



# Gate City Quilt Guild Gazette

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## **Final Words – 2024 President's Annual End of Year Report**

As the guild closes out 2024, I thought we should reflect on what we accomplished as a guild during this year. I am so proud of our guild members for their hard work as well as our Board in their support of the guild in the following:

- ✓ Our 2024 Quilt show success. 456 Visitors over the 2-day show along with the most money ever raised for Silent Auction, Yard Sale, Raffle Baskets and Boutique in our Guild History!
- ✓ A big thank you to those who donated items both members and non-members who contributed throughout the year
- ✓ The largest Charitable Donation we have ever made from our Silent Auction, \$3,900 awarded to the Combat Female Veterans Families United.
- ✓ \$1,300 raised for the Asheville Guild Guild for hurricane recovery efforts
- ✓ Donated fabric scraps for dog beds for the animal shelter
- ✓ Donating 107 Quilts to Cone Hospital for 2024!
- ✓ Welcomed 10 new members to bring our roster to 68 members
- ✓ Revisions for the Bi-Laws to be voted on Jan/Feb. Big thanks to the Committee (Valerie Paterson, Bea Mandel & Phyllis Griffin) in conjunction with our Board, for their very hard work in bringing this to completion.
- ✓ Formation of a new Guild Brochure available soon (Printing is in progress)

I am sure there are things I missed, but it has been a great year for the guild. I am looking forward to working with Membership for 2025. Please join me in Welcoming & supporting Michelle Puzio as I hand her the 2025 presidential reins.

Additional thanks to Martha Theissen for a recent Donation of buttons for future Quilt Show Ribbons & Lynn Bensy for a donation of 4 boxes of fabric for Yard Sale & Charity Quilts with more to follow later. These are non-members who reached out to me recently from our web site. Wishing you a very Happy New Year 2025!

Quilty Yours,



Sandy Gardner, GCQG 2024 President



*“A quilt warms your body and comforts your soul”*

## From your President GCQG January 2025

I did not grow up, as many of you did, with a mother who taught me to sew. I didn't have a grandmother or auntie to teach me. My paternal grandmother quilted at church, but never when family visited. As a child of divorce, there were many things that I have missed. I did make Barbie clothes for my friend's dolls because I just wasn't a Barbie kind of girl. That was my first-hand work.



My first attempt at sewing by machine occurred during high school home economics. I had transferred from my father's home in WV to my mother's home in Nashville, TN and they just didn't know what to do with me. Well, everything turned out for the best and I learned the basics of the machine. No, I don't even know where that bathing suit cover up went. It's a good thing!

In 2016, my son was in school and I had a little free time on my hands so I took a quilting class at JoAnn's. Anathema (some might say)! That was where I was hooked. A few quilts later and I discovered the world of quilting stores and their in-depth classes. Then, I wandered into one of your guild meetings. The rest, as they say, is history. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a member of Gate City.



Many of you met me during my first presidencies and many of you will become friends during the course of the year, I hope. I say presidencies as you might recall due to my early rise during a Covid year when we needed a Quilt Show Chair and Laurie Shaw felt a calling to fill that role. Thank you so much, Laurie! That gave me the opportunity to begin early. Though she was wonderful and I have experience serving in many executive roles for other organizations, I still felt a little under prepared then and now as I am returning to the role without having some time to shadow. However, I do so remember what Laurie told me: you are all friends who want to help. Thank you for that and for your patience when I take a misstep.

Happy New Year! As I type this article, many of us are honoring Advent, and are about to celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah. Kwanzaa is just around the corner, too. We are blessed to have so many traditions to observe. I hope that you celebrate your own family holidays, surrounded by loved ones and friends.

*Michelle*

**January 2, 2025**  
**Meeting in Person @ Congregational United Church of Christ**  
**And on Zoom**  
**(6:30pm visiting, meeting begins at 7pm)**

**Michelle Crawford, “Just Cut The Scrap”**

<https://flowerboxquilts.com/>



Michele Crawford - As a quilt designer, teacher and author, Michele has always been involved in sewing and crafts even as a young child. Her “first business” was weaving potholders and selling them in her neighborhood. She started sewing on her grandmother’s Singer featherweight making doll clothes when she was 9. Her brother, Tom, gave her an updated Kenmore sewing machine when she was 12, and then she started sewing her own clothes after taking home economic classes in junior high. Besides sewing, she learned to knit, crochet, and embroider – basically anything to do with a needle! [About Us - Flower Box Quilts](#)

**What DO you do with all you scraps?** Become a frugal and “green” quilter by using your scraps and making quilts! Learn Michele’s “formula” – the more the merrier (fabric that is), to create quilts using Color Value to offer contrast, depth and movement in your quilts! Michele will present an informational and inspirational power point presentation of various types of scrap quilts along with a trunk show of her own original scrap quilts. Her mantra is “No scrap left behind”!

# Highlights from our December Meeting

## Our Holiday Party

We quilters certainly know how to lean into the holiday spirit. The food was wonderful, the conversation and company was even better and the IRC was very grateful for all your donations. Towels, gloves, backpacks, snacks and the list goes on with all we delivered. A client sitting outside asked if I had any socks when I was carrying bags of donated items into the IRC. Yes, many pairs. A worker greeted me warmly and appreciatively and wanted to show me the writing center he had recently set up. When he told me they needed pens and activities to keep people occupied indoors in the winter, I jumped at the chance to clear out a cabinet at home and made a second trip. They would be appreciative of used towels, even if frayed, and used blankets. I encourage you to keep the IRC in mind, particularly considering how cold it has been. Thank you for all your much needed donations.

We are grateful for the camaraderie and shared joy in quilting. Wishing you peace and harmony in this holiday season and in the new year.

--Valerie and Lynn  
Hospitality

## Show and Tell from our evening together







# List of Program Presentations for 2025

(All programs are carried over Zoom)

## January (Zoom)

Michele Crawford, "Just Cut the Scraps!" [www.FlowerBoxQuilts.com](http://www.FlowerBoxQuilts.com)

## February (In Person)

Lisa Alley, *What the quilt judge Sees* [www.bearhugquiltworks.com](http://www.bearhugquiltworks.com)

## March (Zoom)

Brita Nelson, *Disappearing Blocks* [www.QuestioningQuilter.com](http://www.QuestioningQuilter.com)

## April (In Person)

Justiann Ard, *Fancy Hexies by Machine*

## May (Zoom)

David Sirota *What Makes a Quilter Tick?* [www.QuiltMavenDave.com](http://www.QuiltMavenDave.com)

## June (In Person)

Charles Cameron, *Color!* [Charles Cameron - Modern Quilt Guild \(themodernquiltguild.com\)](http://CharlesCameron-ModernQuiltGuild(themodernquiltguild.com))

## July - Picnic

## August (Zoom)

Carol Wilhoit, *Quilts Hidden in Your Stash*, [Carol Wilhoit \(quiltersquest.com\)](http://CarolWilhoit(quiltersquest.com))

## September (In Person)

Nicole and Kelsey from Village Fabric Shop in Winston-Salem, Indigo Dye, [www.VillageFabricShop.com](http://www.VillageFabricShop.com)

## October

Deb Krazetski, Modern Quilting, Greensboro MQG

## November

Connie Brown, vintage quilts from North Carolina

## December - Holiday Party

## **Yard Sale**

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 support and donations for the guild, Darcy Benson

## **Community Service / Charity Committee**

### **2025 Charity**

Starting a Charity Committee to help reach our goal of providing over 100 quilts for Cone Hospital. All are welcome! Help is needed in piecing tops, quilting, binding, sewing on labels, washing quilts before delivering to the hospital, and more. There is something for everyone! Please contact Juli Hurin 336-210-5874 or [jbhurin@aol.com](mailto:jbhurin@aol.com).

Juli Hurin

## **Membership Committee**

### **Membership Dues Reminder**

Thank you to the many members who have already paid their 2025 dues. We hope everyone will renew, either by mail or at our next meeting. If your information hasn't changed then just your dues money is requested. See you January 2nd.

Thanks, Bea Mandel, Sue Cole, and Becky Hayes



## **Activities / Sew Hours**

As you all know Linda Grogan has taken over activities. She will be out of state the first two weeks of January. So, Carol has volunteered to host the 7th and 12th of January. Linda will start hosting on the 23rd of January.

Sew Hour will be continued with fun in 2025!  
If you haven't joined in, give it a try. We'll be staying on the same schedule.

Tuesday, January 7th at 1:00

Sunday, January 12th 2:00

Thursday, January 23rd 1:00

First Tuesday at 1:00 of the month, the second Sunday at 2:00 of every month and the fourth Thursday at 1:00.

Write these down and come join us! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## **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 Hayes

## **Little House Quilts for Habitat Greensboro**

We are stepping up again to deliver Little House Quilts for Habitat for Humanity. Please keep creating and bringing your adorable houses to guild meetings. Any size up to 18" square and remember some kind of sleeve or hanging tabs on the back.

Laurie Shaw will collect, add guild labels, and deliver these for new Habitat Homeowners.





## January Birthdays

Jan 2 - Kathryn Joyce  
 Jan 3 - Lizabeth Johnson  
 Jan 3 - Pamela Tocornal  
 Jan 7 - Phyllis Griffin  
 Jan 8 - Bette Brownlow  
 Jan 21 - Caryn Wright  
 Jan 31 - Kathleen Kulla

## Gate City Quilt Guild –2025 Board Officers

Board Officer Title	Board Officer
President	Michelle Puzio
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

*\* Officer positions designated with \* indicate roles that require special knowledge and/or skills and may, thus, be filled for more than two consecutive terms.*

## December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Sew Hour (zoom) 1pm – 3pm	27	28
29	30	31				

## January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Guild Meeting	3	4
5	6	7 Sew Hour (zoom) 1pm – 3pm	8	9	10 Quilting & Fiber Art Marketplace, Sanford, NC	11
12 Sew Hour (zoom) 2pm – 4pm	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Sew Hour (zoom) 1pm – 3pm	24 Quilting & Needle Art Extravaganza – Statesville, NC	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**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.

## Out and About News

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## Upcoming Quilt Shows and items of interest



Kernersville Arts & Crafts  
Guild's annual  
**CHRISTMAS  
STORE!**

**Open:** November 29 - December 22, 2024  
**Hours:** Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 1-5pm  
**Location:** 611 N Main St, Kernersville, NC  
(in front of the old Food Lion)

Shop Local, Shop Handmade!  
Florals, glass, resin, soaps,  
ornaments, paintings, jewelry,  
woodworking, pottery, knit  
and sewn items, candles,  
stationery, and more!

  Kernersville Arts & Crafts Guild





**THE QUILTER'S GALLERY**

Fabric, Classes, Workshops and Programs

[www.quiltersgallery.net](http://www.quiltersgallery.net)  
[quiltersgallery@gmail.com](mailto:quiltersgallery@gmail.com)

Cindy - 704-376-2531 Patti - 704-807-6992

### The Quilter's Gallery

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Fabrics, Workshops, Classes and Guild Programs

NEED to schedule a guild program or workshop? Call to get on our calendar. All our information and prices are available on our website.  
NEED information about our classes or upcoming quilt shows?  
Sign up for our newsletter at [www.quiltersgallery.net](http://www.quiltersgallery.net).  
NEED some retail therapy? Due to our travel schedule call for a shopping appointment. Our barn is full of fabric.

The Quilting and Fiber Art Marketplace Show  
in Sanford, NC is the 2nd weekend in January.

The Quilting and Needle Art Extravaganza Show  
in Statesville, NC is the last weekend in January.





**The Quilting and Fiber Art Marketplace**  
 Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center, 1801 Nash St. Sanford, NC 27330  
 Friday, January 10, 2025 from 9 am - 4 pm  
 Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 9 am - 4 pm  
 \$5.00 Admission

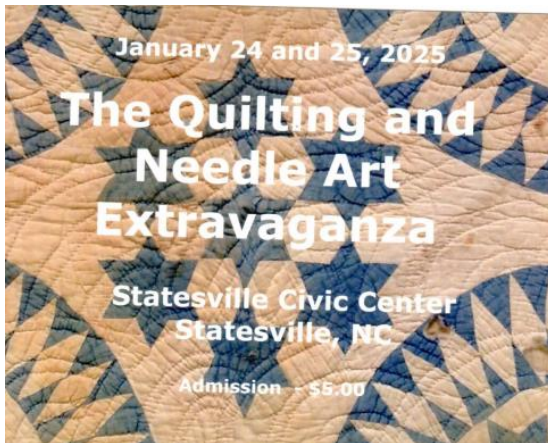
About 30 of your favorite quilting and knitting vendors will be here for your shopping pleasure. Booths are full of fabrics, notions, wools, yarns, books, patterns, embellishments, sewing machines and long arm quilting machines. Bring your friends and spend a wonderful day shopping for fabric, planning several new projects and maybe buy a new sewing machine. Rest in the lobby, have a cup of coffee, a sandwich, and a delicious desert. Then go back for another yard of fabric.

A Quilter's Perfect Day Out!

Early Bird Specials at 9am. Arrive early!

Grand Door Prize Drawing each day at 3pm. You must be present to win. The first 100 people in the door each day get 2 chances to win these prizes.

A complete list of vendors and details at  
[www.quiltersgallery.net](http://www.quiltersgallery.net) 704-376-2531



**The Quilting and Needle Art Extravaganza**  
 Statesville Civic Center, 300 South Center St., Statesville, NC  
 Friday, January 24, 2025 from 9am - 4pm  
 Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 9am - 4pm  
 \$5.00 Admission

About 30 of your favorite quilting and yarn vendors assembled for your shopping pleasure. Booths full of fabrics, notions, wools, yarns, books, patterns, embellishments, sewing machines and long arm quilting machines. Fabulous food and bakery on-site. Bring your friends and spend a wonderful day shopping for fabric, planning several new projects and maybe buy a new sewing machine. Rest for a while in the lobby. Have a cup of coffee, a delicious sandwich and a piece of cake or pie.

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Professional Art Quilters Alliance-South (PAQA-South) 2025 Juried Exhibition of innovative quilts: Page-Walker Arts & History Center; Cary, North Carolina



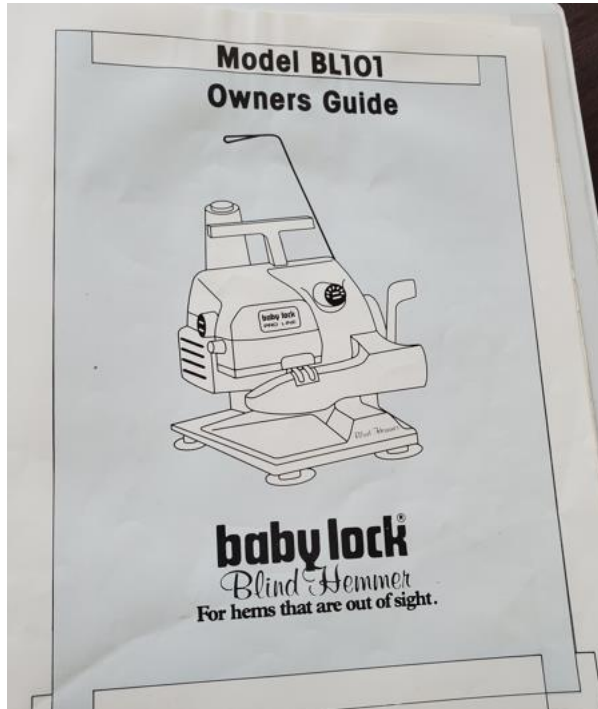
March 5, 2025: Exhibit opens at Page-Walker Arts & History Center

Fiber artists: Create a multi-layered textile joined by stitching that expresses or represents wild! *Here's the link to full details.* [Prospectus](#)

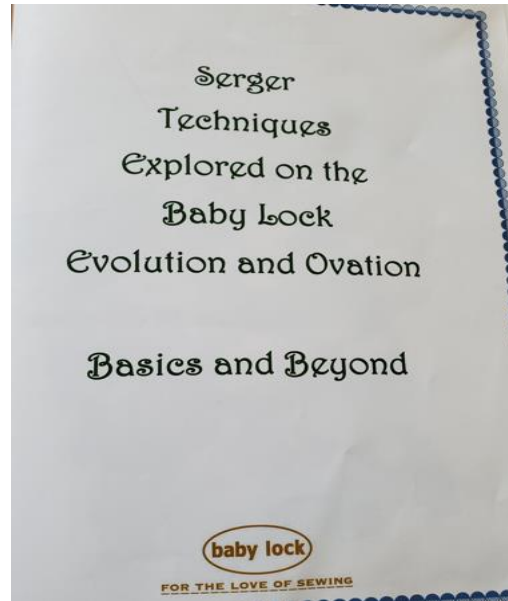
## Machines for Sale

We have 3 machines that were Rosie's that are in workable condition available for sale, if interested please connect with Sigrid or Darcy.

### Baby Lock Blind Hemmer



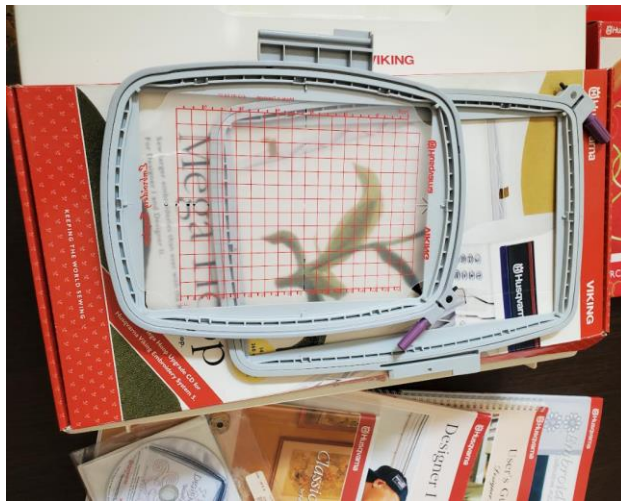
## Baby Lock Imagine Serger





## Husqvarna Viking – Designer I Exclusive Sensor System (Sewing Embroidery Machine)







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**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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## 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](mailto:info@gatecityquiltguild.org)  
Mailing Address:  
Gate City Quilt Guild  
P. O. Box 29196,  
Greensboro, NC 27429

### The guild website

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

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



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Ad size	Member	Non-member
Business card	no charge	\$ 5.00
1/4 page	\$3.75	\$ 7.50
1/2 page	\$6.25	\$12.50
Full Page	\$12.50	\$25.00

### Newsletter Deadline The 20<sup>th</sup> of the month

Send your contributions and info to share to [BensonDarcy@gmail.com](mailto:BensonDarcy@gmail.com)  
Include the word "Newsletter" in the subject line.