

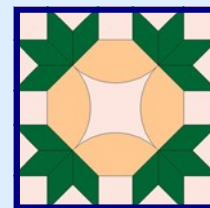
# Gwinnett Quilters' Gazette

[www.gwinnettquiltersguild.org](http://www.gwinnettquiltersguild.org)

Guild Meeting: January 16<sup>TH</sup>

Fellowship 9:30, Meeting 10:00

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



## JANUARY'S HAPPENINGS

January 2024

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*Friends: I wish each of you a Happy New Year and hope 2024 is your best year yet.*

*I am not one to make New Year's Resolutions (I got over the guilt of that practice a long time ago). This new year however, I am going to learn a new technique in our shared love of quilting... I want to learn how to make a **Fidget Quilt**.*

*The guild has been asked to make some Fidget Quilts for a memory facility in Gwinnett. I have never made one and hope you will join me in trying to make an interesting quilt, or apron... for someone who has dementia, or an anxiety disorder.*

*Check out this newsletter for how to participate.*

*See you at Guild.*

*Susan*



### CANNON CAUSE FOR

**January**

**Canned Food  
Mac & Cheese**



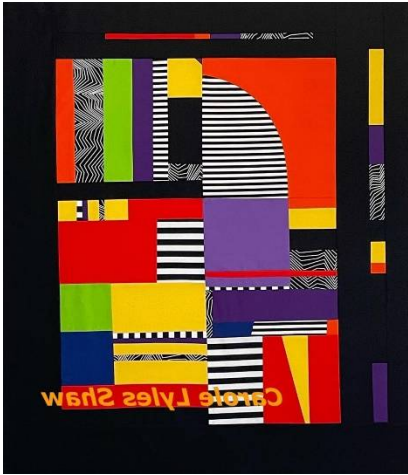
**February**

**Baby Clothes and Baby  
Items**



## January's Speaker:

### Carol Lyles Shaw



Carol's passion is to inspire quilters to explore the fun and creative freedom in making modern quilts. Carol will zoom in to our Guild meeting to share with us about "What Makes a Modern Quilt." Carol is one of the "big" names in the Modern quilting world.

Carol taught herself to quilt when she decided to make quilts for her many nieces and nephews. She found her first quilting home with the African American Quilters of Baltimore, who taught her the best quilting techniques to express her quilt vision. Carol is excited about modern quilting because it is all about bringing individualism and free expression to the quilts we are making today.

## January Workshop

### 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! (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. The time for the class is 10:00 - 3:00. Since we will not take reservations for classes in December at the Luncheon, if you want to take the class, email Carol Kreson.



## Mommy Love Pads

We have donated over 10,000 in the past years and will continue making them.

Mommy Love Pads are given to Children's Health Care of Atlanta. They are a finished 4" inch square of soft material. They are worn inside the parents clothing and then placed in a baby's incubator so they can smell the parents scent.

The hospital said they are in need of these and they are so simple to sew. If anyone has extra flannel they would like to donate, please bring it and I will cut them up into kits to be sewn.

Thank you to all that have participated in helping.

# FEBRUARY'S PROGRAM:

February 20, 2024

## Denise Russell, from Pieced Brain.com



Denise Russell is coming to us from Kennesaw, GA and will be presenting a Trunk Show & program on, *"I Love Fabric Panels: How Can I Design a Quilt Using Them."* Denise will show us how to figure out what to do with a Panel, how much fabric to purchase, and so on. She will talk about what to focus on when designing a panel quilt.

**Carol** designs quilts for fabric manufacturers from the US and Canada, for magazines and books. She also publishes patterns under the label "Pieced Brain." She has been blogging about quilting, quilt designs, machine applique', free-motion quilting, and other crafts since 2013. She taught classes at the Grand Rapids AQS Show this past September.

### 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. The class is \$10 and we will meet at Cannon UMC. Time for the class: 10:00-3:00.



### **March 19 - Mini Workshop following our meeting - learn to make a fidget quilt**

A Hospice in Lawrenceville has asked our guild if we could please make some fidget quilts for their patients. They are especially useful for people with dementia or Alzheimer's. **On March 19 - following the Guild Meeting Joyce Taylor will show everyone interested how to make a Fidget Quilt.**

Bring your lunch - and stay for about an hour to learn how to help others. Joyce will have a variety of supplies (buttons, zippers, etc) you can use to get started.

**Sign up at the Program Table. This is free but we need to know how many members plan to attend.**





# Friendship Report

## January Meeting Report

Jacquie Lawson cards are scheduled to arrive on your Birthday this month.

Friendship Committee posted Ann Gravelle and several selfies on Facebook from our December Christmas Party.



Hosted a table for new members or anyone who did not have a place to sit. Lucy & Joyce Taylor

E-card sent to Jean Coto. Surgery scheduled for January 11

Bill turned in to Treasurer for \$10.07 to buy Sympathy cards from Dollar Tree.

*Send a text, email or call with information to request cards for:*

*Anniversaries, weddings, graduations, awards, sick & shut in, or thinking about you.*

Lucy Aikerson

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Friendship Committee

## Donations Needed

The Guild is sponsoring an after-school sew club at Lawrenceville Elementary School. Here's your chance to help and to perhaps clear duplicates out of your sewing room! We can use the following: Large eyed plastic needles to use with sewing cards, pin cushions, tape measures, small scissors (5th grade size), buttons, yarn, and anything else you think we can use! There will be a bin set up for collection at our next meeting. And thank you....perhaps we have future quilters in the works!

We also need items to sew onto fidget quilts

## Sewing Expo

Gas South Convention Center

March 7, 8 & 9, 2024

Exhibit Hall Hours:

Thurs. & Fri. 10am – 5:30pm

Sat. 10am – 5pm

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Sewing & Quilt  
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## GWINNETT QUILTS OF VALOR QUILTERS

Our next meeting is on Thursday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 319 Grayson Highway, Lawrenceville 30046. Bring your machine or hand sewing supplies. Bring a lunch or get fast food nearby.

**A special invitation - Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Annual National Quilts of Valor Sew Day.** Over 1,500 quilters will be sewing all across the world in support of QOV. EVERYONE is welcome to participate and there are prizes awarded every hour for those that officially register. Membership is not required to register.

Go to [www.QOVF.org](http://www.QOVF.org) and scroll midway down on the Home Page, click on this Blue Button to get to the Events & Calendar page. The second event is National QOV Sew Day. Follow the instructions to register. Once again - Membership is not required to participate. You can sew with our Gwinnett Group or agree to sew at home and still participate.

Membership in the Quilts of Valor has lots of benefits when you join a group. There are monthly specials from Industry Partners; free downloads of patterns and Longarmer pantographs, thread discounts - something new is added very month. Please consider joining - attending our monthly local Sew Day is not required. Maybe you live too far away to "join another group or have another meeting". Not a problem - sew at home when you can and turn in your quilt top to us. We will provide the batting and backing, plus get one of our volunteer longarmers to quilt the top for you. ALL THIS IS COVERED WITH YOUR YEARLY MEMBERSHIP. What a bargain !!!!!!!

Questions? Contact Betsy Podriznik at 770-841-3572

## January's Birthdays

Linda	Bohne
Karen	Byers
Jackie	Campbell
Kay	Crutcher
Barbara	Davis
Cheri	Gilleland
Kayse	Harshaw
Cheryl	Henderson
Bonnie	Herron
Paula	Hess



Ginny	Manning
Pat	McConnell
Judy	Montgomery
Paula	Pownell
Elaine	Price
Pat	Scibona
Jeanne	Spears
Carole	Thomas
Shirley	Weaver

**GWINNETT QUILTERS' GUILD  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 19, 2023**

The Gwinnett Quilters' Guild was held on December 19, 2023 at the Cannon United Methodist Church in Snellville, GA.

**PRESIDENT:** Susan Gordon called the very abbreviated meeting to order at 10 a.m. with the usual reminders.

**FRIENDSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP:** Nancy Jeffaries introduced the two visitors (who also joined today): Peggy Jones and Kelly Smith. Welcome!

**FRIENDSHIP:** Lucy Aikerson reported that birthday greetings are being sent for the December birthdays.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Joyce Taylor reminded us that the Cannon Cause for January is canned goods. We have the opportunity for a new community service—fidget quilts—she will give us more information at a later date.

**SECRETARY:** Jacquie Patrick made a motion that the November minutes be approved as published in the newsletter and this was seconded by Joanne Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER:** Lucy Aikerson made a motion that the November financial report be approved as published in the newsletter and this was seconded by Nancy Jeffares.

**PROGRAMS:** Jamie Jones reported about the T-shirt workshop led by Nancy Jeffares which will be held in January. Sharon Armstrong spoke about the process of being up blocks for our block exchange.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please check the newsletter for an announcement from the Chattahoochee Evening Stars Guild about an Antique and Vintage Quilt Turning in January.

**MESSAGE FROM Michele Gravelle:** A quilt was given to Michele to take home to Ann and Michele had some very gracious remarks to us on Ann's behalf.

And then it was MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS! And a great time was had by all!

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Conner

## Vice Presidents report

Thank you to all of you who contributed items to our community service projects. We had a great year and helped many people in our community. We received a thank you letter from Ryan's Cases for Smiles and the GA chapter donated 6,922 pillowcases to local hospitals and care facilities.

This month Cannon Cause is canned goods but also special requests for: macaroni & cheese, cereal, canned fruit, and jelly.

February will be baby care items, including items for new moms such as sanitary napkins.

March will be dry goods such as cereal, flour, spaghetti, dry beans, etc

We have been asked to donate fidget quilts (and aprons) to a couple of local senior care homes and from what I have found on the internet they can be fun to make. We hope to have some samples to show at the meeting. We also will have items you can pick up to put on your fidget quilt and a bin where you can donate items

Joyce Taylor, Vice President





## Gwinnett Quilters' Guild Checkbook Record

Dec. 2023

Date	Description	Debit	Deposit	Credit	Balance
	<b>previous balance</b>				<b>16193.06</b>
12/2/2023	cc - storage unit rental - Dec. '23 (\$95 + 14 ins.)	124.00			16069.06
12/8/2023	return luncheon check - (Nov.)	17.00			16052.06
12/8/2023	bank adjustmenti	0.32			16051.74
12/5/2023	cc - website - purchased new email acc.	150.00			15901.74
12/5/2023	cc - website - good till Dec '24	23.88			15877.86
12/8/2023	ck #1429 - Blue Rooster - Christmas luncheon	1303.54			14574.32
12/21/2023	deposit - December meeting - membership		213.00	115.00	14689.32
12/21/2023	workshop #1 - January			20.00	14709.32
12/21/2023	workshop #2 - February			10.00	14719.32
12/21/2023	Christmas luncheon			68.00	14787.32

## Gwinnett Quilter's Guild Library Record

Dec. 2023

Date	Description	Debit	Deposit	Credit	Balance
	<b>previous balance</b>				<b>538.05</b>
December	no activity				<b>538.05</b>

## Gwinnett Quilter's Guild Retreat Record

Dec. 2023

Date	Description	Debit	Deposit	Credit	Balance
	<b>previous balance</b>				<b>6698.52</b>
12/18/2023	ck #1430 - Marcia Bargo - refund	40.00			6658.52
12/18/2023	ck #1431 - Barbara Conner - refund	90.00			6568.52
12/21/2023	deposit - December	2500.00			<b>9118.52</b>



## Snow Days

Reminder:

If Gwinnett County schools are cancelled because of bad weather on guild day, the guild meeting is cancelled.





## Small BEE Groups, Updates, January 2024



- Happy New Year!! Have you found a small group of interest yet?
- Contact Kim Beasley at 404-213-0954 to request more information.

### Upcoming Small BEE Group Meeting Information and Updates...

Name of the small BEE group	Queen BEE/Leader	Upcoming Meeting/location
<b>Embroidery BEE</b> Come out to provide community service.	<b>Barbara Conner</b> 770-380-0650	Jan 9, 2024 @ Atlanta Sewing Center/Duluth, 10:00. No machines needed.
<b>Just For YOU BEE</b> Come out to support Just For You Programming.	<b>Carolyn Prue</b> 301-466-3708	<b>New meeting location starting this month...</b> Jan 25, 2024 @ Grayson UMC/555 Grayson Pkwy/Grayson, 10:00 to 2, bring your "Just For You Kits", lunch, machine, and power strips.
<b>New</b> <b>Lunch Bunch BEE</b> Come out to socialize with other members.	<b>Kim Beasley</b> 404-213-0954	<b>January meeting has been canceled.</b> Feb 20, 2024, immediately following guild meeting. Contact Leader to sign up and get more information.
<b>New</b> <b>New to Quilting</b> Come out to learn with others new to quilting.	<b>Kim Beasley</b> 404-213-0954	Jan 5, 2024, @ Grayson Library @ 700 Grayson Pkwy/Grayson, 10:00-12. Bring a show-n-tell to share. No machine needed.
<b>Quilts of Valor BEE</b> Come out to support Q of V programming.	<b>JoAnne Jones</b> 770-935-1853	Jan 30, 2024, @ Sew & Sew Studio, Lilburn, 10 AM. Bring your lunch and a machine.
<b>New</b> <b>UFO BEE</b> Come out to complete unfinished projects.	<b>Desiree Salter</b> 706-908-8159	Jan 6th, Southeast Gwinnett Cooperative Ministry/Grayson from 9 – 2 PM.  Bring machines and lunch.
<b>New</b> <b>Youth Group</b> Come out to teach Gwinnett youth to sew/quilt.	<b>Barbara Conner</b> 770-380-0650	<b>Sewing Club at Lawrenceville Elem starts this month. We have 3 members to volunteer: Barbara Conner, Carolyn Prue, and Kim Beasley. 8 kids total.</b>  Wednesdays, Jan 24th- March 15th from 3:45-4:45. Volunteers bring sewing machines as needed.





December 2023

Dear Donors and Volunteers:

As 2023 ends and a new year begins, I want to take this opportunity to THANK each of you for your donation of time and pillowcases. The organization could not function without your incredibly generous contributions. YOU are the essential piece of the puzzle that helps the entire family cope with one of life's most terrifying experiences while building resilience for the future. We are ever grateful for the role YOU play in these families' lives.

Ryan's Case For Smiles (RCFS) began 16 years ago with a simple gesture by a mom wanting to make a hospital room a little less sterile for her son. That simple gesture has turned into over 2.7 million pillowcases (aka 'smiles') being delivered to children nationwide.

A hospital experience can be terrifying and traumatic for both a child and their family. While others strive to find cures for childhood diseases and illnesses, Ryan's Case For Smiles helps with the stress and emotional impact of an illness in the here and now. Our whimsical pillowcases give children an emotional boost, while resources and tools developed by RCFS help families better understand and cope with the experience. For more information, go to [www.caseforsmiles.org](http://www.caseforsmiles.org).

In 2023, the 'Case For Smiles' Georgia Chapter delivered a total of 6,922 pillowcases to 15 hospital throughout the state. A hospital in Gainesville was added in 2023. Pillowcases were also delivered to the local Ronald McDonald House, North Fulton Senior Services and Cobb Senior Services. To date, the Georgia Chapter has delivered 72,000+ 'smiles'.

Also, a special callout of THANKS to hospital coordinators, drop-off locations and quilt guilds for your continued support. Please be sure to include your contact information and a note when dropping off pillowcases so I know who to thank.

It has been a pleasure meeting some of you in person and working with others via email. I look forward to the continued success of the Georgia Chapter. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for 'helping kids feel better to heal better'.

Regards,

Barbara Means  
Georgia Chapter Coordinator  
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P.S. For 2024, the Chapter needs boy and holiday (July 4<sup>th</sup>, Halloween, Hanukkah and Christmas) pillowcases.