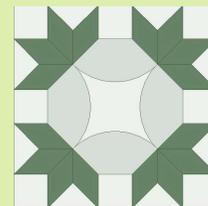


Gwinnett Quilters' Gazette

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FELLOWSHIP 9:30 MEETING 10:00 March 17th

Cannon Methodist Church 2424 Webb Gin House Rd Snellville, GA



March's Happenings

March 2026

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President's Message

Dear Gwinnett Quilters' Guild Friends,

February was such a bright spot for our guild. Our *Make It, Take It* program was truly a success — full of laughter, shared ideas, and that wonderful energy that happens when members teach and encourage one another. It reminded me again why I love being part of the Gwinnett Quilters' Guild. We send a heartfelt thank you to Susan Gordon and her entire team of volunteers for working tirelessly on our behalf to plan, organize and execute this program. Thanks to each of you for your part!!

As we move into March, we begin forming our nominating committee. While our current officers will continue serving through the remainder of our term, this is simply the time in our calendar when we thoughtfully consider future leadership. A few of our board chairs will be completing their terms later this year, and we are so grateful for the time and heart they've given. Because they've served so faithfully, our guild is in a strong place.

Serving in leadership has been meaningful to me — not just in helping guide the guild, but in building friendships and getting to know so many of you more personally. If you've ever thought about becoming more involved, I hope you'll consider saying yes to volunteering with us. Whether you've served before or this would be your first time stepping forward, there is a place for you. Fresh ideas, willing hands, and caring hearts are always welcome.

It truly takes all of us. Like any good quilt, every piece matters.

With appreciation,
Kim Beasley
President, Gwinnett Quilters' Guild



Cannon Cause

March: Dry Foods

April: Non-food Items



NOTE: Meeting room and workshop room changes

- ♥ April 21st meeting will take place at the Youth Center on the second floor.
- ♥ May 20th Workshop will take place at the Youth Center on the second floor.
- ♥ June 16th & 17th Meeting & Workshop will take place at the Youth Center on the second floor.

The Youth Center is located on the second floor. Enter at the Education entrance at the back of the church and take the stairs or elevator to the second floor.



“Make it Take It” Was a success!

Thanks to Susan Gordon for organizing it, and thanks to all the talented members that taught the classes. For all of you that participated please give us your feedback and tell us what you liked about it and what can be improved. Also, if you want us to do it again.

“Mystery Challenge Quilt “

“Mystery Challenge Quilt for 2026” we will have a sign up sheet available at the March meeting at the workshop table.

Program Survey - if you are new to Quilting and are interested in a beginner quilting workshop email Linda Brimanson at lsbrimanson@gmail.com

March 10th Workshop

Nancy Sapin

“Stabilizer Reference Workbook” creating a reference book on all the different stabilizers and how to use them.

Note: The workshop will take place at the “Youth Center Room “on the second floor.

All kit fees are to be paid to the instructor on the day of the class.

March's Program

March 17, 2026 Mary Sowatzka

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

March 18, 2026 Workshop

Mary Sowatzka will be demonstrating different techniques using the Stripology Ruler.

Full day workshop, 9am - 3pm Doors open 8:30am

Members cost: \$16

Non-members: \$26

Mary Sowatzka will be teaching techniques of a Stripology ruler.

In this workshop, we are not making a specific project. The workshop is a technique class only.

You will need basic quilting workshop supplies: a sewing machine with a power cord.

Other basic supplies: Thread, needles, scissors. rotary cutter. etc.

We will be using the book Master Your Stripology Ruler. Each attendee will need this book for the workshop.

Mary will be supplying the fabrics for the workshop.

About Mary

I come from a long line of quilters.

My grandmother made crazy quilts without a pattern, using scraps from homemade clothing. Her quilts have become treasured family heirlooms.

My mother quilted almost daily, until she passed away at age 94.

I have seven sisters who are quilters. I started quilting after I volunteered to teach students in my homeschool group how to sew.

April's Program

April 21, 2026 -Lecture and Trunk-show by “Cool People Sew”

Meeting will be in the “Youth Center” on the second floor.

May Program—May 19th

Just For You Celebration Quilts

May 20, 2026 Workshop Only –

“Making a Hand Sewn Bowl and Beading” By Amanda Bouer

NOTE: May 20th Workshop will take place at the “Youth Center” on the second floor

Just 4 You

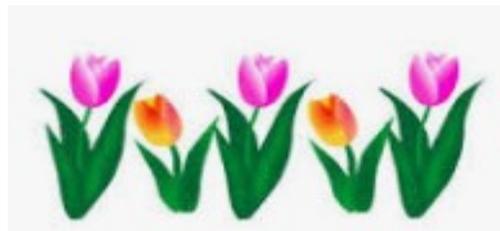
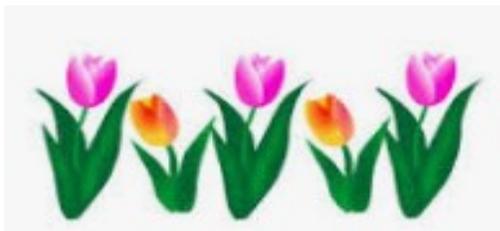
Kit Cutting Event - April 21, 2026—After the April Guild Meeting

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



GWINNETT QUILTS OF VALOR QUILTERS

Gwinnett Quilts of Valor Quilters News

Our March meeting will take place on Thursday, March 19th at 10 a.m.

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

There will be a short business meeting about noon. Bring a lunch or get fast food nearby.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

Questions? Contact Betsy Podriznik at 770-841-3572

Gwinnett Quilters Guild

Guild Meeting February 17, 2026

President Kim Beasley - Meeting was called to order at 10:00. Kim thanked Susan Gordon and her committee for planning the *Make It Take It* Program today. Kim also thanked all the teachers for sharing their talents in each classroom.

Kim announced a change coming up in Guild meetings. To provide more time for the speakers, some of the Chair People will not be reporting at the meeting. Instead, please review the Newsletter and the Blast to keep up to date.

If you have not picked up your Cash Card refund for the Holiday Luncheon, see Margie Kersey.

Kim announced that the minutes for the January meeting were published in the Newsletter. Are there any corrections? Susan Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes as posted. Someone else seconded.

Kim announced that the budget was published in the Newsletter. Are there any corrections? Alice Schunemann made a motion to approve the budget as posted. Mary Frankiewicz seconded.

Committee Reports:

Friendship Chair Lucy Aikerson - Lucy wished all the February Birthdays a Happy Birthday and email cards were sent. Lucy has sent to Care Cards to several members for surgeries, illnesses, and deaths in the family: Jackie Campbell, Sandy Griffin, Gretchen Cuthbert, Kim Beasley, Alice Schunemann and Ramona McConney. Contact Lucy Aikerson if you know of someone who needs a Care Card.

Hospitality Chair Pat Brown - There are 2 visitors today: Lisa Whittaker and Priscilla Smith.

Retreat Chair Nancy Stowe - All who attended had a great time. A lot of quilts were finished. One half day was missed because of the ice. Luana Enloe helped a lot of people with quilting. Three new members attended the retreat.

Program Chair Linda Brimanson - Nancy Sapin will present a workshop on stabilizers on March 10. March 17, Mary Swarovski will present a Trunk Show on *Quilts using the Stripology Ruler*. On March 18, Mary will have a workshop on how to use the Stripology Ruler. Spaces in the class are still available. On April 21, Cool People Sew quilt shop will have a Trunk Show and sell quilting items. Be sure to read the Newsletter and Blast for more details. In March, April, and May our meeting spaces will be moving to different parts of the Church because of elections being held. Everything in March will be in the Youth Room on the Second floor.

Susan Gordon - There are 85 people attending today to take part in the *Make It Take It* Program. All the teachers are set up and extension cords distributed. Members were dismissed to attend the class that they signed up for. Members were asked to stack the chairs in the main room.

Make It Take It Program

Respectfully Submitted,
Jamie Jones, Secretary





Welcome New Member

Betsy Bier 

Bylaw Changes

Please review the attached bylaw document. We will be voting on the changes at the March meeting.

Show & Tell

Please bring any finished items from the Make It Take It meeting last month for Show & Tell

Vice-Presidents Message

Cannon Cause for March is dry foods (mac'n cheese, cereal, jelly and a special need for canned fruit). April is non-food items. May is canned goods.

My role as Vice President comes to an end in August. This is the time of year we look for someone new to fill the role. Thank you to Gretchen Cuthbert, Robin Richards, Paula Hess, and Sandy Griffin. They have agreed to help me in this search. I have enjoyed being VP but I am ready to pass it on. My favorite part has been supporting all of our community service projects. If you are interested or know of someone that would be a wonderful addition to our board please share that information with anyone of us. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

I had a fantastic group at last months Make and Take! We completed 46 breast cancer pillows. I was contacted a few days later by the nurse navigator at Northside Gwinnett. I delivered 76 pillows to her including the Make and Take.

Sincere thanks for all your support!! Karen

Snow Days

Reminder:

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





Gwinnett Quilters Guild
 March Birthdays
 "Geometric Gift"

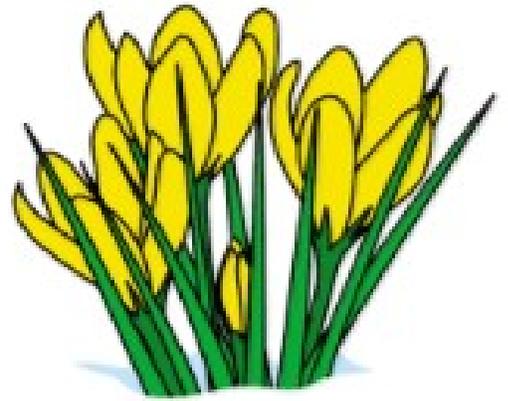
Wishing you a birthday filled with joy, warmth, and comfort of
 knowing how valued you are.

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.

If you have a concerns or celebrations like milestones, retirements, graduations,
 grandkids, etc. let me know and card will be sent from the Friendship Committee.

Friendship Committee
 Lucy Aikerson



March's Birthdays



Diane	DeGaetano
Joanne	Jones
Phyllis	Mann
Cathy	Rasque
Cathy	Roth
Billie Jean	Shelton
Gale	Sprow
Joyce	Taylor
Gale	Topping
Stephanie	Waters

Gwinnett Quilters' Guild Checkbook Record

United

BALANCED 1/31/2026

Date	#	Description	v	Debit	Deposit	Credit	Balance
		ending balance from last month					15751.10
1/4/2026	cc	Storage Unit	x	136			15615.10
11/28/2025		statement fee	x	3			15612.10
1/7/2026		Deposit	x			1077	16689.10
		- Membership	x		40		16689.10
		- Hospitality	x				16689.10
		- Birthday Drawing	x				16689.10
		- Workshops	x				16689.10
		- Library	x				16689.10
		- Retreat	x		1022		16689.10
		- Christmas Luncheon	x		15		16689.10
1/7/2026		Check order	x	29.5			16659.60
1/20/2026	1030	Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center (Retreat)	x	7050			9609.60
1/20/2026	1031	Annette Velanzon - refund Xmass		15			9594.60
1/20/2026	1032	Ginny Manning - refund Xmas	x	15			9579.60
1/20/2026	1033	Flying Parrot Quilts	x	1340.65			8238.95
1/21/2026		Deposit	x			999.25	9238.20
		- Membership	x		188		9238.20
		- Hospitality	x		0		9238.20
		- Birthday Drawing	x		104.25		9238.20
		- Workshops	x		242		9238.20
		- Library	x		0		9238.20
		- Retreat	x		0		9238.20
		- Make and Take	x		215		9238.20
		- Happy Hoopers	x		250		9238.20
12/31/2025		statement fee	x	3			9235.20
2/4/2026	CC	Storage Unit		136			9099.20
2/3/2026	1034	Cathy Rasque - food for speaker		21.34			9077.86
2/3/2026	1035	Nancy Stowe - Retreat - iron, paper bags		20.54			9057.32
2/3/2026	1036	Lynn Harned - Retreat deposit for 2027 & retreat glue		204.44			8852.88
2/3/2026	1037	Ramona McConney - Make it take it VOID		0			8852.88
2/3/2026	1038	Peggy McIntire - Make It Take It		100			8752.88
2/3/2026	1039	Carol Kreson - Make It Take It		90			8662.88
2/3/2026	1040	Joyce Taylor - Make It Take It		70			8592.88
2/3/2026	1041	Gale Topping - Make It Take It		30			8562.88
2/3/2026	1042	Betsy Podriznik - Make It Take It		100			8462.88
2/3/2026	1043	Joan Fisher - Make It Take It		100			8362.88
2/3/2026	1044	Tucker UMC - memorial Scott Thomas		25			8337.88
2/3/2026	CC	Go Daddy		239.88			8098.00
2/17/2026	1045	Refund - Elese Culpepper Card Making Workshop		5			8093.00
2/17/2026	1046	Refund - Kathy Heidish Card Making Workshop		5			8088.00
2/17/2026	1047	Refund - Kim Beasley Card Making Workshop		5			8083.00
2/17/2026	1048	Refund - Cheryl Henderson Card Making Workshop		5			8078.00
2/17/2026	1049	Linda Brimanson - speakers meal & yarn for challenge		57.41			8020.59
2/17/2026	1050	Barbara Conner - Happy Hooper		61.13			7959.46
2/17/2026	1051	VOID		0			7959.46
2/17/2026	1052	Joyce Taylor - Make It Take It		10			7949.46
2/17/2026		Deposit				385.55	8335.01
		- Membership			0		8335.01
		- Hospitality			0		8335.01
		- Birthday Drawing			0		8335.01
		- Workshops			365.55		8335.01
		- Library			0		8335.01
		- Retreat			0		8335.01

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

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
12/5/2025		deposit			896.00	4972.67
12/16/25		deposit			2030.00	7002.67
1/7/26		deposit			1022.00	8024.67
1/20/2026	1030	FCCLA Center	7050.00			974.67
2/3/2026	1036	Lynn Harned - deposit for 2027 & glue	204.44			770.23
2/3/2026	1035	N Stowe - iron, paper bags	20.54			749.69

GWINNETT QUILTERS' GUILD

2026 NOMINATION BALLOT

PRESIDENT: _____

VICE PRESIDENT: _____

SECRETARY: _____

TREASURER: _____

PROGRAM CHAIR: _____

Please return your nomination form, only after asking your nominee their willingness to serve.

PLEASE, RETURN FORM AT THE MARCH MEETING TO A COMMITTEE MEMBER:

Gretchen Cuthbert, Robin Richards, Paula Hess, and Sandy Griffin