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QUILTERS GUILD OF THE SOUTHERN CRESCENT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JUDY DAYMONT

I have been thinking a lot about quilt retreats lately. First, I have enjoyed hearing about the good times that y'all had at our recent QGSC retreat. A big thank you to Sharon, Sue, Laura, Tammy, Brandi and all the folks who made it great. Now I am a bit under the gun preparing for Sharpsburg's retreat; what with juggling Easter festivities, prepping my projects, deciding what clothes to pack (weather-wise) and, most importantly, writing this letter.

So by way of background, I looked up the definition of "retreat" in Webster's on-line dictionary. **Retreat - Verb:** *a: move back or withdraw; b: withdraw to a quiet or secluded place.* **Noun:** *a: an act or process of withdrawing especially from what is difficult, dangerous, or disagreeable; b: a period of group withdrawal for prayer, meditation, study, or instruction under a director.*

Well, *that* didn't seem to capture the essence of the quilt retreats I've experienced over the past 12 years. It is true that Charlie Elliot is a quiet and secluded place, but we aren't exactly fleeing that which is disagreeable or dangerous. And meditation and study haven't been high on our priorities.

So what makes these few days on retreat so precious? Why do we schlep all this stuff and spend all this money, to do what we could do at home? Here are a few answers offered up by some of you....

- We go to retreat to spend some **uninterrupted time** doing what we love; an activity that usually takes backseat to other responsibilities. And nobody misses having to plan and prepare meals!
- We also take time to **get to know** fellow quilters who we often only nod to in passing at a guild meeting. Friendships have been forged at retreat.
- A vibrant **exchange of ideas** about color, design and technique is inevitable. I learn something new every year.
- While the experience is not particularly contemplative, it is a time to **slow down, chill and recharge**.
- Quilt retreats foster a sense of **community and common purpose**. We are individual quilters that come together, doing our own thing while sharing a common experience.

I had a thought ... why not maintain a "retreat state of mind" as we re-enter the real world? Let's enjoy our craft, nurture our friendships and celebrate our quilting community all year long!

Your quilting friend,
Judy

EMAIL ATTACHMENTS
1) Anniversary Registration List
2) Wool Applique Flyer

Articles are due Wednesday,
May 10.
Submit articles to:
qgscquilters.newsletter@gmail.com

Next Board Meeting:
May 4 - 7 PM - ZOOM

What's Happening

APRIL

- Fri. 4/14 "Stitching on Wool: An Introduction to a Wild and Woolly Time"
Workshop with Laura Bosma and Karen Shelnutt
9:00 am - 12:30 pm - FPC p. 3
- Fri. 4/14 Guild Mtg - "Wool Applique and Creative Stitching"
Laura Bosma and Karen Shelnutt
1:30 - 3:00 pm - FPC p. 3
- Sat. 4/29 25th Anniversary Luncheon Celebration
"The Many Faces of QGSC"
10:00 am - 2:00 pm - FPC p. 3

MAY

- Thu. 5/4 Board Mtg - 7:00 pm - ZOOM
- Fri. 5/5 "Stitching on Wool" - Continuing project work
Laura Bosma and Karen Shelnutt
10:00 am - 12:00 pm - FPC p. 3
- Thu. 5/25 Guild Mtg - Member Spotlight:
"Pieced Backings with Sue Klinker"
7:00 - 8:30 pm - FPC p. 3

JUNE

- Thu. 6/1 Board Mtg - 7:00 pm - ZOOM
- Fri. 6/2 "Stitching on Wool" - Continuing project work
Laura Bosma and Karen Shelnutt
10:00 am - 12:00 pm - FPC p. 3
- Fri. 6/2 Guild Mtg
Studio Art Quilt Association (SAQA) Trunk Show
1:30 - 3:00 pm - FPC p. 3
- Thu. 6/22 Guild Ice Cream Social
"Read Me a Story"
7:00 - 8:30 pm - FPC p. 4

"FPC" is Fayette Presbyterian Church
 located at 791 Forrest Ave, Fayetteville, GA
 There is a 30 minute "social hour" prior to the start of the meetings.
 This Guild Calendar is for quick reference. We encourage you to go to the pages
 indicated for more information.

Friday, April 14: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Workshop at FPC

**“Stitching on Wool: An Introduction to a
 Wild and Wooly Time”**

Laura Bosma and Karen Shelnutt

Learn to applique wool pieces together. Embellish with dimensional stitches, bullion knots, drizzle stitches and others! Create a pincushion with your stitched square. Continue working on your project on May 5 and June 2 from 10-12 at FPC. See flyer attached to newsletter email for more information.



Friday, April 14: 1:30 - 3:00 pm
Day Meeting at FPC

Join QGSC Guild Members Laura Bosma and Karen Shelnutt for their presentation of Wool Applique and Creative Stitching. Laura and Karen will share their passion for this medium, how they got started, important facts about working with and caring for wool, and best of

Saturday, April 29: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
FPC

**“Celebrating 25 Years,
 The Many Faces of QGSC”**

Welcome and Social
The Many Faces of QGSC
A Walk Down Memory Lane
Past Presidents’ Remarks
Raffle Quilts
Awards and Door Prizes

Lunch

Keynote Speaker: Tara Miller
*“25 Years of Quilting –
 You’ve Come a Long Way Baby”*

Cake Cutting and Social

Thursday, May 25: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
FPC

“Member Spotlight: Pieced Backings”
Sue Klinker

From simple to complex, pieced, dyed, stripes to solids, backs can add another dimension to your quilt. Let's play with fabric to create a back as exciting as the front of your quilt.



Friday, June 2: 1:30 - 3:30 pm
FPC

Studio Art Quilt Association (SAQA)
Trunk Show

Visit up close with 40 art quilts, read about how they were made, marvel at the many techniques, and VOTE for your favorites. Be prepared to browse the entire collection.



QUILTERS GUILD OF THE SOUTHERN CRESCENT - 2023 PROGRAMS
April 2023
JANUARY
Day: Fri. 1/6 @ 9:30 am - 3 pm
Workshop: "The Faces of QGSC"

 Evie Tomlinson
 9:30 am - 1 pm

New Year Kick Off & Fair

 Activities: sign ups & registrations
 1:30 - 3 pm

Night: Thu 1/26 @ 7 - 8:30 pm ZOOM
Collage Quilting - Emily Taylor

 What are collage quilts? How are they made? www.collagequilter.com
FEBRUARY
Day: Fri. 2/3 @ 9:30 am - 3 pm
Community Service Sew-In
 9:30 am - 1 pm

Retrospective to Celebrate Black
History Month - Jan Hollins

 Presentation & trunk show
www.janhollinsfiberarts.com
 1:30 - 3 pm

Day/Night: Thu. 2/23
QGSC Day at QuiltCon
MARCH
Day: Fri. 3/3 @ 1:30 - 3 pm
New York Beauty State of Mind - Linda Hahn

Presentation & trunk show

Day: Sat. 3/4 @ 9 am - 3 pm
Workshop: Wicked Wahini - Linda Hahn
www.froghollowdesigns.com
Night: Thu. 3/23 @ 7 - 8:30 pm FPC & ZOOM
Surface Design - Lisa Thorpe

 Create surface designs on fabric
www.lisathorpe.com
APRIL
Day: Fri. 4/14 @ 9 am - 3 pm
Workshop: Wool Applique Pincushion

 Laura Bosma & Karen Shelnut
 9 am - 12:30 pm

Introduction to Wool Applique & Creative Stitching - Laura & Karen

1:30 - 3 pm

****NO NIGHT MEETING****
Day: Sat. 4/29 @ 10 am - 2 pm
25th Anniversary Luncheon
MAY
****NO DAY MEETING DUE TO 25TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON****
Night: Thu. 5/25 @ 7 - 8:30 pm
Pieced Backings - Sue Klinker

Examples, tips and tricks to use the fabric you already have on the back of your quilt.

JUNE
Day: Fri. 6/2 @ 1:30 - 3 pm
Studio Art Quilt Association (SAQA) Trunk Show

Visit up close with 40 art quilts, read about how they were made, marvel at the many techniques and VOTE for your favorites. Be prepared to browse the entire collection.

Night: Thu 6/22 @ 7 - 8:30 pm
Guild Ice Cream Social
 "Read Me a Story"

JULY
Day: Fri. 7/7 @ 9:30 am - 3 pm
Community Service Sew-in

 9:30 am - 1 pm
 Learn to Sew - Bring a guest

Supporting the Community

1:30 - 3 pm

Night: Thu. 7/27 @ 7 - 8:30 pm
Member spotlight - Developing Your Craft from Novice to Artisan, A Panel Discussion
AUGUST
Day: Fri. 8/4 @ 1:30 - 3 pm
Member Spotlight & Demo - Learn Tips and Tools
Night: Thu. 8/24 @ 7 - 8:30 pm
Bindings and Borders - Julia Smith & Judy Daymont

Put just the right finishing touch on your quilts

SEPTEMBER
Day: Fri. 9/8 @ 1:30 - 3 pm
Designer Pillows - Laura Bosma & Claudia Singleton
Night: Thu. 9/28 @ 7 - 8:30 pm ZOOM
Stripology Mixology - GE Designs, Erla Gudrun

 Put your stash to work. Learn the tricks behind Gudrun's cutting techniques.
www.gequiltedesigns.com
OCTOBER
Day: Fri. 10/6 @ 1:30 - 3 pm ZOOM
Storm at Sea - Wendy Mathson

 Designing with Storm at Sea and Snails Trail
www.quiltsbywendy.com
Night: Thu. 10/26 @ 7 - 8:30 pm ZOOM
Quilt Appraisal & Quilt Restoration - Brenda Grampsas

Presentation and Illustration

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER
Day: Fri. 11/3 @ 1:30 - 3 pm
Book Club Trunk Show
Day: Sat. 11/4 10 am - 2:30 pm
Workshop: Fan Girl - A Crazy Lady - Tara Miller
www.quiltdistrict.com
Night: Thu. 11/16 @ 7 - 8:30 pm ZOOM
Quilt Judging - Kathleen Roundtree

Process, criteria & prep

December 12/8 Holiday Party
QGSC 2023 CALENDAR

- Meetings are in person at Fayette Presbyterian Church, unless otherwise noted
- Thirty (30) minute "social hour" precedes meeting times noted here.
- Come early to check in Show and Tell quilts
- You will be notified of changes to this calendar by email, our website and Facebook.
- Visitors may attend 2 meetings as a Guest and are asked to give a \$10 donation, which will be applied to membership dues if paid at the same meeting.

QGSC

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

“THE MANY FACES OF QGSC”

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 10 AM - 2 PM
FAYETTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PROGRAM & MENU

Welcome and Social (photo montage)

Faces Check In

Table Decorations Voting

President's Opening Remarks

The Many Faces of QGSC

A Walk Down Memory Lane

Past Presidents' Remarks

Raffle Quilts Awards and Door Prizes

Lunch

Strawberry Field Green Salad w/ Roasted

Pecans & Vidalia Onion Dressing

Assorted Dinner Rolls & Mini Croissants

Tarragon Chicken Salad

Mediterranean Pasta Salad

Roasted Vegetables

Fresh Fruit Platter

Sweet Tea, Citrus Water

Keynote Speaker: Tara Miller,

“25 Years of Quilting –

You've Come a Long Way Baby”

Cake Cutting and Social

Gluten Free and Vegan options are available, reserve by April 14. Cost for the luncheon is \$25 (\$30 for guests), if paid by March 15. After March 15, cost is \$30. Payment must be received by April 14.

Contact Susan Peryam (Contact info on p. 10)

TABLE DECORATING CHALLENGE

Rules – Create a Centerpiece

1. Spend no more than \$25.
2. Centerpiece should measure no more than 8” high and 12” at the base.
3. No candles or open flames, please.
4. Arrive at the luncheon 15-20 minutes before 10:00 AM to decorate your table.

The guild will provide a white tablecloth and favors. The caterers will provide the place settings and napkins. You can take your centerpiece home after the luncheon.

Prizes will be awarded as voted by the attendees for:

1. Best centerpiece that reflects the theme of the luncheon – The Many Faces of QGSC
2. Best use of fabrics/colors
3. Best use of the number 25

Contact Mayra Diaz to participate. (Contact info p. 10)

FACES CHALLENGE QUILTS

Display your face at “The Many Faces of QGSC.” Bring your 12” square quilt to the luncheon. Use your creativity to make a fun 12” square portrait. Refer to Evie’s workshop for ideas. You can find it in the “Member’s Only” section of the QGSC website.

Contact Evie Tomlinson for more information. (Contact info on p. 10)

REMEMBERING THE PAST 25 YEARS WITH PHOTOS!

Do you have any photos that we could show during the gathering for our 25th anniversary? We would like to share some of the members’ good times over the years - workshops, retreats, shop hops, etc.

Please email them to Karen Shelnett. (Contact info on p. 10)

RAFFLE QUILT COLLECTION

Past years Raffle Quilts will be on display during the 25th Anniversary Luncheon Celebration. If you have one or know someone that has one, please bring to one of the regular program meetings no later than April 14. If one/some need to be picked up, special arrangements can be made.

Please contact Susan Peryam. (Contact info on p. 10)

MONTHLY MINI**TINA WILSON**

The winner of this monthly mini donated by Angela LaVigna will be drawn at the April day meeting.



Volunteers are still needed to donate a monthly mini in 2023. To contribute your handiwork contact Tina Wilson. (Contact info is on p. 10.)

Month	Day Meeting	Night Meeting
April	Kathy Barber	No Meeting
May	No Meeting	Jane McAfee
June		Judy Daymont
July	Gloria Filippelli	Sue Klinker
August		Abbie Ross
September		
October	Susan Peryam	Tammy Walker
November	Wilma Johnson	
December		No Meeting

**BETWEEN THE SEAMS BOOK CLUB****DEB SWEENEY**

The QGSC Book Club has started and chosen the name: "Between the Seams."

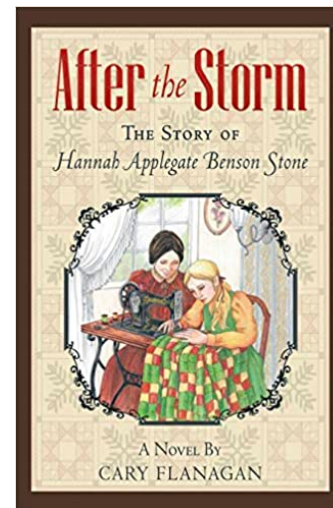
Book: *After the Storm* by Cary Flanagan

Date: Tuesday, April 25

Time: 12 - 2 pm

Location: TBD. An email will be sent with the new location.

Interested? Contact Deb Sweeney to be added to the Between the Seams email distribution list. (Contact info on p. 10.)

**REFRESHMENTS****WILMA JOHNSON**

Please bring snacks to share at the day meeting in the month that corresponds with the initial of your last name.

Day Meeting	Initial of Last Name
April	E, F, G
May	No Day Meeting
June	H, I, J, K
July	L, M
August	Special
September	N, O, P, R
October	S
November	T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z
December	Holiday Party

MEMBERSHIP

2023 membership is currently 89. This includes 11 new members & 3 rejoining members.

ATTENDANCE	Members	Guests	Total
January Day	39	2	41
January Evening	56	0	56
February Day	34	0	34
March Day	38	0	38
March Evening	36	0	36

MARTHA WALKER



LIBRARY

JEAN SHEALY & SUE KLINKER



BLOCK Magazine is filled with colorful new projects. Refresh your creative spirit with a brand new batch of quilt patterns to peruse. New quilting techniques are available right at your fingertips. Take a peek inside and you'll discover lovely quilts that won't take a long time to complete. These and more BLOCK Magazines from Missouri Star Company are available in our library.

At the next meeting, check out our extensive library on everything quilting. Also, a list of library resources is located in the members only section of the QGSC website.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

GLORIA FILIPPELLI

When a guild member lets me know a card is needed, I send one out from our guild. In an effort to respect the individual's privacy, I don't announce who or what - as it is up to the individual to share that information with the general membership.

Contact Gloria Filippelli to have a card sent. (Contact info on p. 10.)



COMMUNITY SERVICE

JENNIFER CLAY

We have a new opportunity to serve our community! Fayette Presbyterian Church, who so generously allows us to use their facilities, would like to give quilts to their members as needed. They would like 40" square quilts, made in fabrics suitable for any age group. That means you can use your creativity and make it however you want to. So let's see if we can whip up some small quilts to donate to them.



We will continue making pillowcases and throw quilts for Bloom, baby quilts for Fayette Pregnancy Resource Center, and throw and twin size quilts for Christian City. Please use the chart below for the sizes for projects.

Type of Quilt	Organization	Size Range	Team Leader
Baby Quilts	Pregnancy Resource Center	Width: 30" - 45" Length: 40" - 55"	Jennifer Clay
Throws for Children, Youths, & Adults	Christian City	Width: 45" - 60" Length: 65" - 75"	Jennifer Clay
Patriotic Quilts for Veterans	Quilts of Valor	Width: 55" - 72" Length: 65" - 90"	Sarah Swab
Throws & Pillowcases for Youths 10 & Up	Bloom Closet	Width: 45: - 60" Length: 65: - 75"	Robbin Manter

RETREAT

SHARON POPE

Stay Tuned: Check the May Newsletter for the 2023 Retreat Wrap-Up.

Save the Date for 2024: Thurs, 3/21 - Sun, 3/24, 2024 - Retreat #11

Retreat Photos: Danna Freaney posted her retreat photos in a slide show in the photos section of the QGSC website. If you have photos to share, send them to Danna. (Contact Info on p. 10)



SHOW AND TELL

LAURA BOSMA, SUE KLINKER, & ABBIE ROSS

Keep those quilts coming! Our members enjoy seeing your projects on display. Come early to our meetings and check in your quilts. Please include your community service projects in the items you are submitting in our Show and Tell.

