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December 16, 2025 - Our annual Holiday Party - This is your chance to get to know our new members, play games and enjoy delicious holiday treats. See page 2 in the [December Newsletter](#) for details.

November 18, 2025 - Feeling overwhelmed by your UFOs? This month's speaker, [Rebecca Fenstermaker](#) of [Sugar and Sand Quilt Company](#) in New Jersey, may have the solution you've been hoping for. If you have a collection of Unfinished Objects in your own personal Area 51, this lecture will inspire you to think through the whys, whats, and hows of getting those UFOs organized and finished. Becca walks you through the UFO Prevention Toolkit, which includes her own UFO decision-making flowchart and a project organizer to keep track of every step of your quilt's journey.

October 21, 2025 - [Eleanor Levie](#) is a quilter from Philadelphia who will share her love of quilting with us through her lecture: Twelve Ways to Rock Your Quilts. From 1978 until 2012, she authored, edited, and produced books such as: Quilt Blocks Go Wild! Unforgettable TOTE BAGS, Skinny Quilts & Table Runners I and II. Many of her quilts have been juried into exhibitions through Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA) and others. She continues to teach and lecture about her quilting.

September 16, 2025 - [2025 Initials Challenge!](#) The 2025 Challenge quilts will be unveiled at September's meeting.

If you are entering, please bring your entry to the meeting in a paper bag, and bring it by 6:30 p.m.!!! Please put a short statement with the quilt - But don't give away your name!!!! You can say "The color is Japanese taupe, for J," or "for my nickname." Keep us guessing!

August 19, 2025 - Sue Suhre says she is "hooked on applique". She started 25 years ago but decided sewing by hand just took too long, therefore she developed her own machine method that looks like hand sewing. Other quilters agree and she has won numerous awards for her work. Don't miss Sue's lecture on her invisible applique method and a trunk show of her quilts.

July 15, 2025 - We welcome [Rachel Derstine](#), an art quilter living in Philadelphia. Rachel's works have been featured in invitational and juried gallery shows and fine art/craft shows throughout the country. She specialized in invisible applique and her quilts reflect an Asian influence as she works in hand-dyed or painted cottons, silks and non-woven materials.

June 17, 2025 - It's Picnic Time! Our meeting will start earlier - at 6 pm. Please plan to bring a dish to share based on your last name. See below:

- A - G Dessert
- H - O Entree
- P - Z Appetizer

This month our entertainment is home-grown. Cathy Fennel will share her pictures from Quilt Con 2025 and Nancy Hannum will give us a mystery demonstration.

May 20, 2025 Zoom Meeting - Lois Mease of [River Lawn Quilting](#) - Stash Savvy. Do you have a lot of fabric in your stash? Can you just grab what you need and start sewing? Stash Savvy is a system to organize your fabric so you can do just that! You will learn how to arrange your fabric in a way that you can see exactly what you have. And it will be ready to cut and sew.

April 15, 2025 - Rebecca Penniston topic is RazBeca's Birds - Stories and Creation Tips. [Rebecca Penniston](#) makes Razzy, Snazzy & Jazzy Custom Crafts and Patterns. RazBeca's Birds are worldwide! She will tell us about her creations.

March 18, 2025 - [Brita Nelson](#) will discuss Every Last Crumb: An Adventure in Scrap Quilting. This is a fun, informative and inspirational trek to find the best way to handle a mountain of left-over fabric.

February 18, 2025 Zoom Meeting - Meg Cox's topic is Making Meaning: How Quilters Celebrate Life. [Meg Cox](#) is a nationally known leader on the topics of quilting and family traditions. She will provide a fun, inspiring lecture that changes lives. An expert on tradition who has written four books on rituals and celebrations, Meg Cox shares examples of quilters' celebrations but also shows powerful (and quirky) ideas from her own life.

January 21, 2025 Zoom Meeting - [Emma Jane Powell](#): Arpilleras. Arpilleras were a form of craft art resistance born during the Chilean dictatorship of the 1970-90s. Using applique tapestries closely resembling quilts, learn how impoverished women communicated human rights atrocities happening in Chile with the outside world. Learn a little about history, politics, and art of South America during this very captivating lecture.