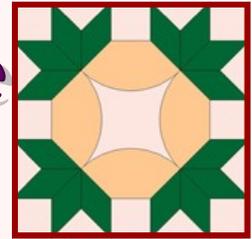


Gwinnett Quilters' Gazette

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Guild Meeting: February 17TH
Fellowship 9:30, Meeting 10:00



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

FEBRUARY'S HAPPENINGS

February 2026

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Hello GQG Friends,

Winter has nudged us indoors and invited a slower, cozier pace for many these past few weeks. With fewer distractions and more time at home, it becomes a natural season for reflection—and for finishing things we've already begun.

Though many of us have unfinished projects tucked away: a quilt top waiting for borders, blocks still needing assembly, or a project paused when life got busy, winter offers us the gift of time to return to those works in progress—not with pressure, but with fresh eyes and renewed enthusiasm.

There's something especially satisfying about completing a project that's been waiting patiently. Each finished quilt tells a story not only in fabric and stitches, but in perseverance. As we move through these colder weeks, I encourage you to choose one unfinished project and enjoy bringing it to completion—one step, one stitch at a time.

Don't forget to share it with us! I enjoy hearing and even rejoice with you, when you share that a UFO became a completed quilt.

May this winter be a season of warmth, creativity, and a few joyful finishes.

Warmly,
Kim Beasley
GQG President



CANNON CAUSE

February

Baby Items



March

Dry Foods



FEBRUARY'S PROGRAM:

Make it Take It

- ♥ Meeting and workshops will be on the 3rd floor
- ♥ All members must enter at the Education entrance doors to take the elevator to the 3rd floor.
- ♥ The meeting will be on the 3rd floor at rooms 305 & 307
- ♥ Just for you donations should be dropped off at the entrance door bins.



“Mystery Challenge Quilt “

We started the “Mystery Challenge Quilt for 2026”

We had 20 members sign up in January. We have 20 kits for February meeting.

Mystery Challenge Quilt Theme Size and Rules 2026

Theme: “You’re Favorite State” The shape of the state must be visible in the quilt.

Quilt Size: Small Wall Hanging no larger than 36”X36”

Signup Sheets: Signup sheets will be available at the Workshop table at the following Meetings: January 20, 2026, March 17, 2026 and April 21, 2026

Reminder, this is a mystery quilt. Do not bring them to show and tell! All quilts will be displayed at the November 17 program meeting.

Signup Deadline: April 21st, 2026

Due Date: October 20, 2026 - Finished Quilts are to be turned in to program chair Linda Brimanson and workshop chair Cathy Rasqué at October 20, 2026 meeting.



Directory Correction...Email address for Pat Scibona

pattiatl@ps74.net

March 10th—Nancy Sapin Stabilizer Workshop

NANCY SAPIN



A trunk show and workshop class on March 10th, Tuesday from 10am-1pm.

Nancy will bring Sulky stabilizers with her and discuss how and where you would use every stabilizer. We are creating a stabilizers reference notebook for sewing, quilting, embroidery and crafts plus their uses. Understanding stabilizers will enlighten and inspire everyone who takes this class.

NO SEWING - Just bring a 3-ring binder notebook, pen for note taking and paper scissors.

KIT: includes a sheet of every Sulky Stabilizer, stabilizer information, dividers, sleeves to put the stabilizers in and notebook paper for each stabilizer.

Nancy encourages quilters to bring their stabilizers that they have at home that they have no clue how to use. We can try to match them to a Sulky stabilizer.

Nancy will also bring some extra stabilizers to sell - cash or check only.

PRICE: \$20 for class & \$20 for kit.
Min: 10 with Max:40

Workshop: "Stabilizer Reference Workbook" creating a sample book on all the different stabilizers and how to use them.

The workshop will take place at the Youth Room on the second floor.

Minimum of 10 to sign up and max of 40.

All kit fees are to be payed to the instructors at the day of the class.

Fee for non members will be \$30

MARCH'S PROGRAM:

March 17, 2026 Mary Sowatzka

Will do a Lecture and Trunk Show. On Quilts made using the Stripology Roller.

APRIL'S PROGRAM:

April 21, 2026

Lecture and Trunk-show by "Cool People Sew"

Just 4 You

Kit Cutting Event - April 21, 2026—After the April Guild Meeting

The Just 4 You Program has benefited from several fabric donations over the past several months. So much so that a kit cutting event is needed. So, mark your calendar for April 21, and plan on staying following the regular meeting.

What you will need to bring with you: a cutting mat, rotary cutter, and ruler. Also, bring a sack lunch so that we can also have some social time during this event. Because the meeting falls the day before Earth Day, stop by the Hospitality Table at the March Guild meeting and pick up your cloth lunch bag.

Jackie Campbell will have patterns available to complete the kit, if you have one that you are particularly fond of and wish to share, please bring copies.

Hope to see you there



Welcome New Members!!

Beth Aubuchon

Donna Coleman

Stephanie Waters

Friendship Report

Gwinnett Quilters Guild

February Birthdays

"Geometric Gift"

Wishing you a birthday filled with joy, warmth, and comfort of knowing how valued you are.

May the year bring continued blessings, good health and many reasons to smile.

We are so grateful to have you as part of the Gwinnett Quilters Guild family.

Send card to Laurie Estatico (hip)2X

Sent charity donation on behalf of Carol Thomas (Scott)

If you have a concerns or celebrations like milestones, retirements, graduations,

grandkids, etc let me know and card will be sent from friendship.

Lucy Aikerson

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Aik123@comcast.net



Embroidery Machine for Sale

Looking for an entry level machine into embroidery. I have a Brother PE800 5x7 Embroidery Machine for sale. Gently used. Excellent condition. New \$800. Pre-owned price \$400. Call Joan Fisher @ 856-701-9143 or queenofthread@gmail.com with any questions.

The following will not be available at the February meeting:

Birthday drawing, Just 4 You, Library, Show and Tell, Free table

There will be a place to sign up for workshops.

Snow Days

Reminder:

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





GWINNETT QUILTS OF VALOR QUILTERS

The Gwinnett Quilts of Valor Quilters

will hold their regular February sew-day meeting - the 3rd Thursday of the month. We will have a small break at noon for lunch. At that time, there will be a short business meeting, followed by our show and tell of recent completed quilts.

WHAT: Gwinnett Quilts of Valor Quilters

WHEN: Thursday, February 19, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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



February's Birthdays

Shannon	Armstrong
Debra	Bonser
Donna	Coleman
Laurie	Davis
Brenda	DeBord

Darlene	Hamlin
Kim	Mahmoud
Kathy	McDowell
Marty	Miller
Carolyn	Prue

Gwinnett Quilters Guild

Guild Meeting January 20, 2026

President Kim Beasley - Meeting was called to order at 10:00. Happy New Year to everyone!

Moment of silence for one of our members who has lost their husband.

Update on the December Luncheon Desert Social: Kim said that she was so honored to be a part of such a great Guild who took the mishap with the catering in stride and had a wonderful desert and friendship time. The restaurant made a full refund, but the Guild has not heard from the restaurant. Margie Kersey will speak to the group later about getting your refund.

Three community quilt shops donated prizes to the Holiday Luncheon: Sew Sew Studio in Duluth, Cool People Sew in Duluth, and Unique Sew Fabrics & Crafts in Alpharetta.

Kim asked members to recommend speakers and workshop leaders that they have attended. Send the suggestions to Linda Brimanson who is needing speakers to fill out the year.

Special Report from Susan Gordon: Susan reminded everyone to sign up for one of the workshops for February's Guild meeting during the break. Supply lists for each class are available. The February meeting will be located on the 3rd floor of the Education building. Enter the Education door and head to the elevators. Park in the back part of the church. Each class will meet in a separate room. There will be no Birthday Table or Show & Tell in February. The Library and Program Tables will be set up.

Friendship Chair Lucy Aikerson - Lucy wished all the January Birthdays a Happy Birthday! She read the poem that accompanied the ecard that was sent to each. Care Cards have been sent to: Carol Thomas whose husband was in hospice and since passed away, Cynthia Williams fell recently, Carol Prue having trouble with her eyes, Lynn Whitener is in the hospital, Louise Goodwin is having knee surgery, Cathy Rasque will have surgery on her thumb, Annette Velazon is having problems with her shoulder, Jeanne Spears, Vivian Mann, Carol Pruit.

Hospitality Chair Pat Brown - Phyllis Mann reported for Pat. There are 2 visitors today: Diane Kelly and Patricia Quinn.

Membership Chair Cheri Gilliland - Five members joined today: Beth Aubuchon, Donna Coleman, Dee Glennan, Linda Scheben, and Stephanie Waters.

Vice President Karen Byers - Today's Cannon Cause was canned goods. February is Baby items and March will be Dried Goods.

Breast Cancer Pillows - Karen's husband is delivering 20 pillows to Northside today. The Heart Shaped Pillows were requested. Karen made 40. The Guild Website has the pattern for the heart shaped pillows. Louise Goodwin is involved with an organization that will take as many pillows as we can make. Piedmont Hospital also receives pillows. The place mats were delivered to a Veteran's Organization. They distribute to nursing homes and Meals on Wheels. Next month, members who signed up for the Breast Cancer Pillows class will make the heart shaped pillows.

Secretary Jamie Jones - Kim Beasley announced that the minutes for the December meeting were published in the Newsletter. Are there any corrections? Joyce Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes as posted. Barbara Conner seconded.

Treasurer Margie Kersey - Kim Beasley announced the budget was published in the Newsletter. Are there any corrections? Phyllis Mann made a motion to approve the budget as posted. Lucy Aikerson seconded.

Margie explained how members will be reimbursed for the Luncheon. Members will receive a green card named "Quilt Cash" for \$15. The Quilt Cash card can be spent any place in the Guild: Birthday Table (receive change), workshops, donation to Guild, Just For You, Feed My Lambs, Membership dues, or Luncheon next year. See Margie if you have not received your Quilt Cash card.

PR Chair Margie Kersey - Margie had bad news about the Quilt Expo being held in March. The rules have been changed and the Guild will not be able to have a booth at the Expo. Any volunteer is required to work for the Expo Organization. Margie asked that if you sign up to volunteer at the Expo, indicate Gwinnett Quilter's Guild on the application.

Margie hopes that will give her some leverage when talking to the organization next year or having an unmanned booth.

Library Chair Robin Richards - Last month a record number of 21 books were checked out! Robin is revamping the Library. Books will be brought each month that pertain to one genre. This month books on paper piecing were brought.

Website Chair Paula Hess - no report

Small Bee Group Chair Gretchen Cuthbert - There are several Bee groups. They are not listed in the Directory. Gretchen has a list of all the Bee Groups at the back table and can help you find a small group to be a part of.

Announcement from the President: Barbara Holbrook has ribbons for those members participating in the Mommy Pads project.

Quilts of Valor Chair Ginny Manning - QOV is meeting one week later on January 22 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church from 10:00-2:00. At noon, bring a lunch and there will be a business meeting. The National Quilts of Valor Sew Across America will be February 7, 10:00-4:00. Bring a covered dish. Rotisserie Chicken will be provided. The sew day will be held at Harmony Grove Church in Lilburn. The group will not be participating in a designated block, but anyone can participate if they want to.

Retreat Chair Nancy Stowe & Karen Bensman - Nancy told of the Retreat for the following week, Monday through Friday. There is one space open for a Day Quilter.

Just For You Chair Jackie Campbell - Jackie has precuts, kits, panels, and 5" squares on the Just For You table. The Just For You Bee lost it's time slot at Grayson Methodist Church so alternate plans are being explored. The next Bee meeting is January 30.

Drawing for a Just For You quilt free longarm quilting by Jerita Hunt: Cee Cee Conza

Jackie received a Thank you email from a mother who had a child at Scottish Rite Hospital. Bonnie & Beth made the quilt. Kim announced a thank you card was received. The quilt had a rocket on it.

Program Chair Linda Brimanson - The Quilt Challenge starts today. Sign up and get a bag of products that must be used on the quilt. A list of qualifications will be provided when you sign up. The theme is "Your Favorite State". The National Quilters Foundation also has a similar challenge and the theme is "The United States." The quilt is to be a wall hanging no larger than 36x36. The shape of the state must be included. Nineteen members have signed up thus far. Keep signing up! Due date is October. Do not bring finished projects to Show & Tell. At the November Guild meeting, the wall hangings will be on display.

Make It & Take It - February 17 Guild meeting. Today is the last day to sign up.

Nancy Sapin will be doing a workshop on making a Reference Book on Stabilizers. She will provide samples of all kinds and how to use them. Bring a 3-ring binder and paper to the workshop. The price for the workshop is \$20 and a \$20 kit fee. The class will take a maximum of 40. The workshop is Tuesday, March 10. Sign up at the Program Table.

Mary Swarovski will be the speaker at the March 17 Guild meeting. She will lecture and have a trunk show of quilts using the Stripology Ruler. On Wednesday 3/18 she will have a workshop/demo on Using the Stripology Ruler. The fee for the workshop is \$16 and \$20 for the kit. Mary will have Stripology rulers for sale.

Linda introduced **Sylvia Schaffer** as the speaker for today. She will talk about "Designing with Negative Space" and show quilt examples. There are still spaces in her workshop tomorrow.

End of Program / Break

Show & Tell Chair Carol Kreson - Carol asked the members who have completed projects from Nancy Sapin's workshop on Free Motion Quilting to come first, followed by the Art Quilt Bee to show their Circle Challenge projects.

Birthday Table Chair Sandy Griffin -

Kim Beasley, President, thanked the visitors for coming. There will be no Birthday Table or Show & Tell in February. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jamie Jones, Secretary