

Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild



Behind the Seams

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Hello Fellow Quilters!



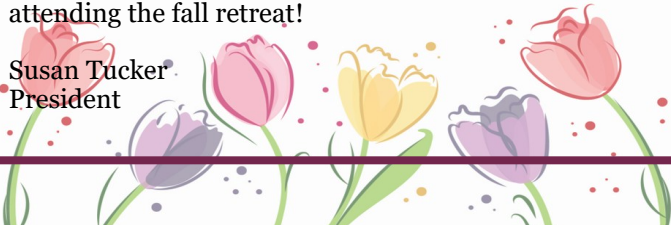
It's officially spring. I have one lone tulip bulb that bloomed at the house. Small green shoots are appearing in the flower bed and the trees are green. As I write this, it's the third week of March and spring has officially arrived. Spring also means time for our first quilt retreat of the year!

I have attended each retreat since I joined CES. They are always a source of enjoyment, creativity, and camaraderie. I'm packing (ok, more like over-packing) for the retreat this week. It's always hard to decide which of the 20+ UFOs to take with me to Covington. This time, I'm only taking two projects. (Have to have a variety of options, you know.) While unpacking the fabric stash, I found a plastic bin of fabric labeled "Current." It's the projects from the retreat three years ago. I should relabel it or actually finish the projects in the bin since they are clearly no longer "current." Perhaps next time I label something "Current," I should date the label to remember when the bin was last current.

I thoroughly enjoy the retreats and appreciate Vicki Evaristo's work every year to organize the retreat! I also appreciate every other volunteer for CES. From refreshments to membership, to putting out the chairs and running the AV equipment, it definitely takes a village.

I hope everyone enjoys their spring and considers attending the fall retreat!

Susan Tucker
President



BIRTHDAYS

Patty Webb, 4
Tanya Berfield, 13
Laura Palgon, 21
Jacob Granados, 23
Susan Yanevich, 26



HOT DATES AND DEADLINES



**April meeting -
Wear Your Nametag**

Bring your Show and Tell

Bring your completed half-square triangle

**Have you made a pillowcase for
Ryan's Case for Smiles?**

Work on your Destash list

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Susan Tucker at 7:00pm.

Call for motion to approve January meeting Minutes. Motion made by Crystal Larson and Seconded by Vicki Evaristo; Motion passed.

Membership deadline for renewals and dues: The Venmo issues are being worked out, and we hope to have that option back soon.

YLI Threads Survey rewards! We hit our goal, so a drawing will be done to select 10 members from our 2026 membership list to win a \$20 gift card

Alpharetta Arts display: Grant applications are in Spring.

Currently planning to showcase our lovely 2025 Round Robin quilts sometime in Summer, with more details to come.

Last reminder: Retreat is at the end of March - Contact Vicki Evaristo for signups and info, and check emails for latest details.

Membership/Marketing/Recruitment

37 members in attendance.

5" half-square triangle block kits available for the membership charity project.

2026 Programs Reminders

The April program will feature Mary Ellen Von Holt.

The May program will feature Amanda Bauer, with a workshop on EPP planned for the following Saturday; more details will be available soon to sign up.

Program Feature – Elaine Poplin “Make Something From Nothing.”

Mix & Mingle event matched new partners with a random card to learn more about each other's quilting journeys.

Opportunity Prize Drawing held, followed by Show and Tell .

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Lindsey Carboneau, Secretary



Membership

Membership is thrilled to see how many of you seem to be enjoying Mix and Mingle. We have new questions for April to keep the conversations going.

Remember to bring your completed half square triangles to the meeting and pick up a package to make new ones.

If you are a quilt shop ambassador and need more books marks, Gretchen will have them at the membership table.

As always, CES dues are only \$50. Guests are \$5.00.

Susan, Kathy, Gretchen, Kathleen and Ben



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FEBRUARY 2025

SEPTEMBER 2025



Fiber Festival 2025 in the Valley

Call for ALL Fiber Arts Artist Participants

Saturday May 17th 9-4
Sunday May 18th 10-4
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July 31- Sept 5, 2026

Southwest Arts Center
915 New Hope Road
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

PROGRAM CORNER

Join us at the April meeting for local quilting legend and former store owner of Little Quilts, Mary Ellen Von Holt. She will be presenting her lecture, "Color Plan your Quilts & Little Quilts and How They Grew". She will be talking about how to combine fabrics in an effective way to create reproduction style as well as contemporary quilts. Mary Ellen shares how Magic Fabrics can add that special spark to your quilt making!

Lene Neesbye-Hansen



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QUILTING BEE



The Tuesday Evening Bee will meet on April 21 at 6 pm at the Mansell House, 1835 Old Milton Parkway, Alpharetta. The meeting is brought to you this month by the color GREEN.

The project for the PhD Challenge is # 9 on your list. If you're not doing the PhD Challenge, come on anyway and join in as we go GREEN.

What is Green?

Green is lettuce

And sometimes the sea.

When green is a feeling

You pronounce it N.V.....

April is green

Peppermint, too.

Every elf has

One green shoe.....

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

Who sang "It's Not Easy Being Green"?

Who typically hangs out in a Green Room?

Who coined the phrase "Green-Eyed Monster"?

Where is the grass always greener?

Why do Vulcans and Romulans have green blood?

Who wrote Green Eggs and Ham?

Why are green screens green?

See you on April 21!

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2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For more information contact: info@cesquiltguild.com

PLEASE NOTE:

*Guild Meeting – 6:00–9:30pm at The North Park Community Center, 13450 Cogburn Rd., Alpharetta, GA

**Workshop – Must sign up and pre-pay ahead of the date.

+Tuesday Bee Group -- 6:00–8:00pm at The Mansell House, 1835 Old Milton Pkwy., Alpharetta, GA unless otherwise noted.

JANUARY

*Jan. 5–Guild Meeting, 6:00–9:30pm

Program: *“The Sewing Room Declutter Challenge”*

Brief Business Meeting, 2025 UFO Awards;

March workshop registration opens;

Introduce 2026 Annual Guild Challenge and Programs;

Reveal 2025 Row/Row Challenge Quilts and Show ‘N Tell

+Jan. 20--Tuesday Bee Group

FEBRUARY

*Feb. 2–Guild Meeting, 6:00–9:30pm

Program with Trunk Show: Speaker, Andrea Barrett

Lecture: *“Quiltmaking in a Series*

...and Working with Constraints!”

with Trunk Show

+Feb. 17--Tuesday Bee Group

MARCH

**March 1 – Improv Lettering Technique Workshop
with Elaine Poplin

*March 2–Guild Meeting, 6:00–9:30pm

Program: Speaker, Elaine Poplin

Lecture: *“Making Something from Nothing--Turning Life
Events into Inspirational Quilts”*

with Trunk Show

+March 17-- Tuesday Bee Group

March 26–29–CES Spring Guild Retreat; *Must Pre-pay.*

APRIL

*April 6–Meeting, 6:00–9:30pm

Program: Speaker, Mary Ellen Von Holt

Lecture: *“Color Plan Your Quilts”* and

“Little Quilts and How They Grew” with Trunk Show

+April 21-- Tuesday Bee Group

MAY

** May 3–Possible EPP Workshop with Amanda Bauer

*May 4–Meeting, 6:00–9:30pm

Program: Speaker, Amanda Bauer

Lecture, *“English Paper Piecing”* with Trunk Show

+May 19--Tuesday Bee Group

JUNE

*June 1–Guild Meeting, 6:00–9:30pm

Annual Charity Sewing Event

Come learn about local charities that need sewn items.

+June 16--Tuesday Bee Group

JULY

*July 6–Guild Meeting, 6:00–9:30pm

Program: Speaker, Krista Moser

Lecture: *“Diamonds are a Quilter’s Best Friend”*
with Trunk Show

+July 21--Tuesday Bee Group

AUGUST

*Aug. 3–Meeting, 6:00–9:30pm

Program: Speaker, Elisabeth Frolet

Lecture: *“A Tale of a Thousand Threads”*
with Trunk Show

+Aug. 18--Tuesday Bee Group

Aug. 27–30–CES Summer Guild Retreat; *Must Pre-pay.*

SEPTEMBER

*Sept. 14–Meeting, 6:00–9:30pm

Program: 5th Annual Member Showcase,
with Trunk Show

+Sept. 15--Tuesday Bee Group

OCTOBER

** Oct. 4--New York Beauty Workshop with Linda Hahn

*Oct. 5–Meeting, 6:00–9:30pm

Program: Speaker, Linda Hahn

Lecture: *“New York Beauty State of Mind”*
with Trunk Show

+Oct. 20--Tuesday Bee Group

NOVEMBER

*Nov. 2–Meeting, 6:00–9:30pm

Program: Member Appreciation Make and Take

+Nov. 17--Tuesday Bee Group

DECEMBER

Dec. 7–Meeting, 6:30–9:30pm

Member’s Holiday Celebration

--*Prepaid reservations only*--

+NO December Tuesday Bee Group



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