

# Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild



**Behind the Seams**

**March 2, 2026**

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Hello Fellow Quilters!

## STASHING AND DESTASHING or ABUNDANCE AND VENGEANCE

Over the years, I've been fortunate as a quilter. For the most part, put me in a quilt shop and I can always find something that I just can't live without. I almost always leave with a fabric purchase. Some times big, some times just a couple of fat quarters. I'm also lucky that I have been able to dedicate a room in the house solely to quilting. I call it "The Quilt Palace."

The Palace has a considerable stash of fabric. It started years ago when a fellow quilter I knew was retiring and moving to Belize where she and her husband planned on retiring. She was selling her fabric stash for \$3/yard. I contributed to her retirement fund. Over the years, the stash has grown due to my inability to control myself in a quilt shop.

I've spent the last three weekends unpacking the stash and have come to the realization that the stash has outgrown all reasonable size. So today, I spent the time "destashing". With a vengeance. I took a long hard look at myself and my stash and decided what I would and most likely would never use.

The outcome of this first day of "destashing" is five shopping bags that are outbound. I'm donating some to our community service projects (Quilts and Pillow Cases) and will be putting a lot on the free table.

I'm grateful to have the opportunity to pass along some fabric and feel blessed that I have been able to enjoy it all these years. It's time to let go and let someone else enjoy it!

Are you equally blessed by your stash?

Susan Tucker  
President



## HOT DATES AND DEADLINES



**March 2 meeting -  
Wear Your Nametag**

**Turn in your UFO list.**

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

**Bring your half square triangle block**

**Sign up for Retreat**

**Work on your Destash list**



## Meeting Minutes

CES February Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2026

Meeting call to order by President Susan Tucker at 6:35pm with a welcome and wishing everyone a Happy Groundhog Day!

- Call for motion to approve January meeting Minutes. Motion made by Crystal Larson and Seconded by Katie Gates; Motion passed.
- YLI Threads Survey reminder - Everyone should see the email now, and a minimum 50% response rate of total guild membership means support for the Guild.
- Retreat is at the end of March - Contact Vicki Evaristo for signups and info.
- Challenge Quilt update - we'll be using full XO blocks of any size or color, in any kind of quilted item! Contact Yuki if you have questions.
- Thoughts, prayers, and a card for our member Sonya Morgan, who recently received a lung transplant. Anyone interested in helping chair Community Service while she recovers would be much appreciated
- Committee Chair Announcements:
  - ◆ Awards/UFO/NESTY: UFO/NESTY Challenge sign-ups are due at the March 2nd meeting.
  - ◆ 2027 Programs: ▪ Surveys available during meeting for gauging guild interests and will be emailed for anyone not at the meeting in person.
  - ◆ Membership/Marketing/Recruitment:
    - 33 members in attendance, plus 1 guest
    - 5" half-square triangle block kits available for the membership charity project.
    - Reminder that Renewals and dues are due by the March 2nd meeting.
  - ◆ Quilt Shop Ambassadors still needed - contact Gretchen Conboy for signups and info.
  - ◆ 2026 Programs Reminders:
    - The March program will feature a Workshop the day before the meeting.
    - The July meeting will feature a contest for the Oldest Finished UFO.
    - Program Feature – Andrea Barrett, “Working in Series & Working with Constraints”
  - ◆ Mix & Mingle event matched everyone with a random card to learn more about each other's quilting journeys.
  - The Opportunity Prize Drawing was presented by Betsy.
  - Show and Tell well attended, and with a new format which will hopefully lead to better viewing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Lindsey Carboneau  
Secretary

## Membership

The Membership team has been busy.

1. Thank you for participating in our M&M (Mix & Mingle) activity. Hopefully you met someone new and enjoyed the memories of your own quilt journey. What will the March questions be?
2. Bring your HST (half square triangle) blocks to the meeting and pick up the March squares. These finished blocks will be used for charity quilts.
3. Quilt Ambassadors signup for local quilt shops to check in for the guild and leave our guild bookmarks containing our 2026 schedule. Thank you to the Ambassadors that have signed up. We are looking for Ambassadors for Scraplanta in Tucker/Atlanta and Threaded from Heaven in Suwanee. See us at the membership table if you can help, have questions or need more bookmarks.
4. In the month of March a new password will be set for the guild only website. Paid members will receive the new password. Membership dues are still only \$50. If you haven't had time, check your membership information at the membership table and pay your dues. Options are:

Checks: CES Quilt Guild,

Venmo: @CESGuildTreasurer (it may reference our treasurer - Kelli Morely)

See you at the meeting,

Kathy, Susan, Gretchen, Kathleen and Ben

## QUILT 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  
March meeting.

Bring your own projects and enjoy the sewing!

# QUILT HAPPENINGS

## FIBER ART EXHIBITION

THE OKEFENOKEE  
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1460 N AUGUSTA AVE.  
WAYCROSS GA 31503

MARCH 1-24  
2026



ARTIST  
RECEPTION  
MARCH 22, 2026  
2PM-4PM

### All Fiber Art is Welcome!

Submissions may include Quilts, Art Quilts, Quilted Garments, Knit & Crocheted Items, Cross Stitch, Hand Dyed Items, and many more.

Submissions must be received by February 19



MORE INFO AT  
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## BULLOCH HALL QUILT SHOW 2026

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Bulloch Hall / 280 Bulloch Ave / Roswell GA 30075

## 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!**

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FEBRUARY 2025

SEPTEMBER 2025

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PROGRAM CORNER

Join us in April when Mary Ellen Von Holt from Little Quilts joins us for her presentation "Color Plan your Quilts & Little Quilts and How They Grew." Learn how to combine fabrics in an effective way to create both reproduction-style and contemporary quilts. Mary Ellen shares how Magic Fabrics can add that special spark to your quilting.

Also, March is the first challenge for our Declutter Challenge. To play, 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.

Lene Neesbye-Hansen



## GUILD WEBSITE

The guild website [www.cesquiltguild.com](http://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](mailto: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

## QUILTING BEE

The CES Tuesday Evening Bee will meet on March 17 at 6 pm at the Mansell House, 1835 Old Milton Parkway, Alpharetta. The meeting is brought to you by the color PURPLE. The project for the PhD Challenge is #3 on your list. If you're not interested in the PhD Challenge, come on anyway and join in as we celebrate PURPLE.

What Is Purple?

...There's purple jam

And purple jell

And a purple bruise

Next day will tell

Where you landed

When you fell.

The purple feeling

Is rather put-out

The purple look is a

Definite pout....

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

And some purple trivia:

- ◆ Purple has long been associated with royalty, originally because Tyrian purple dye—made from the secretions of sea snails—was extremely expensive in antiquity.
- ◆ In the early 20th century, purple, green, and white were the colors of the Women's Suffrage movement, which fought to win the right to vote for women, finally succeeding with the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920.
- ◆ The violet or purple necktie became very popular at the end of the first decade of the 21st century, particularly among political and business leaders. It combined the assertiveness and confidence of a red necktie with the sense of peace and cooperation of a blue necktie, and it went well with the blue business suit worn by most national and corporate leaders.
- ◆ At sunrise and sunset, the light is passing through the atmosphere at a lower angle, and traveling a greater distance through a larger volume of air. Much of the green and blue is scattered away, and more red light comes to the eye, creating the colors of the sunrise and sunset and making the mountains look purple. The phenomenon is referenced in the song "America the Beautiful", where the lyrics refer to "purple mountains' majesty" among other features of the United States landscape.

- ◆ Purple squirrel is a term used by employment recruiters to describe a job candidate with precisely the right education, experience, and qualifications that perfectly fits a job's multifaceted requirements. The assumption is that the perfect candidate is as rare as a real-life purple squirrel.

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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
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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## From the Program Corner

### March lecture and workshop

Elaine Poplin also known as the Messy Goat ([www.messygoat.com](http://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 [Inesbye@gmail.com](mailto:Inesbye@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.

## 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](mailto: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...)

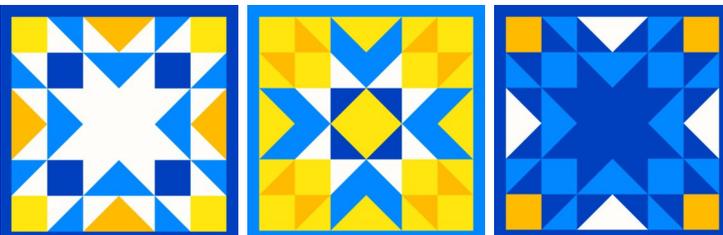
The sign-up sheet is in the newsletter and can also be picked up at the March meeting. Happy quilting!

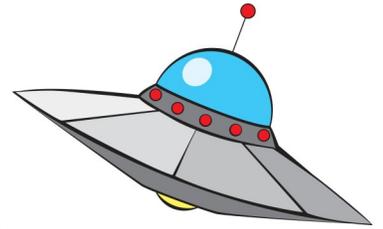
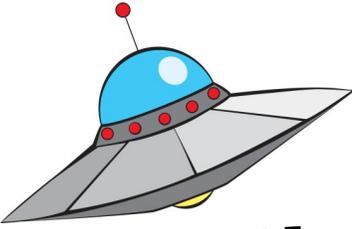
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IT'S STRANGE THAT EVERY TIME WE GO INTO A QUILT SHOP, EVEN FOR JUST A MINUTE, IT'S ALWAYS 3 HOURS LATER WHEN WE COME OUT.



MUST BE SOME BIZARRE BLIP IN THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM.





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