



Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild

Behind the Seams

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President's Letter

Happy March, Stars:

I'm going to count on March coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb—and hope that spring is here for all of us!

If you haven't had the opportunity to see the quilt exhibit at the Alpharetta Arts Center, please try and stop by. I had the opportunity to go (again) and several other people were there at the same time. It was such a pleasure to "overhear" how much they were enjoying the show and the wonderful comments about so many of our quilts. A children's art class was letting out at the same time, and those parents were also looking at the exhibit. Truly, it is helping the attendees see quilting in an entirely new way.

Come be part of our first **virtual retreat**

March 20 and 21. You can come and go as you please, and join in the activities, or sew, sew, sew... We will publish a schedule, so you'll know how to plan your days. Korri has been kind enough to step in to help us create a fun weekend.

Our revised website is up and running—www.CESQuiltGuild.com. Check it out for the latest events, dates, and member information.

I'm always so touched by the people who volunteer their time, talents, and skills to make our guild the outstanding organization that

it is. All of us benefit from each other.

If you have something you'd like to—teach, learn, or share—about quilting, let me know. We're always open to fresh ideas, and your idea can make such a difference.

Cindy

Just a Reminder: If you have a topic to discuss at the monthly meeting, please let Cindy know at least a week ahead of time to make sure it gets added to the agenda. **Thanks!**

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 1, 2021

7:00 PM

Zoom

- President, Cindy Overton, called the meeting to order.
- Nancy Hadley reported on membership. There are 43 paid members as of this meeting. Membership list will soon be on the website.
- President Cindy Overton presented the proposed 2021 budget along with an explanation of some of the thoughts and discussion behind the proposal. A question was asked about money allocated to refreshments. This is to allow for expenses in case we meet again in person in 2021. No other questions were raised. Nancy Hadley motioned to approve the budget. Bella Bamert seconded the motion. A vote was taken. The budget was approved by members of the guild.
- Laura Palgon reported on the Quilt Exhibit. She is pleased with the professional look of the exhibit and the variety of quilts represented. She asked members to share on Facebook and Instagram and to post on NextDoor in neighborhoods – help spread the word about the exhibit.
- Korri Irraondo reported on Community Service. She has pillowcase kits, dog bed kits, and flannel/panels. Contact her if you'd like to work on any of these projects.
- Maxine Moore reported on UFOs. Some people were missing on list. Send corrected information to her directly. The 2021 UFO form is due **March 1**.
- Cindy Overton reported on the website. It is 85% done. When it gets to about 95% complete she will be comfortable to have it go live and make changes from there.
- Virtual Retreat: Will be held March 20-21 from 9:00-4:00. Uncertain if there will be a charge to participate. Participation will be completely flexible, from a few hours to attending both days.
- Presenter Cindy Grisdela was our January guest. She also led a workshop on Jan 31. Greta played a video showing the projects of the workshop attendees.
- Barbara Means presented on upcoming programs. The guild is having a “Leftover” Placemat Challenge”. The placemats will be donated to the Forsyth County Senior Services – Meals On Wheels. Placemats will be due in July. Details are in the newsletter. The upcoming Barn Quilt workshop registrations are due by Feb 5.
- Greta McDonough presented a Show and Tell slideshow.
- Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Nesler
CES Secretary



Join us for the first ever CES Virtual Retreat!

Begins Saturday, March 20 at 9:00 am

Ends Sunday, March 21 at 4:00 pm

Join us on Zoom!

Cost \$10/day or \$20 for both days

What's a virtual retreat?

It's 2 days of activities including sewing, games, quick lessons, door prizes, a make & take, snacks—and lots of conversation and sharing. Participate from the comfort of your own home sewing area.

All activities are *optional*. We'll send out the schedule ahead of time. You'll be able to plan your activities, then come and go as you like.

To sign up, please send your name and payment to Vicki either by:

Venmo – @CESGuildTreasurer – or mail a check to:

Vicki Evaristo
3025 Oakside Circle
Alpharetta, GA 30004

Please help us plan by registering early!

Registration and payment are **due no later than March 5th**.

If you have questions, please call—

Cindy (404-797-0700) or Korri (859-322-7511)

Announcements

Suzi Parron of Barn Quilts, Inc. will join us **Monday, March 1** to take us on a journey along the quilt trail. The journey begins with the very first barn quilt, which stemmed from Donna Sue Groves and her wish to honor her mother's quilting art. The presentation features over 100 stunning photographs of barn quilts, some of which rival cloth quilts in their intricacy. You'll hear stories of some of the individuals who painted quilt blocks to honor loved ones or their local culture, along with a few humorous anecdotes.



We have a new member! Introducing **Cathy Marbury** who lives in Alpharetta! **Welcome, Cathy!**

As a result of our quilt exhibit at the Alpharetta Arts Center, several people have indicated interest in our guild. What a great recruiting tool!

Please continue to invite guests to our monthly meetings. Remember to notify Barbara Means and me (*plus send us your guest's email address*). Barbara will need to email them an invitation to the Zoom meeting, and I'll reach out to them with guild information. Please help us explain our guest policy (attend 2 meetings free, then join our guild if desired). **We currently have 48 paid members for 2021!**

Nancy

Update from the *QUILTmania* blog:

The time has come to begin sending our **Solidarity Block projects** off to their new homes, where we hope they will give comfort to front-line workers and those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. But before we send them away, **we want to hear from you. Tell us where you think the quilts should be sent and why**, and we will review all submissions and send the quilts to a select few. Quilts are limited, so we will be sending them to places we believe they will have the most impact.

**Solidarity
Quilts**





Community Service News

A big thank you to our members who helped complete 65 pillowcases last month for *Ryan's Case for Smiles*. I'm sure they will bring smiles to the faces of the children who receive them! I have pillowcase kits, dog bed forms, and even some panels and flannel fabric for baby quilts, if anyone is in need of supplies to complete a charity project.



Remember, this year we're asking members to complete **2 placemats** from your stash —to be donated to the Forsyth County Meals on Wheels program. The program serves over 200 seniors who regularly receive meals delivered to their homes. I'm sure they'll be excited to receive a new placemat, hand-made just for them, on which to eat their dinner. For some of these seniors, especially during the pandemic, these deliveries may be the only regular contact they have with other people. So thank you in advance for helping to brighten the day of others in your community!

Thank you for all you do for community service!



Korri Iracondo



Awards Committee



Maxine Moore

The Awards Committee hands out those coveted beads adorning our members' name tags. Earn beads by showing off your work! Please share the projects you're working on with the guild. We all love Show and Tell! To get a bead for showing your completed work, make sure to let me know! We can't wait to see what you've been up to!

	Twin-size or larger quilt (Min. size: 280" perimeter)
	Any hand quilted item
	Wall, miniature, crib, lap quilt
	Garment—quilted
	Charitable quilt project
	Group quilt
	Miscellaneous



Attendance Prize

Congratulations to **Lin Christiansen, Greta McDonough, and Kathy Ciavarelli!** Each of them won a February meeting attendance prize.

To be entered for the drawing, you must be a paid CES member and be present at the time of drawing. Many thanks to those who generously donated prizes:

- **Artful Improv**, given by author and guest speaker, **Cindy Grisdela**
- 2 lovely Moda "Folklorique" charm packs from **Lene Neesbye-Hansen**
- 3 beautiful **QUILTmania** magazines



Patty Hambrick

BACK TO BASICS

Back to Basics Quilting Techniques *by Julie Stephens*

Snowflake Blocks



When you think about winter quilts, you *have* to think “snow”. For quite a bit of my childhood growing up in Florida, I only saw snow in photographs. Now, having lived in places with colder weather, I find that I love the look of falling snow.

Just as every snowflake is different, snowflake blocks come in so many different patterns. Snowflake blocks can incorporate appliqué, traditional piecing, and paper piecing techniques.



A method to obtain truly lacy snowflakes takes us back to memories from childhood. Remember when you created paper snowflakes? The first step is to fold a square piece of regular (or freezer) paper into a triangle, then fold it in half again, forming a smaller triangle. Fold that triangle further by dividing it into thirds. Cut your resulting folded paper using various cutting patterns, and gently unfold the paper into a snowflake. For a refresher, please google the instructions or find a YouTube video on how to make paper snowflakes.

Use the paper snowflake pattern to trace onto your favorite fusible; take the fusible with the traced pattern and iron it onto your fabric. Then, carefully cut along your tracing lines. If you use freezer paper, you can iron the freezer paper directly onto cotton or wool fabric and cut along the edges of the freezer paper. Now comes the fun part! Machine or hand appliqué your unique snowflake to a background, and you have a perfect snowflake block for your quilt project!



There are many traditional blocks that look like snowflakes—depending on color placement and the fabric textures used. An example is the traditional Feathered Star block (*left*). When you change fabric color, placement, and the background, you get variations that let you make many different snowflakes to use for a quilt project—or you can make the snowflakes all look the same!



So far, my favorite method for creating snowflake blocks is to use paper piecing to make intricate designs with lots of variation (*see an example at right*).

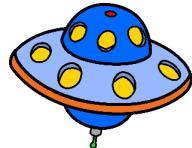
ENJOY THE SNOW AND MAKE A SNOWFLAKE QUILT!

I hope you get to the quilt exhibit and tell all of your friends to visit soon!





Chattahoochee Evening Stars 2021 UFO & NESTY Challenge



To join the UFO (UnFinished Objects) and NESTY (Not Even Started Yet) Challenge, enter the name or description of at least 4 unfinished quilts below.

Return this form to Maxine Moore (blanchflorr@aol.com) no later than **March 1, 2021**.

You may list as many projects as you like, but to be eligible for the UFO/NESTY award, you must complete 4 quilts by the January 2022 meeting. We will have a "Show and Tell" with the finished quilts at the January 2022 meeting. A photo of the completed UFO/ NESTY will serve as proof of your completed quilt.

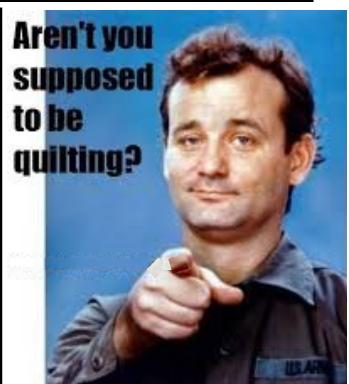
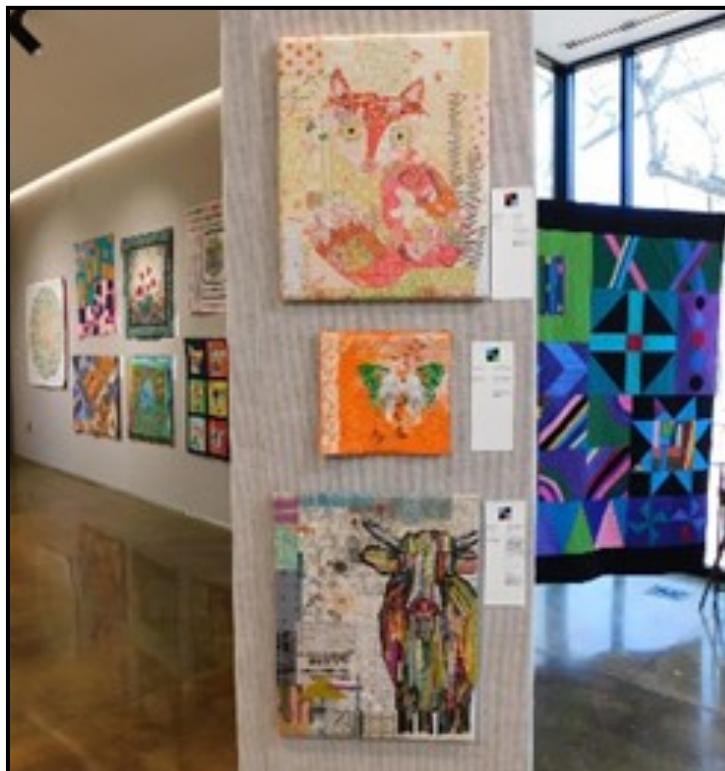
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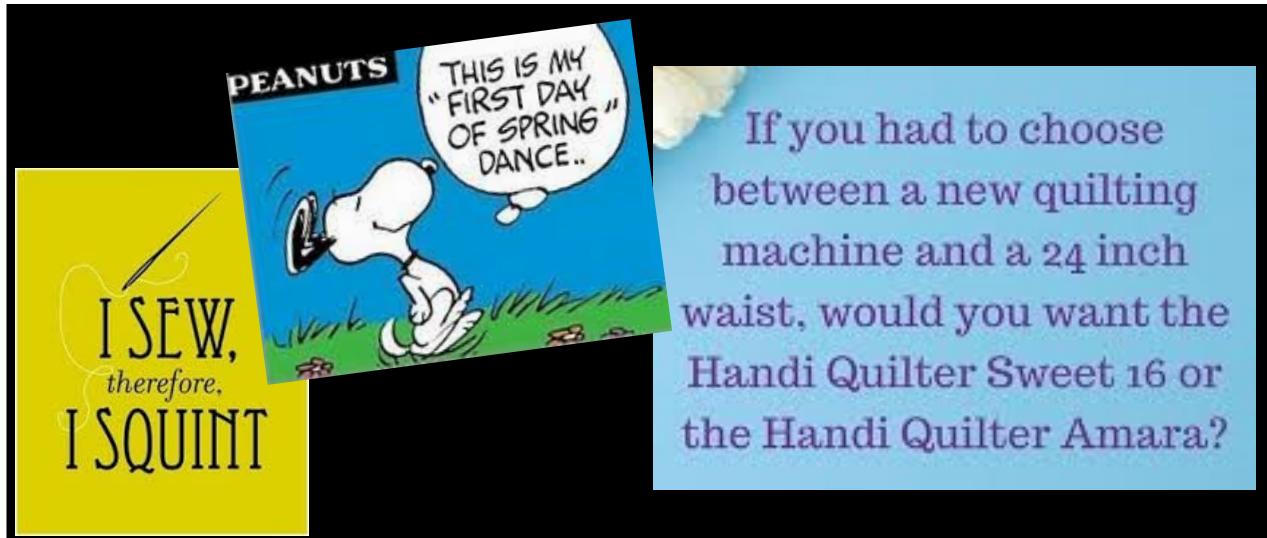
CES Quilt Exhibit

Alpharetta Arts Center



2021 Officers and Committee Chairs

President	Cindy Overton
Vice President	Korri Iracondo
Secretary	Kathy Nesler
Treasurer	Vicki Evaristo
Programs/Senior Center Liaisons	Barbara Means (2021, 2022)
	Leigh Ann Kloefkorn (2021, 2022)
Awards/UFO/Nesty	Maxine Moore
Holiday Party	Kathleen Hollingsworth
Challenge Quilt	Maxine Moore
Community Service	Korri Iracondo
Photographer	Crystal Larson
Membership/Marketing/Recruitment (MMR)	Nancy Hadley
New Member Greeter	Laura Palgon
Newsletter Editor	Gail Scogin
Back to Basics Article for Newsletter	Julie Stephens
Quick and Easy Demos	Maxine Moore
Refreshments	TBD
Sunshine	Kathleen Hollingsworth
Ways and Means	Patty Hambrick
Retreat Coordinators	Cindy Overton
	Karen Gornall
Website	Becky Windle
By Laws	Julie Stephens
Social Media	Kathy Nestler
	Becky Windle
Zoom Coordinator	Barbara Means





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Open Call: Art in Your Back Yard

What a perfect time to honor our backyards! With COVID research suggesting that outdoor gatherings are safer than indoor events, let's celebrate both the humble and the elegant backyards of our dreams. For their upcoming show, *Arts Alpharetta* is inviting all artists to consider submitting art pieces which pay tribute to that happy place, the backyard. Examples include, but are not limited to: photography, painting on varied surfaces, mosaics, garden decor, sculpture, folk art, all media suitable for back yard art welcomed.

Deadline for entries: **March 12, 2021**

Visit www.artsalpharetta.org for information.

Your creation from the CES Barn Quilt workshop will be an ideal item to enter in the show.

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Thank you! to everyone who contributed to this newsletter.

*For more information about the guild, please go to:
www.cesquiltguild.com*