



Welcome
to
Prickly Fingers Quilt Guild

As a new member to the Prickly Fingers Quilt Guild, you have been gifted with a "Prickly" buddy. Your buddy will help you get introduced to others, sit with you for a few meetings, answer questions and make sure you attend one of our after-meeting lunches.

Buddy's Name

Phone Number

Officers

New guild officers are sought every two years with general duties as follows.

- President runs meetings, appoints necessary positions and oversees all activities of the guild.
- 1st Vice-president is in charge of scheduling programs and workshops with the help of a volunteer group.
- 2nd Vice-president is responsible for setting up the room at the Jo Brown Center for each meeting - held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. The Vice-president will arrange names of volunteers for each month to set-up and take down the room.
- Secretary takes notes at meetings and forwards those notes to the Newsletter chairperson to be distributed to the membership.
- Treasurer keeps track of income (dues, door prize contributions and the amount given to the guild after the quilt show). She also pays bills and reports monthly to the membership about finances.

President: Lou Ann Martin	864-296-2627
1st Vice-president: Dona Haun	801-302-9370
2nd Vice-president: Karen Ausberger	864-356-0874
Secretary: Grace Hershenberger	864-353-7097
Treasurer: Beth Seavey	404-403-2971

Programs

Since our year runs from March to March, that is where we will begin our programs. Guild meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Jo Brown Senior Center, Anderson.

March 12:	Overview, Challenge Quilt Kick Off, Buddy Program Dona Haun and Beth Seavey
April 9:	Round Robin Demos: English Paper Piecing - Sue Swan and Foundation Paper Piecing - Renee Smith
May 14:	Schoolhouse Gadgets: Speaker/items available for purchase.
June 11:	Nancy Archibald with Workshop - August Star, Jaybird Quilts
July 9:	Sit & Sew Day - Projects for the Quilt Show Boutique Stamie Cline, Kathy Koon, Velma Yannyon
August 13:	Josephine Keasler: Speaker and Workshop (Judy Niemeyer) Wednesday - 3 hours; Thursday - 6 hours
September 10:	Joyce Walton: Speaker
October 8:	Christmas Star - Lou Ann Martin
November 12:	Show and Share - Favorite Quilt with Speaker
December 10:	Holiday Special
January 14:	The Queen of Bags: Condé Chihász and Lou Ann Martin
February 11:	Collage Quilts: Sue Swan and Renee Smith

Committee Reports

Most reports are shared at every meeting.

1. Philanthropy - Stamie Cline
2. Quilts of Valor - Kim Price
3. Membership - Renee Smith
4. Newsletter - Heidi Wolko
5. Website - Christine Drais
6. Door Prizes - Renee Smith
7. Scholarship Table - Sue Archambalt
8. Care and Concern - Karen Ausberger
9. Retreat - Linda Reeves
10. Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail - Diane Schonauer
11. Quilt Show - Kathy Koon
12. Lunch Bunch - Renee Smith
13. Community Outreach - Cece Lewis and Stamie Cline

Upcoming Events

The Quilters of South Carolina is a statewide organization to which several of our members belong. The Spring Meeting will be held in Columbia and the October meeting will be held in Myrtle Beach. For information about joining, please contact Diane Schonauer or QSC at www.quiltersofsc.org.

Scholarship Table

Each meeting features a scholarship table where funds raised create a financial scholarship for a guild member who would like to attend the retreat - usually 5 days in NC. Members bring in a few items (*not a box full*) to donate to sell. Other members look for something they need and put money in the jar. The table is managed by Sue Archambalt who requests that you plan to take home any items not purchased.

Philanthropy

Our guild is extremely fortunate to have access to a house in Anderson for quilting on midarm, storing quilt show materials and amazing fabric to use for projects. "Open House" every 1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. - Noon. The home is called the "**Sew Inn**" and is owned and managed by *Stamie Cline* who is the philanthropy coordinator for both Prickly Fingers and our sister guild in Anderson, the Electric City Quilters Guild.

The Sew Inn is located at 3010 Manchester Street in Anderson - a block north of Whitehall Elementary. Philanthropy efforts are delivered to a variety of organizations in need.

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| • The Pregnancy Center | Small infant blankets and quilts |
| • The Cancer Association | Comfort quilts for those with cancer |
| • First Light | 24/7 sexual assault and child abuse center |
| • AnMed Hospital | NICU and Kids Care |
| • New Foundations | Foster Home for 53 teens |
| • Quilts of Valor | Patriotic quilts for veterans (size 60" x 72") |
| • Project Linus | Children's fleece quilts - drop off box at JoAnn's Fabric store in Anderson |
| • The Champion Center | Special needs children |
| • Shalom House Ministries | Addiction recovery in Belton |
| • Casting for Recovery | Breast cancer fly fishing retreats |
| • Habitat for Humanity | New quilt to each new homeowner |

Community Outreach

1. Anderson Library - We routinely decorate one of the big library windows with seasonal items and quilts for Christmas.
2. Christmas Stockings: New Foundations - 54 Christmas stockings for foster children; Clemson Police Department in Clemson and the Cancer Association in Anderson.
3. Prickly Fingers Quilt Guild is a financial supporter of the Alzheimer's Walk in Anderson.

Longarm Services

Area Businesses:

1. Annie's Pretty Pieces
138 N. Forest Avenue, Suite E
Hartwell, GA
Hours: Wednesday and Friday, Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Phone: 706-377-3313
<http://www.anniesprettypieces.com/>
2. Marietta's Quilt & Sew
3421 N. Industrial Drive
Simpsonville, SC
Hours: Mon - Fri: 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Sat. 10am - 4:00 p.m.; Closed Sunday
Phone: 864-962-5353
<https://www.mariettasquiltandsew.com/>

Guild Members:

1. Becky Hastings: 470-774-0285
2. Beth Seavey: 404-403-2971

Additional Resources:

Be sure to check our website for additional quilting-related [resources](https://andersonscquilters.org/), too.
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History of the Guild and Overview

Prickly Fingers Quilt Guild will celebrate its 35th anniversary next March 2026. The Anderson Library has agreed to focus on this anniversary with a display in the library window this coming April. If you are interested in assisting, please contact *Lou Ann Martin*.

There have been many past presidents of our guild, several continue to be active members. Our guild is bound by a set of by-laws, which have been updated over the years. *Ola Coombs*, a former president, was instrumental in formalizing Prickly Fingers back in the early 1990's.

Annual dues are \$20 and are due at the March meeting. You can also buy a door prize ticket when you sign in to meetings. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. In addition to meetings and philanthropy, members of both guilds hold a quilt show every-other-year to raise funds and to acknowledge winning quilts in many categories. The next Anderson Area Quilt Show is August 2026 at the Anderson County Civic Center.

The guild also arranges for guest speakers, trunk shows and workshops to help our members improve their quilting skills. All new members are encouraged to sign up for a workshop early on in your membership. It's a great way to learn helpful techniques and make new friends.

The December meeting is dedicated to a Christmas party and potluck brunch. Some members elect to exchange gifts and play games for door prizes.

Our Facebook page is "Prickly Fingers & Electric City Quilters Guild" and the website is <https://andersonscquilters.org/>.

Guild Meetings:

- **Prickly Fingers Quilters Guild** - Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Jo Brown Senior Center (adjacent to Meals on Wheels) 101 S. Fant Street, Anderson.
- **Electric City Quilters Guild** - Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Hope Fellowship Church - New Generations Building (at the rear of Anderson Christian School), 213 Brown Road, Anderson. For more information contact Kathy Koon, 864-940-7085.