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Newsletter Email Attachments:

*Modern Block of Quarter 4
2026 Retreat Info (2)
Member Renewal Form*

Newsletter Articles are due
Wednesday, Dec 10
qgscquilters.newsletter@gmail.com

Next Board Meeting:
Tuesday, Nov 18
6:30 PM - ZOOM



QUILTERS GUILD OF THE SOUTHERN CRESCENT

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM:

TERI BIGLANDS, JUDY DAYMONT, JANE MCAFEE, EVIE TOMLINSON

A Personal Quilting Story...

Our guild has had many great speakers over the years. One speaker I remember, master appliqué artist Mary Stori said something that has always stuck with me. "Learn one technique, master it, then move on to the next technique and master that, and so on."

A pivotal moment in my own personal quilt journey was traveling to Paducah, KY to take an immersive weeklong class with Caryl Bryer Fallert Gentry. Caryl was the first quilter to ever win a National Quilt Show, Best of Show Award. Her quilt "Solar Eclipse" was completely machine made and machine quilted. This had NEVER happened before. That was back in 1989 and was quite a heated topic of debate!

During the class, Caryl taught her personal technique for designing and assembling her quilts. I took that technique and changed things to make it my own as I did not like to use the sewing machine to piece my curves with a invisible zigzag stitch, nor the glue technique that she taught.

That class really opened up my mind. Once I started designing my own quilts, I never looked back.

Although I do profess to being the worst student ever, I always feel that each speaker will impart some wisdom or knowledge that I can store and later use when the perfect project comes along.

I encourage you to take a workshop, learn, and not to be afraid to change things up to what you like to do the most. You will be glad that you did!

Happy Holidays,
Teri Biglands



Happy Thanksgiving



What's Happening



Nov

Tue. 11/18 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Book Club	p. 8
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Tue. 11/18 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Board Mtg 2025 Board Only	
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Thu. 11/20 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Social Time	
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Guild Meeting	p. 3, 4, 6
<i>Holiday Make and Take with Joan Willcocks & Karen Shelnett</i>		

Fri. 11/21 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Slow Stitching	p. 8
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Social time	
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Guild Meeting	p. 3, 4, 6
<i>Holiday Make and Take with Joan Willcocks & Karen Shelnett</i>		



Dec

Tue. 12/2 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	2025 & 2026 Executive Committees Transition Meeting	
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Sat. 12/6 11:30	Doors Open (Bring quilts & food)	
12:00	Social Time	p. 4, 5, 6
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Holiday Party	

Tue. 12/16 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Book Club	p. 8
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Jan

Thu. 1/8 7:00 pm	Guild Meeting	
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Fri. 1/9 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Slow Stitching	
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Social Time	
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Guild Meeting	

Tue. 1/20 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Book Club	p. 8
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Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at Evergreen Church, 400 Windgate Rd, Peachtree City, GA

This Guild Calendar is for quick reference. We encourage you to go to the pages indicated for more information.

Thursday, November 20
6:30 Social Time, 7:00 - 8:30 Guild Meeting
Evergreen Church

"Holiday Make & Take"
Joan Wilcocks & Guild Members

Hands-on activities creating fabric-based holiday items. Different choices will be offered...so come to both and join in the holiday fun! Supplies provided. Bring some of your favorite holiday nibbles to share. Hot cider will be served.



Friday, November 21
1:00 Social Time, 1:30 - 3:00 Guild Meeting
Evergreen Church

"Holiday Make & Take"
Joan Wilcocks & Guild Members

Hands-on activities creating fabric-based holiday items. Different choices will be offered...so come to both and join in the holiday fun! Supplies provided. Bring some of your favorite holiday nibbles to share. Hot cider will be served.



Saturday, Dec 6
11:30 Doors Open (bring quilts & food)
12:00 Social Hour
12:30 - 3:00 Guild Meeting
Evergreen Church

HOLIDAY PARTY

Join us on Saturday, December 6 for our annual Holiday Party. Enjoy the festivities and the 2025 Challenge Quilt Reveal, "The Most Fun you Ever Had".

Doors will open at 11:30 to allow ample time to check-in challenge quilts; lunch will be served at 12:30.

Bring a dish to share and a serving utensil. Suggestion:

- A-H: Dessert;
- I-P: Salads;
- Q-Z: sides/vegetables.

The guild will provide ham, water and iced tea.



Look for the
2026 Calendar in the
December Newsletter.



MORE INFO FOR NOVEMBER

Make & Take

We will be making Danish Star Ornaments at both meetings with Joan Wilcocks. In addition, Karen Shelnutt will be teaching spool Christmas trees and another mystery project.

About the Danish star ornament: This is a folded fabric star which makes a great holiday decoration, hostess gift or gift tag. This is a great project for your non-quilting grade crafty fabrics; use a bit of spray fabric sizing for added stiffness.

There are many patterns and versions of this star on the internet, but these two are Joan's favorite sources: Bernina's "We All Sew" Danish Star Ornament, by Erika Mulvenna, dated Dec 7, 2018 and YouTube video by Erica Arndt, dated Nov 17, 2022, Scandinavian Woven Star.

Four, 4" x 14" folded fabric strips will be provided along with glue and some scissors to share. You are invited to bring more strips if you like as well as your own scissors and a stiletto.

Evening Meeting: Modern Block of the Quarter (BOQ):

Jenny Hynes has provided instructions for 4 different modern blocks this year. Instructions for Block #4 "Wonky Churndash" are attached to the newsletter email.

To participate in Block #4 read the instructions attached to the newsletter email and make one (or more) block(s). Bring them to the November 20th night meeting. Your name will be entered into the drawing as many times as the number of blocks you bring. The winner of the drawing goes home with ALL the blocks!

P.S. Feel free to also make blocks to keep for yourself.

MORE INFO FOR HOLIDAY PARTY - DEC. 6

We are creating a PowerPoint to play during our luncheon. We would like to include photos of your Winter/Christmas/Holiday themed quilts.

Send photos of your quilts to Sue Klinker.
(Contact info on p. 16.)

Bring a dish to share and a serving utensil.
Suggestions:

A-H: Dessert

I-P: Salads

Q-Z: sides/vegetables

The Holiday Party is also the time to bring your 2025 Challenge Quilts. Check out the updated Challenge Quilt Info on p. 5.



2025 CHALLENGE - HOLIDAY PARTY**EMMA ROSS & CANDY SHIVELY**

Froggy says
**READ THE
DIRECTIONS!**



QGSC 2025 Challenge: The most FUN you ever had!

**The challenge deadline is FAST approaching! Are you ready?
There is still time to make that quilt!**

Please read these instructions for sharing your quilt at the luncheon on Saturday, December 6. ALL participants will receive recognition and ALL members are invited to vote at this in-person event.

If you haven't done so already, please respond to our quick survey so we can get a tentative count: <https://forms.gle/TiL6uQz5TzRVkqVE7>

On Dec 6, bring your quilt that somehow depicts
The most FUN you ever had" (Rated G).

All quilts must be accompanied by an index card or small piece of paper with the quilt TITLE (NO MAKER NAMES!) and a sentence or two explaining it. These will be attached to the quilts during display/voting, so make it legible!

You must BRING THIS WITH YOUR QUILT to the Dec 6 luncheon.

Quilts must be labeled on the back with title and creator.

Plan to check in your quilt at the luncheon no later than 12:00 Noon.

Earlier is even better! If you are late, people may not have enough time to SEE and VOTE for your quilt.

Members will vote for:

Viewer's Choice (with an Honorable Mention to the next highest vote getter)

Best Representation of Theme

Most Creative Use of Materials/Techniques

No size limits.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Candy Shively or Emma Ross ([Contact info on p. 16.](#))

QUILTERS GUILD OF THE SOUTHERN CRESCENT - 2025 PROGRAMS

November 2025

JANUARY

Day: Fri 1/3 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Our Day meeting starts with Community Service Sew-cial at 10 a.m. At 12:30 dessert before the Kick off the New Year of "Let's Have Fun!" at 1:30 including Intro to Funky Fun Fashion Show.

Night: Thu 1/23 @ 7:00-8:30 Social 6:30

2025 Kick-off "Let's Have Fun", Intro to Funky Fun Fashion Show and English Paper Piecing mini-workshop, Part 1 - Guild Teachers

FEBRUARY

Day: Fri 2/7 @ 1:30-3 pm Social 1:00

Fabric to Dye For - Sue Klinker

Workshop: Sat. 2/8 @ 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Snails Trail/Storm at Sea - Sue Klinker & Abbie Ross

Night: Thu 2/27 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30

Stitch with Color and Trunk Show - Carol Stanek

[<https://stitchwithcolor.com/>]

MARCH

Day: Fri 3/7 @ 1:30 - 3 pm Social 1:00

English Paper Piecing mini-workshop, Part 1 - Guild Teachers

Night: Thu 3/20 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30

English Paper Piecing mini-workshop, Part 2 - Guild Teachers

Retreat: March 27-30

APRIL

Night: Thu 4/24 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30

"A Tour of Free Motion Quilting" - HollyAnne Knight
[<https://www.stringandstory.com/>]

Day: Fri 4/25 @ 1:30 - 3 pm Social 1:00

"Planning your Quilting Adventure" - HollyAnne Knight
[<https://www.stringandstory.com/>]

MAY

Night: Thu 5/22 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30

Meet the Artist and Intro to Kawandi Quilting - Aleathia Chisolm

Workshop: Fri. 5/23 @ 10:00 am-Noon

Kawandi Quilting Workshop - Aleathia Chisolm

Day: Fri 5/23 @ 1:30 - 3 pm Social 1:00

Kawandi Quilting History and Trunk Show- Aleathia Chisolm

JUNE

Night: Thu 6/26 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30

Summer Social and Funky Fun Fashion Show

Day: Fri 6/27 @ 1:30 am - 3:00 pm

Quilting to Cosplay - Teri Biglands

JULY

Night: Thu 7/24 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30

Making the Most of Half-Square Triangles - Jenny Hynes

Day: Fri 7/25 @ 1:30 - 3 pm Social 1:00

History of African American Quilting: Meet Cuesta Banberry - Lynette Warren

Workshop: Sat 7/26 @ 10:00 - 3:00

Making the Most of Half Square Triangles - Jenny Hynes

AUGUST

Night: Thu 8/21 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30

Star Light, Star Bright, Stars Upon My Bed Tonight - Lisa Erlandson
[<https://www.lequilts.com/>]

Special Event: Friday 8/22 10:00-12:30

Quilt Appraisals - Lisa Erlandson

Day: Fri 8/22 @ 1:30 - 3 pm Social 1:00

Orphan Quilts, the Good, the Bad and the Ugly - Lisa Erlandson

SEPTEMBER

Night: Thu 9/25 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30

"What I learned from my Quilt Appraisal" A show and tell from quilters who had their quilts appraised in August.

Day: Fri 9/26 @ 1:30 - 3 pm Social 1:00

"Fit to be Tied" - Joan Willcocks & Judy Daymont. Dozens of Ways to Use Ties in Quilts and other Sewing Projects.

OCTOBER

Night: Thu 10/23 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30

Join the fun at our annual AUCTION!

Day: Fri 10/24

Field Trip to Southeastern Quilt and Textile Museum. Featured Artist: Teri Biglands, QGSC member. Meet at museum at 1:30 to see exhibit created by Teri. Meet for lunch in Carrollton, details coming soon.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Night: Thu 11/20 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30

Holiday Make and Take - Joan Willcocks and guild members

Day: Fri 11/21 @ 1:30 - 3 pm Social 1:00

Holiday Make and take - Joan Willcocks and guild members

Sat. 12/6 @ 12:30 - 3:00

Holiday Lunch and 2025 Challenge Reveal

QGSC 2025 CALENDAR

- 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 2 meetings as a Guest.

COMMUNITY SERVICE**LAURA WHEATER**

There are community service tops that need to be batted, backed and quilted. The help of guild long arm and machine quilters will be greatly appreciated. Remember that the dispatcher color for 4Heros is gold. If you need gold fabric for sashing and borders, batting, or backing for one of these quilts, bring your quilt top to one of the guild meetings and I'll get you set up.

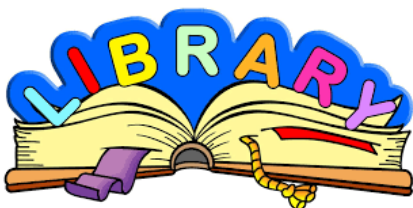
In addition, I am collecting quilts for the organizations listed below. (See chart for sizes.) Thanks for all the good work!

Laura

Type of Quilt	Organization	Size Range
Baby Quilts	Pregnancy Resource Center	Width: 30" - 45" Length: 40" - 55"
NICU Black & White Baby Quilts, prewashed	Fayette Piedmont Hospital	Width: 50" Length: 50"
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"
Large throw and bed size quilts for First Responders	4 Heroes (4ourheroes.org)	Width: 55" - 72" Length: 65" - 90"

LIBRARY**JEAN SHEALY**

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

**SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS****JOANN GORRELL**

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. If you wonder if I know, send me the request. It is better to hear from several people than to not receive it from anyone. *(Contact info on p. 16.)*

SLOW STITCHING**KAREN SHELNUTT**

Slow Stitchers will be gathering in November! We are a small group of EPPers, woolies, quilters, appliquers, Kawandi stitchers, binders, and more.

Gathering begins at 10:00 am. Come when you can. Feel free to bring your lunch. The group has a broad level of expertise and is always willing to teach and help.

Contact Karen Shelnutt for more information. (Contact info on p. 16.)



Photo: Lisa Dempsey seeks advice from Jennifer Howlett, the EPP expert!

BETWEEN THE SEAMS BOOK CLUB**DEB SWEENEY**

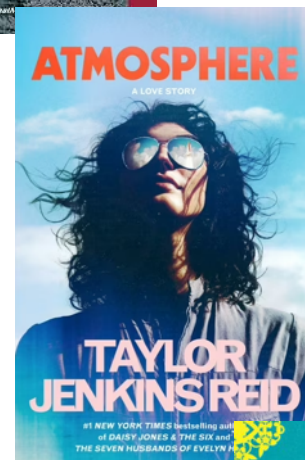
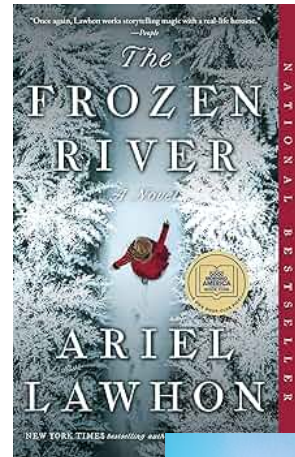
The QGSC *Between the Seams Book Club* invites you to join us for great conversation and good book discussions.

November 18: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

December 16: *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

January 20: *Girl in Translation* by Jean Kwok

Bring your lunch and join us at Evergreen Church from noon to 2 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. Contact Deb Sweeney to be added to the email group. (Contact info on p. 16.)



MEMBERSHIP

MARTHA WALKER

QGSC 2026 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The Membership renewal process for 2026 will begin in November; renewals are due no later than January 31, 2026. This will allow the Membership Chairman to update and post the membership roster in a timely manner. Please renew sooner rather than later!

* Three ways to renew:

At meetings

By mail

Paypal - use this link: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/9BYSB3WTBQN24>

* Renewals can be paid at meetings by cash or check. A membership form should accompany every payment.

Please do not submit a check or cash without a form.

Please do not include payment for any other guild activities like workshops or retreat with Membership renewal payment.

Also, verify your contact information.

* Renewal by mail by check. Membership form should be included.

Mail directly to the address on the form.

Make check payable to QGSC

When you renew you can pay

*Your dues - \$40

*Monthly Mini - \$10

***Monthly mini** will be the same as this year - \$10 for entry into each drawing throughout the year, 11 total. *2025 tickets will be discarded prior to the January 9th meeting.*

If you want to be included in the drawing at the January 9th meeting you need to renew and pay for Monthly Mini before then.

If you don't pay for Monthly Mini with your dues and down the road you decide you want to join in, you can pay the \$10; it will not be pro-rated.

The membership renewal form is also posted on the website.

Martha



MONTHLY MINI

MAYRA DIAZ & JULIA SMITH

At each meeting we have a drawing for the monthly mini. If you are an annual participant, your name is in each drawing. Additional tickets may be purchased before each meeting. Come early, check out the monthly mini and buy your tickets!

In November, One of these beautiful potholders will be given at each of the meetings. These fun ornaments will be given during the Monthly Mini drawing at the Holiday Party.



2026 MEETING DATES

LEADERSHIP TEAM

As the Leadership Team looked ahead to 2026, we had several things to consider: the new back to back meetings, giving sufficient time for the program team to schedule speakers, and whether we could accommodate our members who are involved with other guilds, especially Common Threads and East Cobb Quilters. We think the more informal Thursday evening meetings next year will be less work for our leaders and volunteers plus provide a fun dynamic to our meeting week. We also discovered the second week of the month is different from the other guilds and avoids making changes for holidays.

Save these 2026 dates:

January 8 & 9	July 9 & 10
February 12 & 13	August 13 & 14
March 12 & 13	September 10 & 11
April 9 & 10	October 8 & 9
May 7 & 8*	November 12 & 13
June 11 & 12	December 5

*May dates have been updated.

SHOW AND TELL

ABBIE ROSS & SUE KLINKER



The last Show and Tells for 2025 will be at the November meetings!

Show and Tell is a highlight at each guild meeting. We enjoy seeing and learning from each other's creations. Come 15 minutes early to a meeting and check your quilts in at the Show and Tell table.

RETREAT

SHARON POPE



2026 Retreat info is here! See the attachments to the newsletter email for detailed information and the registration form. Registration forms and deposits will be accepted in person at the September meetings. Please contact Sharon Pope for more information and retreat questions. *(Contact info on p. 16.)*

MEMBER FEATURES

JANE MCAFEE



Stitching Our Story

A Celebration of Black History

See Clayton County is taking submissions for their upcoming exhibit: "Stitching Our Story: A Celebration of Black History". Selected quilts will be displayed at this exhibit starting January 22. The theme of the show is the powerful role of quilting in preserving heritage, journey, roots, and community. We welcome works that tell a story of heritage, community, journey, or roots.

To learn more and to submit a quilt by December 19, visit <https://seeclaytoncountyga.com/stitching-our-story-a-celebration-of-black-history-quilt-show/>

To view the exhibit:
January 22-February 28, 2026
Thursdays through Saturdays 10:00 am - 4 pm

See Clayton County
125 North Main Street
Jonesboro, GA 30236

Member Features includes photos and exhibit information for member quilts entered in quilt shows, information about recent guild meetings, and area quilt events. Submit ideas and quilt photos with detailed information to:

qgscquilters.newsletter@gmail.com

This is "Squash Squad", a wall hanging created by Karen Shelnutt. This 21 in square wall hanging is wool applique on wool and heavily embellished with a variety of threads, beads and buttons. This is an adaptation of a Sue Spargo pattern stitched during the pandemic from 2020 to 2021.

Congratulations to Karen for winning Judge's Choice at the 2025 Georgia National Fair in Perry!



CRAFT IN AMERICA

This December, Craft in America begins a journey around the United States with **EAST**, the first episode in the celebration of the country's upcoming 250th anniversary.

EAST & WEST will premiere on PBS and [Youtube](#) on Friday, December 19, 2025 at 9pm and 10pm and stream starting November 24th, 2025 on the [PBS app](#), [pbs.org/craftinamerica](#), and [craftinamerica.org](#).

This four-episode event is a part of the Handwork 2026 initiative, Craft in America's nationwide Semiquincentennial collaboration showcasing the importance of the handmade and celebrating the diversity of craft that defines America. Find out more at handwork2026.org.

MEMBER FEATURES, CONT.

JANE MCAFEE



Photo Credit: Susan Vandiver

FROM QUILTING TO COSPLAY:
OUTLANDER INSPIRED TEXTILES

BY TERI BIGLANDS

One quilter's journey into the world of Comic Con & expressing her love of the Outlander Book Series into one-of-a-kind costumes & themed quilts!

ON DISPLAY
SEPT. 16 - DEC. 20, 2025

Hubbard Gallery @ SQTM
306 Bradley St. - Carrollton, GA

**SOUTHEASTERN
QUILT &
TEXTILE
MUSEUM**

*Have you seen Teri's
exhibit?*

There is still time...

*From Quilting to
Cosplay is on exhibit
until Dec. 20*



Southeastern Quilt & Textile Museum, has great exhibits, classes, and a variety of events. Are you on their email list? If not, sign up by going to the website below, and scroll to the bottom to fill in your email in the Subscribe section.

<https://www.sqtmuseum.org/>

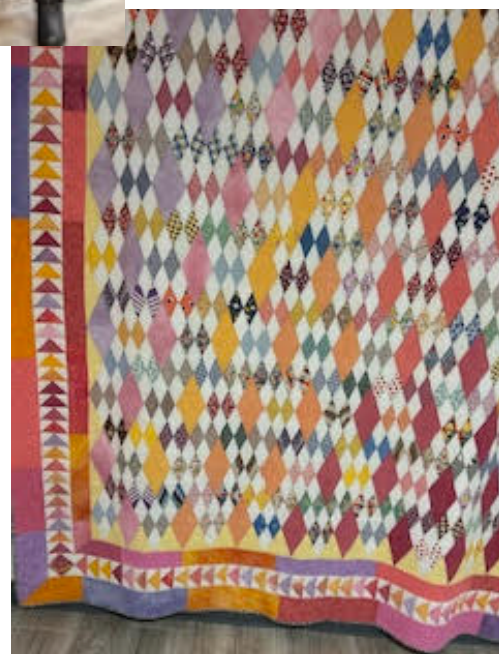
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JANE MCAFEE



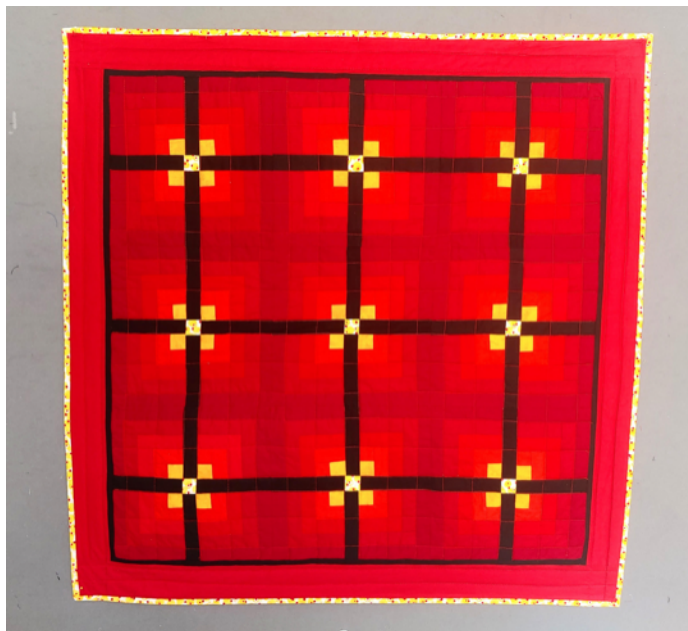
We had so much fun at our October meeting at the Southeastern Quilt and Textile Museum. We were able to see Teri Biglands exhibit and learn about her process in quilt making and cosplay design.

Photos by Karen Shelnut



MEMBER FEATURES, CONT.**JANE MCAFEE**

These quilts, created by David Scott, were displayed in October at the Georgia National Fair in Perry.



Above: *Glowing Ember*
Below: *The Shield of Authority*



Above: *3 Dimensional*
Below: *The Stain Glass*

