

# Cheshire Quilters' Guild

May 2026

## Quilt Lines Newsletter



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### President's Message:

Our annual auction is this month! For myself (and probably some others), this is the most fun meeting of the year. No friends in an auction as the competitive bidding on all the donated treasures happens. Set-up will begin at 2:00 PM May 13th at the Courthouse, but items may be brought to Lou-Anne Beauregard ahead of time.

We will accept cash or checks - and for the first time - credit cards via Square. Plan to bid early and often.

Because the auction will take up the entire allotted time, there will be no business meeting or Show and Tell. Let me know if any business needs to be addressed at the June Meeting.

Our Executive Board met in April. We had a good meeting in the continued goal of making the guild more responsive and fun for the members. We have some great speakers to look forward to, and we hope to feature more programs or workshops from members. We have quite the talented group, so don't hide your light!

See you all soon,

Cathy de Veer



For updated guild news throughout the month see our website at [www.cheshirequilterguild.com](http://www.cheshirequilterguild.com)



May Meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Cheshire County Courthouse  
12 Court Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.  
Keene, NH

6:00 pm open for socializing & 6:30 pm meeting

Join us on ZOOM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84693253787?pwd=AWcX5gIENjmTztWaTmXsM09NezEvMB>

Meeting ID: 846 9325 3787  
Passcode: 509356



## 2026 Guild Officers



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Treasurer	Tracy LaCombe	lacombeta@gmail.com
Member at Large	Lou-Anne Beauregard	louannegyory@gmail.com

# HAPPY SPRING!

### 2026 Programs & Speakers

January	Tips and Tricks by members
February	Soup & Supper with guest speaker-Christa Nee presenting on joint Protection and Body Mechanics for the Quilter
March	Guest speaker will be Emily from NE Fabrics who will talk to us about thread.
April	Valerie Poitier presenting When Thought and Thread Collide
May	Auction
June	Barb Vedder
July	Donna Viau presenting on Paper Piecing
August	Ice Cream Social
September	Karen Salemi presenting Intro to Improv
October	TBA
November	Annual Business Meeting
December	Holiday Party

### 2026 Guild Chairpersons

Auction: Lisa Huckins
Block of the Month: Maurine Henry
Cedarcrest Donations: Joanna Paige
Cuddle Quilt Donations: Helen Shaw
Door Prizes: Maurine Henry
Facebook/Newsletter/Website: Ann Burns
Giraffe Quilt Closet Donations: Lou-Anne Beauregard & Jean Lord
Historian: Peg Smeltz
Librarian: Open
Membership/Mailings: Linda Gordon
MCVP Donations: Arlene Curran
NEQM Representative: Joanne Tong
Norris Cotton Cancer Center Quilt Display: Jean Lord
Open Sew: Peggy Fischer & Linda Ramrath
Quilt Challenge 2026: Cathy Harvey
Sunshine Committee: Sara Fredette
Wheelchair Quilt Donations: Jan Kenyon

Open Guild Positions for 2026  
 Guild Librarian  
 Contact: Lou-Anne Beauregard



## CQG April Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy de Veer who welcomed all.

2 new members were introduced. A quorum was established. The minutes of the March meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Tracey LaCombe presented her report indicating our balance of \$11,531. and her report was also approved.

Cathy Harvey collected the buttons members brought for exchange and redistributed them. The challenge for the May meeting is to create something using one or more of the buttons received, with or without fabric.

Mystery Clue #3 will be available on Facebook and in the Newsletter.

Member at Large Lou-Anne Beauregard spoke of the ongoing request from Cedarcrest for neckerchiefs and pillowcases. Holiday and birthday themes are much appreciated.

Maurine Henry showed examples of the Block of the Month incorporated into a stunning table runner. Other members showed their creations as well. Very Springlike!

Jean Lord reported that several recent fires have occurred in the area and quilts are available for people in need when they can be contacted. Our "Giraffe Closet" was named for our reaching out to the community when we learn of needs.

Jean Lord will be changing the exhibit of our wall-hangings at the Norris Cotton Cancer Center on Friday.

Peggy Fischer showed an example of the bowls made at the recent Open Sew and announced the next gathering will focus on accuracy in piecing, matching points, etc. She requested members contact her to let her know how many people to plan for. The next meeting is on April 25 starting at 9 AM at Stone Arch Village on Court Street.

Next month's auction setup will start at 2 PM at Lou-Anne's house and items will be delivered to the courthouse at 3. Donations have been grouped for simplification of the bidding process. Members and guests will be given a list of items as well as a paper plate with their bidding number. There will be a free table as well as a place to put items members don't want. 4-5 runners and volunteers for cleanup will be needed. Unless they are associated with donated fabric, books and patterns will not be included in the auction. Payment can be cash, check or Square.



## CQG April Meeting Minutes-Continued

The August Challenge has the theme of the nation's 250th celebration. The category is wide open, but entries must have a minimum of 1 star and 1 stripe. They will have a space together in our next show if members wish to enter them.

A meeting of the quilt show committee will be held on 5/4 at Tracy Lacombe's home at 6 PM. Preliminary plans include the usual vendors, raffle baskets, Fabrications and a featured quilter. The venue remains the same as our last show.

We were shown a large vintage hand-pieced and quilted quilt that has been given to the guild to sell. It will be appraised and further discussion will be held to determine the next step.

We enjoyed our usual impressive and inspiring Show and Tell.

Our evening's program was presented by Valerie Poitier with the help of her husband whom she lovingly calls her "Vanna".

Her creative process relies heavily on her emotions and moods and are wonderful examples of how "Thoughts and Threads Collide" in her studio.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Fredette, Substitute Secretary



## Guild Member May Birthday's

Karen Sutherland	5/2
Nancy Ann Belsky	5/7
Sara Fredette	5/7
Cynthia Mitchell	5/9
Nina William	5/10
Linda S. Donnelly	5/11
Peggy Fischer	5/16
Cathy Sorenson	5/16
Sandra Dadik	5/17
Cynthia Johnson	5/18
Katherine Pritchard	5/21
Cathy Harvey	5/25
Jayne Hayden	5/30



Check out our May guild member spotlight that will feature Cari Jardine on our website May 1<sup>st</sup> at:  
<https://cheshirequilters.com/member-spotlight>

## Cathy Harvey's May Meeting Activity

Cathy's May project is to make something with the buttons you received from the April meeting. You are encouraged to participate even if you didn't get buttons at the April meeting. The only requirement is to use at least one button on your project. It can be a quilt, wall hanging or a craft. Use your imagination, we can't wait to see what you all come up with!



## Mystery Quilt Challenge

Treasure Amidst the Bric-a-Brac  
Please see our website for the pattern instructions and clues for this project under the Guild projects tab. Clue #3 will be added to the website shortly.

Guild Contact: Cathy Harvey



## Member Volunteer Needed

Nancy Robinson has provided small 8x10" quilted pieces, primarily landscapes, that are framed by Cedarcrest and given to outgoing members of their Board of directors. She has made a couple of them recently, so there may not be an immediate need at this point. She is requesting that another guild member take over this task. It typically involves making 2-4 pieces per year, depending on turnover. When someone volunteers, she would be happy to pass along the relevant details. In the past she has charged Cedarcrest \$20-\$30. each. If you are interested, please contact Nancy, her contact information is on our member list.

## Open Sew May Projects

### **Let's Build on the Basics (and Have Some Fun!)**

Join us for Saturday's Open Sew at the Court Street Senior Housing on **Saturday, May 30th from 9:00-2:00** as we continue building our quilting skills – one stitch (and a few laughs) at a time.

We've got **two great projects** lined up:

### **Roman Stripe (Red, White & Blue Edition!)**

Perfect for using up those scraps while giving a nod to our country's 250th anniversary.

Bring your own fabric scraps this month and if you want to pre-cut:

- Block Centers: 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"
- Block Sides: (2) 1 1/2" x 4 1/2" strips



### **9-Patch within a 4-Patch Heart Block**

Looks impressive, but we'll walk through it step-by-step – no stress required!

Bring:

- Fabric 1: (1) 3 1/2" x 5" rectangle + (5) 2" squares
- Fabric 2: (1) 3 1/2" x 5" rectangle + (4) 2" squares
- Fabric 3: Light background (1) 3 1/2" square + (4) 2" squares

Along the way, we'll review:

- Nesting seams (yes, they really can behave!)
- Accurate seam allowances
- Fun border options to finish your project with flair

This is a great chance to use your scraps, sharpen your skills, and enjoy some creative time together

Please text Peggy on 478-361-9496 if you plan to come – and feel free to bring a friend (quilting buddies are always a good idea!).

Peggy Fischer &  
Linda Ramrath



## Guild News - Continued

### May Auction Updates

Our annual Auction is coming up at the May 13 meeting. Here's how it works:

1. Volunteers for set up will arrive between 2 and 3 pm at the Courthouse and distribute the >100 lots of sewing items that have been already processed.
2. You can drop off any items you want to donate between 3 and 5 pm. You will not be able to park at the Courthouse, so plan on having a driver who can move the car after you unload. Bring these items to the big room on the 2nd floor where we usually meet. You will need to then leave to come back after 5:30 pm (when you can park legally there) to check out what's to be auctioned.
3. The staff will have a dinner break between 5 and 5:30. Please be respectful or they are likely to get "hangry."
4. Between 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm there is viewing of the auction items. You will obtain our classic viewing "plate" with a number by signing up with the Auction staff. This allows you to "run a tab" during the auction and cash out at the end. It is helpful to bring a tote for your goodies. You will also get a listing of the lots and their contents. To not have a gigantic mess, we request that you don't open the bags. Use your eyes and knowledge to know what's a good buy.
5. From 6:30 to 8:30 the auction will run. Volunteers from the guild will "run" items up to the auctioneer and these will be auctioned off, then brought to the winners.
6. Before you leave, you **must** cash out with the Treasurer. We will be keeping a record of who bid and who won. We will be accepting cash, check or credit card.

Suggestions: Bring water. It gets dry in there. Bring a friend. It's good to get other folks engaged in the hilarity. There are no friends at the auction, but please, no physical altercations. Bring a large tote bag as the plastic bins are not for sale.

Guild Contacts: Lisa Huckins & Lou-Anne Beauregard

### Bonny Peter's Hunter's Star Workshop

Date: May 2, 2026

Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Place: Red Barn @ 160 River Road

Westmoreland, NH

Cost is \$45.00

She will take 6-20 people.

Pattern and ruler can be purchased at the class for a 10% discount.

If you wish to participate, Cathy Harvey will need your confirmation and your money (\$45.00 - what a bargain) at our April meeting. Bonnie is being very generous to offer this all-day workshop at such a low price.

\*\*See revised instructions on our website

Please consider joining us!



### 2027 Quilt Show Raffle Quilt

The Quilt Show Committee will begin regular meetings in April. This is a great opportunity to get to know other members better, attend some fun meetings, and shape our next beautiful show.

Our 2027 raffle quilt is "Watercolor Blues" and it is 56" X 70". Borders will be added to make it a little larger.

Assembly required - details TBD.

Guild Contact: Cathy de Veer

We are looking for volunteers!!



# Cheshire Medical Center Norris Cotton Oncology Unit

Contributors are Jean Lord  
& Cathy de Veer



# Charity Scorecards

## Cedarcrest

Guild Contact: Joanna Paige  
jthro94@gmail.com

2026	Pillowcases	Kerchiefs
	Donated	Donated
January	0	0
February	0	0
March	8	0
April	0	0
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		

## Cuddle Quilts

Guild Contact: Helen Shaw  
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2026	Donated
January	7
February	0
March	5
April	0
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

## Giraffe Closet

Guild Contact: Jean Lord  
thelords76@yahoo.com

Guild Contact: Lou-Anne Beauregard  
louannegyory@gmail.com

2026	In	Out	On hand
January	3	5	54
February	5	4	55
March	4	2	57
April	0	3	54
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			



## Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention (MCVP)

Guild Contact: Arlene Curran  
cusp32@verizon.net

	Christmas Stockings	Comfort Bags	Lap Quilts
<b>2025 Carryover</b>	75	22	0
<b>2026</b>	Donated	Donated	Donated
January	0	0	0
February	0	0	0
March	1	5	0
April	0	0	0
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
<b>Current Totals</b>	76	27	0

## Wheelchair Quilts





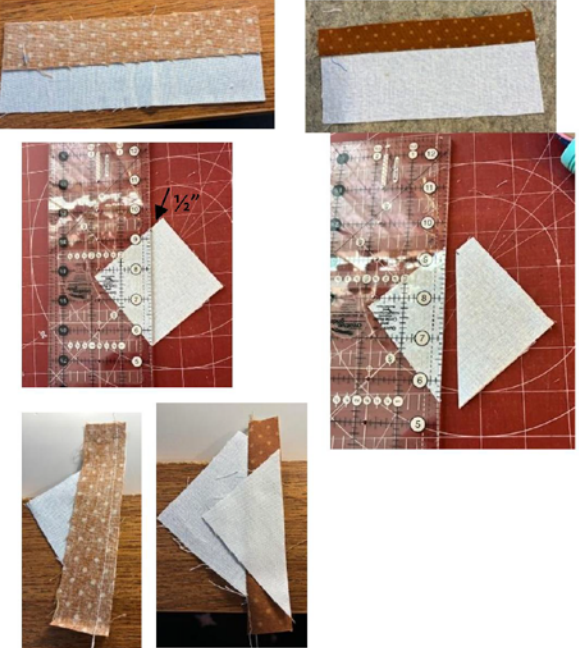
Guild Contact: Jan Kenyon  
jandavekenyon@cs.com



Goal of 75 quilts to be donated in December to area nursing homes

2026	Donated	Gifted	On Hand
January	2	0	15
February	7	0	22
March	4	0	26
April	6	0	32
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			



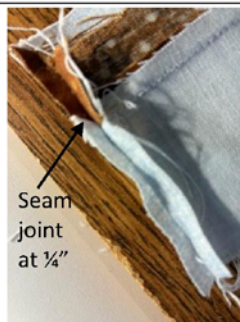
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 1 – 3 ½" X 1 ½" (A) rectangle</li> <li>● Sew the blocks together as shown</li> <li>● Press seams to the right</li> <li>● Piece should measure 9 ½" X 1 ½"</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Next row</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 2 – 1 ½" squares (C)</li> <li>➤ 2 – (B) 1 ½" - ½ square triangle blocks</li> <li>➤ 1 – 5 ½" X 1 ½" (B) rectangle</li> <li>● Sew the blocks together as shown</li> <li>● Press seams to the left</li> <li>● Piece should measure 9 ½" X 1 ½"</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Top row of basket</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 2 – (A) 1 ½" - ½ square triangle blocks</li> <li>➤ 4 – 1 ½" X 1 ½" (B) blocks</li> <li>➤ 3 – 1 ½" X 1 ½" (A) blocks</li> <li>● Place blocks in line alternating A and B as shown</li> <li>● (It is important to have accurate cutting and ¼" seams here as the finished row should measure 9 ½" X 1 ½") Ask me how I know.</li> <li>● Press seams to the right</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Side handle row</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 2 – 4 ½" x 1" (A) rectangles</li> <li>➤ 1 - 8 ½" X 4 ½" (C) rectangle</li> <li>● Place the (A) rectangles on each side of the (C) rectangle and sew in place</li> <li>● Press seams to the left</li> <li>● Piece should measure 9 ½" X 4 ½"</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Top handle row</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 2 – 3" (C) squares</li> <li>➤ 2 – 5" X 1" (A) rectangles</li> <li>➤ 1 – 5 ½" X 1 ½" (C) rectangle</li> <li>➤ 1 – 5 ½" X 1" (A) rectangle</li> <li>● Sew the 5 ½" X 1 ½" background (C) rectangle to the 5 ½" X 1" (A) rectangle</li> </ul> <p><b>Corner pieces</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Place the 3" (C) squares, right sides together on a cutting mat.</li> <li>● Measure ½" from the top right corner</li> <li>● Place a ruler from the marked point to the opposite corner point</li> <li>● Cut (Make sure to keep your square pieces together as you are making mirror image pieces)</li> <li>● Place the 1" X 5" (A) rectangle along the cut edge of the larger piece. Stitch a ¼" seam, press</li> </ul>	

- Line up the smaller triangle on the other side of the (A) rectangle, stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, press open
- The picture shows the right hand side handle
- I used my Tucker Trimmer for this step. I lined up the diagonal line with the top of the (A) strip and trimmed the block so that the handle piece was square to the top.
- Next measure  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " from that cut line, and cut a parallel line, see illustration. You will trim the top and bottom of the piece after it is sewn in place. This allows for lining up the pieces correctly.
- Repeat for the left side creating a mirror image piece.



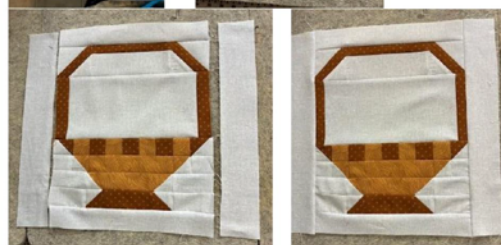
Cut line from previous step  
New cut line  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " from previous cut

- When lining up the pieces, the smaller triangle is at the inner bottom.
- Line up the corner piece with the center piece trying to get the seam to line up at  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". The corner square piece may extend a bit above the center piece on each end. (This is why it wasn't trimmed earlier)
- Trim the finished row so that it measures  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " X  $9\frac{1}{2}$ "



**Putting it together**

- Lay out the basket rows
- Stitch together (You might notice that I switched the bottom two rows, I like how it looked so I left it.)
- Add the  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " X  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " (C) rectangles to top and bottom of basket
- Add the  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " X 2" (C) rectangles to each side of the basket








Now we are ready for some flowers!

**Materials:**

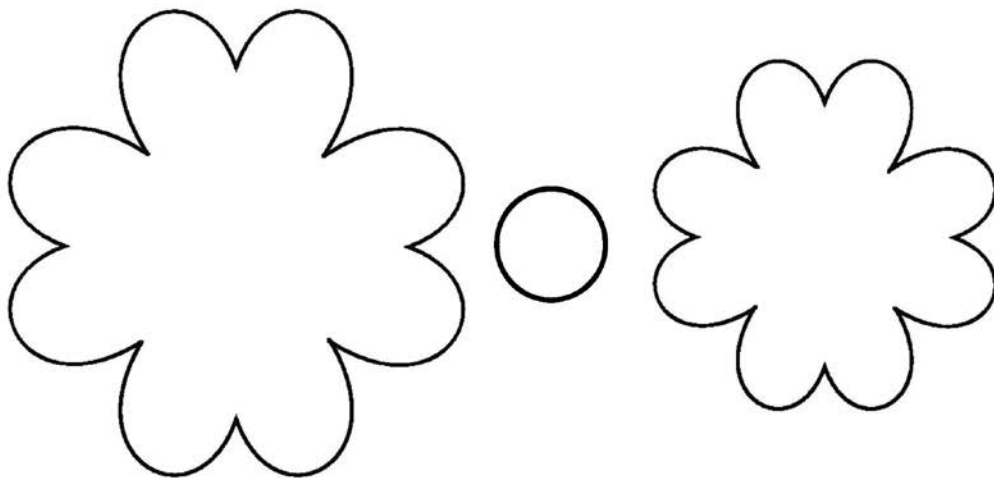
- Scraps of green, yellow, and 2 colors for each flower. I used 2 shades of blue, purple, orchid

## May 2026, Block of the Month, May Basket- Page 4

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misty fuse or other 2 sided fusible web</li> <li>• Nonstick ironing/pressing sheet, one for top and one for bottom or one large enough to fold over the top of project</li> <li>• Copy of patterns, small scissors, optional Small Leaves Galore template from Sue Pelland Designs</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adhere the misty fuse or fusible web to back of fabric scraps as per product directions</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trace pattern pieces onto the back of fabric scraps</li> <li>• (If you have Sue Pelland's Leaves galore templates you can just use the smallest ruler to cut your pieces, which is what I used to create the stem and leaf patterns.)</li> <li>• Cut out all your pieces.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Position small flower in center of larger flower on nonstick ironing sheet</li> <li>• place another nonstick pressing sheet on top of flowers</li> <li>• press as per product directions</li> <li>• add the small circle to the center of each flower</li> <li>• cover, and press</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cut stem section into 3 pieces</li> <li>• Position stems, leaves, and flowers in your finished basket</li> <li>• Cover with pressing sheet (be careful not to move any of your pieces)</li> <li>• Press as per product directions</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Machine stitch along the edges of all pieces.</li> <li>• If you have an applique foot for your machine, now is the perfect opportunity to use it.</li> <li>• I used a straight stitch around the stems, leaves, flower petals, and a blanket stitch around the center circles.</li> <li>• To add a bit more character, I added straight stitching from the circle to the valley of each petal</li> </ul>	
<p>A few notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I used the darker color when choosing my thread for the flowers and stitched inside and outside petals using the same thread. I used green thread for the leaves and yellow for the flower centers.</li> <li>• I chose to make just 3 flowers, you can add what you would like, or add different flowers or smaller flowers to the basket. Feel free to applique flowers in your preferred style.</li> </ul>	

# Block of the Month-Page 5

For this month's runner I added 1 ¼" (Finished at ¾") sashing between the blocks and a 2 ½" border.



# April Meeting Guest Speaker Val Poitier



# Show & Tell Photos



Top Left: Barbara Jeffrey  
 Middle Left: Barbara Jeffrey  
 Bottom Left: Barbara Jeffrey

Top: Cathy de Veer  
 Bottom: Cathy Harvey

Top Right: Cathy Harvey  
 Middle Right: Cathy Harvey  
 Bottom Right: Cathy Harvey



## Show & Tell Photos



Top Row L to R: Cathy Harvey assisted by Norma Jean Holmes, Cathy Harvey, Jayne Hayden's quilt and Jean Lord.

Middle Row: Jean Lord assisted by Liz Sayre

Bottom Row L to R: Jean Lord, Jo Tong, Liz Sayre, Lori Blair assisted by Tracy LaCombe



## Show & Tell Photos



Top L to R: Maurine Henry

Middle L to R: Nancy Ann Belsky & Nancy Johnson

Bottom L to R: Norma Jean Holmes, Susan Bloom & Tracy LaCombe

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## Comedy Corner

