



# Gate City Quilt Guild Gazette

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## 2025 Annual Year in Review

We continue to thrive as a quilt guild in so many ways. You all have my thanks for your dedication and work to make this happen. I would especially like to thank the Board of Officers for its leadership and continuation of our goals.

- Our members donated to support the White Elephant sale by the Pizza Girls in our continued support of Hurricane Helene victims in western North Carolina.
- The Rope Bowl Workshop by Kristine Rimmey and the Pin Cushion Workshop by Leslie Storts were extremely well received, continuing our mission of education while making some little beauties.
- We enjoyed some wonderful fellowship at our July Indoor Picnic and our Holiday Party.
- The Door Hanger Orphan project was another external community project which we supported.
- Indigo dyeing was a huge hit at our September meeting, lead by Nicole & Kelsey of Village Fabric Shop.
- Lynn Magyar and Laurie Shaw encouraged us as we created 23 "Little House Quilts" for Habitat For Humanity.
- We continued to collect scraps and make dog beds, lead by Becky Hayes and Kathy Haver.
- Darcy Benson headed up our recent Operational Policies review, along with Judie Bringham, Sigrid Kenny and Laurie Shaw, to better prepare our officers for their leadership roles.
- We have already collected 14 quilts for our 2026 Quilt Show's Silent Auction.
- Countless items have been donated to our Yard Sale and Boutique areas of the Show, including those from Mary Lou Smith via her daughter Jennie Laurent, Renee Goletz, Leslie Sanders and her mother, Serena Fritz and her mother, and even more by you.

- We began taking pictures of our Show & Tell items to share in our newsletters with those who couldn't come to our meetings.
- Our Sew Hours continue to retain a dedicated group of quilters and an occasional fresh face, continuing our mission to educate and enjoy fellowship. Popping in is a bit of fun.
- Our Raffle Quilt "Starburst" was created by several of our members. It continues to wow everyone who sees it. Our thanks go out to the staff at Calla Lilly Quilts and to Sonya Overman for graciously displaying it and selling tickets.
- Juli Hurin was able to donate 130 quilts on our behalf to Cone Hospital. That's a 30% increase over our goal of 100! Way to go, quilters!
- Our amazing members donated 8 bags of items for the Interactive Resource Center of Greensboro.

There were so many accomplishments that I'm quite sure I missed a few. Please forgive me. It has been a busy and engaging year with a niche for every talent. Please join me in welcoming Mary Puckett in her new role as President. Thank you, again. Michelle

## January 2026 GCQG Presidents Message

Happy New Year, Friends!

I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

A new year/new president is a good time to consider whether we want to make any changes or want to leave things just as they are. The only change I recall from the past year is the decision to have Gina Boone drop off/pick up quilts during social time. Have I missed something?

If you have thoughts about how we might improve our already-wonderful guild, please let me have your suggestions and we will discuss at the first board meeting of the year. If there are things you really, really don't want to change, let me know that, too!

And may you have a wonderful quilty new year!

Mary



**January 8th, 2025**  
**Meeting at Fellowship Hall at C.U.C.C.**  
**(6:30pm visiting, meeting begins at 7pm)**



**Krista Moser, The Quilted Life - Diamonds are a Quilter's Best Friend**

(<https://www.kristamoser.com/>) - Krista Moser, the creative force and inspiration behind Krista Moser, The Quilted Life. I am the designer of the 60 Degree Diamond Rulers for Creative Grids, and I've published dozens of patterns, using the rulers, with more in development all the time. I love symmetry, clean lines with bold colors. I think shapes that tessellate in all directions are a playground for design.

A quilting and fiber arts enthusiast, I started sewing at 8 years old. I began my professional sewing and machine quilting career at the spunky age of fourteen and have now been teaching sewing and quilting lessons for more than twenty years.

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**Thanks to Lynn Magyar for her cheerful drop off of socks, gloves, hats and other much needed winter gear to Interactive Resource Center donated by our amazing members at our Guild Holiday Party.**





**Show and Tell – December Holiday Party**  
**Special call out to Lynn Magyar for organizing the Holiday Party**



# **List of Program Presentations for 2026**

(All programs are carried over Zoom)

**January** - Krista Moser Diamonds are a Quilter's Best Friend,  
<https://www.kristamoser.com/>

**February** - Meg Cox Quilt Journalist tells All, <https://megcox.com/>

**March** - Dana Jones, The International Honor Quilt: Women Remembering Women. <https://www.danajonesquilts.com/>

**April** - Vicki Clontz Walk on the Wool Side,  
<https://www.annieskeepsakes.com/about-us.htm>

**April Workshop** (4/18/2026) - Workshop with Annette Ornella,  
<https://www.southwindquilts.com/about-us.htm>

**May** - Frances Arnold Challenge of Challenges, <https://francesquilts.com/>

**June** - Lisa Sewart Quilting with African Fabrics,  
<https://www.culturedexpressions.com/about-lisa>

**July** - PICNIC

**August** - MJ Kinman Smithsonian Series Trunk Show. <https://mjkinman.com/>

**September** - TBD

**October** – Quilt Show Program

**November** - Sandy Fitzpatrick Why Didn't I Think of That?  
<https://hissyfitzdesigns.squarespace.com/about>

**November Workshop** (Date TBD) - Workshop Making the Most of Your Machine Applique

**December** – Holiday Party

## **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](http://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.

## **Dog Bed Scraps**

Kathy Haver has taken over dog beds and wishes to have you bring your scraps to the parking lot. Also to remember if you have quilt trimmings not to cut them up into small pieces.

Thanks, Kathy Haver

## **Activities / Sew Hours**

Sew Hour schedule for January  
January 6th, Tuesday 1-3  
January 11th, Sunday. 2-4  
January 22nd, Thursday 1-3

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 of the members who helped make 2025 Charity Quilts such a success. We delivered 130 quilts to Cone Hospital. Let's work at beating that number in 2026.

We have several quilts in various stages that you can help with: piecing, quilting, and binding. We will gladly take unfinished quilt tops that need to be finished. Let me know if there's anything you need or if the charity committee can help.

Juli Hurin



## Little House Quilts for Habitat Greensboro MORE HOUSES NEEDED FOR 2026

Habitat Greensboro can use another 12 - 15 Little House Quilts for 2026!

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

Now is a good time to bring in your 2026  
membership dues

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. We are asking that you fill out a “Simple Renewal Slip” to ensure that we have the correct information on file and that we don’t miss checking you off.

Anyone who paid \$20 cash at the Nov Meeting needs to contact me so I can find who we missed. Anyone that paid by check or paid \$35 need not make contact, which should narrow that a bit. [sandygquilts@gmail.com](mailto:sandygquilts@gmail.com) with the **Subject line** = November Dues :)

Bea Mandel, Sandy Gardner, and Becky Hayes

## 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 help, Darcy



## January Birthdays

January 2	Kathryn Joyce
January 3	Lizabeth Johnson
January 3	Pamela Tocornal
January 7	Phyllis Griffin
January 8	Bette Brownlow
January 21	Caryn Wright
January 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.*

## Gate City Quilt Guild –Nominations for 2026 Board Officers

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Newsletter *	Darcy Benson
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Historian	Joan O'Donnell
Membership	Bea Mandel
Membership	Sandy Gardner
Membership	Becky Hayes
Publicity	Judie Bringhurst
Publicity	Patricia Tomatore
Charity	Juli Hurin
Charity	Margaret Dick
Charity	Sigrid Kenny
Hospitality	Heather Brandon
Hospitality	Lynn Magyar
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Programs (2026-2027)	Judie Bringhurst
Activities	Linda Grogan
Parliamentarian	Sue Roth

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# January 2026

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



## Out and About News

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### For Sale



Baby lock Quilter's choice sewing machine. Large table surface and oversized space. Complete with extra feet, including walking foot, 1/4" foot, free motion foot. This is a straight stitch machine that is great for machine quilting. It has good tension and is easy to adjust. There are also at least twenty bobbins included.

\$400.

Sigrid Kenny

336 282 7499

**Excellent machine and a great price**



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## Upcoming Quilt Shows and items of interest

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WORKSHOPS  
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**THE DENNIS A WICKER CIVIC CENTER**  
**SANFORD NC**

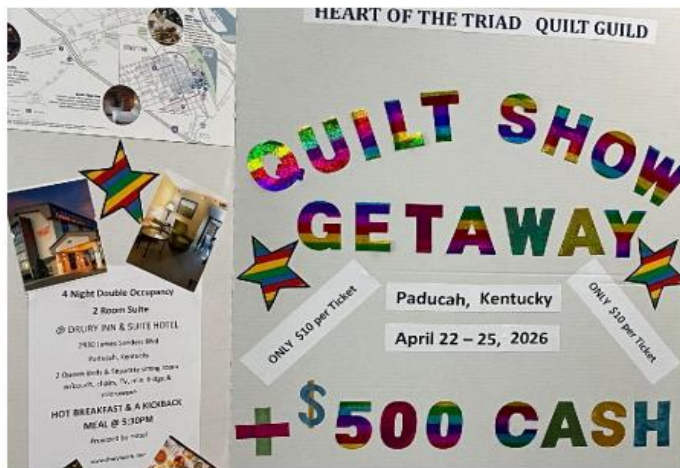
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EACH DAY! FREE BERNINA SERGER & SEWING MACHINE**

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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](mailto:nolen991955@gmail.com) for availability of tickets.

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

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Professional Art Quilters Alliance-South is proud to announce its  
**2026 exhibition ARTQUILTS*journey***



March 11 – May 2, 2026

Trips, vacations, moving from A to B, quests, imaginings, life changes, learning, spiritual awakening, self-discovery. What has been - what is now - what will be your journey? Past, present or future; Make a quilt about your journey.

**FIBER ARTISTS:** Create a multi-layered textile joined by stitching that expresses or represents "Journey".

**On-line registration of entries opens November 23, 2025, and closes January 23, 2026.**

Works will be judged by creativity, originality, striking design, impact, creative use of materials and strong interpretation of the theme, *ARTQUILTSjourney*

The exhibit will be adjudicated by professional fiber artist Barbara Lee Smith.

<https://www.barbaraleesmith.com/>

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

## Newsletter Advertising

The cost is per month *for both printed newsletter and newsletter on our website*

| 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.