



Gate City Quilt Guild Gazette

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November 2025 GCQG Presidents Message



Curiouser and Curiouser. I came across a video clip of Melissa Gilbert of Little House on the Prairie fame who said that quilting is a dying art and that it is why she has taken it up. Scratching my head, I wondered why she thought that she alone could save it and wait a dog gone minute...Why did she even think that! As my recent AI search noted, "No, quilting is not a dying art; instead, it is evolving with the rise of [modern quilting](#) and a younger demographic becoming involved, which is creating a new wave of interest. While some traditional styles may seem less popular, the craft is very much alive, supported by a global community, ongoing industry, and a new emphasis on modern, minimalist, and art-focused designs." That checks out, as my son would say.

In the famous words of Mark Twain in 1897, "The report of my death was an exaggeration." We've loved this art for years, as did our ancestors. Ours is not a dying art. It is redefining itself, while continuing to sustain its traditional heritage. Our modern and art quilters will attest to its strength and evolution. The crazy quilt may not be popular now, but give it a few years and you'll see it in the bleachers at many a game and displayed proudly at the quilt show. We may be surpassed only by golf in our support of our hobby, but we are not going away quietly.

Take your extra hour from our transition from daylight saving time to standard time to do what you love, just maybe not at 2:00am. Michelle

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

Connie Brown - "All Things about Quilt Appraisals"

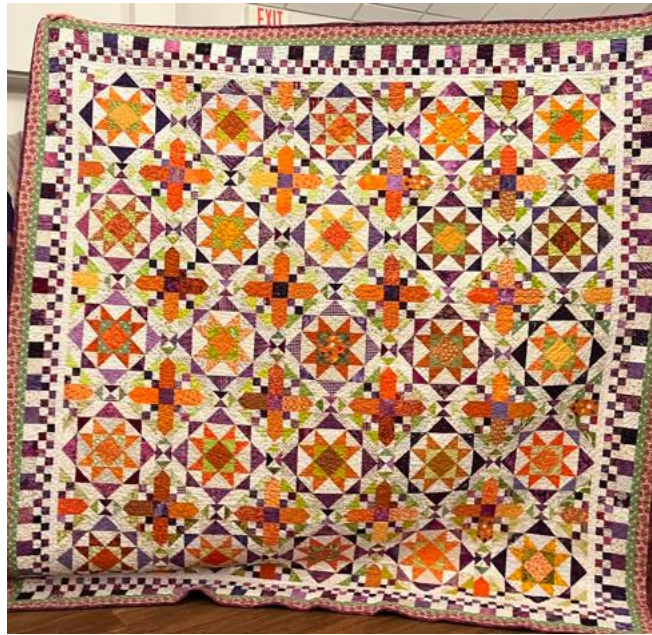
Connie and her family moved to Asheville in 1989. She has made over 140 quilts and became quite interested in the history of quilts. This interest led her to become an AQS certified quilt appraiser. She also grows Japanese Indigo which she uses to dye and create one-of-a-kind cotton fabrics.

Pictures from our October meeting – Tooley family quilts – so many beautiful quilts just tried to capture for the newsletter those that unique – scalloped edges, variations with the hand quilting



Show and Tell







Pin Coughion Workshop –





List of Program Presentations for 2025

(All programs are carried over Zoom)

November - Connie Brown, vintage quilts from North Carolina

December - 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!

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

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

Don't forget about sew hour coming up. The sew hour for the 23rd of October is cancelled.

REMINDER: We meet the first Tuesday, the second Sunday, and the 4th Thursday.

November 3rd 1-3 Tuesday

November 9th 2-4 Sunday

4th Thursday is Thanksgiving so no sew hour this month.

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 to all who have supported the guild with your charity quilt donations. We are well on our way to reach our 2025 goal. We have quilt kits and quilts in various stages that you can work on to help out.

Thanks, Juli

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



November Birthdays

November 2 Ruth Hamilton
 November 6 Eileen Kane
 November 12 Colleen Johnson
 November 13 Sue Cole
 November 23 Debbie Feulner
 November 29 Susan Roth
 November 30 Jane Weinstein

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.*

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Charity	Juli Hurin
Charity	Margaret Dick
Charity	Sigrid Kenny
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October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
19	20	21	22	23 Sew Hour (zoom) 1pm — 3pm	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

November 2025

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

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.



Upcoming Quilt Shows and items of interest

The Piedmont Quilters' Guild invites you to their program on **Thursday November 13** with Pepper Cory on *The Art of Real Scrap Quilting*. We will begin with refreshments at 6:30 with the program beginning at 7:00. Lewis Recreation Center 3110 Forest Lawn Drive Greensboro. Cost is \$10 at the door.

Thanks,
Kathy Haver



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

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Happy
Thanksgiving!

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



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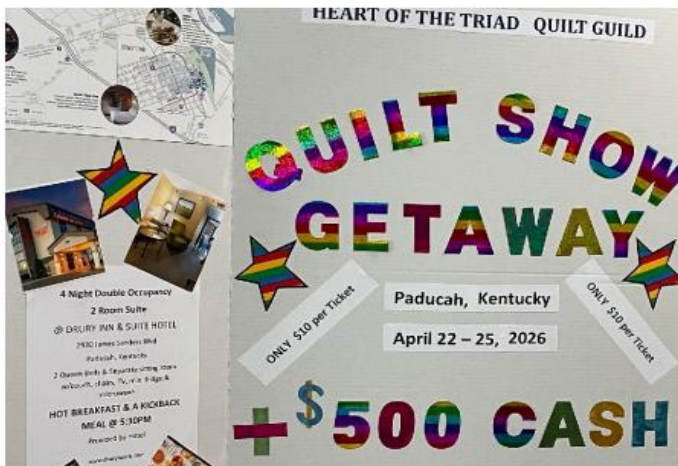
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Attend the **2026 AQS Quilt Week** and go to numerous quilt related venues, such as The National Quilt Museum and Hancock Fabrics of Paducah.

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

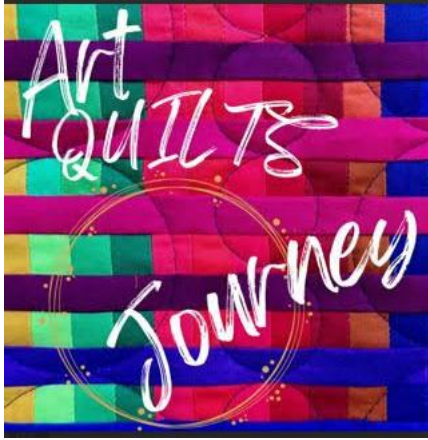
Drawing to be held on or before January 15, 2026

Only 600 tickets will be sold

Contact Penny Nolen at 336-971-1907 or nolen991955@gmail.com for availability of tickets.

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

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, ARTQUILTS*journey*

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

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

Three \$500 awards for excellence in design and relation to theme ARTQUILTS*journey* include: One Juror’s Choice, one Members’ Choice, and one Gallery Choice awards. They will be presented during the Artists Reception on March 27, 2026, 6-8 pm at Page-Walker Arts & History Center in Cary, NC.

Prospectus with full details here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HEu-6JW7dH_O8XvKT5JIYu5ai7EkIYlhKplue6CdDks/edit?tab=t.0

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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Include the word "Newsletter" in the subject line.