

Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild



Behind the Seams

January 5, 2026

Volume 29 Issue 1

Hello Fellow Quilters!

It's a new year and we have an opportunity for change in the new year. Last year, I bought a house (first time NOT as a "co-owner" but entirely on my own). It was a scary thing, but I'm loving it despite all the cardboard boxes!

We have a new board and a new year. We're going to have new programs and do things differently than prior years, as we do every year. I personally will need help with everyone's names. So, if I look at you and totally draw a blank on your name, help me out, please! Since I'm terrible with names, now would be an excellent time to remember to wear your name tag, just saying.

I challenge each of us to do just one thing this year that you have been wanting to do but just haven't found the time or courage to try. Change your routine. If you've always pieced your quilts, try an applique block. If you stay in one color family, take a walk on the wild side and pick some fabric totally outside what you would normally do. If you've never been to the retreat, sign up this month and come with us and enjoy the fun.

Give some thought and make an agreement with yourself to take a risk and try just one change this year. And see you at the retreat in March!

Susan



BIRTHDAYS

Patty Nolen, 11

Valerie Stickles, 17

Genny Gallagher, 21

Susan Waterman, 29



HOT DATES AND DEADLINES



January 5, Bring your Row by Row quilts (quilted or just the top)

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

WEAR YOUR NAMETAG



CES Holiday Party



LARGE BASKET

- * Laurel Burch Gnome Pillow w/ Christmas Fabric
- * Christmas Tree Cookie Jar
- * 9 Yards of Fabric - Jewel Tone Brights
- * Large Bottle of Best Press
- * Bag of Candy
- * Frixion Pen
- * Sewing Machine Needles
- * Clips Pattern
- * Pin Cushion
- * Life is Short Buy the Fabric Bag
- * Tape Measure
- * 2 Packages of "Thangs"

MEDIUM BASKET Number 2

- * Quilt Puzzle
- * 9 Yards Batik Fabric (approximately)
- * Pin Cushion
- * Frixion Pen
- * Sewing Machine Needles
- * Large Bottle of Best Press
- * Pattern
- * Life is Short, Buy the Fabric - Bag
- * Bag of Candy
- * Kleenex - "Chase Your Dreams"
- * Two Packages of "Thangs"

MEDIUM BASKET Basket 3

- * 9.5" Square Ruler
- * 6 Yards of Bright Fabric (Approx.)
- * Large Bottle of Best Press
- * Life is Short Buy, the Fabric - Bag Full of little Surprises
- * 2 Packages of -"Thangs"
- * Add a Quarter Ruler
- * Pin Cushion
- * Bag of Candy
- * 2 Patterns
- * Kleenex - Chase Your Dreams
- * Box of Pins

Meeting Minutes

Due to the Holiday party, the business meeting was short.

Meeting was called to order by President Shannon Shipley. A motion was made by Crystal Larson to approve the November meeting minutes and was seconded by Nancy Hadley. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Nancy Hadley to donate \$1,000 from the guild to North Fulton Charities to help struggling families. The motion was seconded by Katie Gates and the motion passed.

Shannon thanked everyone for a great year, thanked Cindy Overton, Kathleen Hollingsworth and Holly Lightfoot for all their hard work to arrange the Holiday party, and wished everyone a great holiday season. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

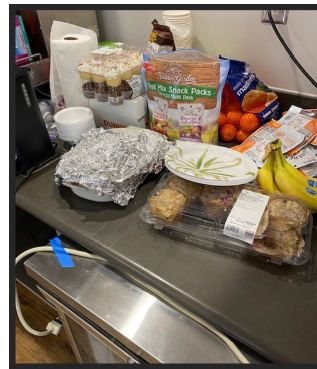
Shannon Shipley for Kelly Morley

SEWING RETREAT

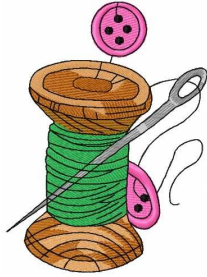
It's that time of year again! No, not the holidays. It's retreat time!

The spring retreat will be March 26 to 29 at the FFA center in Conyers. Come and join the group for some quilting, some shopping, some snacking, and a whole lot of talking!

There will be a sign up sheet at the January meeting.



QUILT HAPPENINGS



**THE FLYING
GEES**
GATHER • CREATE • BELONG

QUILT RETREAT
APRIL 9 - 12, 2026

Camp Grandview
32 Camp Grandview Circle
Jasper, GA 30143

www.theflyinggeese.com

jacob@theflyinggeese.com | 770-549-9670



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!



Spirited Quilters Guild Holiday Quilt Exhibition

November 24 – December 30, 2025

Join us for this FREE exhibition of
fiber art featuring over 15 Holiday
themed quilts demonstrating a
variety of materials, techniques,
patterns, and content created by
members of the Spirited Quilters
Guild.



When: November 24 – December 30. Open to the
public between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday –
Friday (except holidays). Open by appointment after
hours and weekends or to arrange a private function,
contact Stephanie Newton at 678-628-8793 or
stephanie.newton@norcrossga.net.

Where: Norcross Welcome Center & Museum, 17
College Street, Norcross.

To learn more about the Spirited Quilters Guild:
<https://spiritedquiltersguild.com/>

If you have any questions, please contact the Exhibition
organizer, Linda DeMaris, at
414QuiltsnMore@gmail.com.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP

It's renewal time! Join CES for 2026 for only \$50. Cash, check and Venmo (@CESGuildTreasurer) accepted. Stop at the membership table to renew and verify your information.

Kathy and Susan



COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE

The donations for Ronald McDonald House were delivered. A big THANK YOU to CES members who made donations to such a worthy cause.



Comunity Service

In December I was proud to take checks totaling \$1185.00 plus groceries to the food pantry at North Fulton Community Charities. The amount of money collected included \$1,000.00 from the CES treasury that was unanimously approved by our membership at the holiday party. Many thanks to everyone who made a donation and brightened the holidays for someone in need.

- Betsy Malone

GUILD WEBSITE

The guild website www.cesquiltguild.com is being updated with next 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


Got the munchies? Snack Volunteers needed for guild meetings

Volunteers are needed to provide snacks for our monthly guild meetings, March through November. If you and a friend(s) would like to bring a light snack to our monthly meeting, please reach out to Toni Dasher, (toni.dasher@att.net) or Shannon Shipley (jlssws@gmail.com) and we will fill you in on the details.

We will be sending around a sign-up sheet during our January meeting, so feel free to choose whichever month works best for you. A simple snack, perhaps one salty and one sweet, is all we need but you may bring whatever you like and decorate around a theme for the month if you want to. Beverages other than water are also welcome but not a necessity as we will always have little waters available. Setup is 6:00p - 6:15p and one of us will be available to assist if you need it. Paper products and utensils are always provided. Currently all months are open. Please consider volunteering to help. Thank you!



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

2026

UFO and NESTY



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 me to let me 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 January meeting. Happy quilting!

Leigh Ann Kloefkorn--lark1953@hotmail.com

CES 2026 Officers and Committee Chairs

Executive Board

President	Susan Tucker	stsga2002@yahoo.com
Vice President	Kern Schwartz	kernschwartz@gmail.com
Secretary	Lindsey Carboneau	lmcarboneau@gmail.com
Treasurer	Kelli Morley	kellijmorley@gmail.com
2026 Programs / AAC Liaison	Lene Neesbye-Hansen	lneesbye@gmail.com

Executive Committee Chairs

2027 Programs / AAC Liaisons	Nancy Hadley Genny Gallagher	nehadley1949@gmail.com gallagher259@comcast.net
Awards/UFO/NESTY	Leigh Ann Kloefkorn	lark1953@hotmail.com
2026 Challenge Quilt	Yuki Nakamoto	z_nakamoto@yahoo.com
Community Exhibits	Lindsey Carboneau	lmcarboneau@gmail.com
Community Service	Sonya Morgan	sonimorgan@aol.com
Holiday Party	Cindy Overton Kathleen Hollingsworth	choverton@gmail.com hairforum1@gmail.com
MMR / New Member	Kathy Baringhaus Susan Waterman	kbaringhaus@bellsouth.net h2obabys@pacbell.net
Greeter / Sunshine	Patty Hambrick	patricialhambrick@gmail.com
Newsletter Editor	Holly Lightfoot	lightfoot.ilex@yahoo.com
Nominating	Kern Schwartz	kernschwartz@gmail.com
Photographer	Crystal Larson	shadowjack@darknatures.com
Refreshments	Toni Dasher Shannon Shipley	toni.dasher@att.net jlssws@gmail.com
Retreats	Vicki Evaristo	fpevle@comcast.net
Tuesday Bee Coordinator	Patty Nolen	Patty3963@yahoo.com
Ways & Means	<i>Monthly rotation</i>	
Website & Social Media	Cathy Marbury (Website) Jacob Granados	cjmarbury@gmail.com jacobjgranados@gmail.com
Virtual Technology	Jacob Granados	jacobjgranados@gmail.com

Thanks to all who attended the end-of-year party at Ippolito's. It was such a nice way to end the year; good food, good company and some fun!

Several had asked for directions to Hollywood Garbage, the card game we played. See the instructions below .

If you have ideas for next year's party or want to participate in the planning, let Kathleen or myself know. We are always ready for new ideas. ~ Cindy Overton and Kathleen Hollingsworth

Hollywood Garbage Phases

1 - Poker

Each player antes 5 nickels in the center of the table.

Dealer deals 5 cards in rotation to each player, face up

Whoever has the best poker hand wins the nickels

(Poker hands: 1 pair, 2 pair, 3 of a kind, Straight, etc.)

2 - Bingo

Players keep their cards

Dealer calls cards in her hand, players cover their cards

Whoever gets all cards covered wins everyone's nickels

3 - Put and Take

Dealer does not play, players keep their 5 cards

Dealer turns up 1 card; if a player has it, they put a nickel in the pot

On the second card, put in 2 nickels, 3 cards-3 nickels, up to 10

Dealer turns up 1 card, players take back 1, 2, 3, up to 10.

Any shortage is covered by the dealer

4 - Birthday

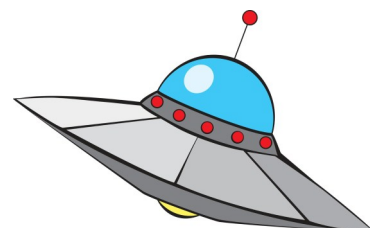
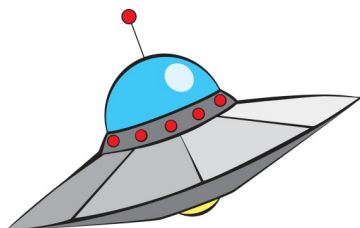
Dealer only plays, turns up card 1, 2, 3 up to K.

If the face of the card matches the call, players pay the dealer

If the dealer is on card 6 and a 6 is turned up, all players pay the dealer 6 nickels

Pass shuffled cards to the next player to deal

Continue until everyone has dealt



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: _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____

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.

Longarm Quilting Services and More

Lene Neesbye-Hansen

—Quilted Just For You—

lneesbye@gmail.com

404.386.5732

www.threadbearfabrics.com

Thread Bear Fabrics

Quality Fabrics

Quilting & Embroidery Supplies

515 Sawnee Corners Blvd.
Suite 500
Cumming, Georgia 30040

770-781-0001

e-mail info@threadbearfabrics.com

ORIGINAL
Sewing & Quilt
E ♦ X ♦ P ♦ OSM

ATLANTA-DULUTH, GA
MAR 12, 13 & 14
**GAS SOUTH
CONVENTION CENTER**

**THIS IS MY
HAPPY
PLACE**