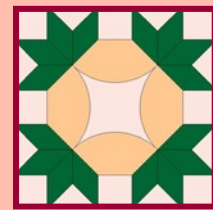


Gwinnett Quilters' Gazette

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CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 11:00, DECEMBER 19TH
Cannon Methodist Church - 2424 Webb Gin House Rd Snellville, GA 30078



DECEMBER'S HAPPENINGS

December 2023

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Presidents Message

I would like to just to wish everyone a Wonderful Holiday with Family & Friends.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas Luncheon on December 19th.

Susan



Santa's in Town - American Legion Women's Auxiliary Toy Drive

For our Community Outreach Christmas Toy collection, this year we are partnering with the American Legion in Loganville. The toy collection is hosted by the legion's Women's Auxiliary Group. They works with the schools in Gwinnett and Walton County (through the school counselors) to identify families that will greatly appreciate your generosity. We are guaranteed that your donations will STAY IN OUR LOCAL AREA.

Please bring your unwrapped toy(s) to our guild Christmas Luncheon on December 19th. There will have a large box at each entrance for you to leave your toys. Toys for any age are appropriate, as there might be children in a family not yet of school age. Your generosity is most appreciated.

Questions? Please contact Betsy Podriznik ~ 770-841-3572 ~
betsyp123@comcast.net



Holiday Luncheon December 19

Lunch Catered by Blue Rooster in Lawrenceville

Friendship Time 10:30-11:00

Luncheon to start at 11:00

Dress up as Mrs. Santa Claus !!

Prizes !! for Best Costume !! Santa chooses!!



Mrs. Claus does not always wear red. Do you think her closet is full of only red clothes?? She has other clothes. Mrs. Claus does not always just sit by Santa. She goes places – the grocery, a party, a Shop Hop, Guild meetings, & Bee. Mrs. Claus has a job of checking Santa's lists twice. Finding out who was naughty and nice. She sews and makes quilts. There is baking and cooking, cleaning, taking care of the elves, shoveling snow, making toys. She is a Super Woman!! When Santa & the elves came down with Covid she nursed them back to health, while sick herself. She likes to ride horses and motorcycles. There is more to this woman than a plump face and red clothes. Mrs. Claus works out! Let us show Santa that his "Mrs." is an awesome woman!! Santa will select his Super Lady at our Holiday Luncheon!! And, Mrs. Claus does not have to cook for the Luncheon ☺



PLAY QUILTER'S FAMILY FEUD

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

Gift Baskets

How can I win one??

- * Put a return address sticker on a dollar bill to enter the Gift Basket Drawings. Enter as many times as you want !



Upcoming Guild Workshops

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.



Vice Presidents Message

We collected 455 placemats and 54 mug rugs. They have been delivered to Gwinnett Meals On Wheels in Lawrenceville- and I got them there before Thanksgiving! We usually deliver the placemats to Gwinnett Senior Services but they still had leftovers from last year so they suggested the Gwinnett Meals On Wheels and that worked out well. They are also located next to Veteran Family Services and will share the placemats with them.

The last 50 breast cancer pillows were delivered to Hebron Church to their cancer ministries.

Cannon Cause this month is Feed My Lamb which asks for individually wrapped items for children to be able to prepare by themselves while at home over the holidays.

There is always a need for ladies personal care items and baby diapers and wipes, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

This month there is also a request out for canned pasta

In January we will collect canned goods and in February it will be baby items.

We have a new community service project: Lindsay Hatfield with Affinis Hospice contacted us and would like us to make some fidget quilts and/or aprons for their patients in the memory care unit. She would like to have 10 but I bet we can do better than that. The quilts can be as small as a placemat or a little larger like a lap blanket -many are in wheelchairs. The aprons can be full or half aprons. Anything attached as to be secure so they can't pull it off. I'll have a sample in January but there are many examples on the internet.

https://youtu.be/SuTk6rVq3KM?si=c42Oolf8WZyAT_CX

Joyce Taylor

Vice President

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.



Holiday Christmas Luncheon

Reminders:

Lunch Starts at 11:00

Bring Labels for \$1 Raffle Gift Baskets
Bring anything you signed up for,
like a dessert, gift basket, or table
decoration

The following will not happen in December:

Show and Tell, Library, Birthday Drawing, Free
Table, Just For You Table and Quilts of Valor.

If you have a December birthday, please bring
your gift in January.



Welcome New Members:

Jackie Campbell

Nancy Smith

Snow Days

Reminder:

If Gwinnett County
schools are cancelled be-
cause of bad weather on
guild day, the guild meet-
ing is cancelled.



DECEMBER'S CANON CAUSE

FEED MY LAMBS

The Feed My Lambs program feeds elementary students on weekends and holidays, suggested items to donate include:
Checks can be made out to: "Cannon UMC" with "Feed My Lambs" in the memo

Canned/Individual Ravioli

Chicken Noodle Soup

Vienna Sausages

Shelf Stable Milk

Peanut Butter Crackers

Applesauce Cups

Individual Mac-n- Cheese

Cups

Individual boxes of Raisins

Individual Cereal Boxes

Granola Bars

Juice Boxes

Fruit Cups

Pudding Cups

Ramen Noodles



GWINNETT QUILTS OF VALOR QUILTERS



We will be no meeting in December.

Mark your 2024 calendar NOW—the Quilts of Valor National Sew Day (NSD) is on Saturday, February 3rd. On that day more than 2,000 sewers, ironers, and strippers (Oh, MY!!) and quilters will be gathering for loads of friendship, laughter and work to make a record number of quilt tops in one day The total from last year was over 800 tops completed during the NSD weekend.

For the National Sew Day, we will meet at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 319 Grayson Hwy, Lawrenceville at 10 am, win door prizes and work until we drop! Hope you will join us. Questions? Give me a call or email... thanks.

Betsy Podriznik 770-841-3572 betsyp123@comcast.net

Just For You

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! Enjoy the Holidays and keep the hospitalized children in your thoughts and prayers. Make time in the new year to make more Just For You quilts! We will have many more kits available at the January Guild meeting.

Thank you so much for your continued support!!



January Cannon Cause:

Canned Food



**GWINNETT QUILTERS' GUILD
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 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 and to sign in your Show and Tell items.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO ANN GRAVELLE: Barbara Conner informed the group about Ann's Quilting History. Ann has donated her fabric stash to the Guild for the making of JFY's, Quilts of Valor, breast cancer pillows, placemats, and pillows for the children's hospital. Ann also donated books for the library. What an amazing gift!

FRIENDSHIP: Nancy Jeffares informed the group that e-birthday cards are sent on your birthday. Sharon Henderson and Susan Gordon were sent cards. A thank you note was sent to Karmen Sunshine for her monetary donation for the purchase of stamps. Joyce Taylor's grandson, Isaac, is still struggling with a seizure disorder and the physicians are trying to regular his medicine. Bobbi Cox's husband has had a NO CANCER diagnosis! Kathleen Stempien has had a death in the family. Mary Frankiewicz' daughter has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

HOSPITALITY: Nancy Jeffares did an about-face to report our two visitors: Leslie Arnold and Nancy Smith. Welcome!

MEMBERSHIP: Cheri Gilleland reported two new members: Jackie Campbell and Gayle Short. Glad to have you!

PROGRAM: Jamie Jones introduced Tara Miller and "Quilting with the Fire of My Forefathers." Great program! She will hold a workshop tomorrow.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Joyce Taylor reported that we made 469 breast cancer pillows. All but 40 have been delivered. The placemats were turned in, the number to be released later, but Joyce already has 117 at her home! December Cannon Cause is "Feed My Lambs" and January will be canned goods. Susan Gordon passed out a list of items that are always needed for the food co-op.

SECRETARY: Linda Kelley made a motion that the October minutes be approved as published in the newsletter and this was seconded by Nancy Salter. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER: Alice Schunemann made a motion that the October financial report be approved as published in the newsletter and this was seconded by Barbara Holbrook. The motion passed unanimously.

HOLIDAY PARTY: Jamie Jones reported that the Blue Rooster meal is \$17 and that the order will be placed on 12-1-23. Three more raffle gift baskets are needed.

QUILTS OF VALOR: Betsy Podriznik reported that the next meeting is 11/16/23 with a presentation at 1 p.m. Toys and monetary donations are welcomed for the Operation Toy Soldier program through the Loganville American Legion.

LIBRARY: Robin Richards passed out the new cards for usage of the library. Margie Kersey's sister has made 6 breast cancer pillow templates that can be checked out of the library. There are still some over-due books!

JUST FOR YOU: Joan Fisher reported that she handed out 12 kits today...all were from Ann Gravelle's donation to the Guild. Lucy Aikerson was the recipient of the longarm drawing today.

RETREAT: Lynn Harned reported that the retreat is full, but there is a waiting list. There is also room for more day retreaters.

SMALL BEE GROUPS: Kim Beasley let the group know that there is a complete list in the directory. The Happy Hoopers meet today after the Guild meeting; JFY is 11/28/23 at Discover Sewing; and JoAnne Jones' QOV bee is 11/28/23 and she will be attending.

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?

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. Great meeting!

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Conner

Gwinnett Quilters' Guild Checkbook Record

| Nov. 2023 | | | | | |
|------------|--|--------|---------|--------|----------|
| Date | Description | Debit | Deposit | Credit | Balance |
| | previous balance | | | | 16817.12 |
| 11/4/2023 | cc - storage unit rental - Nov. '23 (\$95 + 14 ins.) | 124.00 | | | 16693.12 |
| 11/2/2023 | ck #1423 - Print Logic - directories printing | 564.16 | | | 16128.96 |
| 11/10/2023 | ck #1424 - Joyce Taylor - payment for class | 120.00 | | | 16008.96 |
| 11/14/2023 | ck #1425 - Nov. speaker/workshop/mileage | 782.75 | | | 15226.21 |
| 11/13/2023 | ck #1426 - Joan Fisher - Just for you exp. | 29.66 | | | 15196.55 |
| 11/15/2023 | deposit - membership - 26 x \$40 | | 1556.25 | 326.00 | 15522.55 |
| 11/15/2023 | visitors- 2 @ \$5 | | | 10.00 | 15532.55 |
| 11/15/2023 | birthday drawing | | | 173.25 | 15705.80 |
| 11/15/2023 | workshop #1 - | | | 140.00 | 15845.80 |
| 11/15/2023 | workshop #2 | | | 60.00 | 15905.80 |
| 11/15/2023 | workshop #3 | | | 110.00 | 16015.80 |
| 11/15/2023 | library - late fee collected | | | 6.00 | 16021.80 |
| 11/15/2023 | Christmas luncheon -collected 11/14 | | | 731.00 | 16752.80 |
| 11/30/2023 | ck #1427 - Jamie Jones - luncheon expense | 21.69 | | | 16731.11 |
| 11/30/2023 | ck #1428 - void | 0.00 | | | 16731.11 |
| 11/30/2023 | Library money (see below) | 538.05 | | | 16193.06 |

The library money has been accumulating over the years from pass book sales, late fee, phone calls (that were made during our meetings), and donations that were directed to the library. We felt that a separated report is needed in order to show the income and expenses of the library funds, not from the guild's membership dues.

Gwinnett Quilter's Guild Library Recoerd

| Nov. 2023 | | | | | |
|-----------|--|-------|---------|--------|---------|
| Date | Description | Debit | Deposit | Credit | Balance |
| | previous balance | | | | 621.72 |
| Oct. | ck #1419 - Robin Richards rolling card | 89.67 | | | 532.05 |
| Nov. | late fees collected Nov. | | | 6.00 | 538.05 |

Gwinnett Quilter's Guild Retreat Recoerd

| Nov. 2023 | | | | | |
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| Date | Description | Debit | Deposit | Credit | Balance |
| | previous balance | | | | 4298.52 |
| 11/15/2023 | deposit - November | 2400.00 | | | 6698.52 |



Friendship Report December Meeting Report

Jacquie Lawson e-Cards for birthdays in December will arrive before your birthday or on time.
All cards should be received before our December meeting.

E-cards have been set to...

Michelle Gravelle to thank her mother (Ann Gravelle) for the paper cards

Paper Cards have been mailed to...

Susan Gordon & Bonnie Dossey on the loss of their sister.

Deborah Jones fell & fractured her left cheek

Cynthia Williams to feed better soon

Ann Gravelle thank you card

Lucy Aikerson. Text/call: 630-721-5102. Email: aik123@comcast.net
Friendship Committee



December's Birthdays

| | |
|----------|-------------|
| Glen | Avant |
| Roz | Bordain |
| Laura | Clarke |
| Lee Anne | Cole |
| Dianne | Crutchfield |
| Karen | Curran |
| Mary Lou | Godbey |
| Barbara | Holbrook |
| Nancy | Jeffares |



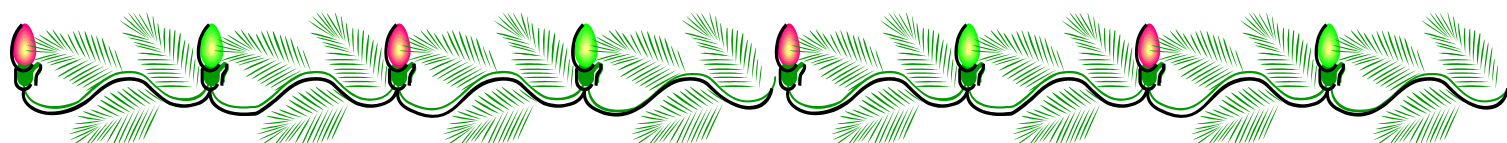
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| Elaine | LaBarr |
| Mary Lee | Maury |
| Karen | McMullen |
| Merry | Muse |
| Joann | Rosselle |
| Susan | Saetz |
| Cathy | Schulte |
| Joy | Sibley |
| Jane | Wade |

Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild will host an Antique and Vintage Quilt Turning on Saturday, January 20, 2024. Please join us in the auditorium of the Alpharetta branch of the Fulton County Library located at 10 Park Plaza, Alpharetta. The program will be from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

For those unfamiliar with quilt turnings, you are in for a treat! They are perhaps the precursor to our Show and Tell programs at today's quilt guild meetings. Many years ago, when quilters would get together, they would each bring a quilt to share to show their handiwork to friends. If space was limited, they would lay them all out on a bed, stacked one on top of the other. As each quilt was held up for viewing— "turned" -- the owner would talk about the quilt and tell its story.

The quilts presented at our quilt turning are more than 50 years old and owned by Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild members. Some quilts have been handed down for generations, with documented stories, and are part of the heritage of that family. In other cases, the provenance of the quilt is unknown. Some have even been used for paint drop cloths!

Please join us to see amazing quilts and learn about quiltmaking history. This event is free and open to the public.





Small BEE Groups, Announcements,

December 2023

Kids are our future!! Let's be intentional in teaching the kids in our community to love sewing and quilting as much as we do!!

Where?

Lawrenceville Elementary has invited members of our Youth BEE to host an afterschool sewing club on Wednesdays from January 24th – March 27th from 3:45 PM to 4:45 PM. No sessions will be held on February 14th or March 15th.

Who?

5th graders who have an interest in sewing will attend these after-school sessions.



We're looking for one or two quilters to assist with this fun project where creativity and social interaction are key.

Kids will need access to a sewing machine so please bring a machine that you're ok with the kids handling under your supervision. Students will be paired with a veteran quilter/volunteer on a 2 to 1 ratio.



Please contact Barbara Conner or Kim Beasley for more information.

Come out and join one of our open Small BEE Groups in December/January...

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| Name of the small BEE group | Queen BEE/Leader | Upcoming Meeting/location |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| Embroidery BEE Come out to provide community service. | Barbara Conner 770-380-0650 | Jan 9, 2024 @ Atlanta Sewing Center/Duluth, 10:00. No machines needed. |
| Just For YOU BEE Come out to support Just For You Programming. | Carolyn Prue 301-466-3708 | Dec 12, 2023 @ Discover Sewing in Duluth, 10:30 to 2, <u>bring your lunch and machine.</u> |
| Quilts of Valor BEE Come out to support Q of V programming. | JoAnne Jones 770-935-1853 | Jan 30, 2024, @ Sew & Sew Studio, Lilburn, 10 AM, <u>bring your lunch and machine.</u> |
| New Lunch Bunch BEE Come out to socialize with other members. | Kim Beasley 404-213-0954 | Jan 16, 2024, immediately following guild meeting. Contact Leader to sign up and get more information. |
| New New to Quilting Come out to learn with others new to quilting. | Kim Beasley 404-213-0954 | Jan 5, 2024, @ Grayson Library/Grayson, 10:00-12 Bring a show-n-tell to discuss. No machine needed. |
| UFO BEE Come out to complete unfinished projects. | Desiree Salter 706-908-8159 | Jan mtg date (TBD), Southeast Gwinnett Cooperative Ministry/Grayson. Bring machines and lunch. |

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