



Quilters Guild of the Southern Crescent

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Here's What You Need to Know Now!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Karen Shelnett
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Newsletter Email Attachments:

- Modern Block of the Quarter
- 2 Handouts for Challenge Quilt
- 2 Handouts for Faces Quilt Workshop for July programs
- Raffle Quilt Block Instructions

JULY		
Tue 7/7	Board Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm	ZOOM
Thurs 7/9	Guild Meeting 6:30pm Social Time 7:00pm - 8:30pm Evening Meeting	Meet and Greet with Evie Tomlinson
Fri 7/10	Guild Meeting 1:00pm Social Time 1:30pm - 3:00pm Day Meeting	Introduction to "Faces" of Quilters and how to prepare for Workshop - Evie Tomlinson
Sat 7/11	Workshop 10:00am - 3:00pm	"Faces" with Evie Tomlinson
Mon 7/20	Newsletter Articles are due! Email to: qgscquilters.newsletter@gmail.com	
Tue 7/21	Book Club 12:00pm - 2:00pm	Theo of Golden
AUGUST		
Tue 8/11	Board Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm	ZOOM
Thurs 8/13	Guild Meeting 6:30pm Social Time 7:00pm - 8:30pm Evening Meeting	Meet & Greet with Tammy Silvers Block of the Quarter Due
Fri 8/14	Guild Meeting 1:00pm Social Time 1:30pm - 3:00pm Day Meeting	Deep Dive Into Batiks - Tammy Silvers Block of the Quarter Due
Thurs 8/20	Newsletter Articles are due! Email to: qgscquilters.newsletter@gmail.com	
Tue 8/18	Book Club 12:00pm - 2:00pm	TBD

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at
Evergreen Church, 400 Windgate Rd, Peachtree City, GA.

Hot Fun (and Service) in the Summertime!

Fun was had by all at the Star-Spangled Summer Social! Miss Liberty aka Teri Biglands was a star as she debuted her most recent costume and incredible hand stitching and custom Victorian dress design. The 26 quilters that generously showed and shared the stories of their patriotic quilts were exceptional! So much fun.

In our By-laws, we say that ***we are dedicated to the preservation and appreciation of the art of quilt making through fellowship so that quilts may become heirlooms for tomorrow.*** I would say that the quilts shared at the June day meeting are all heirlooms that will be loved into the future.

To balance out the fun of fellowship, the By-laws say that ***we are to encourage participation in community service projects.*** Our summer focus will be Community Service quilts!

These hot summer months, when you may be sewing for sanity and staying out of our Georgia heat will be perfect to sew:

- a scrappy quilt for a child or youth in foster care (Bloom)
- a larger quilt that will be placed on a tiny baby's isolette (Piedmont Hospital neonatal ICU, Newnan and Fayetteville)
- small scent pads that go between mother and neonatal infant
- settle mats for service dogs of local veterans (Tails of Hope)

All the details and dimensions that are needed for these sewn items are on page 11 in the Community Service article.

Let's combine FUN and COMMUNITY Service!! At the July meeting we will have the dates, locations and details of the August small group sew ins. Come to the July meeting to find out more.

Happy Summer Sewing!

Karen

Face Quilts Exhibit at PTC Library in 2027!!! What you need to know...

Teri Biglands and Evie Tomlinson have exciting plans for all of our Face Quilt creations!

We are scheduled to display our Face Quilts at the Peachtree City Library in January 2027, and we are thrilled to share our artwork with the community.

To create a cohesive and professional exhibit, all of the Face Quilts will be displayed in matching frames for a uniform look. If you bring your finished Face Quilt to the July day meeting or to the Saturday's class, we will show you how to mount your artwork. Frames will be provided at no cost to guild members (and members of participating guilds) who have already completed their Face Quilt.

We want our community to be impressed by the creativity, talent, and artistry represented in this exhibit, and we can't wait to showcase everyone's unique work.

It is important that we can estimate how many Faces will be available for display so the library can plan accordingly!

2026 PROGRAM CALENDAR

<p>JANUARY Night: Thu 1/8 @ 7:00-8:30 Social 6:30 Kick-off of 2026 Theme: "Spread Your Wings" with new evening format, intro to Modern Block of Quarter, Community Service speaker. Day: Fri 1/9 9:30 am-5:00 pm at PTC Library Floy Farr Room Doors open at 9 am Community Service Sew-cial 9:30 - 12:30 & 3:00 - 5:00. Social 1:00pm Meeting: 1:30-3:00 Kickoff of 2026 Theme "Spread Your Wings", Community Service Speaker, and Presentation of Dispatcher Quilts.</p>	<p>FEBRUARY Night: Thu 2/12 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30 Meet & Greet Kris Vierra, The Accidental Quilter [https://quilterontherun.com/] Workshop: Fri 2/13 9:30 am-12:30 pm Tsukineko Inks Hands on marbling, stenciling, and fabric painting. Day: Fri 2/13 @ 1:30-3 pm Social 1:00 The Accidental Quilter's Journey and Trunk Show with Kris Vierra Workshop: Fri 2/13 - 6:30-8:30pm Sandwich Meal @ 6:00 Quilt to Couture - Kris Vierra</p>	<p>MARCH Night: Thu 3/12 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30 Take Your Best Shot How to photograph your quilts for presentation, show, or records with Brandi Shockley. Day: Fri 3/13 @ 1:30 - 3 pm Social 1:00 "The In's and Out's of Exhibit Quilting" - Candy Shively presents a deep dive into the process of exhibiting quilts plus 2026 Challenge Quilt Reveal - Danna Freeney Modern block of the quarter #1 due Retreat: March 26-29</p>
<p>APRIL Night: Thu 4/9 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30 Postcards - Create fabric postcards to send to your friends or to be part of a guild fundraiser. Brandi Shockley & Joan Willcocks Day: Fri 4/10 @ 1:30 - 3 pm Social 1:00 Ribbons, Ribbons, Ribbons - Hand and Machine Embellishment on quilts and other projects with Joan Willcocks</p>	<p>MAY Night: Thu 5/7 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30 Meet & Greet with Jeanette Walton [http://createwhimsy.com/] Workshop: Fri 5/8 @9:30 am-12:30 pm Foundation Paper Piecing - Jeanette Walton \$40 Day: Fri 5/8 @ 1:30 - 3 pm Social 1:00 Create Whimsy with Foundation Paper Piecing & Trunk Show - Jeanette Walton</p>	<p>JUNE Night: Thu 6/11 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30 "Voices of the Craft: Learning Through Quilting Podcasts" Roundtable Discussion: Color Confidence Day: Fri 6/12 @ 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Social 1:00 pm Semi-quincentennial Member led Patriotic Trunk Show & Summer Social Modern block of the quarter #2 due</p>
<p>JULY Night: Thu 7/9 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30 Meet and Greet with Evie Tomlinson Day: Fri 7/10 @ 1:30 - 3 pm Social 1:00 Introduction to "Faces" of Quilters and how to prepare for Workshop - Evie Tomlinson Workshop: Sat 7/11 @ 10:00 - 3:00 "Faces" with Evie Tomlinson</p>	<p>AUGUST Night: Thu 8/13 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30 Meet & Greet with Tammy Silvers [https://www.tamarinis.com/] Day: Fri 8/14 @ 1:30 - 3 pm Social 1:00 Deep Dive Into Batiks - Tammy Silvers Modern block of the quarter #3 due</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER Night: Thu 9/10 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30 Meet & Greet with Liz Dougherty [http://www.freespiritfabrics.com/] Day: Fri 9/11 @ 1:30 - 3 pm Social 1:00 Free Spirit Fabrics Trunk Show - Liz Dougherty Workshop: Sat 9/12 Beechwood Bags - Liz Dougherty</p>
<p>OCTOBER Night: Thu 10/8 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30 What Makes Modern Quilting - Jenny Hynes Fri 10/9 1:30 - 3 pm Social 1:00 Auction - Watch for more details</p>	<p>NOVEMBER & DECEMBER Night: Thu 11/12 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30 Holiday Make and Take Day: Fri 11/13 @ 1:30 - 3 pm Social 1:00 How to Read a Quilt - Tara Miller [quiltdistrict.com] Modern block of the quarter #4 due Sat. 12/5 @ 11:30 - 3:00 Holiday Party & 2026 Challenge Reveal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless otherwise noted, meetings are at Evergreen Church in Peachtree City. • 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 two meetings as a Guest.

Upcoming Programs and Workshops

THURSDAY, JULY 9

6:30 Social Time

7:00 - 8:30 Guild Meeting

Evergreen Church – Upstairs Room 301

"Meet and Greet with Evie Tomlinson"

A "Meet and Greet" with Evie Tomlinson, fellow guildmember. Learn about the inspiration for the Faces quilts and the many facets of Evie's creativity and quilting life.

Come, bring a friend and enjoy an evening of conversation, creativity, and inspiration with one of our guild's most endearing, creative and colorful members.



FRIDAY, JULY 10

1:00 Social Time

1:30 - 3:00 Guild Meeting Evergreen Church

Evie will share her program/power point that she developed for presentation to other guilds to inspire and teach us for creating a new portrait. for you that will be displayed at an upcoming event in 2027. Plans are in the works for an *Art Show at the Peachtree City Library to display our creative fabric collages in early 2027*. SEE PAGE 2

SATURDAY, JULY 11

10:00am – 3:00pm Workshop - Evergreen Church

This is a **hands-on workshop** allowing us to create new portraits: you, your bestie, your favorite pet or someone special to you. The supply list is attached to the email distribution for this newsletter.

To Do list:

- **Please sign up for the workshop** at the June meeting or contact Jennifer Hollett by **July 9**. (see contact info on page 16)
- **Print the supply list**
- **Prepare** what you plan to collage by **identifying your** selected photo or idea you will collage
- **Gather** your favorite scraps - that represent you - theme fabrics like sock monkey's, teapots, or other fun topical prints as well as blenders
- **Need ideas?** Visit Collage on Pinterest or look at sites like Freddy Moran

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Join us for our August programs as we learn from nationally known and recognized teacher and designer Tammy Silvers, of Tamarinis.

No sign up required, just show up - and maybe this is a great time to invite a friend!

THURSDAY AUGUST 13

6:30 Social Time

7:00 - 8:30 Guild Meeting

Evergreen Church – Upstairs Room 301

"Meet and Greet with Tammy Silvers"

Through a relaxed, interview style discussion we will get to know the creative journey behind **Tammy Silvers'** quilts.

We will hear from Tammy about her approach to design, and gain insight into the inspiration that fuels her work.

Come and bring a friend, as you have up close and personal time with a leading teacher/quilter in the industry.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

1:00 Social Time

1:30 - 3:00 Guild Meeting Evergreen Church

Tammy will bring us on a journey in learning more with a "Deep Dive into Batiks"! Tammy will provide a slice of batik creation that we might rarely consider, including of tools they use, methods of creating and designing batiks fabrics, how the Indonesian factories function and samples of quilts that will have our eyes and creative sparks getting a jump start.

Tammy is also a prolific quilt pattern designer. Check out her patterns on tamarinis.com.

BETWEEN THE SEAMS BOOK CLUB

Deb Sweeney

Our book club meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 12 noon to 2 pm at Evergreen Church.

Bring your lunch and let's discuss books, have fun, and enjoy each other's company. All are welcome, even if you haven't finished the book! It's a great way to get to know your fellow quilters in a relaxed and comfortable setting.

Our next reads

- July 21: Theo of Golden
- Aug 18 TBD at July meeting

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Jorie Stachura

Whenever a guild member informs me that a card is needed, I make sure to send one on behalf of our guild. To respect everyone's privacy, I do not announce who the recipient is or the reason for the card—sharing that information with the general membership remains the individual's choice. If you are unsure whether I have been notified, please go ahead and send me your request. It is always better to receive multiple notifications than to miss someone in need of our support. See page 16 for contact information.

MODERN BLOCK OF THE QUARTER

Jennifer Hollett

This Topsy Pinwheel Block will be due and raffled off at the August meetings.

Once again, the person who brings the most blocks to each meeting will win a small prize.

Instructions for the MBQ#3 are attached to the email distribution of this newsletter.



LIBRARY

David Scott

The guild has a wonderful library of resources to support your quilting projects. Explore the library and discover ideas for a new technique and inspiration for your next project.

MONTHLY MINI

Mayra Diaz

This is July's monthly mini, a small embroidered pillow, was made by Martha Walker.



Last month's monthly mini was won by Wanda Huderski.

Additional ticket purchases by meeting attendees have totaled \$63 since January.

2026 Monthly Mini Donation Volunteers

Meeting	Name
July 10th	Martha Walker
August 14th	Susan Peryam
September 11th	Sarah Swab
October 9th	Candy Shively
November 13th	Wanda Huderski

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

It is time to start preparing items for the auction on Friday afternoon, October 9.

What can you contribute? Think of gifts, items quilters will enjoy, handmade pieces, or specialty services.

Items should have a minimum value of \$20. Put together curated items in a basket or other container.

This will be an in-person live auction. (In anticipation of a large number of items at the auction, we are working on ideas so we can stay within the time schedule.)

Interested in helping out? Contact Jane McAfee. Contact information on page 16.



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SHOW AND TELL

Abbie Ross

We are **COUNTING** on you to **show off** your creations.

Unique quilts shown between the two meetings is 140 (not counting quilts shown at both meetings).

There will be an End of Year Recognition for Day and Night Meetings in Four Categories.

<u>Night Meeting</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Leaders for each category</u>	
Total quilts shown YTD: 42		Name	#
	Community Service	Judy M	4
	Wall hanging and smaller	Sue Klinker	8
	Lap size and larger	Jean Shealy, Tami Walker & Joan Wilcocks	2 each
	Clothing	Jenny Hynes	1
<u>Day Meeting</u>			
Total quilts shown YTD: 98			
	Community Service	Jean Raines	15
	Wall hanging and smaller	Lisa Dempsey	9
	Lap size and larger	Paula Preti	6
	Clothing	Jennifer Hollett	1

Category	Description
Community Service	See the list of focus organizations under Community Service on page 11.
Wall Hanging or Smaller Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall hangings 36" X 48" or smaller • Pillowcases • Placemats • Table runners • Block of the Quarter
Lap Size or Larger Quilt	37" X 49" or larger
Clothing	All wearable quilted clothing



Make sure you check in your Show and Tell item before the meeting for counting and display. You will be assigned a number to line up and show your creation during the meeting.

Questions: ?

Text or Email Abbie Ross. Contact information on page 16.

SLOW STITCHERS**Karen Shelnutt**

A casual drop-in group of sewers working on hand stitching projects gather between 10:00 am and noon on the Friday morning before the day guild meeting.

EPP, embroidery, wool embellishment, and stitching on binding keep our hands busy. We break for lunch before the guild meeting with a brown bag lunch at noon.

At the request of several slow stitchers, a wool stitching tutorial will be taught by Karen Shelnutt, starting at 10:30 am.

If you are interested in learning new wool embellishment stitches, bring your project and threads along. Just curious? Feel free to drop in and peek over our shoulders.

To the right, is the Toned Down Circle Sampler, a pattern/kit offered by SueSpargo.com. This is the base for the tutorial described above.

Bring:

Handwork, embroidery, applique, binding, EPP, etc. and lunch.

Curious?

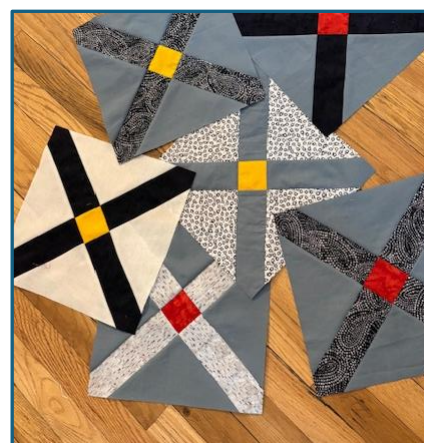
If you do not have any handwork and are curious about the many options, feel free to come and see what this group is up to. Participants are always willing to share and teach.

Questions?: Contact Karen Shelnutt. Contact information on page 16.

**2026-27 RAFFLE/OPPORTUNITY QUILT****Jenny Hynes****Raffle Quilt Blocks are still needed**

Although June 30 was the deadline to finish blocks for our raffle quilt (X-Blocks) but we still need more.

The instructions are attached to this newsletter for your convenience. I will not be in town for the July meetings so please give your completed blocks to Karen Shelnutt.

**MEMBERSHIP****Sarah Swab**

There are currently 78 members in the Guild and 44 are monthly mini participants.

Answers to some FAQ:

Can we use buttons or beads for the eyes or only fabric items for embellishments? Yes, you may embellish your birds or other elements of your quilt with any materials, however, the main elements (birds, flowers, leaves) should be patchwork pieced into the quilt.

- **Can my bird legs be slanted as if my bird is walking?** Yes, however, the leg will need to be a rectangle, square or triangle shape, but may be slanted into the background fabric.
- **May I enter more than one quilt?** Yes, you may enter more than one quilt, however, you will not be eligible to win more than one ribbon. In the event that there are winning votes for more than one quilt by the same quilter, the Challenge Committee will make the final decision for the ribbons.
- **May I draw a bird to create a fabric?** Yes, you may draw a bird on fabric, however, that fabric will need to be used as a part of a block which will create a block bird. The main challenge is to create a bird using the shapes (Square, Rectangle & Triangle) and using patchwork piecing to make the bird shape.

Ya'll love to challenge the challenger! These are terrific questions and we are so excited to see the enthusiasm and creative juices flowing!!

Challenge Ribbon Categories: Favorite "Nothing but Birds", Favorite "Birds Making the Scene", Favorite "Modern Bird Interpretation", Most Creative Use of Fabric and Fan Favorite Block Bird Quilt.

Quilts are due on Saturday, December 5th at the Holiday party. Challenge information and planner sheets are available as attachments to the newsletter email, on the members only section of the website and at each meeting. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions. Danna Freaney, Challenge Coordinator

Challenge Ribbon Categories:

- **Favorite "Nothing But Birds"**
- **Favorite "Birds Making the Scene"**
- **Favorite "Modern Bird Interpretation" Most Creative Use of Fabric**
- **Fan Favorite Block Bird Quilt**



Challenge Quilt Reveal is at the December 5 holiday party meeting.

In 2026, we will be featuring Tails of Hope and the NICU Parent Club, but I want to encourage everyone to make quilts for any charity that is meaningful to you. Every quilt makes a difference to someone!

Type of Quilt	Organization	Size Range
Baby Quilts	Pregnancy Resource Center	Width: 30" - 45" Length: 40" - 55"
Neonatal ICU Isolette Quilts <i>Black, white and any additional colors mixed</i>	NICU in Piedmont Fayette and Newnan Hospitals	Width: 60" Length: 60"
Neonatal ICU Lap Quilts <i>Any color, baby friendly materials and prints</i>	NICU in Piedmont Fayette and Newnan Hospitals	Width: 30" Length: 30"
NICU Scent Squares <i>2 pieces of fabric, wrong sides together, no batting</i>	NICU in Piedmont Fayette and Newnan Hospitals	Width: 3" Length: 3"
Throws for Children, Youths, & Adults	Christian City	Width: 45" - 60" Length: 65" - 75"
Patriotic Quilts for Veterans	Quilts of Valor	Width: 55" - 72" Length: 65" - 90"
Throws & Pillowcases for Youths 10 & Up	Bloom Closet	Width: 45: - 60" Length: 65: - 75"
Settle Mats for service dogs of veterans <i>Cotton fabric, thin batting or 2 layers of flannel.</i> <i>This is Blue. She is a service dog for her dad, who is a Veteran. She is going to enjoy her new settle mat from QGSC.</i>	Tails for Hope	Size: 24" x 44"



Hi Guild members! Our president Karen Shelnett has asked that we use some of our time this summer to make more beautiful quilts to give away in service to our community. Whether it is scent squares, NICU quilts, pillowcases and quilts for Bloom Closet, settle mats, or any other type of project you would like to make, there is a place and a need for your beautiful creations.

What if we gather groups of Guild members for sew-in workshops in different areas of our community on the same day? We are asking for one or two (or more) members to volunteer sewing spaces for a one-day workshop to make community quilts. The groups can be large or small. If you don't have enough sewing space in your home, but a nearby church or other

building would allow, that would be a good space to use, too.

We will need one or more hosts from Peachtree City, Fayetteville, Newnan, Sharpsburg, Tyrone, Senoia, and Griffin. Karen and I have committed our sewing spaces for Thursday, August 20th. It could be fun to have all the workshops on the same day, but if that date doesn't work for you, feel free to pick one that does.

We can talk about this at the July meeting and we'll make some sign-up sheets. Thank you, Guild members, for all the beautiful quilts and settle mats you have been making and turning in to Community Service! Blue, the cute Service Dog shown here, is a recipient of one of our settle mats (aka "doggie quilts").