

Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild



Behind the Seams

May 4, 2026

Volume 29 Issue 5

Hello Fellow Quilters!

It's officially spring in Atlanta. We remain in pollen season and the weather has gone from 80 to 40 degrees in a week. When the warm weather arrives, there's always so much to do around the house and yard that I have trouble finding time to quilt. I still haven't unpacked from the quilt retreat, but I can blame unpacking the rest of the house.

What about you? What things do you always have to do with the arrival of warm weather? Plant the summer flower bed? Spring clean the house? Or even just clean up and organize the sewing room? For the meet and mingle during our break at the May meeting, ask your card match what they are doing for spring cleaning. You may be surprised.

Susan Tucker,
President

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Means, 1

Kay Harper, 4

Betsy Malone, 18



Membership

We continue to be amazed at the number of participants in our half square triangle collection. Our members are so generous with their time and stashes. We are always in need of charm packs, if have a spare one to donate.

What will May's M&M questions be? What tidbits of our members will you uncover?

Thank you to our Quilt Store Ambassadors. If you need more Bookmarks, let us know.

See you soon.

Kathy, Susan, Gretchen, Kathleen and Ben



HOT DATES AND DEADLINES



**May 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

April 6, 2026

Meeting call 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 Lene Neesbye-Hansen; Motion passed.

YLI Threads Survey rewards! 10 members were randomly selected from our 2026 membership list to win a \$20 gift card.

Upcoming Quilt shows

East Cobb Quilt Guild: June 4-6

Anderson SC Quilters: July 17-18

Alpharetta Arts will host the Round Robin quilts at the Gallery at Alpharetta City Hall (this summer, date TBD)

Membership

33 members and 2 guests in attendance.

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

Reminder that we're always looking for Quilt Shop Ambassadors

Community Service

Quilts for Kids bees in June and July will be moving during Summer camps - stay tuned for specific details
Sonya is out of the hospital now and is looking forward to seeing folks!

Crystal will be out for the May meeting, so help with setting up/putting away chairs and tables at the May meeting is greatly appreciated! Thanks to Madison for volunteering to help with the meeting photography

2026 Programs Reminders

The May program will feature Amanda Bauer, with a workshop on EPP planned for the 9; Location TBD based on signups. \$55, and signups available at May meeting

July will feature our oldest finished projects

Program Feature – Mary Ellen Von Holt “Color Plan Your Quilts & Little Quilts and How They Grew”

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 8:40

Lindsey Carboneau, Secretary



Greymalkin. The Old Gray Mare. All cats are gray in the dark. Little gray cells. Earl Grey tea. Lady Jane Grey. Gray's Anatomy. Grey's Anatomy. Fifty Shades of Gray. Greyfriar's Bobby. And if you consider silver a shade of gray, well.....

The Tuesday Evening Bee will meet on May 19 at 6 pm at the Mansell House, 1835 Old Milton Parkway, Alpharetta. The meeting is brought to you this month by the color GRAY. The project for the PhD Challenge is #10 on your list. If you're not doing the challenge, come on anyway and join us for a "grayte" time just hanging out.

See you on May 19!

Laura Kimball
lkimball50@gmail.com
Cell #470-330-9496



QUILT HAPPENINGS

Southeastern Quilt and Textile Museum Feature Exhibits

Start **03/21/2026**
End **06/16/2026**
Location Southeastern
Quilt & Textile
Museum, 306C
Bradley St,
Carrollton, GA
30117



Quilts Japan:
the 17th
Quilt Nihon
features the most

extraordinary and innovative works from the biennial competition of the Japanese Handicraft Instructors' Association (JHIA). JHIA sponsors the largest international quilt contest in Japan and one of the most prestigious in the world. This year's Quilt Nihon exhibition features award-winning and notable works, including entries from the competition's newest category, miniature quilts.

For 50 years now, JHIA has promoted handcrafted arts in Japan by educating and training instructors in eight specialties: quilting, knitting, embroidery, lace making, painting, weaving, leatherwork, and flower art. The JHIA boasts 7,000 certified quilt instructors among its 12,000 members. Its biennial Quilt Nihon exhibition is a must-see for quilt aficionados who marvel at the complexity of these masterpieces, as well as first-time visitors who simply appreciate their beauty.

This exhibit will only be shown at four venues in the United States, including the Southeastern Quilt and Textile Museum.



ATLANTA QUILT FESTIVAL

18th Annual ATLANTA QUILT FESTIVAL

July 31- Sept 5, 2026

Southwest Arts Center
915 New Hope Road
South Fulton, GA 30331

2026 Garden of Quilts Show Presented by Western North Carolina Quilter's Guild

Start **05/15/2026**
End **05/16/2026**
Location Bonclarken Youth
Activities Building,
701 Kinross Drive
Flat Rock, NC



10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The Western North Carolina Quilters Guild will present a quilt show entitled "2026 Garden of Quilts Show" for two days, May 15-16 2026. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and

The location is the Youth Activities Building located in the Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC, just south of Hendersonville, nestled in the spectacular Blue Ridge Mountains. GPS users - 701 Kinross Drive, Flat Rock, NC. Free regular and handicap parking. Wheel chairs and walkers are welcome. Bus tours welcome.



QUILT HAPPENINGS

Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee 45th Quilt Show & Competition

Start 01/07/2026
End 06/20/2026
Location Knoxville Expo Center 5441 Clinton Hwy Knoxville, TN



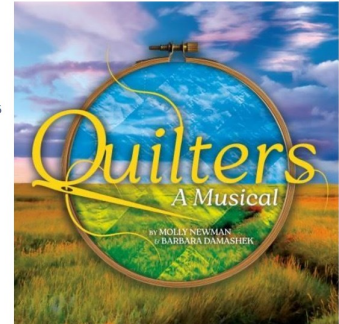
CALL FOR ENTRIES: More than \$7,800 in prize money, 14 categories, including one for Juniors (age 16 and under), and 14 special awards. Deadline to enter is April 18, 2026, unless capacity is reached sooner. See website for entry forms and rules.

THE SHOW:

More than 200 quilts on display. On Friday, quilt historian Merikay Waldvogel, assisted by Cindy Stuart will present an antique quilt turning at 11am and 1 pm. Show attendees are invited to bring a favorite quilt and record a brief video story about it that will be archived in the Quilt Alliance "Go Tell It!" project. Shop vendors and a boutique of unique items handcrafted by guild members. Scavenger hunts for the young ones. Quilt appraisals by appointment: contact certified appraiser Cindy Stuart at 865-386-0940. Free parking.

Quilters, A Musical

Start 08/14/2026
End 08/23/2026
Location Roswell Cultural Arts Center, 950 Forrest Street, Roswell, GA 30075



Stitch by stitch, song by

song, *Quilters* brings pioneer women's voices to life in a breathtaking musical theatre celebration. Each traditional quilt pattern unfolds a story of courage, heartbreak, joy, survival, and even humor. Brought to life by an all-star cast of Atlanta's brightest women and an all-female creative team, this moving tribute to resilience weaves together stories of the women who built early American communities with their bare hands and unbreakable hearts.

East Cobb Quilters Guild

Matriotism Exhibit

Featuring quilts by:

Ben and Kathleen Hollingsworth,
Leigh Ann Kloefkorn, and
Holly Lightfoot.

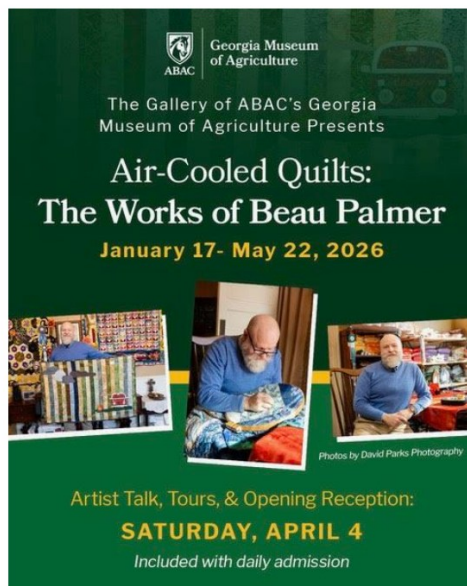
April 3 - May 29, 2026

Alpharetta Arts & Culture

The Community Gallery
Alpharetta City Hall
Two Park Plaza
Alpharetta, GA 30009

Air-Cooled Quilts: The Work of Beau Palmer

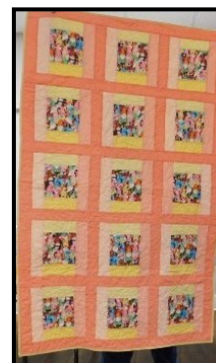
Start 01/17/2026
End 05/22/2026
Location Georgia Museum of Agriculture, 1392 Whiddon Mill Road, Tifton, GA 31793



Guild Member Beau Palmer has his own quilt exhibit at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture. What a fabulous opportunity to see amazing quilts and bring along friends and family for a fun and educational outing! Make it a weekend event in South Georgia.

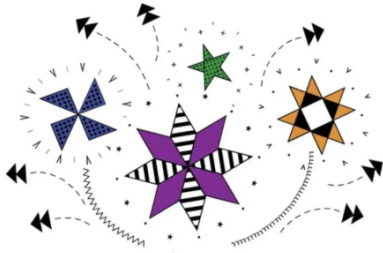
See the

museum's website for specific hours and more information: <https://gma.abac.edu/attractions/#Gallery>



QUILT HAPPENINGS

A Celebration of Quilts



Anderson Area Quilt Show

The Anderson Area Quilt Show is July 17 & 18, 2026

Come enjoy the display of over 200 quilts created by members of Anderson's Electric City and Prickly Fingers Quilt Guilds. Shopping galore with Regional Vendors, Handcrafts Boutique, Second-Hand Shop, the Book Nook, Silent Auction, Raffles and more including the Peoples Choice Awards.

- Donations are being accepted for Silent Auction items - A great way to showcase local businesses!
- Sponsorships and advertising opportunities
- Booth spaces available for Vendors - download contract below
- Contact us at - info@andersonsquilters.org.

Need your sewing machine cleaned or scissors sharpened? Bring them in and have them serviced on-site during the show.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN QUILTERS of TN 45th Annual Quilt Show

Knoxville Expo Center
5441 Clinton Hwy
Knoxville, TN

June 19-20, 2026

**Share our show dates with your friends! Put the
entry deadline on your calendars!
Sew, Sew, Sew!**



JUNE 8 - 11

Celebrate the art and heritage of quilting at the annual **A Mountain Quiltfest**. Quilters from all around will come together in Pigeon Forge for this ultimate quilting event. Quilters have the opportunity to attend classes that are based on skill level and technique. There will also be a quilt show that displays a variety of quilts for your viewing pleasure. Quilt Show dates are June 8 – 11, 2026.

Quilters can choose between different categories from which they can enter their quilts to compete. The winners will go home with some great prizes!

Be sure to check out the vendors' booths for a variety of quilting necessities and unique accessories.

Featured instructors this year include Jacqueline de Jonge, Nancy Mahoney, Deb Heatherly, Patti Carey, Susan Edmonson, Michele Markey, Laurie Lou Hood, and Vickie Johnson.

<https://www.mypigeonforge.com/event/quiltfest>

QUILT HAPPENINGS

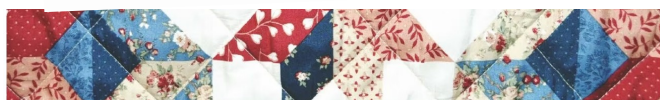
East Cobb Quilt Guild presents the 20th Biennial
GEORGIA CELEBRATES QUILTS®
 QUILT SHOW AND MARKET



2026 Raffle Quilt "Terrazzo"

June 4-6, 2026

Thursday - Saturday • 10 am - 5 pm
 Cobb County Civic Center • Marietta, GA



QUILTFEST 2026

with the



*Birmingham
 Quilters Guild*



**JUNE 12-13, 2026
 10 AM TO 5 PM**



**BESSEMER
 CIVIC CENTER**

**CELEBRATE THE JOY OF CREATING, THE COMFORT OF COMMUNITY,
 AND THE ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES OF FABRIC AND IMAGINATION**

Every other year, Birmingham QuiltFest brings together makers from across Central Alabama for a weekend celebrating creativity, community, and the timeless art of quilting.

Join us for the 2026 show, and step into a world of color, texture, and storytelling, as QuiltFest showcases more than 300 stunning quilts, live demos, and the people who keep this craft alive.

Featuring:

- Judged quilt show with more than 300 quilts
- Vendors
- Guild boutique
- Make-It & Take-It activities
- Quilts of Valor
- Bed-turning
- Silent Auction benefiting *Grace Klein Community* to fight hunger and stop food waste

Tickets: \$10 per person age 6 and up for two-day admission.

Pre-purchase your tickets [HERE](#)

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 Lawnes Corners Blvd.
 Suite 500
 Cumming, Georgia 30040*

770-781-0001

e-mail info@threadbearfabrics.com



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
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

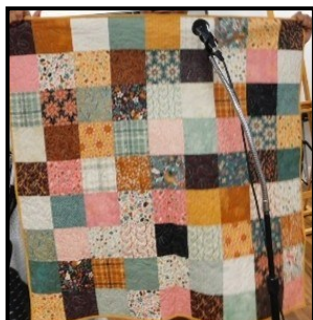
	Twin-size or larger quilt (Min. size: 280" perimeter)
	Any hand quilted item
	Wall, miniature, crib, lap quilt
	Garment—quilted
	Charitable quilt project
	Group quilt
	Miscellaneous quilted bag or other quilted item

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!

Leigh Ann Kloefkorn



PROGRAM CORNER

Join us at the May meeting for our guest, Amanda Bauer. Amanda, one of our great local talents, will present a program and trunk show on English Paper Piecing or EPP. She will be talking about the history of English Paper Piecing, explain some of the basic concepts, and show samples as well as her beautiful quilts. Also, there is still time to join her workshop on Saturday, May 9th. Location still TBD. Cost is \$55 and the only thing you need to bring is a piece of non-directional fabric. Amanda will provide all the other supplies.

Lene Neesbye-Hansen

Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild

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



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	Laura Kimball	lkimball50@gmail.com
Ways & Means	<i>Monthly rotation</i>	
Website & Social Media	Jacob Granados	jacobjgranados@gmail.com
Virtual Technology	Jacob Granados	jacobjgranados@gmail.com