



# Gate City Quilt Guild Gazette

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## December 2025 GCQG Presidents Message

The ties that bind us are many and varied. Our family connections we cherish, our community connections we value and our volunteer connections we know make our world a better place. I have other volunteer friends from other non-profits and still more with whom I would like to reconnect. All of you are my volunteer friends.

The members of our Board of Directors are amazing. They are giving individuals whom we should cherish. So many work tirelessly and often to keep our organization running smoothly. I am blessed with a Board that makes me look good. Thank you. Please let them know how much you appreciate their willingness to give of themselves as their year comes to an end.

All of our good work in educating the community through workshops, monthly programs and our Quilt Show keeps us engaged. Making so many charity quilts throughout the year keeps us mindful of our plenty as we remember others' needs. A warm hug can make a world of difference and we make into the hundreds every year. Yours are the hands that make all of this happen. Thank you from the bottom of heart. What wonderful friends I have in all of you. Michelle



**December 4, 2025**  
**Meeting at Fellowship Hall at C.U.C.C.**  
**(6:30pm visiting, meeting begins at 7pm)**

**Our Holiday Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 4 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall of C.U.C.C.**

**Please bring a dish to share. Tea and water will be available.**

**We will be gathering items to donate to the Interactive Resource Center:**

**[Interactive Resource Center](#) (click link for more information)**

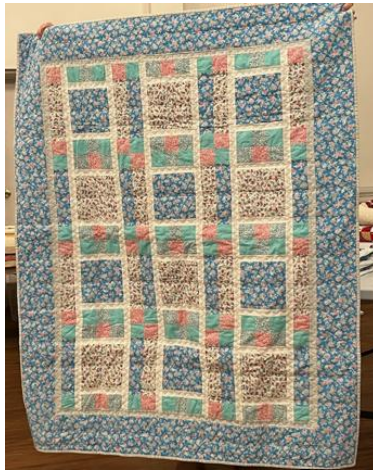
- Socks
- Hats
- Scarves
- Mittens. gloves
- Washcloths
- Towels
- Chapstick
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Nail clippers

**Hope that you can join us for some Holiday Fun!**

**Pictures from our November meeting –**









# **List of Program Presentations for 2026**

(All programs are carried over Zoom)

**January** - Krista Moser Diamonds are a Quilter's Best Friend

**February** - Meg Cox Quilt Journalist tells All

**March** - Dana Jones, The International Honor Quilt: Women Remembering Women

**April** - Vicki Clontz Walk on the Wool Side

**April Workshop** (4/18/2026) - Workshop with Annette Ornella

**May** - Frances Arnold Challenge of Challenges

**June** - Lisa Sewart Quilting with African Fabrics

**July** - PICNIC

**August** - MJ Kinman Smithsonian Series Trunk Show

**September** - TBD

**October** – Quilt Show Program

**November** - Sandy Fitzpatrick Why Didn't I Think of That?

**November Workshop** (Date TBD) - Workshop Making the Most of Your Machine Applique

**December** – Holiday Party

## **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.



**Gate City Quilt Show**  
**“A Celebration of Quilting”**

October 16 and 17, 2026

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

Show Hours:

Friday, October 16---9:30-5:00

Saturday, October 17---9:30-5:00

For more information go to: [www.gatecityquiltguild.org](http://www.gatecityquiltguild.org)

**Raffle Quilt: “Starburst”**



Raffle tickets information will be available soon.

**2026 Quilt Show Committees**  
**Quilt Show Dates: Oct. 16-17, 2026**

Chair and Co-chair – Karen Cartlidge, Jane Weinstein

Challenge Quilts - Kathy Haver, Barbara Wolfe

Layout - Valerie Paterson\*, Kathy Haver

Publicity - Judie Bringhurst Lisa Cooper

Printing - Melissa Dessent\*

Judging - Juli Hurin Mary Puckett

Ribbons - Sandy Gardner\*, Lynn Magyar

Cashier - Laurie Shaw, Linda Grogan

Volunteers Registration - Michelle Puzio\* Joan O'Donnell\*

Silent Auction - Bea Mandel\*, Eileen Kane

Yard Sale - Phyllis Griffin, Darcy Benson\*

Boutique - Betsy Bopp\*, Donna Paulson\*

Raffle Baskets - Debbie Walsh, Carol Lejda

Signs - Esther Mayo, Lisa Cooper

Raffle Quilt Inside Sales - Barbara Wolfe

Family Reception - Sue Roth

Quilt Registration - Debbie Feulner\*, Heather Brandon

Admissions - Harriet Smalls

\* Indicates people who have been on this committee before.

## **Activities / Sew Hours**

### **SEW HOUR**

*There will not be NO SEW HOUR the 27th of November; as this is Thanksgiving.*

Schedule for December

December 2nd, Tuesday 1-3

December 14th, Sunday. 2-4

December 25 .....Christmas day. NO SEW HOUR

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL**

Linda Grogan

## **Boutique**

I'm happy to get any new ideas for items to make for the Boutique. I'll continue to put kits together for you all to make.

Thanks, Betsy

## **Community Service / Charity Committee**

Thank you for all the stitches put in to make the wonderful quilts the guild has donated over the year.

There are quilt projects in various stages that you can help with.

Looking forward to a great 2026!

Thank you,

Juli Hurin

## **Dog Bed Scraps**

Kathy Haver has taken over dog beds and wishes to have you bring your scraps to the parking lot. Also to remember if you have quilt trimmings not to cut them up into small pieces.

Thanks, Becky Hayes / Kathy Haver



## **Little House Quilts for Habitat Greensboro**

Habitat Greensboro can use another 12 - 15 Little House Quilts for 2025!

Please keep sewing your adorable quilts - any size up to 18".

Be sure to include a sleeve or hanging tabs on the back of the quilt.

Lynn Magyar will collect, add Guild labels and deliver to Habitat for new homeowners.

Thank you!



## **Membership Committee**

Now is a good time to bring in your 2026  
membership dues

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.

Bea Mandel, Sandy Gardner, and Becky Hayes

## **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 help, Darcy



## December Birthdays

December 3 Carol Melvin  
 December 18 Lewis Schafer  
 December 22 Stacey Grammer  
 December 29 Janet Bailey  
 December 30 Kathy Haver

## 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 Bringham
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.*

## Gate City Quilt Guild –Nominations for 2026 Board Officers

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Membership	Sandy Gardner
Membership	Becky Hayes
Publicity	Judie Bringhurst
Publicity	Patricia Tomatore
Charity	Juli Hurin
Charity	Margaret Dick
Charity	Sigrid Kenny
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## November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Sew Hour (zoom) 1pm – 3pm	3	4 Guild Meeting	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Sew Hour (zoom) 2pm – 4pm	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



### FOR SALE

#### SASHIKO Sewing Machine by Baby Lock



**Used SASHIKO (Model BLQK) sewing machine for sale for ~~\$500~~. Reduced to \$400** This machine is different than any other conventional sewing machine. The Sashiko will make one stitch on the top of the fabric after the handwheel makes two complete rotations when the needle is in the down position. When the needle is in the up position it will make one stitch after the handwheel makes one and a half rotations. The specialty needle will catch and release the bobbin thread alternately. Stitching on the top looks like hand quilting. The

stitching will not unravel, so it is not necessary to make tacking stitch. Adjustable stitching and spacing.

Baby Lock Sashiko Model BLQK2 retails for \$5,398.00. I purchased this machine used and am selling it for less than I paid. The machine is in good condition and works well. If you want the hand quilted look on your quilts without the handwork, this machine is for you.

This is a specialty machine and is not for normal sewing. Instruction books, needles, and other supplies are included. See photos for stitching samples.



If interested in this machine, please contact Karen Cartlidge at 304-279-1296. Cash or check.

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## For Sale



Baby lock Quilter's choice sewing machine. Large table surface and oversized space. Complete with extra feet, including walking foot, 1/4" foot, free motion foot. This is a straight stitch machine that is great for machine quilting. It has good tension and is easy to adjust. There are also at least twenty bobbins included.

\$400.

Sigrid Kenny  
336 282 7499

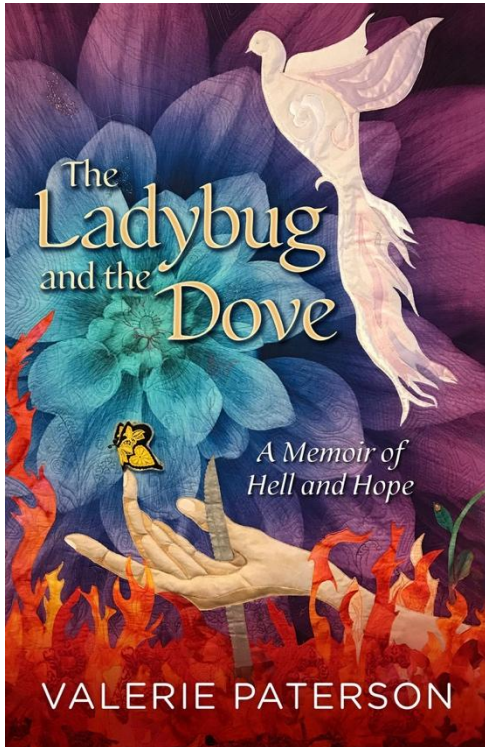
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## Upcoming Quilt Shows and items of interest

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### Come to my Book Launch!

Sunday, December 14 1:00-3:00pm  
New Garden Friends Meeting  
801 New Garden Rd at Friendly Ave.

My book *The Ladybug and the Dove* is a memoir of quiet courage and artful healing from a violent assault in my twenties. Quilts and coincidence appear in many forms as part of my journey.

For more info go to [www.ValeriePaterson.com](http://www.ValeriePaterson.com). I will have copies available for \$20 at our next guild meeting, at the launch or purchase online through Barnes and Noble, Amazon or Thriftbooks.

--Valerie

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November 15th 10-1pm, zipper pouch

November 21st 6-9pm, mini jelly roll rug

November 22nd 10-1pm, mini jelly roll rug

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We will be closed November 26th  
& 27th for Thanksgiving.

**Thankful Hearts SALE!**

November 28th & 29th

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**[WWW.FIBERARTSHOWNC.COM](http://WWW.FIBERARTSHOWNC.COM)**







Attend the **2026 AQS Quilt Week** and go to numerous quilt related venues, such as The National Quilt Museum and Hancock Fabrics of Paducah.

**April 22-25, 2026** is reserved for you to enjoy 4 nights in a double occupancy, 2 room suite at the Drury Inn and Suites in Paducah, including free Hot Breakfast and, at 5:30 PM, a free Kick Back Meal daily.

Prize includes **\$500 CASH** to help you and a friend have a great quilting adventure!

~~~~ TICKETS ARE ONLY \$10 each ~~~~

TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED

Drawing to be held on or before January 15, 2026

Only 600 tickets will be sold

Contact Penny Nolen at 336-971-1907 or [nolen991955@gmail.com](mailto:nolen991955@gmail.com) for availability of tickets.

Fundraiser sponsored by the **Heart of the Triad Quilt Guild** in Kernersville, NC

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Professional Art Quilters Alliance-South is proud to announce its  
**2026 exhibition ARTQUILTS*journey***



March 11 – May 2, 2026

Trips, vacations, moving from A to B, quests, imaginings, life changes, learning, spiritual awakening, self-discovery. What has been - what is now - what will be your journey? Past, present or future; Make a quilt about your journey.

**FIBER ARTISTS:** Create a multi-layered textile joined by stitching that expresses or represents "Journey".

**On-line registration of entries opens November 23, 2025, and closes January 23, 2026.**

Works will be judged by creativity, originality, striking design, impact, creative use of materials and strong interpretation of the theme, *ARTQUILTSjourney*

The exhibit will be adjudicated by professional fiber artist Barbara Lee Smith.

<https://www.barbaraleesmith.com/>

**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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### The guild website

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

### LIKE US ON FACEBOOK.

<https://www.facebook.com/gatecityquiltguild>



## 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](mailto:info@gatecityquiltguild.org)  
Mailing Address:  
Gate City Quilt Guild  
P. O. Box 29196,  
Greensboro, NC 27429

## Newsletter Advertising

The cost is per month *for both printed newsletter and newsletter on our website*

| Ad size       | Member    | Non-member |
|---------------|-----------|------------|
| Business card | no charge | \$ 5.00    |
| 1/4 page      | \$3.75    | \$ 7.50    |
| 1/2 page      | \$6.25    | \$12.50    |
| Full Page     | \$12.50   | \$25.00    |

### Newsletter Deadline The 20<sup>th</sup> of the month

Send your contributions and info to share to [BensonDarcy@gmail.com](mailto:BensonDarcy@gmail.com)  
Include the word "Newsletter" in the subject line.