

Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild



Behind the Seams

July 7, 2025

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Fellow quilters,

Do Good. That was the motto of my sorority and one I have always tried to live by. I will admit, however, that it's not always easy. Sometimes I just don't feel good, or someone is being rather difficult, or it's cold outside, or I could come up with any number of excuses. But you know what? Doing good is so easy when you have fabulous community service chairs that plan a meeting themed: *"Stitching Kindness Into Everyday Life."*

July 7th, come prepared for fun evening of community building – we'll be playing BINGO and participating in a postcard craft. The ladies have kindly listed everything you need to know to participate in this newsletter, so please read their post for more details.

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday the 7th, and want to thank Barbara Means, Sonya Morgan and Betsy Malone in advance for making Do Good so easy!

Humbly yours,

Shannon

BIRTHDAYS

Amy Walsh, 1

Cindy Overton, 5

Diane McLeran, 10

Louise Bruch, 12

Leigh Ann Kloefkorn, 14

Greta McDonough, 28

Kathy Baringhaus, 31

COMMUNITY SEW

We will be on vacation in June and July
but will be back sewing in August.



HOT DATES AND DEADLINES



July 7 meeting:

- * Bring in your ROW quilts and items for Bingo (see pg 2).
- * Sign up for August 9 class.

August 15:

- * Deadline for "Off the Bed, Onto the Wall" entries.

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2025

President Shannon Shipley called the meeting to order. She asked for a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Katie motioned, Chrystal seconded and the motion passed. The website password has been updated and Shannon will send in a separate email to current members.

Committee Reports

Membership: 58 current members.
One new member and one guest were welcomed.
~35 members attended in person.

Community: No separate community sew day because July's meeting will be Paying it Forward service project. Info will be in newsletter.

Greeter/Sunshine: Thinking about Patty Nolan.

Retreats: The next retreat will be 9/7–9/11.

Tuesday Bee: It's fun.

We have an official logo that should be used for communication and signage. It will be kept by the Secretary and Cathy Marbury will put on the Members Only section of the CES website.
The 2026 Grant is underway. We are applying again with the city of Alpharetta.

The Temperature Quilt Show is on display at the Alpharetta City Hall until June 20th. You can be there on the 20th to get your quilt or else Tanya will hold them.

We will have a booth at the July 5th Alpharetta Farmer's Market. Shannon asked for two volunteers to which Vickie and Kelli offered to join.

Susan announced a Save the Date for a Workshop on August 9th at Preston Ridge from 10:00-2:00. The project will be Diane Vandiver's Diamond Duet table runner. Look forward to seeing you.

The Arts Center Exhibit deadline is August 15th. Make sure rod width is as wide as the piece. Cathy's husband will assist with the eye hooks on the rods.

Susan introduced the Wonderfil Thread program. A separate email was sent afterwards with a discount link.

The opportunity drawing was held.

Show & Tell

Meeting adjourned at 9:00ish.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Join at the July 7th Meeting Community Service Day Stitching Kindness Into Everyday Life

As quilters, we know how little things can come together to make something beautiful. Kindness is like that too. A kind word, a handmade gift, or simply helping someone out—they may seem small, but they make a big difference.

This month, we're focusing on those everyday acts of kindness and how we can pay them forward. Like a quilt passed down through generations, kindness has a way of spreading warmth long after it's given.

At the meeting, we'll have a few fun ways to celebrate kindness—and each other.

What's Happening This Month:

BINGO is Back!

Bring 3 strips of Christmas fabric (2½" x width of fabric) for each bingo card you'd like to "purchase." The more strips you bring, the more cards you can play with!

If you forget your fabric, you can purchase 3 strips for \$1. But we'd love for you to bring some from your stash to help keep our tables colorful and creative.

Random Acts of Kindness Postcard Craft

We'll be making "quilted" postcards—no sewing machines needed. We'll provide the blank cards and some basic supplies. If you have buttons, glitter, fabric scraps, or any fun bits in your stash, please bring a few to share.

What to Bring:

- ♦ Christmas fabric strips (2½" x WOF)
- ♦ Small craft items for sharing
- ♦ Glue, glue sticks, scissors

Let's spread some kindness—one card, one strip, one smile at a time.

We can't wait to see you on
Monday, July 7th!



PROGRAMS

DIANE VANDIVER WORKSHOP

AUGUST 9

Diamond Duet Table Runner

\$40

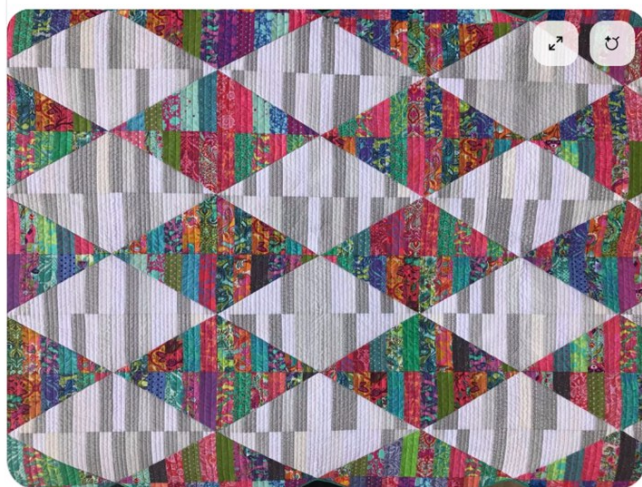
Grab a jelly roll and some fabrics from your stash for this fast and fun technique! Learn the secrets to sewing strip sets, accurate cutting and piecing steps that will result in this quilt that has a BIG impact. The workshop will cover a table runner version. Also discover how easy binding angles are to perfect! A 60 degree ruler is needed and pattern purchase is required.

SIGN UP

Notify Susan Tucker (stsga2002@yahoo.com OR 678.725.5971) OR sign-up sheets at the June, July, and August meetings. Venmo \$40 to @CESGuildTreasurer

Preston Ridge Community Center
3655 Preston Ridge Road
Alpharetta, GA 30005
10:00 am to 2:00 pm ET

More information to follow.



2025 CES Event Guide

For more information contact info@CESquiltguild.com

Second Wednesday Community Sewing – 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>January Jan 6, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm Business Updates Introduce 2025 Annual Guild Challenge & Programs Award Handouts for 2024 UFO/NESTY's Speaker: Jan Doyle "Quilts and the Underground Railroad"</p> <p>Jan. 8—Community Sewing Jan. 21--Tuesday Bee Group</p>	<p>July Jul 7, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm Business Updates</p> <p>No Community Sewing Jul 15--Tuesday Bee Group</p>
<p>February 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 Sewing Feb 18--Tuesday Bee Group</p>	<p>August 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 Sewing Aug 19--Tuesday Bee Group</p>
<p>March 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 Sewing Mar 18--Tuesday Bee Group</p>	<p>September Sept 8, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm Business Updates</p> <p>Member Presentations "4th Annual Talking Quilts"</p> <p>Sep 4 - 7—Retreat Sep 10—Community Sewing Sep 16--Tuesday Bee Group</p>
<p>April Apr 7, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm Business Updates Temperature Quilts Display Speaker: Emma Powell "Managing Unfinished Projects"</p> <p>Apr 9—Community Sewing Apr 15--Tuesday Bee Group</p>	<p>October 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 Sewing Oct 21--Tuesday Bee Group</p>
<p>May May 5, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm Business Updates Speaker: Carol Stanek Trunk Show</p> <p>May 14—Community Sewing May 20--Tuesday Bee Group</p>	<p>November 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 Sewing Nov 18--Tuesday Bee Group</p>
<p>June Jun 2, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm Business Updates Speaker: Paulina Roman "Wonderfil Thread"</p> <p>No Community Sewing Jun 17--Tuesday Bee Group</p>	<p>December Dec 1, Guild Holiday Party</p> <p>Dec 10—Community Sewing No Tuesday Bee Group</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ HELP WANTED ~

- **Job Title:** M&M co-conspirator
- **Summary of the Role:** To make new friends and bring M&M (Mix & Mingle) back in 2026
- **Number of Openings:** Two or more
- **Duties and Responsibilities:** To plan, organize and develop the 2026 round of M&M. We are looking for at least two individuals with who want to help cultivate friendships within CES, while creating charity quilts.
- **Requirements:** Creativity, enthusiasm, color sense and desire to make new friendships.
- **Commitment:** Meetings occur monthly at your local coffee house (unless we want to meet more frequently).
- **Submit applications to:**
 - ♦ Kathy Baringhaus, 770-891-1555, kbaringhaus@bellsouth.net
 - ♦ Susan Waterman, 925-876-1991, h2obabys@pacbell.net
- **Payscale:** M&Ms, quantity based on experience and participation
- **Growth Potential:** The only limitation is your imagination
 - ~ If no applications arrive by 8/1/2025, we will invite members to be co-conspirators at random ~



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE

We are looking forward to the CES members joining us for our annual Holiday Party. It will take place in lieu of the December meeting.

Mark your calendars:

Date: Dec 1 at 6:00

Location: Ippolito's, 12850 Alpharetta Highway in Windward Commons

What to bring: One wrapped gift, valued around \$15, for a gift exchange

Details with menu and pricing to follow

We hope YOU will join us!








Your Party Crew:

Kathleen Hollingsworth

Holly Lightfoot

Cindy Overton

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



QUILTING BEE



Did you know that on July 1, 1946, the first public test of a nuclear bomb took place, at Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands? On July 5, French designer Louis Reard introduced "le bikini", which was so skimpy by the day's standards that he had to hire a nude dancer to model it for him. It wasn't until the 1960's that bikinis entered the mainstream in the US — remember the song "Itsy, Bitsy, Teenie, Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini"? Will you celebrate National Bikini Day on July 5?

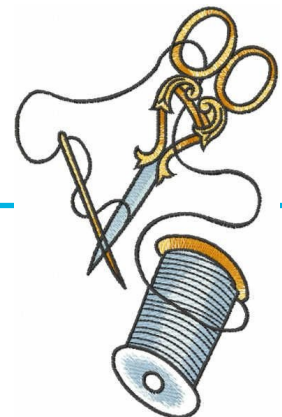
On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon. Did you watch it on TV? Remember "one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind."? Celebrate National Moon Day on the 20th.

July 25 is National Thread the Needle Day. We all know and love the literal meaning of that phrase, but did you know that it can also be a metaphor for treading the path between two opposing views in politics? It's also a type of shot in billiards, a pose in yoga, and a sports metaphor for a tight space through which to move the ball.

The Tuesday Bee will meet on July 15 at the Mansell House, 1835 Old Milton Parkway, Alpharetta, beginning at 6 pm. It will definitely be the Dog Days of Summer, but come and join us for a cool drink and a sugar cookie (National Day July 9). You may wear your bikini if you like. Or your spacesuit. Just come on and join us!

If you are participating in the PhD Challenge, the project for for July is #8 on your list. If you must miss the meeting, the project for August will be #9.

Laura Kimball
lkimball50@gmail.com
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CES FALL RETREAT

Come and join your fellow quilters at the Fall Retreat.

The Scoop

Sept 4 – 7
Thursday afternoon through Sunday noon
Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center
720 FFA FHA Camp Road
Covington, GA 30014
Shared room \$280 each
Single room \$360
Includes dinner Thursday through Sunday breakfast

Accommodations

We have reservations for the Pulliam cottage. It has 14 hotel rooms, each with individual air conditioning and telephones. All rooms have separate restrooms and linens provided. One room is handicap accessible. The cabin also has a small conference room with a refrigerator, sink, and a conference table for 8 to 10 people.

If you stayed at the log cabin rooms before, this a great upgrade!



What Happens at Quilt Retreat, Stays at Quilt Retreat!

*Or Not
Spring 2025 Retreat*



Kay and Vicki – Ask Vicki to do the Electric Squirrel!



Patty is working on quilts for the kiddo's



Genny and her work in progress



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Community Exhibits		

Updated 1/27/25



Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Exhibit
“Off the Bed and Onto the Wall”
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.

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2025 Entry Form

Entry ID #: _____

Entrant Name	
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 \$____.
Pattern	
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.	

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Please send to Barbara Means, (barbarameans@comcast.net), the following no later than August 15, 2025:

Completed form.

SHOW AND TELL



CLASSIFIEDS

As a membership benefit, members may advertise here at no charge and are welcome to use a space up to 3" X 5". Non-members may advertise their craft-related business for a fee of \$75/year.

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