



Gate City Quilt Guild Gazette

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February 2025 GCQG Presidents Message

Ok, I'll admit it. I'm a hoarder. You read that right. Fabric is a given, but I'm much more complicated than that. It began with scrapbooking when my husband and I celebrated our 10th anniversary. It was a wonderful trip to Italy on a budget and I couldn't let those experiences go undocumented. I am an historian, after all. My degree served me well on that trip, but not our next big adventure.

Nothing can prepare you for parenthood. I don't care how many books you read or to whom you are married. I still can't believe that they let us leave the hospital with our long-awaited bundle of joy. Michael has been the sun and we have orbited, as many of you understand. Those years didn't see much creativity on my part, though. As he grew older and needed me less and less, I turned to cloth. That was the beginning.

Now I've moved on to patterns and classes. That's when the real spending starts. I want to make them all! Can you have too many patterns? That's rhetorical. No is the right answer. Classes are also an addiction of mine. It doesn't seem to matter that I have dozens of quilts unfinished, the next class is about to start and I need to gather my supplies and, you guessed it, fabric to use. Raise your hand, if you've done the same. Someone may be snickering over your shoulder.

Snow days are a great time to curl up with your favorite UFO and get 'er done. My only real goal, besides those extra pounds that we all know too well, is to use my stash for all of those new quilts and table toppers. I hope you don't feel so bad about your stash, whatever that may be.



Enjoy your snow days and sew on!

Michelle

February 6, 2025

Meeting in Person @ Congregational United Church of Christ

And on Zoom

(6:30pm visiting, meeting begins at 7pm)



BEAR HUG QUILTWORKS

Lisa Alley, *What the quilt judge Sees* www.bearhugquiltworks.com

Lisa Alley will be with us in person for our February meeting. The topic of her lecture is "What was she thinking? Seeing what the judge sees".

Lisa began making quilts in 1991 while living in Raleigh and has made over 700 quilts. Some of her quilts have won awards in local, state and national quilt shows and she has taught and lectured about quilts across the state.

Since leaving the engineering field in 2011, she now lives in Winston-Salem and has become a full-time quiltmaker. She publishes quilt patterns under Bear Hug Quiltworks, teaches at local quilt shops, provides programs and trunk shows to local guilds, and judges local and state quilt shows.

Though not an NQA certified judge, she has completed the classes offered through the program, studied extensively and has judged many quilt shows including North Carolina Quilt Symposium. Her philosophy regarding quilt show judging is "Having my quilts judged, I always learn something that improves me as a quilter. When I critique a piece on the judging floor, I try to offer the same so that there is benefit to the maker. But, most of all, I respect the piece and the person who created it."

List of Program Presentations for 2025

(All programs are carried over Zoom)

February (In Person)

Lisa Alley, *What the quilt judge Sees* www.bearhugquiltworks.com

March (Zoom)

Brita Nelson, *Disappearing Blocks* www.QuestioningQuilter.com

April (In Person)

Justiann Ard, *Fancy Hexies by Machine*

May (Zoom)

David Sirota *What Makes a Quilter Tick?* www.QuiltMavenDave.com

Workshop: Rope Bowl Making Workshop (*More information to follow*)

June (In Person)

Charles Cameron, *Color!* [Charles Cameron - Modern Quilt Guild \(themodernquiltguild.com\)](http://CharlesCameron-ModernQuiltGuild(themodernquiltguild.com))

July - Picnic

August (Zoom)

Carol Wilhoit, *Quilts Hidden in Your Stash*, [Carol Wilhoit \(quiltersquest.com\)](http://CarolWilhoit(quiltersquest.com))

September (In Person)

Nicole and Kelsey from Village Fabric Shop in Winston-Salem, Indigo Dye, www.VillageFabricShop.com

October

Deb Krazetski, Modern Quilting, Greensboro MQG

Workshop: Pin Cushion Workshop (*More information to follow*)

November

Connie Brown, vintage quilts from North Carolina

December - Holiday Party

Please let Michelle or myself know if you have speaker recommendations you think would be of interest to our group.

Yard Sale

Donations can be taken at the meeting, please let me know in advance if you are planning on bringing items so we can meet outside for the exchange.

Appreciate your support and donations for the guild, Darcy Benson

Community Service / Charity Committee

We have several charity quilts that need quilting. We also have some kits that need piecing. There is something for everyone. Please let me know where you can help.

Thanks! Juli Hurin

Membership Committee

Membership Dues Reminder

Please welcome new member Lisa Cooper and returning member Debbie Walsh. They both attended the January meeting, so you may have met them already.

Dues are due for 2025. If you haven't already done so, please mail the check to our post office box, or bring it to the next meeting. If none of your information has changed you don't need to fill out any paperwork.

Thanks, Bea Mandel, Sandy Gardner, and Becky Hayes

Activities / Sew Hours

First Tuesday at 1:00 of the month, the second Sunday at 2:00 of every month and the fourth Thursday at 1:00.

Write these down and come join us! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dog Bed Scraps

For those supplying dog bed scraps, I would like to remind you please to watch sharp objects, buttons, Kleenex, blue jean trims like waistbands, hems etc. also, button plackets, collars, and buttons.

Little House Quilts for Habitat Greensboro

We are stepping up again to deliver Little House Quilts for Habitat for Humanity. Please keep creating and bringing your adorable houses to guild meetings. Any size up to 18" square and remember some kind of sleeve or hanging tabs on the back. Laurie Shaw will collect, add guild labels, and deliver these for new Habitat Homeowners.

Little houses made by Lynn Magyar





February Birthdays

Feb 8 - Darcy Benson

Feb 8 - Harry Lejda

Feb 10 - Ginger Karb

Feb 11 - Carolyn Burgess

Feb 21 - Sandy Gardner

Gate City Quilt Guild –2025 Board Officers

Board Officer Title	Board Officer
President	Michelle Puzio
President Elect	Mary Puckett
Quilt Show Chair	Karen Cartlidge
Quilt Show Co-Chair	Jane Weinstein
Treasurer *	Laurie Shaw
Secretary	Harriett Holt
Newsletter *	Darcy Benson
Website *	Darcy Benson
Historian	Joan O'Donnell
Membership	Bea Mandel
Membership	Sandy Gardner
Membership	Becky Hayes
Publicity	Judie Bringhurst
Charity	Juli Hurin
Hospitality	Heather Brandon
Hospitality	Lynn Magyar
Programs (2025-2026)	Michelle Puzio
Programs (2024-2025)	Phyllis Griffin
Activities	Linda Grogan
Parliamentarian	Pam Tocornal

** Officer positions designated with * indicate roles that require special knowledge and/or skills and may, thus, be filled for more than two consecutive terms.*

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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19	20	21	22	23 Sew Hour (zoom) 1pm - 3pm	24 Quilting & Needle Art Extravaganza - Statesville, NC	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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March 2025

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HELP NEEDED

You arrive for a guild meeting and the room is set up and ready to go. After the meeting you say your goodbyes and head home. It's not magical chairs that suddenly appear, Laurie and I show up early to set up chairs and the TV for Zoom and are the last ones to leave after everything has been put away.

We NEED HELP. If you are available (and able) to set up chairs at 6:00 p.m. we could use your help. The same with after the meeting. Thanks to those of you who have helped in the past to put away chairs and tables after the meetings. We would like to see others get involved with set up and breakdown to share the load. Give it some thought and join us at 6:00 or hang around after the meeting. We know some of you are not able to lift and carry so think about how you might help out at the meetings.

Out and About News



Zippy Quilts
Mary J Puckett, Designer
Greensboro, NC

ZippyQuilts@gmail.com
Blog: ZippyQuilts.blog

elschafer@mindspring.com (505) 933-3874

Lewis Schafer
Custom Quilting, Sewing, Knitting, and Crochet



**Embroidery Make
& Take Event.**
Feb 11th 10am-2pm
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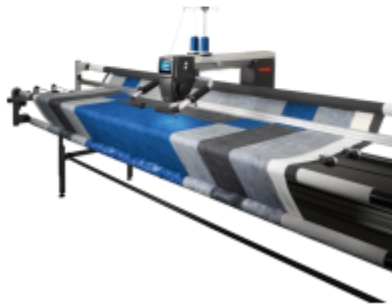
**7076 Ramsey St./HWY 401
Fayetteville, NC 28311
(910) 630-3912 Mon- Sat 9 am-5 pm
<https://www.lovingstitches.net>**

One of the Largest Quilt Shops On the East Coast!

OESD Event

Feb 7th & 8th, 10am-4pm

Make five beautiful embroidery projects! No need to bring anything, machines, kits & lunches will be provided. Event will be led by an OESD instructor. Bring your embroidery friends & make this a mini-retreat. Call to register today.



Free BERNINA Longarm Event

Feb 1st 10am-2pm.

Come to learn & have fun!

Already own a Bernina Longarm? Want to add accessories or make an upgrade?

Special pricing & discounts.

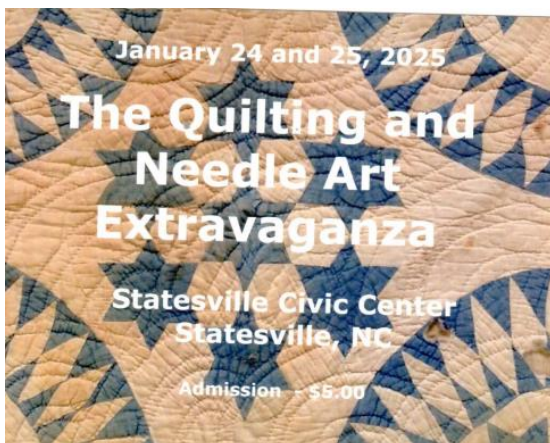
Space will be limited. Please register in advance. Give us a call, or come by today.

 **accuquilt**
better cuts make better quilts

made to create **BERNINA**

OESD

Upcoming Quilt Shows and items of interest



The Quilting and Needle Art Extravaganza
Statesville Civic Center, 300 South Center St., Statesville, NC
Friday, January 24, 2025 from 9am - 4pm
Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 9am - 4pm
\$5.00 Admission

About 30 of your favorite quilting and yarn vendors assembled for your shopping pleasure. Booths full of fabrics, notions, wools, yarns, books, patterns, embellishments, sewing machines and long arm quilting machines. Fabulous food and bakery on-site. Bring your friends and spend a wonderful day shopping for fabric, planning several new projects and maybe buy a new sewing machine. Rest for a while in the lobby. Have a cup of coffee, a delicious sandwich and a piece of cake or pie.

Then go back for another yard of fabric.

A Quilter's Perfect Day Out!

Drawings for Door Prizes and Sewing Machine.

Arrive early. The first 100 people in the door each day get 2 chances to win.

Grand Door Prize Drawing each day at 3pm. You must be present to win.

A complete list of vendors and details at
www.quiltersgallery.net 704-376-2531

Professional Art Quilters Alliance-South (PAQA-South) 2025 Juried Exhibition of innovative quilts: Page-Walker Arts & History Center; Cary, North Carolina



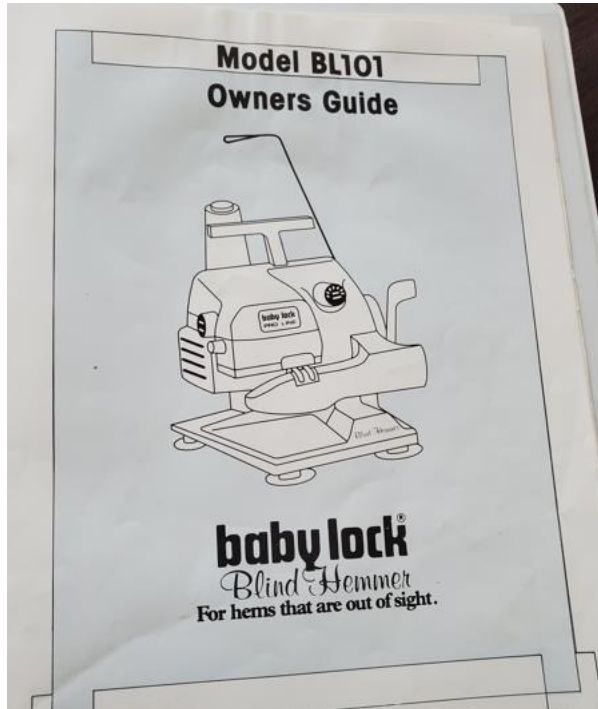
March 5, 2025: Exhibit opens at Page-Walker Arts & History Center

Fiber artists: Create a multi-layered textile joined by stitching that expresses or represents wild! *Here's the link to full details.* [Prospectus](#)

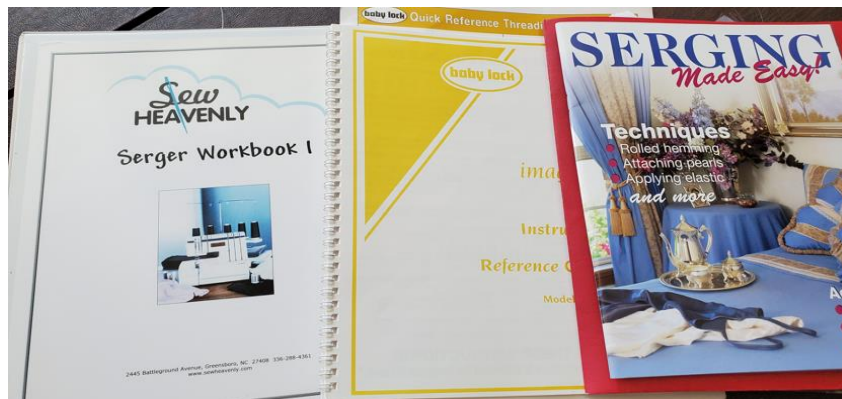
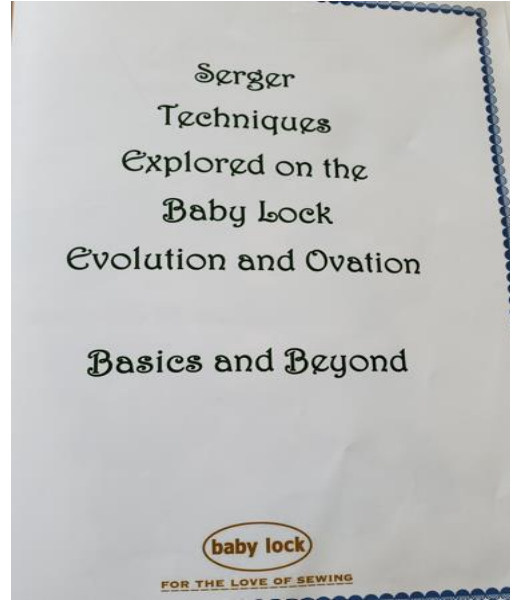
Machines for Sale

We have 3 machines that were Rosie's that are in workable condition available for sale, if interested please connect with Sigrid or Darcy.

Baby Lock Blind Hemmer

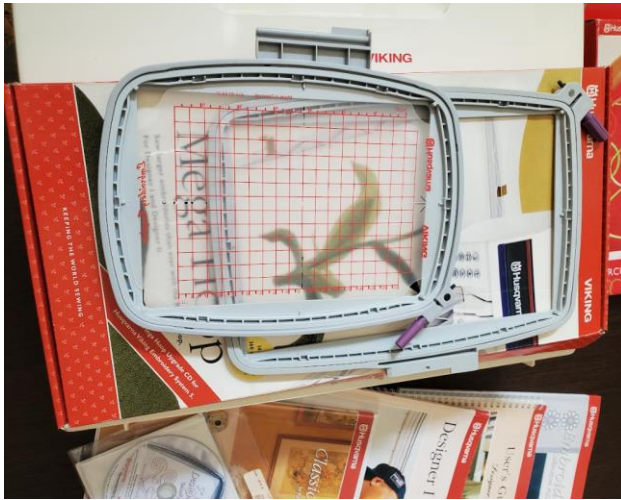


Baby Lock Imagine Serger



Husqvarna Viking – Designer I Exclusive Sensor System (Sewing Embroidery Machine)





Gate City Quilt Guild
Membership Application for the year of - 20__

Please Print Legibly

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: (year optional): _____

Check if New: _____ Renewal: _____ Check #: _____ Amount: _____

- Annual membership is January 1 – December 31 and the annual membership fee is \$35 due by January 31.
- Annual fee for members age 75 or older is \$20.
- New members joining after July 31 will be charged \$25 for membership through the remainder of the membership year. No other prorating will apply.
- Membership dues are non-refundable.

Mail this completed form and your check, payable to Gate City Quilt Guild by January 31st to:

Gate City Quilt Guild

P.O. Box 29196

Greensboro, NC 27429-9196

Or–hand it in at the membership table at any meeting.

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Inclement Weather Policy

If Guilford County Schools are closed due to inclement weather the meeting may be changed to a zoom session.

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We do our best to update you on meeting changes from in person to Zoom via email, Facebook, our website or a phone call

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Guild Meetings are held:

1st Thursday of the month
6:30 pm Social
7:00 pm Meeting begins

Congregational United
Church of Christ
400 W. Radiance Drive
Greensboro, NC 27403

Meets are held either
in person or via Zoom
(See the list of Program
Presentations for the
meeting location)

Email - info@gatecityquiltguild.org
Mailing Address:
Gate City Quilt Guild
P. O. Box 29196,
Greensboro, NC 27429

The guild website

<http://www.gatecityquiltguild.org/>

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1/2 page	\$6.25	\$12.50
Full Page	\$12.50	\$25.00

Newsletter Deadline The 20th of the month

Send your contributions and info to share to BensonDarcy@gmail.com
Include the word "Newsletter" in the subject line.