



Green Mountain Quilters Guild

“MOUNTAIN PIECERS”

Fall 2025 Newsletter

Welcome! to the Fall Meeting of the
Green Mountain Quilters Guild
Saturday, November 8, 2025

Doors open: 9 am; Meeting: 9:30 am

Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, 43 Hebard Hill Rd, Randolph, VT

President's Message

This is my first president's message to the guild, and my mind is just whirling with thoughts and ideas I want to share. I have so many that it is difficult to focus on just a few! Does that ever happen to any of you? My mind just flits from one thought to another, one idea builds on top of another, and I can't keep track of it all and get it down on paper, and then I can't decide what to do first!

As the seasons change, and I start to plan for winter, I find it easier to pause and focus on what needs to be done and what's to come. Finishing up the last bits of yardwork, putting the storm windows on, insulating around the doors...getting everything snug so I can sit inside, nice and warm, with a cup of tea, a good book, and some sewing projects while it snows outside!

It's also time to start planning for the holiday season. Really, I should start planning in May, but I always end up putting it off. First, of course, is Halloween; though it doesn't take too

long to put up just a few decorations and plan for the three trick-or-treaters that come by our house every year. Then comes Thanksgiving, with the big family party and too much turkey. And, finally, Christmas! Planning what to put in the Advent calendars, and in the stockings, and what am I going to make for everyone this year, and why didn't I start sewing back in May – it's just a whirlwind of planning and making and prepping (and cleaning) that all finally comes together at the end of December!

I look forward to hearing about how the summer went. Did you go to any quilt shows or take part in a shop hop? Maybe you got to take a quilt class or learn a new technique. I always enjoy spending a day hanging out and chatting about quilting with other quilters.

See you soon!

Denisonde (Soni) Johnson, President

Green Mountain Quilters Guild

Fall Meeting Agenda

Saturday, November 8, 2025

9:00 am	Doors open; refreshment setup*; sign up for Show and Tell, enter drawings/raffles
9:30 am	Business meeting, Soni Johnson presiding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Announcements ◆ Recognition of members who have passed away ◆ Introduction of GMQG board members & new members ◆ Recording Secretary's report - TBD ◆ Corresponding Secretary/Webmasters Report – Sandy Wilmot ◆ Treasurer's Report – Robin Mascitti ◆ Membership Chair Report—Ginny Poplawski ◆ Fundraising Discussion —Robin Mascitti/Soni Johnson ◆ New England Quilt Museum membership discussion—Soni Johnson
10:15 am	Brief History Lesson—Marianne Kotch
10:30 am	Jess Peck (Vermont Modern Quilter's Guild) will speak about her experiences with hand piecing large quilts out of small pieces!
11:30 am	Show & Tell
12:30 pm	Lunch/Break - Have lunch, visit with friends, vote for show & tell favorites, shop the book table, check out the vendor tables, and it's the last chance to enter raffles/drawings.
1:45 pm	Awards - Show and Tell, Door Prize, Fat Quarter Raffle, Raffle Block Drawing, Raffle Quilt Drawing
2:30 pm	Goodbye & Clean Up



Remember to Bring:

- ◆ Nametag (if you have one)
- ◆ *Refreshments - Please bring something for the table to share with others. Include ingredient list & make note of common allergens (gluten, nuts, dairy, etc.)
- ◆ Coffee/Water and Lunch
- ◆ Show & Tell items
- ◆ Cash for shopping!

To Do at the Meeting:

- ◆ **Check in** at Membership Table.
- ◆ **Sign in items** for **Show and Tell**
- ◆ Drop off **Raffle Block(s)**
- ◆ Drop off Refreshments
- ◆ **Shop** the Vendors
- ◆ **Shop** the Book Sale Table

November Meeting Show and Tell

Bring your creations to the November meeting and enter them in Show & Tell. No matter how big or small, simple or intricate, traditional or modern – all are welcome.

For this meeting we are trying something new – NO categories! All show & tell items will be marked with a tag and everyone will have the opportunity to vote for the three they like the most. Prizes will be awarded!



Show & Tell



Quilters Yard Sale



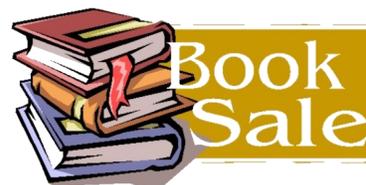
This is your chance to clear out fabric, books, patterns or tools that have not been used. Bring your wares to sell at the fall meeting. You can reserve a full or half table, sell them at a specific price or by donation, and feel good that someone else is using those lovely quilting items.

To reserve your table, contact Sandy Wilmot, GMQG Corresponding Secretary, at sandy.wilmot@yahoo.com or (802) 488-4031. First come, first served.



BOOK SALE

The book table has been so popular we are planning on setting it up again at the Fall meeting!



If you have any quilting books just taking up space and gathering dust, and you are looking for a quick and easy way to be rid of them, bring them to the meeting and donate them to the guild! We'll put them on the book table and see if they can find new homes.

Books will be sold for \$1 each, with the proceeds going to the guild.

Any books remaining on the table at the end of the meeting will be packed up and donated.



Win a Bundle or Two of FQ's!

You just might win a bundle of fat quarters at the November GMQG meeting, while supporting your local quilt shop and the guild! Here's how:

- ◆ Visit your local quilt shop and buy at least one fat quarter. Make sure to get a business card from the shop.
- ◆ Bring the fat quarter with the attached business card to add to the basket set aside for the raffle. You are also welcome to bring a FQ from your stash.
- ◆ Buy raffle tickets @ \$1 for one or \$5 for six chances.
- ◆ We will divide the fat quarters into two piles and two lucky winners will take one pile home! You'll be supporting the guild, win or lose.



GMQG BOARD MEMBERS

President - Soni Johnson

Vice President - Mary Eastridge

Treasurer - Robin Mascitti

Recording Secretary - vacant

Corresponding Secretary and Facebook - Sandy Wilmot

Membership - Ginny Poplawski

Historian - Marianne Kotch

Newsletter and Guild Liaison - Tess Greaves

Webmaster - Sandy Wilmot

Website: greenmountainquiltersguild.com

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Contact any GMQG Board Member by email at: greenmountainquiltersguild@gmail.com



Rail Fence Raffle Block

The 2025 GMQG Fall Meeting quilt block raffle is the “Rail Fence” block. The theme is “Embracing Winter” using fabric with snowflakes, snowmen, and/or snow covered trees. The pattern makes a 12-inch finished block. **Mary Eastridge, Vice President**

Rail Fence Quilt Block Instructions

Cutting:

Cut 4-rectangles each of a dark, medium and light snowflake fabric 2 ½ x 6 ½ inches.

Sewing:

Sew a dark, medium, and light rectangle together to get a quarter block.

Diagram 1.



Diagram 1. Quarter block

Sew 4 quarter blocks together as in **Diagram 2** to get the Rail Fence Block (12 ½ inches unfinished).



Diagram 2. Rail Fence block

Diagram 3 is a sample rail fence layout using four blocks.

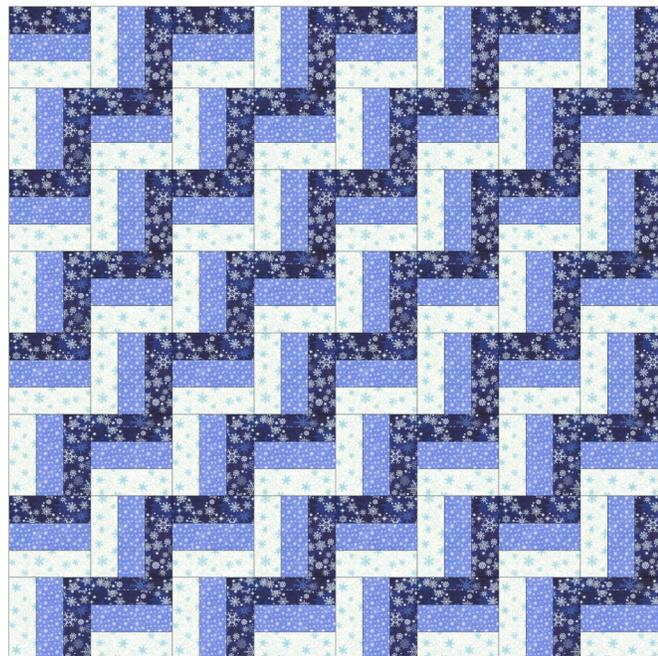


Diagram 3. Sample Layout

Scissortailquilting.com has a tutorial on the rail fence quilt block while improving your patchwork skills. Check out: [Simple Exercises to Improve Your Patchwork Skills](#).

GMQG TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Summary: May 1, 2025 through November 1, 2025

GMQG Assets

Checking			
Beginning Balance		Ending Balance	
5/30/2025	\$3,188.38*	9/19/2025	\$ 660.00**
*M&T Bank account closed 5/30/25: \$600 deposit to NSB checking; **\$60.00 membership dues deposit 9/19/2025			

Savings			
5/30/2025	\$ 82.14*	9/19/2025	\$2,670.84**
*M&T Bank account closed 5/30/25: \$2,670.52 deposit to NSB savings; **.32 interest 9/19/25			
CD			
11/9/2024	\$2,000.00	9/19/2025	\$2,000.00

Checking Transactions

Detail Year-to-Date FY 2026 Through October 19, 2025			
Revenue		Expenses	
\$1,080.00	Membership dues	(\$300.00)	Venue Rental
\$ 45.00	Guild donations	(\$250.00)	Speaker Fee
\$ 455.00	Auction	(\$150.00)	NEQM Membership Fee
\$ 63.00	Book Sale	(\$ 10.00)	M&T Service Fee
\$ 40.00	Guest Fees		
\$ 245.00	Pop-up auctions		
\$.32	Savings interest		
\$1,928.32	Total Revenue	(\$710.00)	Total Expenses
\$1,218.32 Net Gain (revenue minus expenses)			

Robin Mascitti, Treasurer



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2024- 2025 Membership Form

Annual Membership is May 1st through April 30th

Please pre-register if possible.

To register, send these 3 items to: Ginny Poplawski, 5 Jalbert Road, Barre, VT 05641

1) a check for **\$20** payable to **Green Mountain Quilters Guild**

2) this completed Membership Form and 3) a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope

OR you may bring your check and completed form to the next meeting.

PLEASE PRINT VERY CLEARLY - THANK YOU!

NAME _____ **DATE** _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ **NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL? Yes** _____ **No** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Are you a Long Arm quilter? Yes ___ No ___ Are you a quilt instructor? Yes ___ No ___

What do you teach? _____

To be completed by Membership Chair: New ___ Renewal ___ Check # _____ Cash _____



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