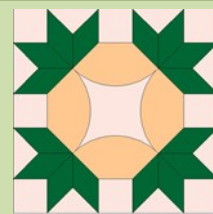


Gwinnett Quilters' Gazette

www.gwinnettquiltersguild.org

FELLOWSHIP 9:30 MEETING 10:00 NOVEMBER 14TH

Cannon Methodist Church - 2424 Webb Gin House Rd Snellville, GA 30078



NOVEMBER'S HAPPENINGS

November 2023

Volume 44, Issue 3



Presidents Message

Dear Gwinnett Quilters:

The following is from an essay by Catherine Roberts, Founder of the Quilts of Valor Foundation. November 11th is Veteran's Day. A day to express our deepest appreciation to all those who have served.

Veteran's Day Thoughts

At the end of World War I, the war to end all wars, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the world paused to celebrate the dawn of peace. It was a brief peace, to be sure, but at the time, it seemed full of hope. The day was "Armistice Day", later becoming "Veteran's Day", in recognition of the sacrifices made by those who have served in the Armed Forces.

Today we celebrate the sacrifices of our service members in many wars and in keeping the peace in between. The day has never been more important, more vivid, more necessary than today. Politics aside, our veterans go where they are ordered, do what they must, and deserve our most heartfelt thanks. The stress they undergo to leave family, friends, career and country, to fight for us, is beyond civilian capacity to comprehend. Join us in honoring them for doing what few would choose to do, but what must be done, and was done by the best of us. We are forever in the debt of these heroes and a day of honor does not even come close to repayment.

Cannon Cause

November Warm items for Kids



**December Feed my Lambs -
Individually wrapped foods**

NOVEMBER'S PROGRAM:

November 14 – Tara Miller from The Quilt District



Tara Miller is a quilt designer, maker, and enthusiast. She comes to us from The Quilt District in Atlanta. Tara has published patterns and articles in numerous quilting magazines. She produces *Quiltside Chats* online with Quilt Folk magazine. Her quilts have appeared in several juried shows, including Quilt Con in Atlanta February 2023.

Tara spoke to us on zoom in our homes during Covid, but she is coming back in-person to share with us another program, "Graphic Quilts of the 20th Century". This presentation is packed with graphic, visually stunning quilts from the whole of the 20th century. Many of these have surprisingly modern aesthetics! Throughout the Presentation, Tara will put these quilts in context: historically, socially, artistically. Tara will talk about some of our connections with the past that inform and inspire us in quilt making today.

Workshop – November 15 – “Fan Girl, A Crazy Lady”



9:00 – 3:00 Cannon Methodist Fellowship Hall

Fee: \$35 – includes pattern

Teacher: Tara Miller

With a circa 1910 crazy quilt as our inspiration, Tara will have us make fan blocks using simple, quick, and fun methods. Students can use decorative or straight stitches on their machine to create this quilt. She will show students how to use the simple herringbone embroidery stitch to add an additional layer of design to the straight-stitch applique. This workshop is great for the confident beginner, but is also loads of fun for experienced piece makers. The result is a bold and graphic design! (Pattern has fabric requirements for a pillow front, table runner, and quilt.) Bring usual sewing supplies and your machines. Look at the picture of the quilt and decide what kind of fabrics you want to pull from your stash to make this quilt! You can see a better picture on Tara's website: www.quiltdistrict.com



HOT OFF THE PRESS !!
Directories are coming!

Again, a HUGE thank you to
TERRY MANNING (and **Ginny**)

for putting it together and racing it to the printer!
Be sure and get yours while they are available!

Upcoming Guild Workshops

All members will have the opportunity to register for the following 3 workshops at the November 14 meeting.

November 15 workshop: FAN GIRL – A CRAZY LADY – Tara Miller

YES – THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER!!!

There are still spaces in the November workshop. If you would like to register, please contact Carol Kreson (ckreson@gmail.com) so she can send you the workshop supply list. You can then register & pay the \$35 at the November 14 guild meeting. COME JOIN THE FUN! Tara assures me your crazy stitches can be done by hand or machine. This is such a fantastic quilt!

January 17, 2024 workshop: YES, I CAN MAKE A T-SHIRT QUILT

Join us as our own Nancy Jeffares teaches us how to make a T-shirt quilt. Learn all her tips and tricks! **Sign up at the November meeting.** (Please remember we will **not** have a registration table in Dec.). The fee is \$10 and we will meet at Cannon UMC the day following the guild meeting.

February 21, 2024 workshop: THE BOX BOTTOM & BOWS TOTE

Our own Joan Fisher will teach us how to make this beautiful bag. Joan is our resident expert bag maker! This workshop is the day following the Feb. meeting. It's \$10 and we will meet at Cannon UMC.



The November meeting is the *second* Tuesday of November. November 14th.

Holiday Luncheon December 19

Lunch Catered by **Blue Rooster** in Lawrenceville

Place your order at the October or November Guild meeting.

See Ginny Manning. The price of the boxed lunch is \$17.

Choose One: Chicken Salad sandwich
 Turkey Sandwich
 Ham Sandwich
 Veggie Sandwich



Lunch includes choice of bread – wheat, sourdough or croissant

Choice of side – Pasta salad, potato salad or chips

Choice of dessert – cookie or brownie

(Contact Jamie Jones if you have dietary issues)

Calling all Creative Members (that's you!)

Santa needs to find Mrs. Claus ! Quick!

What to do: Dress up as Mrs. Claus. Santa will come looking for his help mate and choose his favorite. Plump, skinny, old, young, traditional, modern, matronly, cranky, or sweet.



Prizes for Best Costume! Pull out stuff in your sewing room and get creative !!

PLAY QUILTER'S FAMILY FEUD

EACH TABLE IS A "FAMILY". RACK UP POINTS TO SEE WHO WILL BE THE WINNING QUILTING FAMILY

TABLE HOSTING

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST A TABLE, SIGN UP AT THE PROGRAM TABLE

Gift Baskets are Back!



- * Put a return address sticker on a dollar bill to enter the Gift Basket Drawings. Enter as many times as you want !
- * Volunteer to make a Gift Basket. The maker of the Basket gets to keep all the \$1 votes!! *(this activity is not designed to be a fundraiser for the Guild. It's a fundraiser for the Basket Maker!)*

Sign up at the Program Table to Make a Basket



Volunteer: Make a special holiday dessert to share with friends. Dessert is provided, but we all know we love our sugar & spice at the Holidays.

Sign up at the Program Table

Vice-Presidents Message

This month we will be collecting placemats for Meals on Wheels of Gwinnett.

Thank you for all the wonderful pillows for Breast Cancer Awareness month.

We had 469 in total that were packed into 26 vacuum bags. Thanks you to those who also donated the vacuum bags, it really makes a difference in getting the pillows delivered and for the hospitals to store. I made deliveries to Piedmont Eastside and to Northside Gwinnett last week but still have 40 so if you are aware a treatment facility that could use them please contact me.

Cannon Cause for November is: Cold Weather items- hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, socks

December is Feed My Lambs: these are individually wrapped or packaged foods that children can prepare on their own over the school holiday break.

January is canned goods. TP and women's personal items are always needed.

Joyce Taylor, Vice President

Gwinnett Quilters Guild



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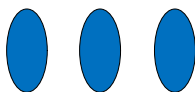


November's Birthdays

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| Gretchen | Cuthbert |
| Joan | Beattie |
| Louise | Goodwin |
| Mary | Myers |
| Avie | Swafford |
| Susan | Gordon |
| Jacquie | Patrick |
| Cynthia | Williams |
| Sharon | Overstreet |
| Debbie | Frey |



Gwinnett Quilts of Valor Quilters



Gwinnett Quilts of Valor - November 16, 2023 meeting

Thank you - Gwinnett Quilter's Guild for the opportunity to share with you last month, the Quilts of Valor story and how we got started here in Gwinnett County. I hope you enjoyed our program and would like to join us this month to see firsthand the work of our group. Bring yourself to visit and probably get put to work cutting or ironing, bring some hand sewing or bring your machine and sewing supplies - if you join, we have pre-cut kits to get you jump started.

We sew from 10am - 2pm, with lunch and a short business meeting at Noon. **In addition to sewing, this month we are hosting an Award Ceremony honoring several veterans in our area. The Ceremony will begin at 12:30pm, following our short lunch meeting.**

WHAT: Gwinnett Quilts of Valor Quilters

WHEN: Thursday, November 16th 10am-2pm, Award Ceremony 12:30 pm

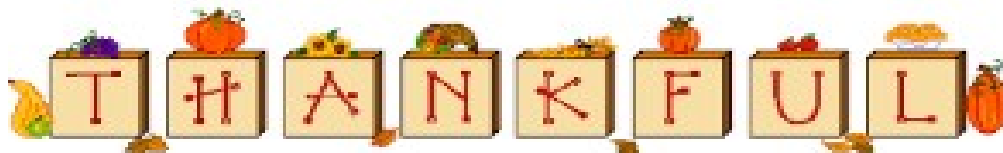
WHERE: St. Lawrence Catholic Church ~ 319 Grayson Hwy. ~ Lawrenceville 30046

Just For You

Just For You News

Thanks to the generosity of long time Guild member, Ann Gravelle, I will have several kits for you to make quilts at the table this month. Ann was a prolific contributor to the J4U program and wants her hand selected fabric used to make quilts as she is no longer physically able. Ann now lives in Massachusetts with her daughter.

Susan Gordon was the free quilting winner last month. Congratulations Susan! Remember, if you show me a finished top you get one chance, a finished quilt you get two chances in the drawing to win a free longarm J4U quilting service. Hope to see you at the J4U table on the 21st!



**GWINNETT QUILTERS' GUILD
MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 2023**

The Gwinnett Quilters' Guild was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at the Cannon United Methodist Church in Snellville, GA.

PRESIDENT: Susan Gordon called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. She remind us to turn off our phones. If you have blocks to turn in, we have this month and one more month to do so.

FRIENDSHIP: Lucy Aikerson has been busy wishing the October babies Happy Birthday! Our concerns include Sharon Henderson, Joyce Taylor's grandson, Betsy Podriznik, and Sheila Wheeler's mother-in-law. Lucy would like us to report any positive happenings!

HOSPITALITY: Nancy Jeffares reported three visitors: Barbara Bender (Renay VanBrunt's mother), Barbara Lowder, and Renee' Huber who joined. Welcome and come again.

MEMBERSHIP: New members include: Lois Balloun, Pat Smith, Donna Sue Campbell, Renee' Huber and Cathy Roth. We have lots of opportunities for you to get involved. Welcome!

VICE-PRESIDENT: Joyce Taylor gave us a report on the Cannon Cause: November is cold weather items and December is Feed My Lambs. We will turn in our breast cancer pillows in October and placemats for Meals on Wheels in November.

SECRETARY: Bobbi Cox made a motion that the September minutes should be approved as published in the newsletter and this was seconded by MaryAnn Kitchens. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER: Barbara Conner made a motion that the September financial report be approved as published in the newsletter and this was seconded by Linda Kelley. The motion passed unanimously.

PROGRAMS: Carol Kreson and Jamie Jones have been busy again. There will be a binding class tomorrow at a cost of \$10. Tara Miller will be here in November, "Quilting with the Fire of My Forefathers." There will be a workshop on 11/15/23 "Fan Girl: A Crazy Lady" at a cost of \$35. It runs from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Joan Fisher will lead a bag class in February. The cost is \$10 plus the cost of the pattern. And now Christmas! The Blue Rooster will be providing box lunches again for \$17. We will have a basket raffle, a Mrs. Santa contest and, of course, Santa! There are many, many opportunities for the elves in the group to help spread the holiday cheer!

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Sarah Campbell from Sew Sew Studio from Bogart, Georgia did a wonderful trunk show and gave us the opportunity to shop. Who doesn't like to shop?

JUST FOR YOU: Joan Fisher drew the first longarm quilting winner...Susan Gordon!

LIBRARY: Robin Richards reported that we have 425 books. She has 4 overdue books from July and 6 from September. You know who you are! She presented some bright cards with information about the library.

QUILTS OF VALOR: Ginny Manning reported that the next sew day is this Thursday and there will be a representative from SHARE to speak to us. We have been providing QOV's to this program as the recipients graduate. Gerry Kraus will also do a demonstration on laying out our blocks. There will be a presentation in November of perhaps 10 recipients.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Margie Kersey talked to us about the possibility of photos of our quilts being added to enhance the website. No names, just our beautiful artwork.

RETREAT: Lynn Harned reported that there are two spots left. If members do not take these, they will be made available to non-members. There is room for same day retreaters.

SHOW & TELL: Once again, our talented members had much to show. Thank you Bobbi Cox for heading this committee.

BIRTHDAY TABLE: Were you a winner? I WAS!

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Conner

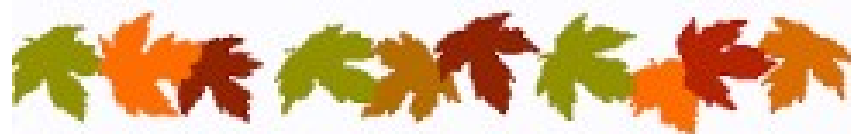


Gwinnett Quilter Guild Checkbook Record

| Oct. 2023 | | | | | |
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| Date | Description | Debit | Deposit | Credit | Balance |
| | balance from previous page | | | | 14875.22 |
| 10/4/2023 | storage unit rental - Nov. '23 (\$95 + 14 ins.) | 109.00 | | | 14766.22 |
| 10/17/2023 | deposit - membership - 26 x \$ 40 | | 2403.50 | 1080.00 | 15846.22 |
| 10/17/2023 | visitors- 2 @ \$5 | | | 10.00 | 15856.22 |
| 10/17/2023 | birthday drawing | | | 155.00 | 16011.22 |
| 10/17/2023 | workshop #1 - collected 10/17 | | | 60.00 | 16071.22 |
| 10/17/2023 | workshop #2 - collected 10/17 | | | 105.00 | 16176.22 |
| 10/17/2023 | workshop #1 - collected 9/19 | | | 70.00 | 16246.22 |
| 10/17/2023 | workshop #2 - collected 9/19 | | | 175.00 | 16421.22 |
| 10/17/2023 | Christmas luncheon -collected 10/17 | | | 748.00 | 17169.22 |
| 10/17/2023 | ck #1218 - Jamie Jones - speaker for micro. | 135.67 | | | 17033.55 |
| 10/17/2023 | ck #1219 - Robin Richards - rolling wagaon | 84.19 | | | 16949.36 |
| 10/17/2023 | ck #1420 - Jamie Jones - speaker | 135.67 | | | 16813.69 |
| 10/17/2023 | ck #1421 - Jamie Jones - charger for speaker | 38.21 | | | 16775.48 |
| 10/31/2023 | ck #1422 - Susan Gordon - card holders | 39.97 | | | 16735.51 |

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| Oct. 2023 | | | | | |
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| Date | Description | Debit | Deposit | Credit | Balance |
| | previous balance | | | | 3148.52 |
| 10/17/2023 | deposit - retreat collected 10/17/2023 | | | 1150.00 | 4298.52 |



Placemats are due at the November Meeting

Placemats for our Christmas luncheon in December has become a tradition for our Gwinnett Quilt Guild...but our meeting is too late to distribute them so we're collecting them at the November meeting. The size, and style are up to you and your creativity. They can, but don't have to, be Christmas themed. If you decide to make a pair, please safety pin them together...some of our Seniors are still couples...what a nice thoughtful gift for them. Thanks in advance for your help and generosity of time, talent and fabrics again this year.



Jacquie
Lawson
ECARDS

Friendship Report
November Mtg Report

E-Cards have been Scheduled to arrive on the actual birthday in November



Paper Cards sent to:

- Kathleen Stempien – Thank You (Cards on free table)
- Sharon Henderson – Thinking of you (Not feeling well)
- Karmen Sunshine -Thank You (Cash donation to friendship for paper cards)
- Susan Gordon – Thinking of you (Accident)

Send a text or email to me with information to get cards sent to members for anniversaries, weddings, graduations, awards, recognitions, sick & shut-in or just thinking about you.

If you get a card from Jacquie Lawson, Read it...
It probably came from GQG (Gwinnett Quilters Guild)

At meeting:

Sharon Henderson hospital need prayer
Joyce Taylor grandson needs prayer
Betsy Podriznik COVID-19 – called and she is better
Sheila Wheeler is back (mother-in-law health issues)
Kayse Harshaw – back after 6months (taking care of husband)

Lucy Aikerson
630-721-5102 (c)
aik123@comcast.com
Friendship Committee



Small BEE Group Announcements and Updates, November 2023

New Small BEE Group Opportunities

Calling All Embroidery Enthusiasts & Hand Stitchers

- ✚ Do you embellish your quilts with embroidery?
- ✚ Do you enjoy wool projects?
- ✚ Are you a Sue Spargo or other hand BOM stitcher?
- ✚ Are you a hand piecer, hexie maker, cathedral window or other hand technique aficionado?

Would you like to join a new hand sewing and social bee? The **Sit & Stitch BEE** will meet once a month, for members to stitch and socialize. We can get to know each other and share tips & tricks with like-minded quilters. All are welcome!

Meeting Information – TBD

Location – Possibly a Public Library

Frequency – Monthly – day of the week /time TBD by those interested

Sit & Stitch BEE Organizer:

Janet Schwerzel via phone 678- 770-4638 or email jschwerzel@yahoo.com

Existing Small Group Meetings

See below the meeting details for our existing small group meetings in November

| Name of the small BEE group | Queen BEE/Leader | Upcoming Meeting/location |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Embroidery BEE | Barbara Conner 770-380-0650 | November 14th at Cannon immediately following guild meeting |
| Just 4 YOU BEE | Carolyn Prue 301-466-3708 | November 28th, 2023 @ Discover Sewing in Duluth, 10:30 to 2, bring your lunch and machine. |
| Quilts of Valor BEE | JoAnne Jones 770-935-1853 | November 28th, 2023, @ Sew & Sew Studio, Lilburn, 10 AM, bring your lunch and machine. |

✚ Bee Keeper Contact: Kim Beasley via phone at 404-213-0954 or email atck.beasley97@gmail.com

GLASS Bee News

On October 6th, seven wonderful women of the GLAS Bee held a sew-in to make items for the survivors of the Lahaina, HI fires. Peggy McIntire donated a bolt of cheerful yellow daisy fabric and others added to the fabric supply from their own stashes. We met at Joanne Jones' wonderful studio and set up shop where we sewed speedily for a couple of hours. We produced 25 pillowcases and 10 drawstring bags to be sent to the Sewing Hui on Maui to be distributed to those who have lost their homes.

We hope they will be comforted by our donations and these items will remind them for a long time that people who lived very far away, in the greater Atlanta area (Georgia), cared about them in their time of need.

Enormous thanks to Joanne, Merri, Sheila, Pam, Luanna and Barbara.

Rita Kennedy

2024 Winter Retreat

Sign up now for the 2024 GQG Winter retreat is full for overnight retreaters.

There are spots available for day retreaters.

Day Quilters: includes lunch (pay full amount at sign-up) \$20 Per Day

Payment is due in full by 12/31/2023.

Make checks out to the Gwinnett Quilters' Guild

Bring the filled out retreat form and a check to sign up for the retreat.

See Lynn Harned if you want to be added to the waiting list for overnight retreaters.



thanksgiving
gather
thankful family
blessed grateful
together
blessings
november

Gwinnett Quilters' Guild Winter Retreat

February 26—March 1, 2024

Please print out this registration form, complete and return with your \$50 deposit or the entire amount due. The retreat will cost \$300*.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact/s Name _____

Phone Number/s _____

Do You want to room with a friend who is also attending this retreat? Y/N

Roommate's Name _____

Email or Phone Number _____

Are you a Gwinnett Quilters' Guild member? Y/N

* There is an additional \$30 fee for non-guild members

Are you a Day Quilter? Y/N Tue _____ Wed _____ Thu _____ \$20 per day

We Take your safety and the security of your equipment very seriously but will not be liable for any personal injury, loss/theft or damages any time during the retreat. Your attendance constitutes your agreement to indemnify Gwinnett Quilters' Guild from any claim for injury, loss or damage for any reason.

I agree to the policies outlined above

Name _____ Date _____

Amount Paid _____ Total Amount Due _____

Bring the completed registration form to a guild meeting or mail to:

Gwinnett Quilters' Guild

ATTN: Retreat

2424 Webb Gin House Road

Snellville, GA 30078

Treasurer's Record February 2024 Retreat

Gwinnett Quilters' Guild

Date Rec'd _____

Amount _____

Check # _____

Cash _____

Entered _____

Do Not Write in this box

Name _____

Phone Home _____ Cell _____

Guild Member? Y/N

Day Quilter? Y/N Number of Days _____

Don't forget your star blocks. This the last month to turn them in.

NEW BLOCK TRADE

We are making a floating star block. We ask that you make at least 2 blocks to enter the lottery. Your 1st block will be donated to the Quilts of Valor, the 2nd block is your entry in the Star Block Lottery. You may make as many blocks as you wish for the lottery. Blocks will be collected when you arrive at the guild meeting, in October and November. A name will be drawn during the meeting from all those who make a block to win a set of blocks. We hope to give away enough blocks for a lap or throw sized quilt. With enough blocks, we may have 2 drawings.

Our theme for October and November is RED, WHITE, BLUE. Blocks can be red w/white star, blue w/red star, white w/red or blue star, or any mixture. You are the designer. Use only 1st quality quilt shop fabric.


To make one block, you will need 2 or 3 fabrics of the "theme" colors, Red/White/Blue.


Cut: 8 squares each 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Background fabric 

1 square 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " for center (same as background or different) 

8 squares each 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " for star points 

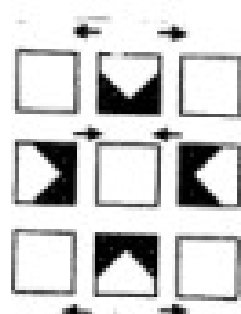
First draw a diagonal line on the wrong side from point to point on each 2" square

Place a 2" square in one corner of the 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square, right sides together (RST) Sew from corner to corner on the drawn line across the 2" square. 

Fold the small square toward the corner, check that it is "square". Press and trim the excess part of the 2" square leaving the 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " whole. 

Repeat on the other corner for your star points.

Do this for four of the background blocks. Assemble your block according to the diagram, first in rows, then putting rows together. Press seams as shown by the arrows for each "row". Press final seams away from center row.



Your block now measures 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Do not trim or square up your block.

Rather, if you receive the lottery blocks

You can trim blocks to any size you like

because the points are "floating".

