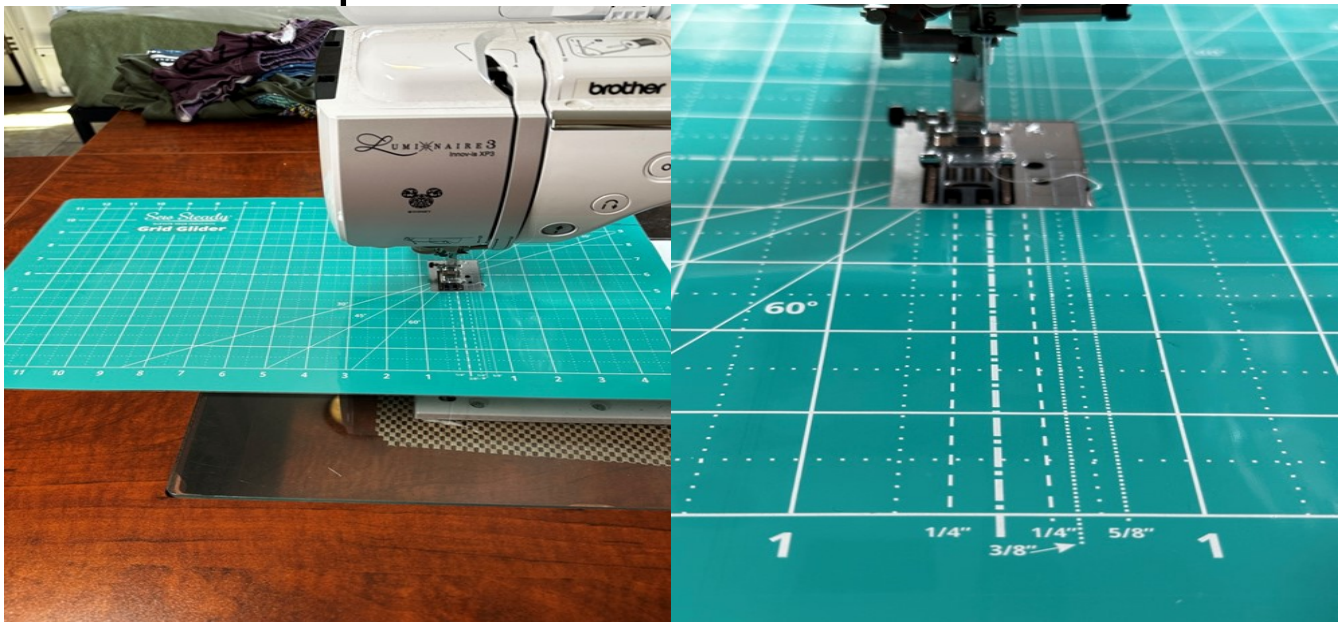
I have a foot for my sewing machine that is  $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide but that means I have to focus on the foot all the time when I'd rather have a long marking to line up the fabric with as it travels toward the needle, increasing my accuracy.

About a month ago, I was searching for tape made for marking seam width when I ran across something even better. It is called a Grid Glider; one is made by Sew Steady and another by Elevate Your Creativity. I bought both to try out on each of my sewing machines.

If you have ever used the Supreme Slider made by Free Motion Slider, this is a very similar product. The top surface is slick so your fabric slides easily across it and the back is lightly sticky. It can be applied, removed leaving no residue, and reapplied again. The only downside is that it requires your machine to sit in a cabinet with a level surface around the needle.

There are markings for various seam widths, markings at every half inch to assist with decorative stitching at any width, and diagonal lines for lining up fabric for diagonal seams, like those half square triangles we love so much.

I find I prefer the Sew Steady version because the green background and white lines are more visible for me. The other version uses a pink background with predominantly white lines and my eyes are age challenged.



**MRQ  
MARKET PLACE**



# FOR SALE

If you have something to sell or give away  
or if you are looking for something to buy,  
please send your information with a picture to  
Gaye Paquet, [sewcrazy723@gmail.com](mailto:sewcrazy723@gmail.com)

Members are seeing results with their postings!



**QUILT SHOWS  
AND  
EVENTS  
CALENDAR**



 **QuiltWEEK** SHOWS

GRAND RAPIDS, MI

SEPTEMBER 13-16, 2023

DEVOS PLACE CONVENTION CENTER  
303 MONROE AVE NW

More shows listed on next page

QUILT SHOWS  
AND  
EVENTS  
CALENDAR

# MAJOR QUILT SHOWS

## MAY 2023



<u>Sauder Village Quilt Show</u>	Archbold, OH	May 3 – May 6
<u>Original Sewing &amp; Sewing Expo</u>	Kenner, LA	May 4 – May 6
<u>Piecing Our Communities Together</u>	Taylor, TX	May 5 – May 6
<u>Sisters in Stitching</u>	Rochester, NY	May 6
<u>Quilting it Forward</u>	South Glen Falls, NY	May 5 – May 6
<u>Cowee Valley Quilt and Fiber Celebration</u>	Franklin, NC	May 5 – May 6
<u>A World of Quilts</u>	Purchase, NY	May 6 – May 7
<u>Hometown Quilt Show</u>	Sherrill, NY	May 6 – May 7
<u>Heritage Days &amp; Quilt Show</u>	Elizabethtown, PA	May 10 – May 13
<u>Quilt, Craft &amp; Sew</u>	Boise, ID	May 11 – May
<u>Quilt, Craft &amp; Sew</u>	Salt Lake City,	May 18 – May
<u>Northwest Suburban Guild Show</u>	Elgin, IL	May 20 – May
<u>Antelope Valley Festival of Quilts</u>	Lancaster, CA	May 20 – May
<u>Quilts in the Vineyard</u>	Columbia, NJ	May 20 – May
<u>Gateway to Yosemite Quilt Show</u>	Oakhurst, CA	May 20 – May
<u>Stitch Fest</u>	Milwaukee, WI	May 23 – May
<u>Quilt, Crat &amp; Sew</u>	Castle Rock, CO	May 25 – May
<u>Hill County Guild Quilt Show</u>	Kerrville, TX	May 26 – May
<u>Iowa Quilt Festival</u>	Winterset, IA	May 31 – June 3