



# Gate City Quilt Guild Gazette

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## May 2025 GCQG Presidents Message



Mothers come in many shapes and sizes. They also come with many different faces. Mothers may be classified as those who gave birth or who adopted children they love as their own. It's hard to say what a mother really looks like. Most of us are mothers because of our caregiving and encouragement. Those are the criteria that I personally believe make us mothers.

My paternal grandmother showered my sister and me with love and gentle lessons when our father failed to understand what we needed. Her role as mother continued long into what would be considered her retirement. Though my grandmother did quilt, I don't think she ever created a Grandmother's Flower Garden (GFG) quilt. That special hexagonal quilt originated in England as an early form of English Paper Piecing (EPP). EPP was recorded as early as 1770. GFG migrated to America during the 1830s, with its first published pattern in the Godey's Ladies Book in 1835 under the name Mosaic. For its use of scraps, size as you needed flexibility and varied colors, it became especially popular in America during The Great Depression of the 1920s and 1930s. Phoebe Johnson (1883-1984) taught her daughter Emma Russell to make a famous version of the GFG which is among the Smithsonian's treasured quilts. Their family became instrumental in documenting African American quilting in our country, illustrating how so many learned from their mothers and their mothers before them.

I suppose we never really stop being mothers, to our children and to the world. Remember those you consider mothers in your life in your own special way. Perhaps a home cooked meal or card would brighten her/their day. If your mother(s) is no longer with us, I'm sending you a hug and hoping your memories bring you joy. Michelle

**May 1, 2025**  
**Meeting in Person @ Congregational United Church of Christ**  
**And on Zoom**  
**(6:30pm visiting, meeting begins at 7pm)**

**David Sirota** *What Makes a Quilter Tick?* [www.QuiltMavenDave.com](http://www.QuiltMavenDave.com)

**Our speaker for the May meeting will be David Sirota - a quilter since the early 90's. He says " It all started because I needed kitchen curtains and decided to make the myself."**

**His lecture is entitled "What makes a Quilter Tick?" He'll lead us in discussions about our little quirks, passions, idiosyncrasies and obsessions we all share. He is well known for using humor in his lectures.**

**David will be visiting with us on Zoom, but please plan to come in person - and be prepared to laugh!!**

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**Reminder – Rope Bowl Workshop on Saturday, May 3 from 10am - 2pm at the fellowship hall of the church.**

Kristine Rimmey will lead the class, providing outstanding guidance on the "how to" make a rope bowl

There are still open spots if you'd like to join the class. Please contact myself or Michelle if you'd like to participate.

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Photos from our April meeting, we had some new faces in the mix Katlin, Ilona, and Sandra. Another great turnout with a display of NO " Y" Seam Hexies and works of art from our members (These are on FB and placed here for those that don't have FB) –

**Program Quilts** Justiann Ard, *Fancy Hexies by Machine*:







## Member Quilts:











# **List of Program Presentations for 2025**

(All programs are carried over Zoom)

## **May (Zoom)**

David Sirota *What Makes a Quilter Tick?* [www.QuiltMavenDave.com](http://www.QuiltMavenDave.com)

Workshop: Rope Bowl Making Workshop, May 3, 2025 10am-4pm - cost is \$65.00 (includes supplies) Please contact Phyllis by April 3rd if interested - we need 12 participants in order to hold this workshop.

## **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](http://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 Phyllis know if you have speaker recommendations you think would be of interest to our group.*

## **2026 Quilt Show Committees**

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.

## **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, Thanks, Darcy

## **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 to all the wonderful members who have made charity quilts. We delivered 68 quilts to Cone Hospital Women's and Children's Wards. Keep up the good work!

Thanks,  
Juli





## **Membership Committee**

### **Membership Dues Reminder**

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**

Another month almost gone, join us in May for sewing, cutting, ripping out, or whatever it may be.

Come join us:

Tuesday, May 6th 1-3

Sunday, May 11th 2-4

Thursday, May 22nd 1-3

Don't forget this Thursday the 24th of April we also meet 1-3

### **MYSTERY QUILT**

I'm not sure how many of you have been participating in the Mystery Quilt, but I had a list of around 15. The last clue is on May 1st. We'll have a short zoom the first week in May to see how this project has turned out. All is welcome to sign on to zoom if you participated or not. I'll be sending out the link later. Or if you need the link to get started, let me know.

Linda Grogan

## **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

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!



## May Birthdays

May 1 - Dot Forsythe

May 14 - Valerie Paterson

May 16 - Kathy Gaines

May 20 - Melissa Dessent

May 24 - Keren Rotberg

## 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.*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <b>Guild Meeting</b>	2 <b>Forsyth Piecers and Quilters Quilt Show Winston Salem Fair Grounds</b>	3
4	5	6 Sew Hour (zoom) 1pm – 3pm	7	8	9 <b>INTERPRETATIONS Opening Reception Yadkin Cultural Arts Center Yadkinville</b>	10
11 Sew Hour (zoom) 2pm – 4pm	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Sew Hour (zoom) 1pm – 3pm	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## 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

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## Upcoming Quilt Shows and items of interest

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ORIGINAL  
Sewing & Quilt  
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Raleigh Convention Center  
May 1, 2 & 3, 2025

Exhibit Hall Hours:  
Thurs. & Fri. 10am – 5:30pm  
Sat. 10am – 5pm

A poster for the Stitcher's Showcase 2025 Quilt Show. The top half has a purple-to-blue gradient background with the title "Stitcher's Showcase" in large white letters and "2025 Quilt Show" below it. In the center is a large, intricate quilt with a starburst pattern in green, yellow, and blue. The bottom half has a green background. On the left, a list of activities includes Vendors, Raffle Baskets, Fundraiser Quilt, and The Quilter's Market. To the right, there is a QR code and the text "SCAN QR Code for show Details". Below this, the dates "May 2-3, 2025" are prominently displayed. Further down, the location "Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Bolton Home & Garden Bldg / Enter Gate 9 on 27th St" and admission prices are listed. At the bottom, the logo for "Stitcher's Showcase" is on the left, and the text "Forsyth Piecers and Quilters Winston-Salem, North Carolina forsythquilters.org" is on the right.

**Stitcher's Showcase**  
2025 Quilt Show

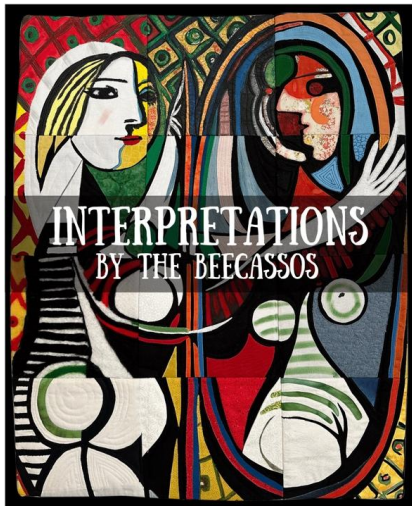
- Vendors
- Raffle Baskets
- Fundraiser Quilt
- The Quilter's Market

SCAN QR Code for show Details

**May 2-3, 2025**

Fri 9am-4pm - Sat 9am-3pm / Winston-Salem Fairgrounds  
Bolton Home & Garden Bldg / Enter Gate 9 on 27th St  
Admission \$10 Adults (includes 5 raffle tickets)  
\$5 Children 4-12 (under 3 free)

**Forsyth Piecers and Quilters**  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
forsythquilters.org



# INTERPRETATIONS by The Beecassos

On Display May 8 – June 27, 2025

The Beecassos are an award-winning triad-based art quilt collective that takes their name from Picasso. Like Picasso a master of stylistic expression, the Beecassos experiment with non-traditional ways of working with fabric, thread and related materials. This group is focused on non-traditional quilting and styles such as art quilts,

various types of fabric, digitized images and three-dimensional techniques. This particular show will include the works of Beecasso artists Pat Arndt, Vickie Clontz, Ellen Hart, Kathy Johnson, Nancy Lassister, Gail McNeill, Valerie Paterson, Joan Rutledge, Penny Sharp, Jenny Williams, Mary Jo Wimberly, Nanette S. Zeller, and Paula Jones.

The Beecassos have periodic group challenges, which are tons of fun and push their creativity to new levels.

Challenges for this exhibit include: Fish, Travel, Where We Call Home, and Song Titles.

## **Opening Reception**

**Friday, May 9 from 5-7pm**

**Yadkin Cultural Arts Center**

**226 E. Main St. Yadkinville**

**Refreshments will be served. Free Admission, all are welcome to attend.**

A few of Valerie Paterson's quilts will be on display including  
Prismatic Buffalo and Uplifting Drifting Jellyfish



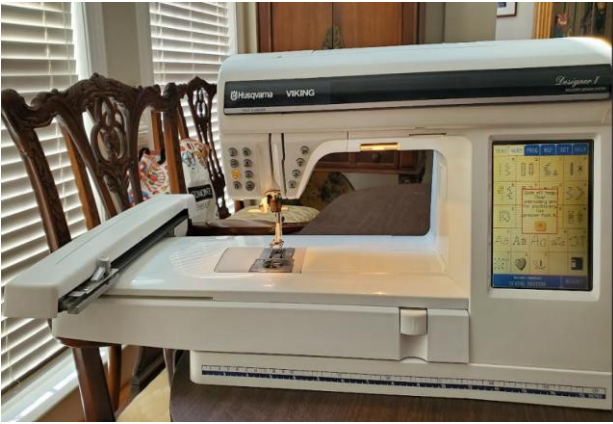


## Machines for Sale

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

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





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**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.