

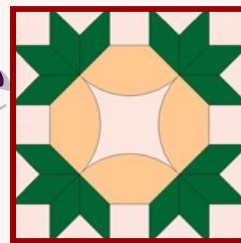
Gwinnett Quilters' Gazette

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Guild Meeting: February 20TH

Fellowship 9:30, Meeting 10:00

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



FEBRUARY'S HAPPENINGS

February 2024

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Good Morning Gwinnett Quilters.

I come from a generation that has been dragged into the age of social media and 24/7 connections with the digital world. It's not all bad; I enjoy being able to text and send emails so my efforts to contact friends are there when it is convenient for them to read and respond. I hate spam and robo-calls. I guess there is always some bad with the good.

I was thinking about our recent Zoom meetings. While I do miss the opportunity to touch and examine our speakers' quilts, I have been impressed with the quality of the speakers and the organization of their presentations. I was worried that what we saved in costs to our treasury would be negatively impacted by poor quality or unprepared presenters. I was wrong. Jamie has done a marvelous job of finding us competent and interesting presenters with interesting stories to tell. By managing our programming budget carefully, we are able to bring nationally recognized speakers like Nancy Mahoney, Katie Lewis and Carol Stanek along with their workshop later this spring & fall.

So, now I am wondering what over innovative ideas you might have to share with me, and the Board about other ways to continue to improve our meetings, programs, and workshops. Send me a text or email or catch me at the February meeting.

Looking forward to being together next week.

Susan

CANNON CAUSE

February

Baby Items



March

Dry Foods



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 by Joan Fisher

The class is currently full, but we are keeping a waiting list. The class is \$10 to the guild and \$20 kit fee directly to Joan the day of the workshop. 10am-3pm. Please bring a lunch. We're excited for another day of sewing fun!!!



MARCH'S PROGRAM:

Nancy McNally from nancymcnallyquilts.com



Nancy has lectured and taught at several AQS shows this past year.

Nancy McNally will zoom into our March Guild meeting from Michigan to talk to us about how she designs quilts and the messes she has gotten herself into. She will discuss how she works with color, batiks, and longarm quilting. Nancy will share with us how she tweaks a pattern, keeps the eye moving across the quilt, adding a border by bringing in an element from the block out into the border. Nancy says that when she first was introduced to quilting by 3 friends, she had no idea you could buy fabric, cut up in small pieces, sew back together and create a masterpiece! She was hooked! She designs patterns, blogs and publishes. She produces "How To" videos on making a quilt from scratch to finish, Bargello quilts, stain glass quilts curved piecing and more! Nancymcnallyquilts.com

March 19 Mini Workshop following our meeting – learn to make a fidget quilt with Joyce Taylor.

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 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.

Please sign up at the Program Table. This is a free event, but we need to know how many members plan to attend.



or

APRIL'S PROGRAM:

April 16, 2024

Nancy Mahoney, International Teacher



Nancy has enjoyed making quilts for over 35 years, during which time an impressive range of her beautiful quilts have been featured in over 250 quilt magazines and authored 15 books since 2002. The newest book is *A New Twist*. Nancy has designed 15 fabric collections, including eight reproduction collections. She has taught at several AQS Shows, most recently in Daytona Beach, FL in February and Branson, MO in March. Coming up in July she will teach at a Shipshewana Retreat.

Her Program for us, titled "Two Block Wonders", will show how to place two different blocks side by side to create extraordinary quilts. She will show us that every quilter can make unique quilts. Nancy will share her quilts with us and tips for successfully pairing-up blocks to create dazzling results.

Wednesday, April 17 Feathered Star Workshop with Nationally known instructor Nancy Mahoney



Nancy is a sought after nationally known instructor. She is currently teaching a similar class at AQS in Daytona for \$125. Our class is a DEAL. Please support our guild as we host Nancy for this special occasion!

Nancy Mahoney will teach a class on making a feathered star block. The 44" x 44" block can stand alone as a wall hanging or put 4 blocks together to create a stunning quilt. You will learn cutting and piecing techniques for making accurate triangle squares. Cost is \$45 and includes the pattern. The class will be held at Cannon Methodist Church 9:00-3:00

(This class was originally scheduled for last year. Members who were signed up will have the first opportunity to register. Those members should have already received an email from Carol Kreson.)

There are spaces available in the workshop. Please register at the February meeting!

Friendship Report

February Meeting Report

Jacque Lawson e-cards are scheduled to arrive on your Birthday until Feb 19. If your birthday is after Feb 19 you should get your card on the 19.

Paper Cards were mailed:

Rita Kennedy - had surgery

Ginny Wineinger - had a stroke. Got info from another book.

Renay Van Brunt- mother passed. Sent card & seeds to plant.

She was living here. Use to live in New Jersey.

Lee Cole is recovering well following hip surgery.

Rosalind Bordain's brother passed away.

Long time member Ginny Wineinger passed away Feb 4, 2024

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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Aik123@comcast.net

Friendship Committee



Vice President Report

This month for Cannon Cause we're collecting baby care items- this also includes items for new moms. March will be dry goods- cereals, noodles, rice, beans, etc

April will be non-foods- toiletries, toilet paper, paper towels, soaps in various forms, laundry detergent, etc.

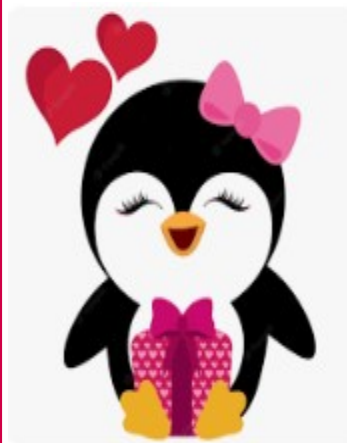
Please continue to work on fidget quilts and we will have a short workshop after the March guild meeting. I will have some samples and supplies at our meeting this month.

Please continue to work on our other community projects- pillowcases, placemats, and breast cancer pillows.

Barbara Means with Ryan's Cases for Smiles will have a sew-in for pillowcases at the Duluth location of Atlanta Sewing Center on March 19.

Joyce Taylor

Vice President



**GWINNETT QUILTERS' GUILD
MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2024**

The Gwinnett Quilters' Guild was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at the Cannon United Methodist Church in Snellville, GA.

PRESIDENT: Susan Gordon called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. She reminded us to turn off our phones and to sign in your Show and Tell items. Also, if the Gwinnett County schools are cancelled, our meeting would be cancelled.

PUBLICITY: Margie Kersey passed out business cards for us to use when inviting interested parties to our Guild. She has cards to be placed in quilt shops. The Sew & Quilt Expo is coming March 7-9. We might consider volunteering for the Expo and also having a booth. More details to follow.

FRIENDSHIP: Lucy Aikerson is busy sending out birthday cards. Jeanne Coto will have surgery and Sharon Henderson continues to improve. Ann Gravelle will turn 96 in February and she would enjoy cards. Chris Jenkins' son is a running man! Jamie Jones has just returned from celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary in Italy. Karen Bensman's daughter has a brain tumor and is having surgery.

HOSPITALITY: Nancy Jeffares introduced and welcomed two visitors: Ramona McConney and Sharon Pope.

MEMBERSHIP: Cheri Gilleland reported new members: Ramona McConney, Cee Cee Conza, & Lynn Whitener.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Joyce Taylor told about making fidget quilts. These will be used for patients with impaired memory. She will have a short meeting after our March meeting to show us how to make these. Cannon Cause: January canned goods, February baby items, March dry foods.

SECRETARY: Mary Ann Kitchens made a motion that the December minutes be approved as published in the newsletter and this was seconded by Alice Schunemann. The motion passed unanimously.

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

RETREAT: Lynn Harned reported that there is one opening in the retreat.

PROGRAMS: Today we have Carole Lyles Shaw "What makes a Modern Quilter?" Workshops include how to make a t-shirt quilt on 1/17/24 with Nancy Jeffares, Joan Fisher will teach a bag class 2/22/24, and Joyce Taylor will show us how to make a fidget quilt on 3/19/24.

JUST FOR YOU: Rita Kennedy and Sheila Wheeler gave us the scoop on JFY. Quilts for older kids and boys are needed. Our celebration will be June 25, 2024.

SMALL BEE GROUPS: The lunch bee will meet in February.

LIBRARY: Robin Richards has cards on how to use the library. Make sure when you call her, you give your name. She has two new assistants: Gail Columbus and Debra Bonser.

QUILTS OF VALOR: Ginny Manning reported that the next meeting will be 1/18/24 at St. Lawrence Church. February 3, 2024 is National Sew Day at St. Lawrence. We will have a covered dish luncheon. There is a national block drive.

SHOW & TELL: Another beautiful showing!

BIRTHDAY DRAWING: Many, many wonderful prizes from our great Guild members!

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Conner





GWINNETT QUILTS OF VALOR QUILTERS

Our next meeting is on Thursday, February 15th at 10:00am at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 319 Grayson Highway, Lawrenceville 30046.

Note: This is the week before the guild meeting

Bring your sewing machine and current project to work on. We will break for a short business meeting and show and tell at lunch time. Bring your lunch or pickup fast food nearby. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Questions? Contact Betsy Podriznik at 770-841-3572



Welcome New Members

Gale Belton Cee Cee Conza

Ramona McConney Lynne Whitener



February's Birthdays

Vicki	Cooper
Shannon	Armstrong
Debra	Bonser
Katy	Dlugosz
Claudia	Gray

Kim	Mahmoud
Marty	Miller
Carolyn	Prue
Desirée	Salter

Gwinnett Quilters' Guild Checkbook Record

Jan. 2024					
Date	Description	Debit	Deposit	Credit	Balance
	previous balance				14911.32
1/4/2024	cc - storage unit rental - Jan. '24 (\$110. + 26 ins.)	136.00			14775.32
1/1/2024	ck #1433 - Betsy Podriznik - spoonflower (nametags)	33.92			14741.40
1/1/2024	ck #1434 - Lucy Aikerson - friendship	10.07			14731.33
1/15/2024	ck #1435 - Ron Vargas - Dec. website work (not cc)	150.00			14581.33
1/15/2024	ck #1436 - Secretary of State -	30.00			14551.33
1/15/2024	ck #1437 - Jan.'s speaker - Modern Quilter Media	450.00			14101.33
1/18/2024	deposit - membership		367.05	110.00	14211.33
1/18/2024	hospitality			10.00	14221.33
1/18/2024	birthday drawing			122.00	14343.33
1/18/2024	workshop #1 - January			20.00	14363.33
1/18/2024	workshop #2 - February			60.00	14423.33
1/18/2024	library			5.05	14428.38
1/18/2024	donation (announamous)			23.00	14451.38
1/18/2024	luncheon payment (Christmas)			17.00	14468.38

Gwinnett Quilter's Guild Library Record

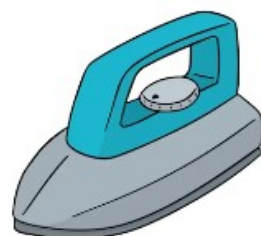
Jan. 2024					
Date	Description	Debit	Deposit	Credit	Balance
	previous balance				538.05
January	no activity				538.05

Gwinnett Quilter's Guild Retreat Record

Jan. 2024					
Date	Description	Debit	Deposit	Credit	Balance
	previous balance				9058.52
1/15/2024	ck #1438 - Shannon Armstrong - refund	290.00			8768.52
1/15/2024	ck #1439 - Pam Palmer - refund	40.00			8728.52
1/18/2024	deposit - January			1080.00	9808.52

Iron Recall

STEAMFAST mini steam irons have all been recalled for possible shock and fire hazard. Instructions for refund or replacement are online.



Small Group BEE Groups/Upcoming Meetings Info for Feb, 2024...

Name of the small BEE group	Queen BEE/Leader	Upcoming Meeting/location
Embroidery BEE Community service opportunities that benefit all ages in our community. Meets every other month.	Barbara Conner 770-380-0650	March 12, 2024 @ Atlanta Sewing Center/Duluth, 10:00. No machines needed. Bring your blocks or projects as discussed.
Just For YOU BEE Come out to support Just For You Programming. Meets monthly. Kits which include patterns and fabric are provided at the meeting.	Carolyn Prue 301-466-3708	Feb 29, 2024 @ Grayson UMC/555 Grayson Pkwy/Grayson, 10:00 to 2, bring your lunch, machine, and power strips.
Lunch Bunch BEE Get to know/socialize with other Gwinnett Quilters' members at lunch after the monthly guild meetings.	Kim Beasley 404-213-0954	Feb 20, 2024, immediately following the guild meeting. Contact the Leader to RSVP and get more information.
Newbies to Quilting Join the scheduled ZOOM meeting to find out what new skills and/or resources some of our newer quilters have found. Monthly meetings. First Friday of the month.	Kim Beasley 404-213-0954	March 1, 2024, ZOOM Mtg from 10:00 to 11. Don't forget your Show-n-tell and coffee/tea.
Quilts of Valor BEE Come out to support the Quilts of Valor programming. Meets monthly, last Tuesday of the month.	JoAnne Jones 770-935-1853	Feb 27, 2024, @ Sew & Sew Studio, Lilburn, 10 AM, bring your lunch and machine.
UFO BEE Come out to complete your personal, unfinished projects. Meets monthly, first Saturday of the month.	Desiree Salter 706-908-8159	March 2, 2024 Southeast Gwinnett Cooperative Ministry/Grayson from 9 – 2 PM. Bring machines, power cords and lunch.
Youth Group Come out to teach/assist Gwinnett youth to sew/quilt. Dates determined when identified.	Barbara Conner 770-380-0650	Wednesdays from Jan 24, thru March 27, 2024 excluding Feb 14 th and March 15 th at Lawrenceville Elem 3:45-4:45. Identified volunteers will bring a sewing machine for students to use when needed.

Small Group BEE Groups/Announcements

Are you New to the Gwinnett Quilters' Guild or looking for a way to meet and connect with other members?

All are welcome to join our Lunch Bunch Group. We plan to meet monthly. Our first fellowship will be held on Feb 20th at the Diner at Webb Ginn immediately following the guild meeting. RSVP with Kim Beasley so we know how much space to reserve at the restaurant. For more information call Kim @ 404-213-0954.

Snow Days

Reminder:

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

