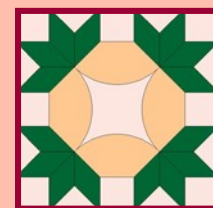


Gwinnett Quilters' Gazette

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CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 10:00, DECEMBER 16TH
Cannon Methodist Church - 2424 Webb Gin House Rd Snellville, GA 30078

DECEMBER'S HAPPENINGS

December 2025

Volume 46



Hello Gwinnett Quilters' Guild!!

It's December and it's beginning to look a lot like **Christmas**!! Yay!! I hope you're taking care of yourselves as you finish quilting your holiday-related gifts and/or projects.

We eagerly anticipate meeting with those members who already RSVP'd for the upcoming Annual Holiday Luncheon. Expect catered food, activities, and, of course, fun planned for our members. Our thanks go out to Linda Brimanson, Cathy Rasque and their committee for planning and organizing this event for us. Thanks also to all of our table hosts as well. Looking forward to the ambiance.

Our December meeting will start thirty minutes later than usual. That means we will arrive at 10 instead of 9:30. Also, there's no library this month. So, please plan to return your books to us in January.

Come ready to participate in our contests such as our Bingo, Matching Game, and Ugly Sweater contest. Bring in your holiday themed quilts to show off during Show and Tell. Purchase your tickets for the Birthday Table. Sign up for our workshops. Make final payments for our Retreat.

We cannot wait to see you on December 16th. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Your President,

Kim



DECEMBER'S CANON CAUSE FEED MY LAMBS

The Feed My Lambs program feeds elementary students on weekends and holidays, suggested items to donate include:

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

DECEMBER'S PROGRAM:

December 15, Holiday Luncheon Table setup starts at 1:30 pm

December 16, Holiday Luncheon

The Holiday Meal will be catered by La Cazuela Mexican restaurant. We will have birthday table, ugly sweater contest and games and prizes. Doors open at 8:30 am for table set up. Members start to arrive at 10 AM



JANUARY'S PROGRAM:

Speaker will be Sylvia Schafer

Lecture on Quilting the Negative Space

Sylvia is a pattern designer, teacher, author and award winning quilter. She has degrees in ecology and oceanography; and her quilt designs are often inspired by science. She also loves putting a modern twist on traditional quilt blocks, especially paper piecing! Flying Parrot Quilts is a play on Flying Geese blocks and my enjoyment of Birds as pets.

You've finished your modern quilt top that includes plenty of wide-open negative space! Now what? It can be intimidating to tackle quilting in the background areas, but this lecture will give you lots of ideas, from simple to complex, to help enhance your negative space and help you choose the perfect quilting design for your project.



January "Mystery Challenge Quilt"

We will start the "Mystery Challenge Quilt of the Year"

Theme; "Your Favorite State"

Quilt Size; small wall hanging no larger than 36"X 36"

Sign up sheets, and a challenge bag of items that must be included in your finished quilt will be available at the workshop tables at the January 20th meeting.

JANUARY WORKSHOP—January 21, 2026

Sylvia Schafer

Rainbow Sun

This mini quilt from my book, *The Quilter's Negative Space Handbook*, combines improvisational piecing and paper piecing in a project designed to use your small scraps. We will begin with improvisational piecing, creating new fabric from collection of old favorites, then we'll use our improvisational pieced sections to paper piece the modified Mariner's Compass block that forms the center of this fun little wall-hanging.



WORKSHOP: January 21, 2026

Doors open 8:30; workshop 9-3 Full Day

WORKSHOP FEE: \$37.50 for GQG members and \$47.50 for non-members.

Max : 20

KIT FEE: \$25 includes a copy of *The Quilter's Negative Space Handbook* and all templates needed for the quilt.

Pay Sylvia exact cash the day of Workshop.

FEBRUARY'S PROGRAM:

February 17, 2026: Make it Take It

Make sure you sign up in January for make it take it! Remember there is a limit of 10 people per class.

Peggy McIntire - Travel Case for Iron - \$10.00

Betsy Prodriznik - Pin Cushions - \$10.00

Debbie Fry - Mini Dresden Spoon Pin Plate - N/C

Carol Kreson - Rope Bowl - \$10.00

Marsha White - Tiny Treat Bags - N/C

Brenda Smily - Hearts of Joy - \$5.00

Joan Fisher - Zippered Bag - \$10.00

Karen Byers - Breast Cancer Pillows - N/C

Joyce Taylor - Crocheting - \$10.00

Carolyn Prue - Knitting - \$10.00

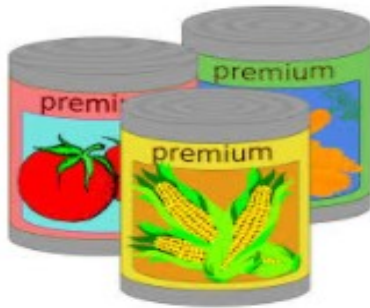
Jean Coto - Card Making - \$5.00

Gale Topping - Circle Magic Placemat - \$15.00



January Cannon Cause:

Canned Food



SHOW AND TELL

Join in at our December Party for a special Holiday Show n Tell...

Bring your favorite Christmas quilt to share with everyone!

We can't wait to see it!!!



Snow Days

Reminder:

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



The following will not happen in December:

Library, Free Table, Just For You Table and Quilts of Valor.



GWINNETT QUILTS OF VALOR QUILTERS

No Quilts of Valor Quilters meeting in December.

We will start 2026 off with our regular meeting that is scheduled for Thursday, January 15th, which is before the Gwinnett Quilters' Guild meeting. Please read the January guild newsletter for any changes or updates.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

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

December's Birthdays

Lucy	Aikerson
Glen	Avant
Roz	Bordain
Pat	Brown
Ruth Ann	Clark
Lee A.	Cole
Dianne	Crutchfield
Mary Lou	Godbey
Barbara	Holbrook



Nancy	Jeffares
Elaine	LaBarr
Mary Lee	Maury
Karen	McMullen
Merry	Muse
Cathy	Schulte
Jane	Wade
Lynne	Whitener



Gwinnett Quilters Guild

Guild Meeting November 18, 2025

President Kim Beasley - Meeting was called to order at 10:00. Kim shared a story about making handmade items for the Holidays. Kim discussed emergency procedures. She asked members to consider filling out a basic emergency form with contact info and medications. Place the form in your name tag.

Susan Gordon made an announcement about the February 2026 Guild meeting. The meeting will be a "Make and Take It" program. There are 10 crafts to sign up for. Each craft will take 90 minutes. Some have a small fee for a kit. There is a limit of 10 people in each craft so be sure to sign up and pay by December.

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Carol Kreson - Rope Bowl - \$10.00

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Friendship Chair Lucy Aikerson - Lucy wished all with November Birthdays a Happy Birthday. Brenda Smiley's husband and Bobbie Cox's husband are not doing well. Linda Davis's husband passed away. Let Lucy know if someone needs a message. Joyce Taylor is excited to welcome her 15th grandson. Pat Brown's niece graduated.

Hospitality Chair Pat Brown - Three guests today - Linda Shuben, Jaye Bradley, and Noel McCarda.

Vice President Karen Byers - Cannon Cause today was cold weather items. December will be Feed My Lambs. Bring individually wrapped food for the holidays for when school is out. January is canned goods. Karen has lots of Breast Cancer pillows filling her house. Placemats are to be turned in today.

Secretary Jamie Jones - Last month's minutes were in the newsletter. Any corrections? Jackie Campbell said her name was listed as Jan, not Jackie. It will be corrected. Motion to approve by Joanne Jones and seconded by Joyce Taylor.

Treasurer Margie Kersey - Last month's Budget Report was in the newsletter. Any corrections? Motion to approve by Lynn Whitener and seconded by Joyce Taylor.

Library Chair Robin Richards - At last month's library sale, 23 books sold for \$80. Eighteen new books have been purchased. Robin reminded everyone that when checking out books, write down the exact title of the book. There are Breast Cancer Pillow templates to check out. Robin recited a list of people she needed to see.

Website Chair Paula Hess - Paula will help anyone after the Guild meeting to answer questions about the Website or paying with a credit card.

Small Bee Groups Chair Gretchen Cuthbert - Go to the Bee Table in the back of the room if you have questions. There are some Bee groups looking for new members.

Quilts of Valor Chair Ginny Manning - The QoV will meet Thursday, 11/20 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church from 10:00 - 2:00. There will not be an Awards Ceremony this month. There will not be any meetings in December.

Retreat Chair Karen Bensmen & Nancy Stowe - Nancy reported there are still openings at the Retreat. People can opt to be a Day Tripper.

Just For You Chair Jackie Campbell - There is a drawing for free quilting on a *Just For You* Quilt at every Guild meeting. Bring in a finished top or a complete quilt for tickets to be in the drawing. One ticket for a completed top and 2 tickets for a completed quilt. Jackie has 3 kits for strip quilts. Just For You Bee is not meeting this month.

Lunch Bunch - meeting at Jim & Nick's after the Guild meeting.

Program Chair Linda Brimanson - If you want to attend the Holiday Luncheon in December, see Barbara Conner to sign up. The cost is \$15 for a La Cazuela buffet. Let Barbara know if you prefer to bring your own lunch so there is correct count of people attending.

The January speaker is Sylvia Shafer speaking on Quilting in Negative Space. Sylvia will offer a full day workshop, Rainbow Sun - Mini Quilt. The class fee is \$37.50 and the kit is \$25, which will include her book. If you already have her book, you do not have to pay the kit fee.

The February program will be a "Make It & Take It" which was explained earlier. Be sure to sign up.

Linda introduced Nancy Spain as our Program speaker. Nancy will explain and share a Trunk Show of Thread Painting. She is offering a workshop on Wednesday 11/19 and spots are still available. There are 3 price levels of kits.

Nancy Spain's Program

Break

Show & Tell Chair Carol Kreson - Carol needed 2 volunteers to hold quilts. Those who finished items from Jan Cunningham's workshop showed their projects. The Art Bee Group showed their Stitching project.

Birthday Drawing Chair Sandy Griffin - Sandy thanked everyone who contributed to the Birthday Table and bought tickets.

President's Closing Remarks - To our visitors and guests, we say thanks so much for visiting with us today. We hope that you will join in on the fun and become a permanent member. To our new members we look forward to getting to know you better. To our Birthday members, please remember to bring your birthday gifts next month. Everyone have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. See you for our Holiday Party next month on 12/16.

Adjourn 12:04

Gwinnett Quilters' Guild Checkbook Record

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BALANCED 9/30/2025

Date	#	Description	v	Debit	Deposit	Credit	Balance
		ending balance from last month					8999.27
9/4/2025	cc	Storage Unit	x	136.00			8863.27
9/15/2025	1013	Patty Murphy - speaker & workshop	x	1423.00			7440.27
9/15/2025	1014	Ron Vargas - IT Work on website		250.00			7190.27
9/15/2025	1015	Robin Richards - shelving for storage	x	188.68			7001.59
9/15/2025	1016	Robin Richards - subscription for database	x	39.95			6961.64
9/16/2025		Deposit for Sept meeting	x			1623.99	8585.63
		- Membership	x		835.00		8585.63
		- Hospitality	x		5.00		8585.63
		- Birthday Drawing	x		152.00		8585.63
		- Workshops	x		45.00		8585.63
		- Library	x		166.99		8585.63
		- Retreat	x		400.00		8585.63
		- Garage Sale PrePay	x		20.00		8585.63
10/8/2025		Deposit				616.00	9201.63
		- Membership			446.00		9201.63
		- Retreat			170.00		9201.63
10/4/2025	cc	Storage Unit		136.00			9065.63
10/22/2025		Deposit				2822.00	11887.63
		- Membership			400.00		11887.63
		- Hospitality			10.00		11887.63
		- Birthday Drawing			122.00		11887.63
		- Workshops			215.00		11887.63
		- Library			80.00		11887.63
		- Retreat			1440.00		11887.63
		- Christmas Luncheon			555.00		11887.63
10/21/2025	1017	Cathy Rasque		16.94			11870.69
10/21/2025	1018	Jan Cunningham - Oct speaker & workshop for 10		667.20			11203.49
11/10/2025		Deposit				930.00	12133.49
		- Membership			120.00		12133.49
		- Retreat			810.00		12133.49
11/4/2025	1019	Kim Beasley - President Fund		50.00			12083.49
11/4/2025	1020	Pat Brown - Hospitality		23.76			12059.73
11/4/2025	1021	Alice Schunemann - Workshop Refund		15.00			12044.73
11/4/2025	1022	Peggy McIntire - Workshop Refund		15.00			12029.73
11/18/2025	1023	Robin Richard - Library		421.88			11607.85
11/18/2025	1024	Nancy Sapin - speaker, workshop, mileage		650.00			10957.85
11/18/2025	1025	Joan Fisher - Refund Feb 26 program		10.00			10947.85
11/18/2025	1026	Cece Conza - Refund Feb 26 program		10.00			10937.85
11/19/2025		Deposit				2251.50	13189.35
		- Membership			40.00		13189.35
		- Hospitality			15.00		13189.35
		- Birthday Drawing			177.00		13189.35
		- Workshops			210.00		13189.35
		- Library			149.50		13189.35
		- Retreat			730.00		13189.35
		- Christmas Luncheon			690.00		13189.35
		- Feb program - workshops			240.00		13189.35
11/4/2025	cc	Storage Unit		136.00			13053.35
9/30/2025		statement fee	x	3.00			13050.35
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Gwinnett Quilters' Guild - Library Fund

DATE	Check	EXPLANATION	EXPENSE	INCOME	BALANCE
2024-25		Budget amount			100.00
		Carry over from 2023-24		465.67	565.67
7/19/2024	1469	Robin Richards - library - data	39.95		525.72
10/15/2024	1479	Robin Richards - Library - 2 books	42.38		483.34
10/15/2024	1480	Robin Richards - Library - 4 books	78.85		404.49
10/15/2024	1481	Robin Richards - Library - 1 Book	27.80		376.69
11/8/2024		Library fees		3.00	379.69
11/8/2024		Library fees		\$21.00	400.69
11/25/2024		Library fees		\$3.50	404.19
2/21/2025		Library fees		\$5.00	409.19
3/18/2025		library sales		\$50.00	459.19
4/15/2025		library sales		\$9.00	468.19
6/10/2025	1515	Robin Richards - 5 Library Books	134.16		334.03
6/17/2025	1519	Robin Richards - poster board book sale	8.46		325.57
6/17/2025		library sales		\$152.00	477.57
7/17/2025		library fees		\$5.00	482.57
8/19/2025		library fees		\$6.00	488.57
8/19/2025	1006	Robin Richards - Library 5 books	\$108.09		380.48
9/15/2025		library fees		\$16.99	397.47
9/15/2025		Donation for racking		\$150.00	547.47
9/15/2026	1015	Robin Richards - shelving for storage	\$188.68		358.79
9/15/2025	2016	Robin Richards - database subscription	\$39.95		318.84
10/21/2025		library sales		\$80.00	398.84
11/18/2025		Sales and donation		\$149.50	548.34
11/18/2025	1023	Robin Richards - books	421.88		126.46
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Gwinnett Quilters' Guild - Retreat (March 2026)

Date	Ck #	Name	Debit	v	Credit	Balance
		starting from YE 2025			\$ 526.67	526.67
9/16/25		deposit			400.00	926.67
10/21/25		deposit			1440.00	2366.67
11/10/25		deposit			810.00	3176.67
11/18/25		deposit			730.00	3906.67
10/8/25		deposit			170.00	4076.67
						4076.67

Gwinnett Quilters Guild
December Birthdays
Birthdays Ballons

May your day be stitched with joy, surrounded by the people and moments that make your heart feel full. Just like a beautiful quilt, may the year ahead come together in vibrant patterns of peace, purpose, and delight. Wishing you a celebration as lovely and unique as the creations you craft. Happy Birthday!!!

Please let me know if there are members who are ill, celebrating a wedding, birth, or other special occasion. If you let me know and I will be happy to send a card from Gwinnett Quilters Guild.

In addition, if for some reason you don't receive a birthday card, be sure to tell me. Last month a member told me she did not get her card and when I checked, I had a typing error on the email address.

Happy Holidays and Happy Birthday to ALL Gwinnett Quilters...

Friendship
Lucy Aikerson
Aik123@comcast.net



Sign up now for the 2026 GQG Winter retreat January 26—30, 2026

A deposit of \$50 will hold your spot for full time quilters. Day quilts pay the full amount.

Total amount due on or before December 16th 2025

Double room	\$340
Single room	\$470

Day Quilters:	includes lunch (pay full amount at sign-up)	\$26 Per Day
	Or for 4 days Monday—Thursday	\$70

Non GQG Members: add \$30

Retreat Includes:

Registration, 4 nights lodging, 12 meals, Sewing space plus fun and fellowship.
First Meal: Monday Lunch, Last Meal: Friday Breakfast

The retreat address is:

720 FFA FHA Camp Rd
Covington, GA 30014
www.georgiaffa.org

- * Make check out to: Gwinnett Quilters' Guild
- * All money must be paid by December 16, 2025.
- * The first \$50 is non-refundable but may be transferred to another person.
- * All cancellations must be in writing (by USPS or e-mail or in person).
- * No cancellations can be taken after January 9, 2026.

Please sign up and/or pay any remaining balance
before we sit down to eat at the December guild
meeting.

Questions? Contact Karen Bensman 770-827-9985 karbens730@yahoo.com

Nancy Stowe 770-605-8373 nancyhstowe@gmail.com

Gwinnett Quilters' Guild Winter Retreat

January 26—30, 2026

Please print out this registration form, complete and return with your \$50 deposit or the entire amount due. Deposits are not available for day quilters.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Home/Cell _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact/s Name _____
Phone Number/s _____

Are you a Gwinnett Quilters' Guild member? Y/N
There is an additional \$30 fee for non-guild members

Single Room \$470 _____
Double Room \$340 _____ Roommate's Name _____
Email and/or Phone Number _____

Day Quilter Tue _____ Wed _____ Thu _____ \$26 per day Mon-Thu _____ \$70

Amount Paid _____ Total Amount Due _____

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 _____

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

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