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Here's What You Need to Know Now!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Karen Shelnutt
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Newsletter Email Attachments:

- Modern Block of the Quarter
- 2 Handouts for Challenge Quilt .
- Retreat Announcement Flyer
- Retreat Registration Form

September

Tues 9/8	Board Meeting 7:00pm – 8:00pm	ZOOM
Thurs 9/10	Guild Meeting 6:30pm Social Time 7:00pm – 8:30pm Evening Meeting	Meet and Greet with Liz Dougherty
Fri 9/11	Guild Meeting 1:00pm Social Time 1:30pm – 3:00pm Day Meeting	Liz Dougherty of FreeSpirit Fabrics Trunk Show
Sat 9/12	Workshop 10:00am -3:00pm	Beechwood Bag with Liz Dougherty
Tues 9/15	Book Club 12:00pm – 2:00pm	The Calamity Club by Kathryn Stockett
Sun 9/20	Newsletter Articles are due! Email to: qgscquilters.newsletter@gmail.com	

October

Tues 10/6	Board Meeting 7:00pm – 8:00pm	ZOOM
Thurs 10/8	Guild Meeting 6:30pm Social Time 7:00pm – 8:30pm Evening Meeting	Jenny Hynes- What make a quilt MODERN?
Fri 10/9	Guild Meeting 1:00pm Social Time 1:30pm – 3:00pm Day Meeting	ANNUAL GUILD AUCTION
Tues 10/20	Book Club 12:00pm – 2:00pm	Whistler by Ann Patchett
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Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at
Evergreen Church, 400 Windgate Rd, Peachtree City, GA.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Karen Shelnutt

Do you sew when life gets tough?

The CRAZY times of life! The HARD times. And those times we need to escape for a bit into the color and texture of fabrics. Sitting at the whirl of the machine. Or in a quiet space hand stitching. These are the places that I find renewal, perspective and calm.

This past July I found myself in a deep emotional slump. I was unable to teach textile arts for my 23rd year at Sugarloaf Fine Arts camp; a place where 225 youth and 75 staff gather to learn and do "art" in all its forms in July. Recovery from my March surgery was very slow, and the neurosurgeon emphatically said "no". Not being able to be at camp hurt my heart.

It was unimaginable to not be with our group of teenagers. Teaching them how to thread needles and watch them take their first stitches. Encouraging them to create in their own way, and giving them permission to choose whatever color that they wish. "Yes, you can make your elephant pink!" In our textile arts teaching group, I taught stitching, and our 2 other teachers taught crochet, batik, fabric dying shibori style and so much more.

Each summer, I would come home from camp and put my teaching samples of fabrics into a bin. These bright pieces waited patiently. Until the Summer of '26. Yep, this was the time that they got to come out and play. They have been

released from captivity and are OUT becoming pieces of a quilt; inspiring creative blocks of the Boho Heart pattern by Jen Kingwell. Pushing color boundaries. And making me laugh and remember the kids and creative moments from past years. Again! Fabric, sewing and stitching had come to the rescue and buoyed me through yet another challenge of life. It is the end of August, and about ½ of the heart is completed.



September...the month we look forward to cooler weather. (Thank goodness...it's been a hot one this year.) This season is a time that our sewing projects are gifted to family, friends or those in special need. A time, as guild members, we finish up our BIRDS challenge quilt project, complete the community service projects, and look forward to gathering together for great Autumn programs.

Looking forward to being with you all in September. Meeting new members and making new friends. Stitching a new Beach Bag at the workshop and being inspired by your incredible quilts at "Show and Tell".

Until then...keep on stitching.

Karen Shelnutt



Want to take a peek at camp?

Go to <http://sugarloaf.edcoe.org>

2026 PROGRAM CALENDAR

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.	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	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
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	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	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-quintcentennial Member led Patriotic Trunk Show & Summer Social Modern block of the quarter #2 due
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	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	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
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 - See page 6 for details	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 [quilttdistrict.com] Modern block of the quarter #4 due Sat. 12/5 @ 11:30 - 3:00 Holiday Party & 2026 Challenge Reveal	• 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 September Programs and Workshops

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10

6:30 Social Time

7:00 - 8:30 Guild Meeting

Evergreen Church – Upstairs Room 301

"Meet & Greet with Liz Dougherty

[<http://www.freespiritfabrics.com>]



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

1:00 Social Time

1:30 - 3:00 Guild Meeting Evergreen Church

Free Spirit Fabrics Trunk Show - Liz Dougherty

Free Spirit is a fabric production company celebrating 25 years in providing fabric to a community of quilters and sewers. Their brand focuses on creativity and vivacious fun for quilting, crafting, home décor and more. Free Spirit brings together a global portfolio of leading designers to sell fabric wholesale to quilt stores. Designer names you may recognize include Kaffe Fasset, Tula Pink, Jane Sassaman, Giucy Giuce, and Valori Wells.

Liz Dougherty, Free Spirit representative for the Southeast US region, will bring us insights from behind the scenes of the fabric that we love. (Instagram @sewcializ)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 - WORKSHOP

10:00 – 3:00 EVERGREEN CHURCH

Beechwood Bags - Liz Dougherty

Simple but stylish, roomy but lightweight, this bag is easy to make and perfect for summer. Just grab two fun fabric prints, a pair of bamboo handles, and in just a few hours you'll have a great handbag for any outing! Choose to make the large size for everyday use or the small bag for evenings out. Handles, fabric and pattern supplied.

\$40 Register by August 11th. Contact Jennifer Hollett. See page 15 for information.



Upcoming October Programs

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:30 Social Time

7:00 - 8:30 Guild Meeting

Evergreen Church – Upstairs Room 301

"Meet & Greet with Jenny Hynes"



What Makes a Quilt Modern?

Jenny Hynes. Jenny, one of our many QGSC talented guild members, has been teaching, quilting and exploring the many facets of quilting with us as well as presenting to other guilds.

In 2025, Jenny initiated QGSC's Modern Block of the month introducing new patterns and ideas throughout the year with this program.

Jenny is a ready font of insight and ideas, so it was natural to ask her to advance us further in our understanding about the idea and shape of what makes a Modern Quilt. Is color intensity, pattern style or fabric selection the defining factor? Is a modern quilt done only in solids or can you use prints?

If these and other questions have stalled you from exploring this genre of quilting, we hope though discussion and insight, this informal round table will provide a place to learn and expand your repertoire of what you create.

Let the new perspectives roll.... because QGSC is a place where we stretch our wings and grow in new ways as sewists, artists and quilters.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

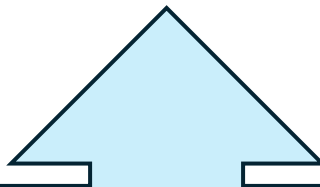
1:00 Social Time

1:30 - 3:00 Guild Meeting Evergreen Church

ANNUAL GUILD AUCTION See page 6 for more information.

2027 Board & Committee Nominations

Deb Sweeney and Martha Walker



It's that time of year again to start planning for our next year's guild activities.

That can't happen unless we have a board and committees involved in planning our guild events. QGSC leadership wants to continue to create a warm and welcoming guild that includes all members.

To do that, we need all members to be engaged in organizing and assisting in any way possible. The Nominations Committee will be calling all our members to request participation. Many of our tasks are done through committees, so you'll be sharing the responsibility (and fun) with other members.

Thanks ahead of time for stepping up and supporting the guild. We look forward to talking with you soon.

Getting excited for the October 9th Auction?

This will be a fun afternoon with a SILENT auction and a LIVE auction. We will start with the silent auction and refreshments at 1 pm. We will then gather, catch up on guild news, announce the silent auction winners and move into the live auction with a smaller selection of items and we will finish by 3 pm. Judy Daymont will be our auctioneer. (No show and tell.)

The list of donated auction items is growing! Please check your home for quality items that need a new home. We are looking for curated boxes or baskets, single items (large or small), and unique services that may help someone out or your specialty baked goods to be scheduled for a later date. If you are thinking of creating something, think of the upcoming fall and winter holidays for inspiration.

Instructions for donated items:

1. Fill out a form for each donated item. (The form is attached to the newsletter email.)
2. Bring the form and your donation to Evergreen Church on Friday, October 9 between 10 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. If you can't attend, please make arrangements with someone to bring your item/s.
3. Optionally, let me know what you are bringing and provide a picture.

Volunteers are needed the day of the auction for set up and helping with the auctions. Please contact Jane if you can help. Contact Information is found on page 18 of this newsletter.

A sampling of donated items so far:

- Baskets of curated fabrics, notions and patterns
- Tara Miller's "Legacy Wheel" pattern with acrylic rulers. (Tara's speaking in November.)
- Does your yard need the finishing touch of edging? (Ross McAfee is donating his time.)
- AccuQuilt machine
- AccuQuilt dies
- A large strip ruler
- 2 Crossbody Bags handmade by Candy Shively



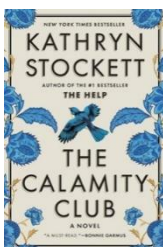
BETWEEN THE SEAMS BOOK CLUB**Deb Sweeney**

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 -

- September 15th - The Calamity Club by Kathryn Stockett
- October 20th - Whistler by Ann Patchett
- November 17th - Daughters of the Sun and Moon by Lisa See

**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 18 for contact information.

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.

MODERN BLOCK OF THE QUARTER**Jennifer Hollett**

This Flying Geese Block will be due and raffled off at the December meetings.

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

Instructions for the MBQ#4 are attached to the email distribution of this newsletter.

MONTHLY MINI**Mayra Diaz**

This month's monthly mini is two pair of cute custom made shoe laces made by Sarah Swab.

Last month's monthly mini was won by Judy Balek.

**2026 Monthly Mini Donation Volunteers**

Meeting	Name
September 11th	Sarah Swab
October 9th	Candy Shively
November 13th	Wanda Huderski

SHOW AND TELL**Abbie Ross**

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

Unique quilts shown between the two meetings is 188 (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: 57			
		Name	#
	Community Service	Judy Mahfood	10
	Wall hanging and smaller	Sue Klinker	9
	Lap size and larger	Tami Walker	4
	Clothing	Jenny Hynes, Laura Wheeler & Jennifer Hollett	1 each
<u>Day Meeting</u>			
Total quilts shown YTD: 146			
	Community Service	Jean Raines	44
	Wall hanging and smaller	Lisa Dempsey	9
	Lap size and larger	Paula Preti	8
	Clothing	Sarah Swab	4

Here's a CHALLENGE—there are several ties in the categories above. Since we are past the halfway mark who will break the tie and win the prize in their category????

Category	Description
Community Service	See the list of focus organizations under Community Service on page 18.
Wall Hanging or Smaller Item	• 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 18.

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.

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.



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 18.

**MEMBERSHIP****Sarah Swab**

There are currently 83 Guild members and 44 are monthly mini participants.

RETREAT**Sharon Pope****SAVE THE DATE****QGSC 14th Annual Retreat ~Thurs., March 18 – Sun., March 21, 2027**

We will begin accepting your Retreat Registrations with your deposit at the Evening & Daytime meetings in September in person.

The Announcement & Registration forms are attached to this issue of the newsletter.

Also, anyone new to the guild or has questions about Retreat can email or text/call me beforehand for more info. See page 18 for contact information.

Approximately 100 days left to sew until the Dec. 5th reveal!

For the challenge this year, we are going back to basics with traditional patchwork piecing using Squares, Rectangles and Triangles (including snowball/stitch & flip corners) to make block birds and all elements of our quilt.



Block birds are any bird block using only the shapes of Squares, Rectangles and Triangles (including snowball/stitch & flip triangles). By keeping the shapes simple, you are challenged to use creativity in elements of design, fabric choice, layout, etc. to make your quilt SOAR! Once you start making birds, it is hard to stop!!

You may use a pattern or design your own. Embellishments may be added to the quilt, but the basic elements of your quilt top should be added through the traditional patchwork piecing.

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. If 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 Freeney, Challenge Coordinator

2026 CHALLENGE QUILT**"Birds of a Feather Quilt Together"****Danna Freeney****Challenge Ribbon Categories:**

- **Favorite "Nothing But Birds"** – Quilt made of bird blocks only
- **Favorite "Birds Making the Scene"** -- Quilt made with bird blocks within a scene or with other features. Example: In a scene such as a birdhouse, in a garden, at the beach, in a tree or on a dragon! Other features may include blocks such as HST's, flying geese or pinwheels.
- **Favorite "Modern Bird Interpretation"** -- Bird quilt most likely to show at Quiltcon! In this category, your bird quilt can also be used to "make a statement" with block letters and birds.
- **Most Creative Use of Fabric** -- Quilt made by: 1. creating fabric with a technique from one of our past speakers (dyed, stamped, printed, painted, colored) 2. using an online design platform to create fabric (like Spoonflower).3. using an unusual fabric. (Ties, clothing?). Any creative use of a fabric.
- **Fan Favorite Block Bird Quilt** -- Pick your favorite! The one that inspires you to make another block bird quilt in 2027!



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

 In 2026, we are 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"



February 25-28, 2027
9am - 5:30pm (Sun to 3pm)
Atlanta Convention Center at
AmericasMart

Single day and four day passes can be purchased on-line prior to the show or at the door. There are still a lot of lectures and workshops with openings, so don't despair! Members can follow the link they received in their August 17th email from MQG to register.

Other key dates are:

September 16: Non-member registration begins
September 28: Volunteer sign up begins
October 31: Early bird rates end

Interested in staying in Atlanta? The 3 'captive' hotels say they are sold out. HOWEVER, there are other hotels within a few block walking distance that have availability. A little 'googling' will find you the right spot. (For example, one group is staying at the Courtland Grand Hotel)

Interested in carpooling or joining other Guild members? As QuiltCon approaches, we will facilitate interested members getting together.



SOME AUGUST MEETING PHOTOS....

Show and Tell



Show and Tell



OUT AND ABOUT TOWN

 **October
8-18, 2026** 

Quilt Competition

Over \$19,000 in prizes available



2025 Best of Show Winner
"The Spirit of Christmas" by Cheri Leffler, Savannah

Ask us how you can enter!
<http://www.georgianationalfair.com/home-arts-fine-arts>

*Quilts will be delivered to the Georgia National Fair and returned to this location