

Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild

Monthly Newsletter

Behind the Seams

March 3, 2025

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Top of the morning, afternoon, and evening, quilters! We have now reached the month of March, *Sure and Begorrah!* We are starting to leave the cold weather behind us and looking forward to the promises of spring, just like the Irish immigrants looked forward to the promises of a new start in America.

If you do any research on the history of Irish quilts, it's thought that quilting and needlecrafts were introduced in Ireland by the English gentry in the 19th century. And where a lot of American quilts were made of scraps and necessity, so were the beginnings of Irish quilting. Traditional Irish quilts were simply the quilt top and back, quilted in a chevron or wave stitch, with no middle layer as wool or other such items used for batting would have been a luxury that would be needed for other uses.

However, once again, necessity and functionality didn't mean things couldn't be pretty! Scraps turned into beautiful patterns that are still cherished today - like the Irish chain and Celtic knots. This leads me to our speaker for March - Lori Dickman who will be giving us "*Speedy Solutions for Cutting & Organizing Your Scrap Stash!*"

Personally, I am truly looking forward to this program as I am always looking for help to tame my leftovers! And maybe, after I get them organized, I might just make a scrappy Irish chain! Until then,

Humbly yours,

Shannon



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAXINE MOORE, 25



HOT DATES AND DEADLINES



March 3 meeting:

- * Temperature Quilts Registration form. Form included in this newsletter.
- * First row of your Round Robin is due at the meeting.

March 4 - 8: Sewing and Quilt Expo
Duluth, GA

March 12: Community Sew

March 18: Quilting Bee

March 27 - 30: Quilt Retreat

April 7 meeting:

- * Bring in your Temperature Quilts.

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2025
Meeting Minutes

At 7:00 p.m. Vice President, Susan Tucker called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January's meeting. Chrystal motioned, Tanya seconded, and the motion passed.

Kelli Morley asked for anyone who is having issues receiving Guild emails to please let her know. Three names were mentioned including June Ristow, Kay Harper and Jan Marie Robertson. Kelli will work with Shannon to update the distribution list.

Membership: Twenty-nine members were present, one guest and one new member were introduced.

Awards/UFO/NESTY: Asked that whoever picked up their UFO award last month, to let Julie know.

Community: Betsy Malone recognized several members for making more than six Quilts for Kids in 2024, supporting the program with fabric, long-arming the quilts and making bags. Barbara Means recognized those making 25+ Ryan Cases for Smiles. Community Sew Day is 2/12 – second Wednesday – at Preston Ridge.

Greeter / Sunshine: Let Patty Hambrick know of anyone needing a sentiment.

Refreshment: Diane McClearen passed around a sign-up list and got great participation for the rest of the year.

Retreats: See Vicki Evaristo for details on the March retreat.

Tuesday Bee: February 18 at 6:00 at the Mansell House. Will be doing Mix & Mingle layouts.

Temperature Quilt Registration: so far only 11 people have submitted form to Tanya Berfield. There's still time for more entries. Note: a separate email was sent mid-month saying the display has moved out a month so you now have until April!

Round Robin Challenge: Susan Tucker reminded everyone that the first row is due at the March meeting to pass along within your group.

Vice President, Susan Tucker introduced the speaker, Meg Cox, from 'Behind the Scenes at the Greatest Quilt Museum in the World. Note: several members commented this was one of the best programs. Meg offered a 10% discount to the International Quilt Museum store and the link was communicated mid-

month.

The opportunity drawing was held.

Show & Tell

Meeting adjourned at 9:00ish.

Kelli Morley (Secretary)

MARCH PROGRAM

Lori Dickman Speedy Solutions for Cutting & Organizing Your Scrap Stash!

Quilters have a lot of fabric. Lori shares how she sorts and identifies value, and all her speedy methods of turning an unorganized stash of wrinkled fabrics into a beautifully organized stash of all your scraps stored by size and value or theme, ready to USE to create beautiful quilts! She has some great ideas for storage solutions. Lori will also demo 30 of her favorite Scrappy Quilts.



2025 CES Event Guide

For more information contact info@CESquiltguild.com

Second Wednesday Community Service – Preston Ridge Community Center, 3655 Preston Ridge Rd, Rm 203, Alpharetta
Tuesday Bee Group -- 6:00-8:00pm at The Mansell House, 1835 Old Milton Pkwy., Alpharetta, unless otherwise noted.

<p style="text-align: center;">January</p> <p>Jan 6, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm Business Updates Introduce 2025 Annual Guild Challenge & Programs Award Handouts for 2024 UFO/NESTYS Speaker: Jan Doyle “Quilts and the Underground Railroad”</p> <p>Jan. 8—Community Service Sewing Jan. 21--Tuesday Bee Group</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July</p> <p>Jul 7, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm Business Updates</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Community Service</p> <p>No Community Service Sewing Jul 15--Tuesday Bee Group</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">February</p> <p>Feb 3, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm Business Updates Speaker: Meg Cox “Behind the Scenes at the Greatest Quilt Museum in the World”</p> <p>Feb 12—Community Service Sewing Feb 18--Tuesday Bee Group</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August</p> <p>Aug 4, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm Business Updates Speaker: Diane Vandiver “Strip Quilt Secrets”</p> <p>August 9 Workshop: Diane Vandiver “Diamond Duet Table Runner” half day workshop</p> <p>Aug 13—Community Service Sewing Aug 19--Tuesday Bee Group</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <p>Mar 3, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm Business Updates Speaker: Lori Dickman “Speedy Solutions for Cutting & Organizing Your Scrap Stash!”</p> <p>Mar 12—Community Service Sewing Mar 18--Tuesday Bee Group</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September</p> <p>Sept 8, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm Business Updates</p> <p>Member Presentations “4th Annual Talking Quilts”</p> <p>Sep 10—Community Service Sewing Sept 16--Tuesday Bee Group</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">April</p> <p>Apr 7, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm Business Updates Temperature Quilts Display Speaker: Emma Powell “Managing Unfinished Projects”</p> <p>Apr 9—Community Service Sewing Apr 15--Tuesday Bee Group</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">October</p> <p>Oct 6, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm Business Updates Speaker Jaimie Davis “Baltimore Album Quilts” Arts Center Quilt Show 10/1 – 11/15</p> <p>Oct 8—Community Service Sewing Oct 21--Tuesday Bee Group</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">May</p> <p>May 5, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm Business Updates Speaker: Carol Stanek Trunk Show</p> <p>May 10 Workshop: Carol Stanek “Landscape Quilts”</p> <p>May 14—Community Service Sewing May 20--Tuesday Bee Group</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November</p> <p>Nov 3, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm Business Updates Guild Challenge Quilts 2026 Officers Budget Speaker Jane Hauprich: “How Do I Quilt This?”</p> <p>Nov 12—Community Service Sewing Nov 18--Tuesday Bee Group</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p>Jun 2, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm Business Updates Speaker: Paulina Roman “Wonderfil Thread”</p> <p>No Community Service Sewing Jun 17--Tuesday Bee Group</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December</p> <p>Dec 1, Guild Holiday Party</p> <p>No Community Service Sewing No Tuesday Bee Group</p>

CAROL STANEK WORKSHOP

MAY 10

\$30

KAREN ECKMEIER'S ACCIDENTAL LANDSCAPES - BEACHES

Create miniature Beach seascapes using Karen's "Layered Waves" technique. These little **Beach scenes are quick and easy to make, no templates, no fuss – just free form rotary cutting and topstitched edges.** The results are always a pleasant surprise. For additional texture, **learn how to embellish your little beach scene** with lace, yarns, and beads. Finished size: approx. 8" x 12" (not including borders).

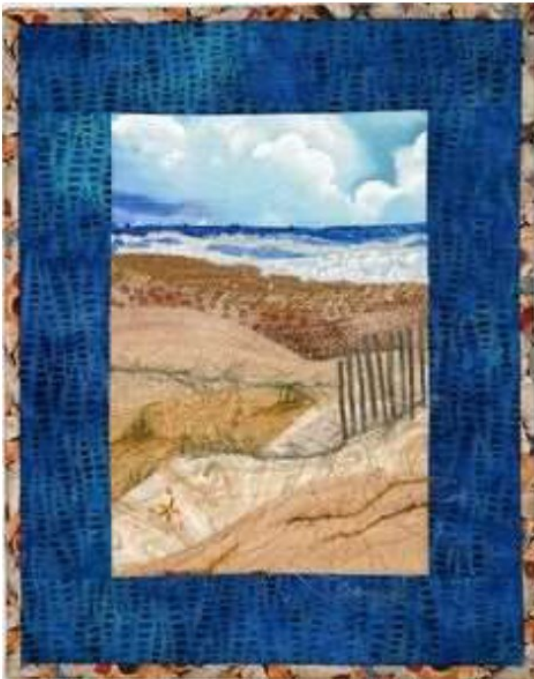
10:00 am to 3:00 pm ET

Preston Ridge Community Center

3655 Preston Ridge Road

Alpharetta, GA 30005

CREATE YOUR MASTERPIECE
AND DREAM OF SUMMER AT THE BEACH!



SIGN UP

Notify Susan Tucker
stsga2002@yahoo.com

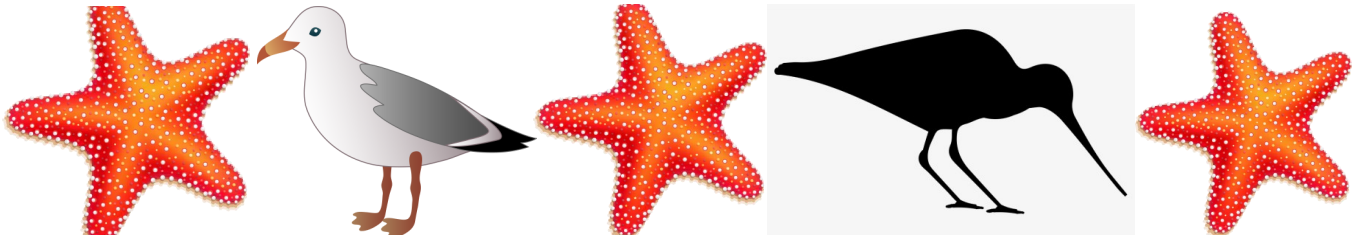
OR

678.725.5971

OR

sign-up sheets at the
March and April meetings.

Venmo \$30 to
@CESGuildTreasurer



ANNOUNCEMENTS



March: In like a lion, out like a lamb, bringing us Daylight Savings Time (Mar 9th) even before the first day of Spring (Mar 20th). There's Dr. Seuss Day, Ash Wednesday, Pi Day, St Patrick's Day, and National Quilting Day. There's also National Pig Day, National Old Stuff Day, National Oreo Cookie Day, National Napping Day, National Something on a Stick Day, and National Get Over It Day.

There's also the Tuesday Bee meeting, on March 18, at 6 pm at the Mansell House, 1835 Old Milton Parkway, Alpharetta. If you're doing the PhD Challenge, bring your project #6 to share. If you're not doing the challenge, come on anyway and join the fun.

If you miss the meeting, the project for April is #5 on your list.

Laura Kimball
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UFO/NESTY





Dear Guild Members:

For our new members, a **UFO** is an **Unfinished Fabric Object** and a **NESTY** is **Not Even Started Yet**. Choose at least four projects or more that you want to or need to complete in 2025 and record your list on the **2025 UFOs/NESTYs Sign Up Form**. Also, some hard copies will be available at the guild meetings. Please complete the form and give it to a committee member no later than the **March** guild meeting and/or send as an attachment to my email address at ju-lie@gandjstephens.com. Then as you complete your projects this year, bring them to guild for Show and Tell! We love to see your finished quilts and the stories that go with them.

Hope you finish lots of UFOs and NESTYs this year.

Julie Stephens and Lene Neesbye-Hansen

AWARDS COMMITTEE

	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 quilted bag or other quilted item

The Awards Committee gives 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 us know! We can't wait to see what you've been up to!

Lene Neesbye-Hansen and Julie Stephens

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to the folks at the Tuesday Bee for their expertise in the M&M layouts. We have two quilt tops stitched and two more in process. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Please bring your sewista buddies to a check out our guild. If you or your buddy has a stash issue, this month's speaker will shed light on the chaos. Guest are only \$5 and we are worth it. If you know of a member who has not paid his/her dues, please have him/her contact Kathy or Susan.

Kathy Baringhaus
Susan Waterman

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Temperature Quilt Exhibit Alpharetta City Hall Community Gallery

NEW INFO: Rods are required for your quilts, but if you don't have one, Tanya has some extras.

Guidelines:

- ◆ We will collect the quilts at the April 7 guild meeting and install at City Hall at a scheduled date. .
- ◆ **Quilts / items previously shown at the Alpharetta Arts Center or the City Hall Community Gallery will not be accepted. This restriction is a policy of the Alpharetta Arts Center.**
- ◆ Entrants must include hanging sleeve and rod for each quilt. The hanging rod must include your name, quilt name and phone number.
- ◆ Entrant must be a current member in good standing of CES.
- ◆ Insurance Value: Each item must have an insurance value in the unlikely event of a loss. A Certificate of Appraisal is required if the item is valued at \$1,000 or more.
- ◆ There must be a label on the back of the quilt containing the name of quilt, entrant's name, phone number, and email address. If the entry is not a quilt, an owner's label must be on the item in some fashion.
- ◆ Quilts / items must arrive in pillowcases containing the name of quilt / item, entrant's name, phone number, and email address.
- ◆ Hanging rod must be labeled with entrant's name.
- ◆ Drop-off for quilts will be at the April guild meeting - 4/7/2025.
- ◆ Pick-up will be at the Alpharetta Arts Center - TBD.

COMMUNITY SEW DAY

For 2025, CES will continue working with Quilts For Kids (quilts) and Ryan's Case For Smiles (pillowcases). The guild has been very generous over the years and both are worthy causes.

A 'community' sew day is scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month at the Preston Ridge Community Center. The next gathering is set for March 12, 10:00am to 3:00pm. You may do community service sewing OR you may sew on any project you wish. The room is well lit and has plenty of tables.

We may have an occasional demonstration or workshop project in addition to any community service project. Attendees do not have to be a CES member.

What to bring if you plan to attend: project, sewing machine, basic sewing items, lunch, drink and a friend! An iron, ironing board and cutting mat are provided. Quilt kits and pillowcase kits will be available.

If you have any questions, contact Barbara Means or Sonya Morgan.



Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Exhibit
Temperature Quilts Registration Form
April 7, 2025 Registration Deadline
Alpharetta Arts Center

Registration ID #: _____

Entrant Name	
Address	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
Email	
Phone	
Are you a current member?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Entry Name / Title **	
Insurance Value***	
Quilt Width in inches	
Quilt Length in inches	
What year was the item made?	
Temp Data Time Frame	
Temp Data Location*	
How to Interpret Data	
Is a hanging sleeve attached to the quilt?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Made by / Pieced by	
Quilted by	
Artist Statement -- Please enter information for the viewer (limited to 100 words). This will be displayed with your quilt / entry.	

*Data location – what location does the data represent, include GPS location if known

** Quilts / items previously shown at the Alpharetta Arts Center of the City Hall Community Gallery will not be accepted.

*** Each item must have an insurance value in the unlikely event of a loss. A Certificate of Appraisal is required if the item is valued at \$1,000 or more.

Please send to Tanya Berfield, (berfieldt@gmail.com), no later than April 7, 2025:

Completed form.

Photo of quilt / item



A Message From Our Founder

2025 is off to an amazing start and it's shaping up to be our most impactful year yet in supporting children and families. Our chapters are thriving, making sure that children in local hospitals receive fun pillowcases that remind them someone cares. The excitement is building as we approach the delivery of our 3 millionth pillowcase—it's truly incredible to think this milestone is within reach. I am continually amazed by the kindness and compassion of people around the world who generously share their time and talent.

We are in the final stages of adding a bereavement section to CopingSpace. While it's a difficult topic, it's a vital resource that has been sorely needed—one that doesn't currently exist in such a comprehensive form. Additionally, we've created a Spanish-language version of our sibling resources, which will be presented at an upcoming Ronald McDonald House workshop for caregivers.

Thank you for being part of the ripple that began with those first pillowcases for Ryan and has grown into an overwhelming tsunami of love.

Cindy
Founder/CEO



JoAnn Shaw Award

The JoAnn Shaw Award recognizes a chapter coordinator who has had an exceptional impact on our organization. For 2024, we are proud to honor Barbara Means of Atlanta, Georgia.

Barbara's journey with us began in August 2015, when she took the helm of the Atlanta chapter. Back then, the chapter was supported by a handful of quilt guilds delivering pillowcases to a small number of hospitals. Under Barbara's leadership, the chapter has grown tremendously—both in scope and impact. Today, it serves 14 hospitals across the state of Georgia and stands as a testament to her vision and dedication.

By the end of 2024, the Atlanta chapter reached a remarkable milestone: 80,536 pillowcases delivered. This extraordinary achievement highlights Barbara's ability to inspire and engage her community.

Barbara's heart for service is evident in every aspect of her work. She is constantly thinking of others, the children and families she serves, as well as the hundreds of volunteers who bring this mission to life. Barbara dedicates countless hours to visiting quilt guilds, religious groups, and service organizations, spreading awareness and encouraging involvement.

More than a leader, Barbara is a beacon of compassion, professionalism, and inspiration. Her unwavering commitment has transformed the Atlanta chapter into a powerhouse of generosity and kindness. Her accomplishments are truly unmatched, and her leadership has left an indelible mark on our organization.



“Off the Bed and Onto the Wall” Exhibit

Registration for entries is open. Not to be confused with the upcoming Temperature Quilt exhibit, we have a second opportunity to display our work at the Alpharetta Arts Center. Exhibit dates are October 1 to November 15. Please see the attached registration form for details. Registration deadline is August 15.

**October 1 – November 15, 2025
Alpharetta Arts Center**

Entry Guidelines:

Deadline for entries is August 15, 2025.

Quilts / items previously shown at the Alpharetta Arts Center, or the City Hall Community Gallery will not be accepted. This restriction is a policy of the Alpharetta Arts Center.

There is no limit on the number of entries, but every entry might not be chosen for the exhibit.

Maximum quilt width is 54 inches.

Category:

Garment (i.e. jackets, vests, coats)

Wall hanging (maximum width 54 inches)

Table covering (i.e. table runners)

CES Challenge (any year except 2020)

Other: Bags, bowls, 3D objects, framed pieces, postcards, etc.

Entrants must include hanging sleeve and rod for each quilt. The hanging rod must include your name, quilt name and phone number.

Entrant must be a current member in good standing of CES.

Insurance Value: Each item must have an insurance value in the unlikely event of a loss. A Certificate of Appraisal is required if the item is valued at \$1,000 or more.

There must be a label on the back of the quilt containing the name of quilt, entrant's name, phone number, and email address. If the entry is not a quilt, an owner's label must be on the item in some fashion.

Quilts / items must arrive in pillowcases containing the name of quilt / item, entrant's name, phone number, and email address.

Hanging rod must be labeled with entrant's name.

Drop-off will be at the Alpharetta Arts Center TBD.

Pick-up will be at the Alpharetta Arts Center TBD.

Items may be for sale, but CES will not coordinate the sale of quilts / items. The Alpharetta Arts Center coordinates the sale and earns 30% of the sales price.

The exhibit will not be judged; but a viewer's choice award will be given.



Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Exhibit
“Off the Bed and Onto the Wall”
October 1 – November 15, 2025
Alpharetta Arts Center
2025 Entry Form

DUE BY AUGUST 15

Entry ID #: _____

Entrant Name	
Address	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
Email	
Phone	
Are you a current member?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Entry Name / Title **	
Is this Quilt / Item for sale? See note below*	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, how much \$_____.
What year was the item made?	
Insurance Value***	
Quilt Width in inches	(max 54")
Quilt Length in inches	
Category	Wall Hanging <input type="checkbox"/> CES Challenge <input type="checkbox"/> Year _____ Garment <input type="checkbox"/> Table Covering <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Identify Other:
Is a hanging sleeve attached to the quilt?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Made by / Pieced by	
Quilted by	
Artist Statement -- Please enter information for the viewer (limited to 100 words). This will be displayed with your quilt / entry.	

* CES will not coordinate the sale of quilts / items. The Alpharetta Arts Center coordinates the sale and earns 30% of the sales price.

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Community Exhibits		

Updated 1/27/25

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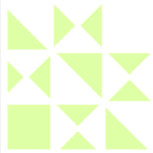
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Running Stitch

