

Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild



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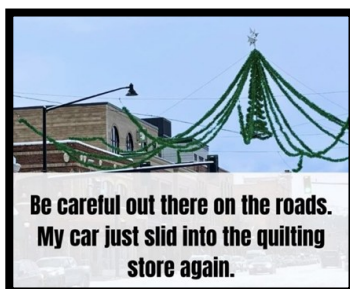
Hello Fellow Quilters!

As I write this, the day the weathermen have been warning us, repeatedly, has arrived. I'm assuming you're doing or have already done what I spent my morning do – reviewing my ice storm preparations. I can't help but hope that we don't lose power and we can all enjoy a quiet day sewing inside while the temperature and ice fall outside!

This month's program, Andrea Barrett, will talk about working in a series and working with constraints. In my job, we're always talking about constraints; too little time, too few resources. As creative quilters, we should be constrained only by what our minds and our fingers can create. I consider myself constrained by a lot of creativity. I'm certainly not as creative as some of you. But I'm certainly not constrained by lack of fabric (if you've seen my stash!) or UFOs. I am, however, currently constrained by time and access. Most of my sewing is still packed and I should be spending my time unpacking. We each have constraints that it's up to us to work around. I just hope lack of power won't be one of them!

Take care, stay warm, and enjoy creating a warm quilt this cold winter.

Susan Tucker
President



BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Ciaverelli, 17
Holly Lightfoot, 17
Madelyn Recesso, 22
Cathy Marbury, 23
Ben Hollingsworth, 215



HOT DATES AND DEADLINES



**February 2 meeting -
Wear Your Nametag**

**Fill out the YLI survey
(check your e-mail)**

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Susan Tucker at 7:00pm with a welcome and wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

Call for motion to approve December meeting Minutes
Motion made by Crystal Larson and Seconded by Shannon Shipley; Motion passed.

Welcome to East Cobb Quilt Guild visiting to sell tickets for their raffle quilt. Raffle tickets available until May 30th, 2026. Tickets are 6 for \$5 or \$1 each, and can be purchased online on the guild website: <https://ecqg.com>.

Rotation for snacks and ways & means (monthly raffle).
Still looking for more volunteers.

YLI Threads Survey / GC's presented by Kathy Baringhaus and Susan Waterman. Members agreed they would be willing to participate in the survey, which relies on a minimum 50% response rate of total guild membership. YLI Threads awards Guild Support Program for the guild. Expect to see further details in upcoming emails.

Committee Chair Announcements:

Community Service

Betsy Malone thanked the guild again for the donations made to benefit North Fulton Community Charities food bank just before the holidays.

Barbara Means shared the Thank You letter sent from the Ronald McDonald house for the guild donations, as well as the total for the 2025 Ryan's Case for Smiles – 7600 pillowcases! Any spare quart sized bags for pillowcases are always appreciated.

Wednesday Charity Sew Day on Jan 14th at the Preston Ridge Community Center. 10:00-3:30 on the 2nd Wednesday; Kits are available! Come sew or say Hi!

Awards/UFO/NESTY – Julie Stephens gave out awards for the accomplishments of our members in 2025. 2026 has started – sign ups sheets are available.

Challenge Quilt

Yuki Nakamoto presented the block unit for the 2026 Challenge Quilt: a half-snowball square commonly used as the foundation of X and O blocks. Tops should be ready to show for the January 2027 meeting.

Membership/Marketing/Recruitment - Kathy Baringhaus & Susan Waterman: 37 returning members in attendance, plus 2 new members – Welcome to Colleen and Teresia!

Other announcements:

Laura Kimbell announced the date for the next Tuesday Bee Jan 20th, 6:00pm at the Mansell House
Call for PHD projects for the 2026 Tuesday Bee. Check your emails!

Nancy Hadley and Genny Gallagher are chairing the 2027 Programs and will be looking for ideas from members.

2026 Programs Announcement – Lene Neesbye-Hansen
The March program will feature a Workshop the day before the meeting. Held at the Adult Activity Center on Sunday, March 1st. Cost is \$55 + \$7 for lunch, payable by Cash or Venmo.

Program Feature – The "Sewing Room Declutter Challenge" by Karen Brown of Just Get It Done Quilts
Presented by Lene and Barbara along with a handout resource package.

The Opportunity Prize Drawing was presented by Katie Gates on behalf of Patty Nolan.

Show and Tell well attended, and showcased the lovely work from the 2025 Round Robin Challenge.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00ish

Lindsey Carboneau
Secretary

SEWING RETREAT

It's time for the CES spring retreat!
Come and join the festivities.

The Details:

March 26 to 29. Arrive Thursday afternoon and depart Sunday by noon.

FFA Camp in Covington (Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center)

Cost is \$280 double or \$390 single
All food is included.

Sign up sheet available at the
Feb and March meetings.

Bring your own projects and enjoy the sewing!

QUILT HAPPENINGS

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APRIL 9 - 12, 2026

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Jasper, GA 30143

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Bus Trip to the Paducah Quilt Show!

April 23-26
\$485

Price includes transportation, 3 nights
hotel accommodations, 2 days show ticket.

Space is limited. \$100 deposit reserves
your seat on the bus.

Deposit is non-refundable but transferable.

Payments can be made at your
convenience.

Balance is due March 20, 2026.

For more information or to reserve your
seat on the bus, please contact Dana Brue
@706-601-0235.

Reserve your seat today!

**I CONFIRMED W/ DANA BRUE:
SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE
ABLE TO TAKE 10 - 12 MORE**



EAST COBB QUILTERS GUILD MATRIOTISM

Celebrating 250 Years of Inspirational American Women Through Quilts

The members of the East Cobb Quilters' Guild hail from around the greater Atlanta area and gather to enjoy educational programs, share quilting information and nurture friendships old and new. Members share a passion for the quilting arts and are dedicated to the mission of the Guild: to promote and advance the art of quilting and to foster community goodwill. Membership is open to anyone interested in quilting.

Each year, the Guild sponsors a quilt challenge. In 2025, the theme was "Matriotism – Celebrating 250 Years of Inspirational American Women Through Quilts". As the nation commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, it's important to recognize the women who have shaped our nation, many of whose contributions have been overlooked or overshadowed.

Members researched and designed their original works, with these challenge rules:

- ◆ The quilt must celebrate an inspirational American woman (or group of women) who made an impact on our country over the last 250 years.
- ◆ The piece must have three layers – top, batting, and backing.
- ◆ The perimeter of the quilt must be between 80 and 180 inches.
- ◆ The quilt must have been made between January and October 2025.
- ◆ The resulting quilts celebrate women of all backgrounds, whose achievements in the arts, government, science, social and community service, and family life have shaped our nation.

ECQG has arranged for the Matriotism quilts to be exhibited at eight venues around Georgia in 2026 and 2027. Note: The exhibits at each location will vary and may not include all the Matriotism quilts due to space limitations. The first venue is the Atlanta History Center in Buckhead: 130 West Paces Ferry Rd NW, Atlanta. Quilts will be on display from January 10 to March 29 at this location.

Chattahoochee Evening Stars members who entered the Matriotism Quilt Challenge and will have their entry shown in various locations are below.

To see **all** the entries, please go to [Matriotism - East Cobb Quilters' Guild](http://www.ecqg.com/matriotism). www.ecqg.com/matriotism. Due to space constraints, not all of the 62 quilts will be shown at each location. Each location will choose which entry to display.



Honoring Christa
McAuliffe
Ben Hollingsworth



LTC. Charity Adams Earley
Kathleen Hollingsworth



The Long Journey West
Leigh Ann Kloefkorn



Harriet Tubman
Holly Lightfoot

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MEMBERSHIP

We're planning exciting things for the members of CES. To join in on the fun, be sure to renew your membership. Dues are \$50 per year. Cash, Venmo and checks all work.

At the next meeting we are starting a new charity project. If you can take 2 - 5" squares of fabric and turn them into 2 half square triangles, you can participate. See Kathleen Hollingsworth for details.

M & M (Mix and Mingle) is also starting in February. This will be a great opportunity to share part of your quilting story with another member.

Finally Gretchen Conboy is membership's Ambassador to all you quilt store Ambassadors. We still have stores without Ambassadors so see Gretchen if you can help. She has extra bookmarks should your store need to be resupplied.

Susan and Kathy

GUILD WEBSITE

The guild website www.cesquiltguild.com is being updated with this year's events. All meeting dates and speakers are now listed with more details being added soon. Bee dates are also listed.

Did you know our website has the following:

Member contact information- this is a password protected area. Current members contact Cathy Marbury at cjmarbury@gmail.com if you need the password.

Resources- speaker names and websites from past meetings are listed for your reference

Dates and program information for monthly meetings, workshops and retreats.



HELP NEEDED

I was told by Thread Bare in Cumming that Chattahoochee Evening Stars could most likely help me with a quilt I started and can't finish. I'm 76 years old, own a travel agency with my daughter (so I'm still working) and I take care of my husband at home. He is not physically well and has the beginning stages of dementia and is under hospice home care. So, at this stage of life, my time isn't mine anymore.

I started a Memory Quilt for each of my two grandchildren 15 - 20 years ago. I've worked on them off and on for years, but I now know I will never finish them. I don't want to leave this earth with those quilts still in pieces.

So, I'm looking for someone I can hire to finish these quilts for me. I had no idea it would be so difficult to find that person.

Is this something someone in your quilting guild could do?

This is my contact email, and my phone number is 678-575-3721. Linda Frazier and I live in Milton.

I would love to talk with someone about their prices and everything else I need to know to get the process started and finished.

DESTASH CHALLENGE FOR 2026

For those of you who were able to join us for the January meeting, you already know that for the first time, we are going to have a theme for the year. This is meant to be a fun and completely voluntary activity. The theme is to **Declutter your stash: Keep the best, Finish what you love and Share the rest.** Look on the website for a write-up based on Karen Brown's 2026 Declutter Challenge for a detailed plan with tips and tricks for getting your space ready for the new year.

As part of the theme we are going to have several sideline challenges. Our first challenge is for the month of March meeting. Submit a list of all the projects you currently have on your "Project Runway". You should at a minimum have any of the following for the project - pattern, fabric, specialized tool. So, basically something that is more than just an idea in your head. High number earns the prize.

Barb and Lene

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REFRESHMENTS FOR 2026

Thank you to everyone that volunteered for refreshments this year! An email will be sent the week before the meeting you are scheduled for to remind you. If you didn't get a chance to sign up, reach out to one of the people listed below and volunteer to help. Thanks again!

Toni & Shannon

MONTH	NAME
February	Toni Dasher & Shannon Shipley
March	Cindy Overton
April	Korri Iracondo & Cathy Marbury
May	Vicki Evaristo & Teresia Dean
June	Susan Yanevich
July	Ben & Kathleen Hollingsworth
August	Gretchen Conboy
September	Colleen Harris
October	Crystal Larson & Susan Tucker
November	Tanya Berfield & Barbara Means

QUILTING BEE

The February meeting of the CES Tuesday evening Bee will be brought to you by the color PINK.

What Is Pink?

Pink is the color of a rose.
They come in other colors
But everyone knows
Pink is the mother-color of a rose.....
Pink is the beautiful
Little sister of red
My teacher said,
And a ribbon to tie
Round your head.

-Mary O'Neill, Hailstones and Halibut Bones, copyright 1961

The CES Tuesday Evening Bee will meet on February 17 at 6 pm at the Mansell House, 1835 Old Milton Parkway, Alpharetta. The project for PhD Challenge Project for the month is #2 on your list. If you're not interested in the PhD Challenge, you are still most welcome to join us and celebrate all things PINK.

If you miss the meeting, the PhD Challenge project for March is #3 on your list.

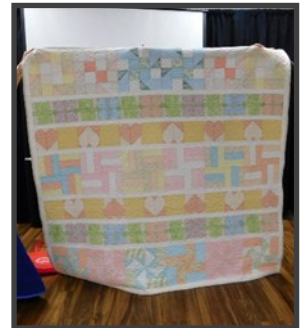
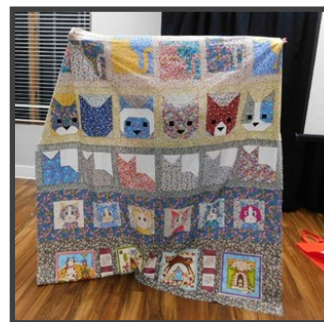
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2026 CHALLENGE QUILT

Yuki has a couple of these patterns available if needed.



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From the Program Corner

March lecture and workshop

Elaine Poplin also known as the Messy Goat (www.messygoat.com or @messygoat_elaine on Instagram) will be our first out of town lecture with a workshop in March. Our meeting is on Monday, March 2nd, and the workshop will be held the preceding Sunday, March 1st, starting at 9:00 and going until around 4:00 with a break for lunch. Elaine is well known for her quirky freeform letter quilts. And that is the workshop that she will be teaching on Sunday. If you are interested in taking the workshop or have any questions, please contact me at Ineesbye@gmail.com and I'll get you added to the workshop list. The price is \$55 for the workshop with \$7 for option lunch (sandwich, chips and soda). You can pay either with a check at the next meeting or via mail or with Venmo to @CESGuildTreasurer. The workshop will be held at the Alpharetta Adult Activity Center where we usually meet.






2027 PROGRAMS

From 2027 Programming chairs Nancy Hadley and Genny Gallagher: Please think about program topics you would like to see in 2027. We will be distributing a questionnaire for you to complete at the next meeting.

Your input is important to guide our planning for 2027. Thank you.

Genny and Nancy

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



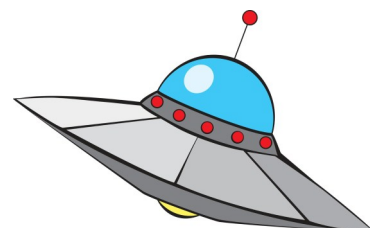
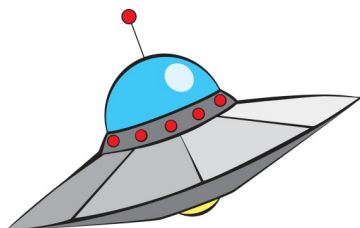
UFO and NESTY

FOR 2026

The UFO (unfinished fabric objects) and NESTY (not even started yet) challenge is back by popular demand in 2026. We will start sign-ups at the January meeting. Please enter the name and description of the projects you plan to complete in 2026. You must list at least four quilts/quilted garments, but you may list more than that. To complete the challenge, you must finish four of the listed quilts by the end of 2026. Please be sure to mark "UFO" on the sign in/log sheet at the back table if you show your quilt at show and tell. If you cannot show it, please email the program coordinator (Leigh Ann Kloefkorn - lark1953@hotmail.com) to let her know what you have completed. The completed forms are due no later than March 2, 2026. They may be emailed to Leigh Ann, or hard copies may be turned in at the March meeting. This is great incentive to pull out your past projects and decide if you are still interested in finishing them. (Maybe some need to find a new home....)

The sign-up sheet is in the newsletter and can also be picked up at the February meeting. Happy quilting!

Leigh Ann Kloefkorn--lark1953@hotmail.com



Chattahoochee Evening Stars

2026 UFO/NESTY Challenge

To join the UFO (unfinished fabric objects) and NESTY (not even started yet) challenge, enter the name or description of projects you plan to complete this year. You must list at least 4 quilts/projects, but you may list more than that. To complete the challenge, you must finish 4 quilts by the end of 2026. Please be sure to mark “UFO” on the sign in sheet if you show your quilt at show and tell. If you cannot show it, please email the program coordinators to let them know what you have completed. Please return the completed form no later than the March meeting.

Leigh Ann Kloefkorn lark1953@hotmail.com

Name: _____

Email: _____

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