



Gate City Quilt Guild Gazette

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October 2025 GCQG Presidents Message



The International Quilt Festival is happening October 9-12. Do you have your tickets yet? Me, neither. Many of you have been and many more of you have hopes of going, like I do. My husband encourages me to go each year so he can go to the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston. We all have dreams. One day, I do plan to go and be in awe of the amazingly talented quilters and their creativity.

Remember that our very own Quilt Show has a date: October 16-17, 2026. Yes, it's official and the committee is off and running. I was privy to an early showing of the raffle quilt last week and it is stunning! Everyone in the class on Saturday morning was planning to purchase multiple tickets and they didn't even know whose raffle quilt it was. Phyllis and her posse of quilters pieced an amazing Swordfish top and Gina Boone has brought it to life. Thank you to all. (You'll want to buy extra tickets.) We are so blessed to have such talent in our group and at our fingertips. Happy Quilting, *Michelle*

[International Quilt Festival | Festivals Event in Houston, TX](#)

October 2, 2025
Meeting at Fellowship Hall at C.U.C.C.
(6:30pm visiting, meeting begins at 7pm)



Karen Tooley, Antique Quilts Plus Generational Quilting (Karen and Sarah Tooley)

Karen Tooley lives in a neat house, tucked away in a subdivision of Jamestown, North Carolina. A retired special education teacher, Karen has sewed for 54 years, starting at age nine. Before that, she watched and helped her mother while she sewed.

During the time that Karen grew up, she had the wonderful opportunity to see her great-grandmother's quilts on the beds as well as everywhere else all over her house and her grandmother's house. At age 25, she decided that she wanted to learn to quilt. Her goal? Quilt as well as her great-grandmother. "Her stitches were tiny, close,

and uniform in size," Karen states. "Also, the large amount of quilting on each of her quilts was phenomenal. She has been my sole role model."

Armed with one of her great-grandmother's quilts as her "teacher" and a McCall's basic beginning quilting booklet, Karen taught herself machine piecing and hand quilting.

Pictures from our September meeting –

Nicole and Kelsey from Village Fabric Shop in Winston-Salem, Indigo Dye, www.VillageFabricShop.com shared their expertise with us about Indigo Dye having use create our own samples





Show and Tell





List of Program Presentations for 2025

(All programs are carried over Zoom)

October

Karen Tooley, *Antique Quilts Plus Generational Quilting*

Workshop: **Pin Cushion Workshop - October 4th Saturday**



Come and enjoy this 4-hour class and leave with a finished product - the cutest little pin cushion you've ever seen!! Perhaps best of all = no sewing involved - means you don't have to bring your sewing machine!

Lesley Storts will be teaching us how to make these pin cushions. She

is the owner of Storts Market, a small business focused on quilting. She provides professional longarm quilting services, creates up-cycled pincushions from antique glass, has published patterns, and teaches. Lesley is also a registered nurse, providing skilled and compassionate care to her patients.

The workshop will be held in the church fellowship hall - hours are 10am - 2pm. The cost is \$45.00 (cost of kit is included). I will be sending out the short supply list later.

Please come ready to sign up for this fun outing - hope to see you there!!

November

Connie Brown, vintage quilts from North Carolina

December - Holiday Party

Please let Michelle or Phyllis know if you have speaker recommendations you think would be of interest to our group.

HELP NEEDED

You arrive for a guild meeting and the room is set up and ready to go. After the meeting you say your goodbyes and head home. It's not magical chairs that suddenly appear, Laurie and I show up early to set up chairs and the TV for Zoom and are the last ones to leave after everything has been put away.

We NEED HELP. If you are available (and able) to set up chairs at 6:00 p.m. we could use your help. The same with after the meeting. Thanks to those of you who have helped in the past to put away chairs and tables after the meetings. We would like to see others get involved with set up and breakdown to share the load. Give it some thought and join us at 6:00 or hang around after the meeting. We know some of you are not able to lift and carry so think about how you might help out at the meetings.

Gate City Quilt Show
“A Celebration of Quilting”

October 16 and 17, 2026

Congregational United Church of Christ
400 W. Radiance Drive, Greensboro, NC

Show Hours:

Friday, October 16---9:30-5:00

Saturday, October 17---9:30-5:00

For more information go to: www.gatecityquiltguild.org

Raffle Quilt: “Starburst”



Raffle tickets information will be available soon.

2026 Quilt Show Committees
Quilt Show Dates: Oct. 16-17, 2026

Chair and Co-chair – Karen Cartlidge, Jane Weinstein

Challenge Quilts - Kathy Haver, Barbara Wolfe

Layout - Valerie Paterson*, Kathy Haver

Publicity - Judie Bringhurst Lisa Cooper

Printing - Melissa Dessent*

Judging - Juli Hurin Mary Puckett

Ribbons - Sandy Gardner*, Lynn Magyar

Cashier - Laurie Shaw, Linda Grogan

Volunteers Registration - Michelle Puzio* Joan O'Donnell*

Silent Auction - Bea Mandel*, Eileen Kane

Yard Sale - Phyllis Griffin, Darcy Benson*

Boutique - Betsy Bopp*, Donna Paulson*

Raffle Baskets - Debbie Walsh, Carol Lejda

Signs - Esther Mayo, Lisa Cooper

Raffle Quilt Inside Sales - Barbara Wolfe

Family Reception - Sue Roth

Quilt Registration - Debbie Feulner*, Heather Brandon

Admissions - Harriet Smalls

* Indicates people who have been on this committee before.

Activities / Sew Hours

Don't forget about sew hour coming up. The last one for this month will be September 25, Thursday from 1-3.

REMINDER: We meet the first Tuesday, the second Sunday, and the 4th Thursday.

October 7th 1-3 Tuesday
October 12th 2-4 Sunday
October 23rd 1-3 Thursday

Linda Grogan

Boutique

I'm happy to get any new ideas for items to make for the Boutique. I'll continue to put kits together for you all to make.

Thanks, Betsy

Community Service / Charity Committee

Thank you to all who have supported the guild with your charity quilt donations. We are well on our way to reach our 2025 goal. We have quilt kits and quilts in various stages that you can work on to help out.

Thanks, Juli

Dog Bed Scraps

For those supplying dog bed scraps, I would like to remind you please to watch sharp objects, buttons, Kleenex, blue jean trims like waistbands, hems etc. also, button plackets, collars, and buttons.

Thanks, Becky

Little House Quilts for Habitat Greensboro

Habitat Greensboro can use another 12 - 15 Little House Quilts for 2025!

Please keep sewing your adorable quilts - any size up to 18".

Be sure to include a sleeve or hanging tabs on the back of the quilt.

Lynn Magyar will collect, add Guild labels and deliver to Habitat for new homeowners.

Thank you!



Membership Committee

Bea Mandel, Sandy Gardner, and Becky Hayes

Yard Sale

Thought I'd take a minute to provide some information on our Yard Sale and why from time to time I ask for help sorting- We do our yard sale at the quilt show which is held every other year. We collect and sort donations as they come in throughout the year leading up to the show.

The donations are sorted based on potential usage

- Raffle baskets can use new or gently used items and are generally sorted by theme for the baskets.*
- Charity quilts can use fabric donated that would be large enough for a backing and would align with a quilt top. Newer fabric, animal themes for the babies, and fabric for SANE recipients*
- Silent auction may use antique quilts or quilt tops that can be completed and included in the silent auction*
- At times we received machines and tools which can be sold to members or held for the yard sale*
- Items that don't fit the above are held for the yard sale which includes fabric and notions large and small. If an item is sorted for the above and can't be used it comes back to the yard sale.*
- If for some reason the donation doesn't fit the above, we parse out to various community organizations. We avoid sending anything to the landfill*

Donations can be taken at the meeting, please let me know in advance if you are planning on bringing items so we can meet outside for the exchange. Appreciate your help, Darcy



October Birthdays

3rd Betsy Bopp
 6th Barbara Wolfe
 20th Kristi Minnema
 21st Nancy Paxton
 30th Lynn Magyar
 31st Debbie Walsh

Gate City Quilt Guild –2025 Board Officers

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President Elect	Mary Puckett
Quilt Show Chair	Karen Cartlidge
Quilt Show Co-Chair	Jane Weinstein
Treasurer *	Laurie Shaw
Secretary	Harriett Holt
Newsletter *	Darcy Benson
Website *	Darcy Benson
Historian	Joan O'Donnell
Membership	Bea Mandel
Membership	Sandy Gardner
Membership	Becky Hayes
Publicity	Judie Bringhurst
Charity	Juli Hurin
Hospitality	Heather Brandon
Hospitality	Lynn Magyar
Programs (2025-2026)	Michelle Puzio
Programs (2024-2025)	Phyllis Griffin
Activities	Linda Grogan
Parliamentarian	Pam Tocornal

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21	22	23	24	25 Sew Hour (zoom) 1pm – 3pm	26	27
28	29	30				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Guild Meeting	3	4 Pin Cushion Workshop 10-2
5	6	7 Sew Hour (zoom) 1pm – 3pm	8	9	10	11
12 Sew Hour (zoom) 2pm – 4pm	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Sew Hour (zoom) 1pm – 3pm	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Out and About News

Mary Pucket is collecting any orphan blocks people may want to donate. They are to be made into door hangers for nursing home residents. The blocks are going to be passed on to another group that will be making them. Mary can be reached at ZippyQuilts@gmail.com

FOR SALE

SASHIKO Sewing Machine by Baby Lock



Used SASHIKO (Model BLQK) sewing machine for sale for ~~\$500~~. Reduced to \$400 This machine is different than any other conventional sewing machine. The Sashiko will make one stitch on the top of the fabric after the handwheel makes two complete rotations when the needle is in the down position. When the needle is in the up position it will make one stitch after the handwheel makes one and a half rotations. The specialty needle will catch and release the bobbin thread alternately. Stitching on the top looks like hand quilting. The

stitching will not unravel, so it is not necessary to make tacking stitch. Adjustable stitching and spacing.

Baby Lock Sashiko Model BLQK2 retails for \$5,398.00. I purchased this machine used and am selling it for less than I paid. The machine is in good condition and works well. If you want the hand quilted look on your quilts without the handwork, this machine is for you.

This is a specialty machine and is not for normal sewing. Instruction books, needles, and other supplies are included. See photos for stitching samples.



If interested in this machine, please contact Karen Cartlidge at 304-279-1296. Cash or check.



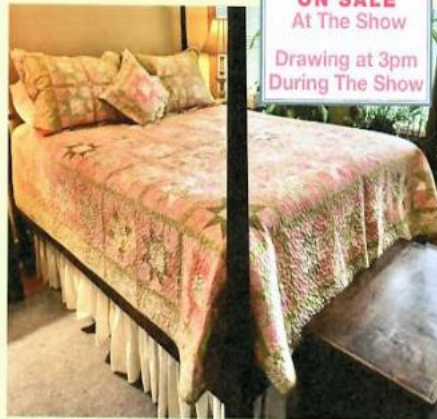
Upcoming Quilt Shows and items of interest



The
Cashiers Quilters
Quilt Show
at the
Cashiers Library
249 Frank Allen Rd

Saturday,
October 11th
10am - 4pm

WIN
This Quilt, Pillow,
& Pillow Shams
Raffle Tickets
ON SALE
At The Show
Drawing at 3pm
During The Show



Quilting & Fiber Art Marketplace

CLASSES &
WORKSHOPS
ADDED!!

OVER 30 AMAZING
VENDORS!!

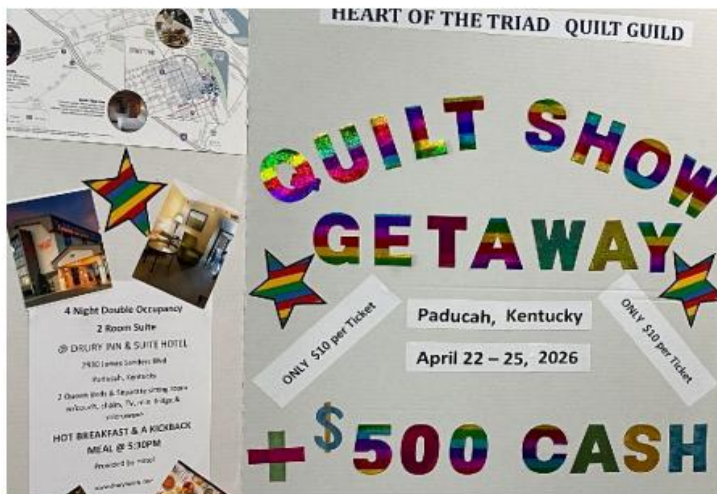
COMING JANUARY 9TH & 10TH 2026

AT

THE DENNIS A WICKER CIVIC CENTER
SANFORD NC

SAVE THE DATE

*Plan to Come
See Us!*



Attend the **2026 AQS Quilt Week**
and go to numerous quilt related venues,
such as The National Quilt Museum and
Hancock Fabrics of Paducah.

April 22-25, 2026 is reserved for you to
enjoy 4 nights in a double occupancy, 2
room suite at the Drury Inn and Suites in
Paducah, including free Hot Breakfast and,
at 5:30 PM, a free Kick Back Meal daily.

Prize includes **\$500 CASH** to help you and a
friend have a great quilting adventure!

TICKETS ARE ONLY \$10 each

TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED

Drawing to be held on or before January 15, 2026

Only 600 tickets will be sold

Contact Penny Nolen at 336-971-1907 or nolen991955@gmail.com for availability of tickets.

Fundraiser sponsored by the Heart of the Triad Quilt Guild in Kernersville, NC

Gate City Quilt Guild

Membership Application for the year of - 20__

Please Print Legibly

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: (year optional): _____

Check if New: _____ Renewal: _____ Check #: _____ Amount: _____

- Annual membership is January 1 – December 31 and the annual membership fee is \$35 due by January 31.
- Annual fee for members age 75 or older is \$20.
- New members joining after July 31 will be charged \$25 for membership through the remainder of the membership year. No other prorating will apply.
- Membership dues are non-refundable.

Mail this completed form and your check, payable to Gate City Quilt Guild by January 31st to:

Gate City Quilt Guild

P.O. Box 29196

Greensboro, NC 27429-9196

Or—hand it in at the membership table at any meeting.

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Inclement Weather Policy

If Guilford County Schools are closed due to inclement weather the meeting may be changed to a zoom session.

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We do our best to update you on meeting changes from in person to Zoom via email, Facebook, our website or a phone call

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The guild website

<http://www.gatecityquiltguild.org/>

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK.

<https://www.facebook.com/gatecityquiltguild>



Guild Meetings are held:

1st Thursday of the month
6:30 pm Social
7:00 pm Meeting begins

Congregational United
Church of Christ
400 W. Radiance Drive
Greensboro, NC 27403

Meets are held either
in person or via Zoom
(See the list of Program
Presentations for the
meeting location)

Email - info@gatecityquiltguild.org
Mailing Address:
Gate City Quilt Guild
P. O. Box 29196,
Greensboro, NC 27429

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1/2 page	\$6.25	\$12.50
Full Page	\$12.50	\$25.00

Newsletter Deadline The 20th of the month

Send your contributions and info to share to BensonDarcy@gmail.com
Include the word "Newsletter" in the subject line.