



Gate City Quilt Guild Gazette

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November GCQG Presidents Message



Hello Friends,

And aren't we glad it's fall! My husband and I have been travelling, so I haven't made many quilts. We were in town just a few days for the quilt show, then took off again.

We did visit the Tamarack Center in Virginia, where there was a nice display of quilts, so I'll send a picture of one of those.

See you soon!

Mary

November 5, 2025
Meeting at Fellowship Hall at C.U.C.C.
(6:30pm visiting, meeting begins at 7pm)



November 5, 2026

Sandy Fitzpatrick will present "Why Didn't I Think of That?"

She will share "Tips, tricks, and shortcuts to make your sewing and quilting easier and more enjoyable. How to sew a sleeve to your quilt quickly and easily, tricks to add dimension to your quilts, and organizational tips. Also included are ideas for small group projects to do with friends or bee members."

[Hissyfitz Designs](http://HissyfitzDesigns.com)

November 7, 2026 from 10:00am to 4:00pm

"Make the Most of Your Machine Applique!" is the title for our workshop taught by Sandy. "No need to fear the dreaded "A" word any longer. Using fusible machine applique, Sandy will take away the mystery and dread as you learn how easy the process really is. You will improve your machine applique techniques with more than just the basics. Learn how to do so much more with satin-stitching, blanket-stitching, and the decorative stitches on your machine."

If you are interested and haven't signed up, please email Michelle at

mpooz@bellsouth.net.

The fee for class is \$25.00, payable to Gate City Quilt Guild by check or cash on the day of class.

2026 Quilt Show a Record Breaker

The 2026 Quilt Show was a record-breaking success!

- We welcomed 582 visitors, second only to the 641 who attended in 2014. The ages of those attending were between 6months and 101.
- The Yard Sale was busy throughout the event, with many guests shopping there first and saying, *"After I take these bags to my car, I'll come back and look at the quilts."* Another guest provided a review on Square – *Organization, Environment, Timeliness Great show! Thank you for taking credit cards. Makes it too easy to spend more!!!*
- Thanks to the generous donations we received over the past two years. At the end of every show all items left from the yard sale are donated out to the community. Sew to Sow at the Crossing Church on Main Street in Kernersville receives all fabric from which they make Baby Layettes and quilts for Guilford County and Christian Missions in various countries around the world. Other recipients of the items left from the yard sale were Teacher's Warehouse, Freedom House, and Reconsidered Goods.
- Congratulations to Admissions, Raffle Baskets, Boutique, Yard Sale, and Silent Auction for exceeding their revenue budgets.
- The show was possible only because of our members' hard work. Thank you for contributing beautiful quilts, boutique items, silent auction quilts, and yard sale donations. Members, along with several husbands and sons, also volunteered many hours to ensure the show ran smoothly and that setup and takedown were completed in record time.
- A heartfelt thank-you from the Quilt Show Committee to everyone who helped make the show a success.
- Viewer's Choice Winner was Sigrid Kenny's "William Morris and Me".
- The winner of our gorgeous raffle quilt was Flossie Brock of Greensboro and a longtime friend of Sigrid Kenny. Flossie has purchased our raffle tickets for many years.
- Winners of the six Raffle Baskets were Mary Alston, Mary Moore, Gayle White, Heather Brandon, Joanie O'Donnell, and Sandy Gardner.

Guests enjoyed all the show's activities, and overall revenue reached an all-time high. And now, on to the 2028 Quilt Show with Chair, Jane Weinstein and Co-Chair Kathy Haver.

Thank you all,
Karen

A Celebration of Quilting Special Awards 2026 Quilt Show

Award	Quilt Name	Quilter
Best of Show	Vintage Rouge	Darcy Benson
Best Longarm Quilting	Sweater Weather SAL 2023	Darcy Benson
Best Domestic Machine Quilting	Total Eclipse	Mary Puckett
Best Hand Quilting	Tula Pink's The Butterfly Quilt (Variation)	Deborah Hastings
Best Use of Color	Stained Glass	Katie Van Lennep
Best Embellishment	Round the Garden	Katie Van Lennep
Most Innovative	My Secret Garden	Bette Brownlow
Judge's Choice	In the Photo Booth	Melissa Dessent
Best Reflects Theme of Show	Star Spangled Banner	Betsy Bopp
Viewer's Choice	William Morris and Me	Sigrid Kenny







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.

List of Program Presentations for 2026

(Program speakers may be in person or virtual)

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

<https://hissyfitzdesigns.squarespace.com/about>

November Workshop (11/7/26) - Workshop with Sandy Fitzpatrick -
Making the Most of Your Machine Applique

December -

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

**We are collecting items for the Interactive Resource Center on
Washington St.**

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

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 - Crimson Christmas Workshop [Crimson Christmas Fabric Kit: with or without pattern | Krista Moser](#)

April 3 Workshop - Ombre Blossoms Workshop [Ombre Blossoms Digital Download | Krista Moser](#)

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

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

Board Officer Title	Board Officer	Board Officer Title	Board Officer
President	Mary Puckett	Publicity	Judie Bringhurst
President Elect	Phyllis Griffin	Publicity	Patricia Tomatore
Quilt Show Chair	Karen Cartlidge	Charity	Juli Hurin
Quilt Show Co-Chair	Jane Weinstein	Charity	Margaret Dick
Treasurer *	Laurie Shaw	Charity	Sigrid Kenny
Secretary	Harriett Holt	Hospitality	Heather Brandon
Newsletter *	Darcy Benson	Hospitality	Lynn Magyar
Website *	Darcy Benson	Programs (2025-2026)	Michelle Puzio
Historian	Joan O'Donnell	Programs (2026-2027)	Judie Bringhurst
Membership *	Bea Mandel	Activities	Linda Grogan
Membership *	Sandy Gardner	Parliamentarian	Sue Roth
Membership *	Becky Hayes		

** 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 3rd Thursday 1-3

November 8th Sunday 2-4

No Sew Hour Thursday November 26th

Come join us! See what all are sewing!!

Linda Grogan

Boutique

The Boutique far surpassed what we did in the 2024 quilt show thanks to all your contributions! 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

Small acts of kindness create lasting warmth. Thank you to all the wonderful members who have helped make charity quilts. We will take quilts tops that need quilting. We also have various supplies: fabric for backing and batting to finish your donation quilts.

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

To all that helped with the Quilt Show Yard Sale including those that contributed with the many donations this past year and half - THANK YOU
THANK YOU— what an amazing time connecting with current and new members while setting up for the show, restocking, and selling all the goodies we had to offer. What an amazing show and the best Yard Sales ever.

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 second 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, so 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 – Sheila Russillo, who Joined us Oct 13th, 2026



"I've been quilting since college (mid 80's) after being a clothing and costume sewer so I didn't know much about quilting or piecing. I relied on books and the occasional class to make projects. I've gotten much more into quilting since 2022 when I joined another guild, where I'm currently the treasurer (Durham-Orange Quilters' Guild). I wanted to also join a local guild as well (I live in High Point) and after attending 3 or 4 of your meetings I finally got on the ball and joined!" Sheila has already become a familiar face, jumping right in to help with our Quilt Show!



November Birthdays

Ruth Hamilton Nov 2nd
 Eileen Kane Nov 6th
 Sue Cole Nov 13th
 Debbie Feulner Nov 23th
 Sue Roth Nov 29th
 Jane Weinstein Nov 30th

November 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Sew Hour 1pm - 3pm	4	5 Guid Meeting	6	7 Applique Workshop 10am - 4pm
8 Sew Hour 2pm - 4pm	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Board Meeting 6:30pm	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30					

Out and About News

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Upcoming Quilt Shows and items of interest



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The BEECASSOS are fiber artists whose creative journeys crossed paths in quilting. Today they push the boundaries of textile art into imaginative works that surprise, delight and inspire.

Center for Creative Leadership
1 Leadership Place, Greensboro

The exhibit is available to view on Friday afternoons until November 20. You can call Laura Gibson at 336-708-2495 to arrange a time or come to the following pre-arranged times.

October 16 at 1:00pm Laura will guide you through the exhibit.*

October 30 at 2:00pm Laura and Valerie will guide you.*

*Contact Valerie at vpateron1000@gmail.com or 336-558-9679 if you plan to attend October 16 or 30.

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**Sat-Jan 9th
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Valued at \$2,499**



**Sat-Jan 9th
vendor prize
basket
worth over \$500**

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TICKETS & CLASSES AVAILABLE NOW!

SAVE THE DATE

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

GATE CITY QUILT GUILD ~ Membership Renewal / New

Name _____ Date _____ Amt \$ _____

Fill in below only if your information has changed – Ck your info on the membership list

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone (Hm / Cell) _____ Phone (Hm / Cell) _____

Email _____ Birthday (Mo/Day) _____

*Annual membership runs Jan 1st to Dec 31st. Annual membership fee \$35 or \$20 for those 75 & older.

Membership Team: Bea Mandel ~ Sandy Gardner ~ Becky Hayes

- 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

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

The guild website

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

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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.