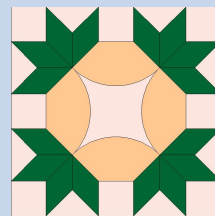


Gwinnett Quilters' Gazette

www.gwinnettquiltersguild.org

FELLOWSHIP 9:30 MEETING 10:00 July 21st

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



July 2026



July's Happenings



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Christmas in July reminds us that great events happen when members share their time, talents and ideas!

Every Member Has Something to Share at GQG!

One of the things that makes the Gwinnett Quilters' Guild (GQG) special is the incredible variety of talents, experiences, and interests among our members. We come together because of our love of quilting, but our guild is strengthened by the creativity we share, the friendships we build, the knowledge we pass along, and the support we give one another.

A thriving guild doesn't happen by accident. It grows because members step forward to teach, welcome, organize, share a skill, and lend a hand. Every contribution, whether large or small, helps create the community we enjoy.

As we look ahead, there are many opportunities to become more involved and help shape the future of GQG. We are looking for members interested in sharing their talents by serving on committees such as the Library Committee, Technology Committee, Auction Committee, and Year-End Holiday Celebration Committee.

You don't have to take on a major role to make a difference. Sometimes it starts with simply saying, "I can help with that." Your ideas, skills, and willingness to participate are what keep our guild creative, welcoming, and strong.

Reach out to a Board member and let us know how your talents or skills can help. Together, we continue to make GQG more than a place where we quilt. We make it a community where every member has a place and every contribution matters.

Sincerely,
C. Kim Beasley
President

CANNON CAUSE

JULY – SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Pencils #2 lead

Pencil Sharpener with shaving catcher

Mechanical Pencils

Pencil Pouch—fabric w/zipper

Colored Markers (thin Point)

Dry Erase Markers (low odor) 2 colors

White Glue Sticks

Colored Pencils

Crayons (24 Count)

Ruler (metric & standard measurements)

Pens (black or blue)

Highlighters

Erasers

Plastic Pocket Folders with brads

Composition Notebooks

3-ring Binders (1" to 2")

Notebook Paper

.USB Flash Drive

Scissors

Index Cards

Ear Buds

AUGUST PERSONAL ITEMS

Just For You

220 quilts were collected in May. 184 were donated to Arthur M. Blank Hospital of Children's Health-care of Atlanta. If you took any quilts home to wash and did not return them yet, please get them to me as soon as possible. If you still have quilts that did not get turned in at the May meeting, you can still bring them to me.

A huge thank you to all that participated. And for those that did not, what can be done differently to encourage and increase participation? I welcome any and all suggestions. You can call, text, or email me.

Jackie



New Members
Mary Catherine Bentley
And
Bev Mannes

PROGRAM for July:

Lecture/Trunk Show – “Size Matters” -- At Least Where Quilts are Concerned” by Frances Arnold. A humorous and eye-opening look at scale, proportion, and visual impact in quilt design. Learn how size choices affect movement, balance, and the overall “wow factor.”

You'll Learn:

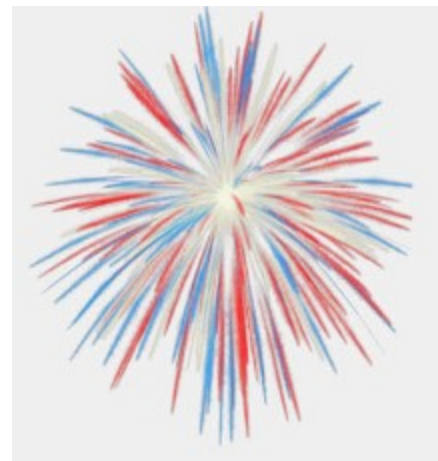
- ✂ When to scale up—and when to scale down
- ✂ How size affects pattern clarity
- ✂ How to adjust pattern sizes without math headaches

Our meeting will be on the first floor in our normal meeting room.

PROGRAM for August:

August 18, 2026
Installation of Officers
“Ice-cream Social”

Signup sheets available at July Meeting
to bring sprinkles, fudge etc.





HollyAnne Knight

Founder of String & Story and their mission to guide you to quilt and stitch with confidence! We have a diverse community of Rockstars where you can make friends and finish your own quilts.

Visit their brick-and-mortar shop
"String & Story On Main"

3150 Main Street #101

Duluth, GA 30096

678-243-5281

Shop Hours: Thursdays and Fridays
12-4PM and Saturdays 12-3 PM

**Intro to Free Motion Quilting with
HollyAnne Knight of String & Story**

August 19, 2026 from 10-1PM

Cost: \$30 Non-member price \$40

(Paid to Workshops when signing up)

Description

Free motion quilting is a beautiful and fun way to quilt your own projects. Join HollyAnne Knight of String & Story to learn the foundational skills of successful free motion quilting. During this 3-hour class, you'll learn how to set up your machine for FMQ, adjust your machine tension, understand how to create an ergonomic set up, then learn and practice your first four free motion quilting motifs. By the end of our time together, you'll feel inspired and equipped to quilt your own projects on your home sewing machine.

Use QR Code to sign
up for workshop on-
line



Supply List

- Sewing machine
- Thread (50wt cotton recommended)
- Fresh sewing machine needle
- FMQ foot or ruler foot
- Quilting gloves (recommended)
- 3-4 fat quarter sized practice sandwiches
- Pen & paper

OPTIONAL Kit: \$35

(Paid to HollyAnne on day of workshop)

- 4 sawtooth star placemats with backing & batting
- 1 FQ size practice sandwich

PROGRAM for September:

September 15, 2026 – Trunk Show/lecture “Doll Making” by Bobby Kee
Bobby is a new Guild member.

Immediately following the September guild meeting stay and help make breast cancer pillows

In-House Program - by Pat Brown – “School Principal” will speak to members. “Help cut and stuff Breast Cancer Pillows”



Reminder! Three months left to complete your Challenge Quilt! October 20, 2026 – “Challenge Quilt Due” all challenge quilts must be turn in at the October meeting.

Reminder: The meeting room may be hot. Remember to bring water with you or use the water fountain in the hall





Exotic Doodle Blooms Hibiscus Flower by Susan Edmonson

About Susan:

Fiber arts are my passion. I majored in art at Queens University in Charlotte, NC, and have not slowed down since. I have been a quilt designer, hosted art retreats, traveled to shops all over the country to teach, and am a Bernina Ambassador. I love sharing this passion I have for quilting, stitching and creating with everyone.

Student Supply List:

KIT PRICE: ONLY Pattern \$18 or Full Kit \$40 (includes pattern and use of crayons, textile medium and brushes during class).

- Pearl Cotton Embroidery Threads (#12, #8, #5, #3) Hand-dyed Threads will be available to purchase during class from instructor (Threads are not included in the kit)
- Embroidery Scissors & Pins
- Chenille Needles #24, #22, #18 & Milinner #1 (These will be available to purchase in class)
- Small pieces of Lace, Trims, ribbons and old Buttons (available to purchase during class)
- Sue Spargo's Creative Stitch Book (available for pre-order from instructor or some will be available to purchase during class)
- 10" Pieces for collage and extra backgrounds (not needed for class)
- Small Ott Light (optional)
- Caran D'Ache Neo Color II Wax Pastels or Intense Pencils (if you want your own set, some will be available to purchase in class)
- Small Short stiff scrubber type brushes (if you want your own)
- Other Hand-Dyed Fabrics, Laces and trims will be available for purchase during class.

WORKSHOP: Wednesday October 21, 2026 from 9AM - 3PM (Doors open 8:30AM)

Price for Members: \$45 and \$55 for non-members. Max 24

July's Birthdays

Susan	Baker
Karen	Bensman
Donna	Bramlett
Linda	Brimanson
Wanda	Carney
Carol	Gebhard
Pat	Harned
Reneé	Huber
Dawn	Hudson



Dona	Jacob
Linda	Kelley
Rosie	Kelley
Kathi	Massey
Kay	Rozea
Alice	Schunemann
Vicky	Shattles
Susan	Zarter



Gwinnett Quilt of Valor Quilters



QUILTS OF VALOR - Come for a visit to check out what we do plus enjoy friendship, laughter and fun - but watch out, we WILL put you to work. Our Gwinnett Chapter of Quilts of Valor meets on the third Thursday of each month at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 319 Grayson Highway 30046. We have a short meeting during lunch and then Show and Tell. Bring a sack lunch (refrigerator available) or pick up some fast food nearby. Questions? Call Betsy 770-841-3572.

Next Meeting: July 16th 10am - 2pm

NOTE: This is the week BEFORE the guild meeting

Everyone is welcome to join us

Happy Birthday – Birthday Blast July Birthday Members

E-Cards are scheduled to arrive on your birthday from Jacquie Lawson

Wishing you a birthday as beautiful and unique as a cherished quilt – pieced together with love, joy, and the warmth of friendship. May this year wrap you in happiness and bring countless moments to treasure. Your Gwinnett Quilters sisters celebrate you today and always. Have a birthday Blast

Friendship Committee
Lucy Aikerson



Gwinnett Quilters Guild

Guild Meeting June 16, 2026

President Kim Beasley - The Meeting was called to order at 10:00. Everyone was asked to silence their phones. Kim called for a moment of silence for one of our Guild members. Kim welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed how much she missed seeing everyone between meetings. The Guild received a Thank You note from Lucy Aikerson for all the kindness expressed to her during her husband Marvin's recent illness. Kim said the moment of silence was for Katy Dlugosz's husband who passed away recently.

Kim has received an email from a Guild member who was concerned about an email post on Facebook. Kim wanted everyone to know that someone phished her name. It was bogus because it did not use her full name and the email address was incorrect. Call Kim if you get a bogus notice on Facebook from her.

Friendship Chair Lucy Aikerson - Lucy recognized the June birthdays and read the ecard that each received. A card has been sent to Kaity Dlugosz and a memory gift given in her husband's memory to Quilts of Valor. Jerita Hunt is having surgery and a card has been sent to her.

Membership Chair Cheri Gilleland - There were several visitors today and Bev Manass has already decided to join the Guild. Next month, renewal of dues will begin. Paula Hess, Margie Kersey, and Kim Beasley have worked on a way for members to renew online. There is a QR code on the website to scan to pay online starting in July. There is no cost to you or the Guild to pay online. Members can also pay the usual way by check, mail, or cash.

Hospitality Chair Pat Brown - Mary Ann Kitchens reported for Pat. There were 6 visitors today. Mary Ann called out each name and had them stand to be recognized.

Secretary Jamie Jones - Kim explained what "Unanimous Consent" means in Robert's Rules. There is no need for a motion and a second to be made to approve the Minutes as published in the Newsletter. According to Robert's Rules, all that is needed is to ask if there are any questions or corrections about the Minutes published in the Newsletter. If any corrections, the Secretary can make the changes. Either way, no motion or second is needed.

No corrections were noted. The Minutes were approved as published in the May Newsletter.

Treasurer Margie Kersey - Kim explained the same "Unanimous Consent" applies to the Budget published in the Newsletter. If there are any questions, that Kim cannot answer, Margie will be at the July meeting to explain.

Kim explained that the Board has projected a deficit in this year's Budget. The Guild is still in good financial standing. The Board has reviewed how the Guild can generate more funds. How can members help? First of all, sign up and take workshops. The Guild is losing money when a workshop goes unfilled. The Guild has to pay the shortage. Programs and Workshops provide us a great opportunity to learn with fellow members. Members have 30 days to sign up for a workshop when first posted. After 30 days, the workshops will be opened to other Guilds to fill the openings. Members can still sign up, but openings may not be available.

Second, the Guild will have a couple fundraisers. Jean Coto is going to help create a Guild Calendar to sell. Joan Fisher is going to head up an Auction. Joan came to the podium to speak. In the past, Auctions have been great fundraisers. First one made \$600, second one \$2000, third one \$4400. Members will be asked to bring in items that you are not using. Quilt items are needed as well as some non-quilt items. Joan is going to ask Amy Martin, an auctioneer, to help make the Auction a fun event. Joan thinks the Auction will be in April and that will give 3 months to bring in goodies.

The Budget was published in the Newsletter. Are there any questions? There were several questions about the Directory being published on the Website. Privacy issues and not wanting pictures and information on the Web were concerns. The Board decided that this year a hard copy Directory will be printed. The Board is discussing other options for the future that will be shared at a later date as needed.

If there are any questions about the deficit in the proposed budget or using "rainy day funds", Margie can take those questions at the next Guild meeting. Kim explained that the "rainy day fund" has already been discussed by the Board.

There were no corrections on the Budget. The Budget is approved as published in the May Newsletter.

Vice President Karen Byers - Cannon Cause this month was individual snack foods. July is school supplies. In the past, Guild members have stuffed the bookbags. This year, members from Cannon Methodist will stuff the bookbags. Karen reminded members that clear bookbags are being used in schools.

Karen reminded members about a special request for twin bed quilts for a mom and children's shelter. The organization is willing to pay for the quilts. Information is in the Blast or can be obtained from Karen.

Karen brought fabric suitable for breast cancer pillows today.

Karen read the slate of Executive Officers for the next term:

President - Kim Beasley

Treasurer - Margie Kersey

Vice President - Ros Russell

Programs - Joan Fisher

Secretary - Jamie Jones

The membership voted unanimously for the slate of officers. No opposition. The slate is approved and the new officers will be installed at the August Guild meeting.

Just For You Chair Jackie Campbell - Jackie collected 120 quilts today. If anyone else has a quilt ready, contact Jackie. She will deliver quilts to Children's tomorrow. There are quilt kits still available. The Just For You Bee will meet June 26 at Grayson Methodist from 10:00-2:00.

Jackie is hosting the Lunch Bunch after the Guild meeting at Pablanos.

Program Chair Linda Brimanson - Ros Russell reported for Linda. The July 21 Guild speaker is Frances Arnold who will present a program titled, "Size Matters When Designing your Quilt." August 18 will be the installation of officers and ice cream social. August 19, there is a workshop with Holly Anne Knight titled "Wonderful Walking Foot Quilting."

Ros introduced the speaker for the day, Candace Hassen. Candace presented a program titled, "Inspiration."

Break 15 Minutes

Show & Tell Chair Carol Kreson

Birthday Table Chair Sandy Griffin

Kim thanked the visitors for coming. And thanks to the membership for making our visitors feel welcome. Several visitors joined today. Chairs and Tables have to be stacked up.

Meeting adjourned 11:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Jones, Secretary



Gwinnett Quilters' Guild - Library Fund

DATE	Check	EXPLANATION	EXPENSE	INCOME	BALANCE
		Carry over from last report			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
5/1/2026		Quilt Cash donation		\$45.00	171.46
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Gwinnett Quilters' Guild Checkbook Record

United

Balanced April 2026

							8371.96
3/10/2026	1076	Nancy Sapin - workshop on stabilizers	x	660			7711.96
3/17/2026	1077	Mary Sowatzka - workshop stripology	x	498			7213.96
3/18/2026		Deposit	x			359	7572.96
		- Membership	x		129		7572.96
		- Hospitality	x		20		7572.96
		- Birthday Drawing	x		27		7572.96
		- Workshops	x		182		7572.96
		- Library	x		1		7572.96
		- Retreat	x				7572.96
		- Make and Take	x				7572.96
		- Happy Hoopers	x				7572.96
4/4/2026	cc	Storage Unit	x	146			7426.96
3/31/2026		statement fee	x	3			7423.96
3/18/2026	1078	Cathy Rasque - food for speaker Sapin	x	15.47			7408.49
4/21/2026	1079	Sandy Griffin - Birthday raffle tickets		24.77			7383.72
4/21/2026		Deposit	x			319	7702.72
		- Membership	x		64		7702.72
		- Hospitality	x		10		7702.72
		- Birthday Drawing	x		124		7702.72
		- Workshops	x		127		7702.72
		- Library	x		9		7702.72
		- Retreat	x				7702.72
		- Make and Take	x				7702.72
		- Happy Hoopers	x				7702.72
4/27/2026		Zeffy - Workshops	x			120	7822.72
5/4/2026	cc	Storage Unit		136			7686.72
5/17/2026	1080	Candace Hassen- speaker		325			7361.72
5/20/2026		Deposit				15	7376.72
		- Workshops			30		7376.72
5/10/2026		Zeffy - Workshops				45	7421.72
5/25/2026		Zeffy - Workshops				30	7451.72
6/2/2026	1082	Joan Fisher - food for speaker Mary Sowatzka		12.71			7439.01
4/6/2026	cc	Go Daddy	x	199.99			7239.02
4/30/2026		statement fee	x	3			7236.02
6/29/2026		Deposit				213	7449.02
		- Membership			60		7389.02
		- Hospitality			30		7359.02
		- Birthday Drawing			168		7191.02
		- Workshops					7191.02
		- Library					7191.02
6/28/2026		Zeffy - Workshops				30	7221.02
6/7/2026		Zeffy - Workshops				30	7251.02
6/4/2026		Storage Unit		136			7115.02
5/30/2026		statement fee		3			7112.02
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							7112.02





It's Time to Renew!!

Once again, we are beginning the renewal process for next year in July. Doing so allows us to better plan for the new Guild year. Everyone but the two members that joined last month are required to complete the updated membership form to enable us to keep accurate information in the Guild files.

There are several ways to renew, including paying online with the new **Zeffy** format created by Margie, Paula and Kim who have worked very hard to make this happen. (See directions below)

Ways to renew:

- 1) As we have always done, print and complete the membership form from the newsletter or website and bring it with your check (\$40) or cash to the regular Guild meeting.
- 2) Print and complete the form and send a check (\$40) to the following address:
Gwinnett Quilters' Guild 740 Hambrick Dr Lilburn, GA 30047
- 3) Print and complete the form and pay (\$40), using the UPC code on the form, to pay in advance from home or while you are at the Guild meeting. After paying, be sure to bring, or mail, your completed form to the meeting.

No cash or check required!

Directions for paying online with Zeffy

It is simple, secure and quick to pay online and you don't need a check or cash! AND it doesn't cost you OR the Guild an extra penny.

- 1) Sign into the guild website (GwinnettQuiltersGuild.org). You will find the updated membership form there in the "Membership" album. Print and complete the form.
- 2) Use your mobile device camera to hover over the QR code at the bottom of the form. When the yellow "frame" and yellow bar appear on your device, click the bar.
- 3) Complete the information and click BUY and you have paid!
DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR COMPLETED FORM. Your renewal is not complete until the form has been turned in.

Date Rec'd _____
 Check # _____
 Cash _____
 Mail _____
 Meeting _____
 Entered _____

Gwinnett Quilters' Guild

Membership Form Sept 1, 2026 – Aug 31, 2027

All guild members must complete a renewal form each year.

All information provided is for guild use only.

____ New

____ Renewal

____ Rejoin

*****Guild members assume personal responsibility while attending Guild activities*****

Name: _____ Birthdate: mo/day _____
 Address: _____ Birthplace: city/state _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone - Home: (____) - _____ - _____ Cell: (____) - _____ - _____
 Email: _____ (For directory use only)
 **Emergency Contact - Name: _____ Phone: (____) - _____ - _____

Membership Status: Member (\$40) _____ Junior Member (age 12-18) (\$15) _____

**** New Member?...How did you hear about the Guild? _____**

Beginning in January, we prorate our dues. Ask how much it costs to join this month. **

Please make checks payable to Gwinnett Quilters' Guild.

Bring your check/cash, or pay online with Zeffy and bring this form to the guild general meeting

OR mail this form with your check (or after payment with Zeffy) to:

Gwinnett Quilters' Guild Membership 740 Hambrick Drive Lilburn, GA 30047

I am a LongArm Quilter for hire: Yes ___ No ___ LongArm Specialties _____

ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Helping set up and put away tables and chairs after meetings.
- Donating a gift to the Birthday Drawing (preferably during your birthday month.....or during another, as needed)

Support Your Guild

The GQG is a volunteer organization and we ask that everyone participate in the Guild functions.

Please check one or more committees and/or activities that you could help with this year.

Please remember... **THIS IS YOUR GUILD!**

President	Hospitality Committee	Programs Committee	Assist Speakers at Meetings
Vice President	By Laws Committee	In-House Education	Welcome New Members
Treasurer	Membership	Just For You Committee	Retreat Committee
Secretary	Nominating Committee	Library	Birthday Table
Community Service	Newsletter Committee	Assist at Workshops	Holiday Party
Quilt Holders	Photography Assistant	Small Group/Bee Comm	Website
Friendship Committee	Show 'N Tell		

Date Rec'd _____
 Amount _____
 Check # _____
 Cash _____
 Entered _____

Treasurer's Records Sept 2026 – Aug 2027

Gwinnett Quilters' Guild

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Zeffy QR code

