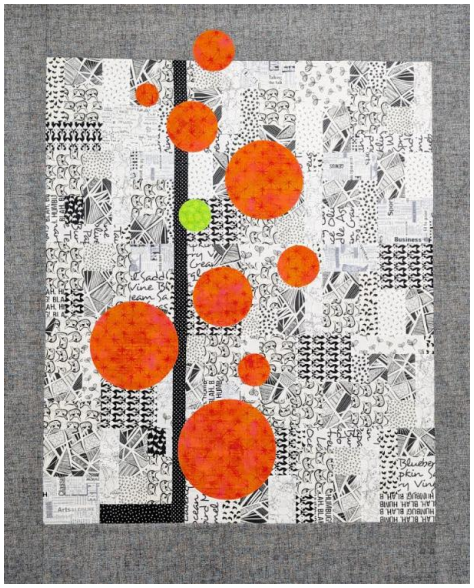
Gate City Quilt Guild Gazette

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December GCQG Presidents Message



Hello Friends,

Wasn't that a great quilt show! We have so many talented quilters in our group!

Although next year isn't a quilt show year, we have much to look forward to. There are two big workshops with nationally-known teachers and many other good programs. I hear there are a number of other good ideas floating around as well.

Meanwhile, I'm including a picture of my latest donation quilt.

I'm looking forward to enjoying next year with Phyllis as president!

December 3rd, 2025
Meeting at Fellowship Hall at C.U.C.C.
(6:30pm visiting, meeting begins at 7pm)

Holiday Meeting
Thursday, December 3, 2026
6:30 PM

Congregational United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall
Please bring a dish to share
Tea and water will be provided

Please bring 12 + buttons (that you can part with) for Button Battle
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Donations of the following items are welcome:
Deodorant
Lotion - travel size
Body wash - travel size
Tooth paste - travel size
Chapstick
Washcloths
Towels
Beanie Hats
Scarves
Mittens
Ball caps

A Celebration of Quilting
Silent Auction Recipient
Interfaith Immigrant Justice Coalition Greensboro,
2026 Quilt Show



November 16

Dear Members of the Gate City Quilt Guild

Steve Tate and I, as co-leaders of the Greensboro Interfaith Immigrant Justice Coalition, want to express again how touched and humbled we are for your generous gift of $5,000.

The work that the Coalition has undertaken to support and protect our immigrant and refugee neighbors is challenging, to say the least, and we couldn't do the work without the help of organizations like yours, both to fund activities but also to affirm that there is great community support for our new neighbors.

Your donation will go a long way to ensure that immigrants and refugees can settle into our welcoming community and thrive.

Deeply grateful
for your
thoughtfulness

Thank you for all you do to make Greensboro beautiful with your lovely quilts and your passion for justice.

Fondly,
Dana

2026 Quilt Show Committees

(pending update for 2028 Committees)

Chair and Co-chair – Karen Cartlidge, Jane Weinstein
Challenge Quilts - Kathy Haver
Layout - Valerie Paterson*, Kathy Haver
Publicity – Jane Weinstein, Linda Grogan
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
Raffle Quilt Inside Sales – Laurie Shaw
Family Reception – Lynn Magyar
Quilt Registration - Debbie Feulner*, Heather Brandon
Admissions - Harriet Smalls
* Indicates people who have been on this committee before.

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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.

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January - Tammy Silvers, Deep Dive into Batiks, https://www.tamarinis.com/

February - Lori Dickman, Sew Speedy Solutions to Cut/Organize Your Scrap Stash, https://quiltingwithlori.com/

March - Jane Haworth, Memory Quilts: History, Stories & How to, https://janehaworth.com/

April - Krista Moser, Achieving Color Profiles, https://www.kristamoser.com/
April 2 Workshop – Krista Moser – Pattern TBD
April 3 Workshop – Krista Moser – Pattern TBD

May - Kathie Beltz, Secrets from the Judge's Chambers, Kathie Beltz

June - Kathy Wylie, The Hole Story, https://kathykwylie.com/

July - Picnic

August - Candace Hassen, Trunk Show, https://quiltdesignsbycandace.com/my-program-and-classes

September - Carly Mul, The Latest Trends in Color & Design, https://www.carlymul.com/
September 3 Workshop - Freestyle Color Collage Workshop, https://www.carlymul.com/teaching-classes-lectures-quilting

October - Joanne Kerton, Make It Your Own, https://www.canuckquilterdesigns.com/about

November - Luke Haynes, Art: Quilt, Texture, https://www.luke.art/about
December - Holiday Party

Please note - In light of our mission statement of educating and the current economic climate, the following Operational Policy updates regarding programs and workshops were adopted by the Board on Thursday, November 19, 2026.

Programs/Workshops
Budget for Programs/Workshops

1. Customary workshop fees will be established for each workshop based on no fewer than 10 participants. The Guild will assume half the cost of the contractual workshop fee. Participation registration fee is based on one half of the workshop fee, plus 100% of anticipated expenses.

2. In general workshop fees for members will be as low as possible given the associated expenses. Member fees should not exceed $75 for one day workshops, if possible.

3. Generally, guest fees will be 15% higher than member fees

4. A sign-up deadline will be established for each workshop, based on the contractual cancellation policy with the speaker. Generally, the sign-up deadline would be 40 days prior to the contracted deadline.

5. Workshops may be opened to non-members 30 days prior to the contract cancellation deadline, at the discretion of the Program Chair.

6. Workshops may be cancelled if registration is insufficient by the established cancellation deadline (40 days before workshop date).

7. No refunds will be given after the established deadline unless the minimum number of registrants is met and/or he/she is able to find a replacement if the minimum number has not been met and/or he/she is facing a life changing event, at the discretion of the Program chair.

8. A full refund will be provided in the event the workshop is cancelled by the Guild.

9. Workshop checks will be deposited in a timely manner upon receipt.

10. In situations where workshop expenses/projected attendance dictates a higher fee, Board approval is required.

Registration for Workshops

The program committee will establish the needed number of registrants for each workshop.

Workshop Speakers/Presenters

1. Preferably, in person workshop speakers/presenters will come from the southern region and an area that does not require airfare.
2. When a speaker is from outside the region or who requires a high fee, a co-sponsor (another guild, quilt shop or vendor) to share expenses could be arranged. It is recommended that such arrangements be made at least one year in advance.

Publicity for Workshops

Suggestions for expanding the audience for potential participants of our workshops include the following

1. Publish list of scheduled workshops in the newsletter, preferably starting one (1) year in advance and monthly thereafter
2. Post on website starting one (1) year in advance and monthly thereafter
3. Send an email to membership two (2) months in advance of registration deadline
4. Notify other guilds when opening registration per workshop guidelines

Revised November 2026

Nominations for Gate City Quilt Guild Board Members 2027

Board Officer Title	Board Officer	Board Officer Title	Board Officer
President	Phyllis Griffin	Publicity	Linda Grogan
President Elect	Juli Hurin	Publicity	Patricia Tomatore
Quilt Show Chair	Jane Weinstein	Charity	Sandra Meadows
Quilt Show Co-Chair	Kathy Havers	Charity	Margaret Dick
Treasurer *	Laurie Shaw	Charity	Sigrid Kenny
Secretary	Bea Mandel	Hospitality	Harriet Holt
Newsletter *	Darcy Benson	Hospitality	Lynn Magyar
Website *	Darcy Benson	Programs	Katie Van Lennep
Historian	Joan O'Donnell	Programs	Kristine Rimmey
Membership *	Karen Cartlidge	Activities	Michelle Puzio
Membership *	Sandy Gardner	Activities	Joan D'Donnell
		Parliamentarian	Sue Roth

2026 Gate City Quilt Guild Board Officers

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President	Mary Puckett	Publicity	Judie Bringhurst
President Elect	Phyllis Griffin	Publicity	Patricia Tomatore
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***** Officer positions designated with * indicate roles that require special knowledge and/or skills and may, thus, be filled for more than two consecutive terms.*

Activities / Sew Hours

November 26 Thanksgiving, no Sew Hour

December 1st No Sew Hour.
December13th Sunday 2-4
December24th No Sew Hour.

All have a blessed Thanksgiving!
Linda Grogan

Boutique

Let's start a new 2 years and continue to make things to donate. The fabric covered journals were popular as well as kitchen items, baby needs, tote bags, wall hangings and small quilts, including Christmas themed things. Thanks again and I will be handing out kits with patterns and fabric for you to make.

Thanks, Betsy

Community Service / Charity Committee

Thank You for Supporting Our Charity Quilt Project

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped make charity quilts this year. Whether you donated fabric, supplies, your time, or your quilting talents, your generosity has made a meaningful difference.

This year, we are blessed to take 130 quilts to Cone Hospital. The majority of these quilts go to children but help other areas of the hospital as well. We also made 15 quilts for Operation Kid Comfort for children whose parents are being deployed out of Fort Brag. Each quilt provides not only warmth and comfort but also serves as a reminder that someone cares.

Our charity quilt project is ongoing, and we will continue making quilts for our community.

Thank you again for your kindness, hard work, and support. Together, we are sharing love, comfort, and hope, one quilt at a time.

With sincere appreciation,

Juli Hurin, Margaret Dicks, and Sigrid Kenny.

Dog Bed Scraps

Please make sure you check your scraps for dog beds for any sharp objects, such as pins, needles, or zippers. Also do not include any paper (I have found candy wrappers, tissues, receipts, napkins and other items!) Remember, these are going to animals in the shelter and we want them to be as comfortable as possible. I will be happy to meet anyone in the parking lot before or after the meeting, just drop me a message so I know to meet you!

Thanks, Kathy Haver

Little House Quilts for Habitat Greensboro

Habitat Greensboro can use another 12 - 15 Little House Quilts for 2026/2027 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!



Yard Sale

Will be collecting in January for our next quilt show. If you have items to donate please reach out to Darcy for drop off/pick up at the next guild meeting. Appreciate all your support.

Darcy Benson and Phyllis Griffin

Membership Committee



Membership Mailbox

Hi guild members, I have included a copy of the revised membership list that includes our newest member. This is our third installment of our New Member Profile Feature called ***"Behind the Seams: Sew Nice to Meet You!"*** to introduce new members with just a line or two about them to assist us all in getting to know each other better. I realized that if you don't happen to attend our meeting when someone joins & is introduced, you may not even realize there is a new member & don't recall who they are. I still struggle sometimes with names in the moment. I also encourage you to please wear your name tag!

In the following months, I will go back to our newer members from the last year or so & do the same. Farther down the road this will become a Member Highlight Feature, celebrating all members & helping us get to know each other better. I will be trying out different feature titles as we move forward, sew keep an eye out for those & let me know your favorites.

Bea Mandel, Sandy Gardner, and Becky Hayes

Time for Dues

A reminder it's not too early to pay your 2027 Dues.
Deadline will be Jan 31st, 2027

Behind the Seams: Sew Nice to Meet You!

Welcome to our newest GCQG member – Connie Johnson, who Joined us in October. I was unable to reach Connie for a bit more about her, so we will introduce her with more information in our next newsletter 😊



December Birthdays

Carol Melvin – Dec 3rd
Cynthia Dittrich – Dec 19th
Stacey Grammer – Dec 22nd
Janet Bailey – Dec 29th
Kathy Haver – Dec 30th

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 29	23 30	24	25	**26** **Thanksgiving**	27	28

December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			2	3 **Guid Holiday Party**	4 Hanukkah begins at Sunset	5
6 13 **Sew Hour 2pm – 4pm**	7 14	8 15	9 16	10 17	11 18	12 19
20 27	21 29	22 29	23 30	24 31	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins

Out and About News



Debbie Feulner has an BERNINA ADVANCED GUIDE WORKBOOK I would like to give away. It includes instructions for many of the Bernina feet and instructions for many sewing techniques. I will bring it to the next meeting.

Upcoming Quilt Shows and items of interest





The Quilting & Needle Art Extravaganza — Statesville, NC
The Quilting & Needle Art Extravaganza (QNAE) is a quilting and sewing shopping event held at the Statesville Civic Center, featuring 30+ local and regional vendors, food, and creative inspiration.

Event Dates & Schedule

- **Friday, January 29, 2027 — 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**
- **Saturday, January 30, 2027 — 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Items for Sale



Twice used wool pressing mat for sale at $20
Please reach out to Judie Bringhurst



A full, unused bolt of Pellon TP 971 fusible Thermolam fleece. 15 yds, 42” wide. $75.
Please reach out to Judie Bringhurst



- 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

Meetings are in person with an option to join over Zoom. Speakers may be in person or virtual

Email - 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 20th of the month
Send your contributions and info to share to BensonDarcy@gmail.com
Include the word "Newsletter" in the subject line.