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QUILTERS GUILD OF THE SOUTHERN CRESCENT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - LAURA WHEATER

Hey all you quilters,

HAPPY NEW YEAR. We have another year where we get to sew, fellowship, retreat, and generally just have fun!

Seeing as this is the first letter of the year, it may be a bit long, but I hope you will take the time to read through it as there are some **changes** coming up.

Our theme for the year is "**Quilts with a Message**". Get your thinking hats on and those ideas flowing.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Thanks to Tina Wilson and all those who helped to make QOV blocks. We look forward to seeing the finished quilts. There will be another Community Service Sew-In at our night meeting at the end of the month. If you have lamented the fact that you have not been able to participate, check the newsletter for details. (See p. 8.)

Joan Willcocks will be directing our **CHALLENGE** for this year. Check the newsletter for details. (See p. 7.)

Karen Shelnutt and team have developed a super line-up for our **PROGRAMS**. Don't miss Jan Hollins presenting **Quilters' Stories with Dolls** during the February day meeting and a workshop the next day **Telling your Story through a Place**. There may be a couple of spaces left, so if you are interested, contact Karen Shelnutt. (Contact info on p. 11.)

The **RETREAT** is moving along with planning all those wonderful activities we have come to expect. (See p. 5.) There are some openings left. Contact Sharon Pope if interested. If the cost is keeping you away, ask about a scholarship. (Contact info on p. 11.)

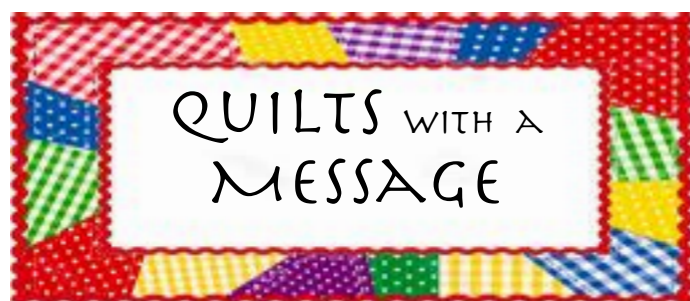
Wear your name tags. Those who do, are eligible for a drawing. 'Nuf said.

We have been approached by Evergreen Church in Peachtree City about the possibility of **moving our meetings** to their location. There is quite a bit about this in this newsletter. Check out the information on p. 9.

Did you get the idea that it's important to **READ THE NEWSLETTER?!**

I hope so.

Happy quilting,
Laura W



Newsletter Articles are due
Saturday, February 10.
Submit articles to:
qgscquilters.newsletter@gmail.com

Email Attachments

- 1) Membership Renewal Form
- 2) Community Service QOV Info
- 3) Jan Hollins Workshop Info
- 4) 2024 Retreat Information Page
- 5) 2024 Retreat Registration Form

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, February 1
7 PM - ZOOM

What's Happening

JANUARY

Thu 1/25 Community Service Sew In & Guild Mtg -
 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 5:00 pm Work on Quilts of Valor
 7:00 pm Meeting
 Kick off the new year theme of "Quilts with a Message"
 Quilt challenge "Leave a Message" begins p. 3, 4

FEBRUARY

Thu. 2/1 Board Mtg -
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - ZOOM p. 7

Fri. 2/2 Wool Stitches - Toned Down using the pattern by Sue Spargo
 10:00 am - 12:00 pm p. 7
 Guild Mtg -
 Quilters Stories with Dolls - Jan Hollins
 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm - FPC p. 3, 4

Sat. 2/3 Workshop -
 Telling Your Story through a Place:
 Landscape Collage workshop with Jan Hollins
 10:00 am - 3:00 pm - FPC p. 3, 4

Thu. 2/22 Guild Meeting -
 Meredith's Story: Creating and Making with Moda Pre-Cuts
 Meredith Duke, owner of Sew Senoia Quilt Store
 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm - FPC p. 3, 4

MARCH

Fri. 3/1 Wool Stitches - Toned Down using the pattern by Sue Spargo
 10:00 am - 12:00 pm p. 7
 Guild Mtg:
 Using Letters and Figures to Tell Your Story:
 Applique Many Ways - Guild appliquers
 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm FPC p. 3, 4

Thu. 3/7 Board Meeting
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - ZOOM p. 7

Thu. 3/28 Guild Mtg:
 The Stories and History of Word Quilts with Sam Hunter
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm ZOOM ONLY p. 5

"FPC" is Fayette Presbyterian Church, 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.

Thursday, January 25: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
FPC

**Community Service Sew-In
Quilts of Valor**

7:00 pm

Kick off the New Year of “Quilts with a Message”, 2024 Workshop Sign Ups, plus Challenge Quilt, “Leave a Message” with Joan Willcocks

Saturday, February 3: 10:00 am - 3 pm
FPC

**Telling your Story through a Place:
Landscape Collage workshop with Jan Hollins**

This bridge photo is a sample of the pattern that can be used or you can create your own.



Friday, February 2: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
FPC

**Quilters Stories with Dolls
Jan Hollins**

Jan Hollins is a master quilter and doll maker who has won multiple awards for her colorful and imaginative quilts. She won Best in Show, 2022 in the Atlanta Quilt Festival, and is known for her colorful creations that blend batik, silk, and metallics. Her line of Afri Neo Dolls, feature fashions inspired by progressive women of color. Jan's teaching style and techniques delight her students, while encouraging creativity and use of color and fabrics in new ways.

janhollinsfiberarts.com

Thursday, February 22: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
FPC

**Meredith's Story:
How I became a Quilt Store Owner and
How You Can Make and Create with Moda Pre-Cuts**

Meredith Duke is the owner of Sew Senoia, a boutique quilt shop in Fayetteville that specializes in Moda Fabric and provides long arm quilting, embroidery services as well as classes and other special events. Her unique story influences her passion and enthusiasm for quilting.



Meredith will share tips and techniques for the use of Moda's precut fabrics of layer cakes, jelly rolls and more. She will have fabric and patterns for sale.

www.sewsenoia.com

Friday, March 1: 1:30 pm - 3 pm
FPC

**Using Letters and Figures to Tell Your Story:
Applique Many Ways**

Learn to applique, or improve your applique skills, with our talented guild teachers. Rotating around four stations will allow participants the chance to learn different applique techniques, as well as practice on a sample provided.

Our teachers are:
Teri Biglands – *needle turn applique*
Sharon Hendrix - *reverse applique*
Laura Bosma - *raw edge applique*
Judy Daymont - *hand prepped edge, hand or machine appliqued.*

This group will help us learn to “Quilt with a Message”, the theme of 2024.



QUILTERS GUILD OF THE SOUTHERN CRESCENT - 2024 PROGRAMS
January 2024
JANUARY
Day: Fri. 1/5 @ 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Meeting starts at 1:30 pm

Night: Thu 1/25 @ 5:00 - 9:00 pm

Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Our Day and Evening meetings start with a Community Service Sew-In. We will then break for our meeting to Kick off the New Year of **"Quilts with a Message"**, 2024 Workshop Sign Ups, plus Challenge Quilt, "Leave a Message" with Joan Willcocks

FEBRUARY
Day: Fri. 2/2 @ 1:30 pm - 3 pm

 Quilters' Stories with Dolls - Jan Hollins
 [www.janhollinsfiberarts.com]

Workshop: Sat. 2/3 @ 10 am - 3 pm

 Telling your Story through a Place:
 Landscape workshop-Jan Hollins

Night: Thu. 2/22 @ 7 - 8:30 pm

 Meredith's Story: Creating and Making with Moda Pre-Cuts - Meredith Duke, owner of Sew Senoia
 [www.sewsenoia.com]

MARCH
Day: Fri. 3/1 @ 1:30 - 3 pm

 Using Letters and figures to tell your story:
 Applique Many Ways
 Learn and practice different techniques with our guild appliquers

Night: Thu. 3/28 @ 7 - 8:30 pm
ZOOM ONLY (No meeting at FPC)
 The Stories and History of Word Quilts - Sam Hunter
 [www.huntersdesignstudio.com]

APRIL
Day: Fri. 4/5 @ 1:30 pm - 3 pm

Talking with your Best Friend: Machine Care - Tabby Champion

Night: Thu. 4/25 @ 7 pm - 8:30 pm

 Stuck in your creative quilting process? "Ask a quilt friend".
 A panel of guild members consulting on members quilts.

MAY
Day: Fri. 5/3 @ 1:30 pm - 3 pm
FPC & ZOOM

 Telling your story through Color and Design - Tara Faughnan
 [www.tarafaughnan.com]

Night: Thu. 5/23 @ 7 - 8:30 pm

 Our Retreat Stories: Creativity from a Weekend Away
 Show N Tell, Sharon Pope and Retreat Participants

JUNE
Day: Fri. 6/7 @ 1:30 - 3 pm

Sharing Stories, Sit and Sew

Bring your project, patterns, and basic sewing supplies. While this is not a class, several quilters will be on hand to offer guidance or advice.

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

Summer Social

JULY
Day: Fri. 7/12
Summer Field Trip:

Creating new stories with a Shop Hop and Lunch

Night: Thu. 7/25 @ 7 - 8:30 pm

 Turning Your Travel stories into quilts: Viewing the World Thru Quilt Colored Glasses - France Arnold
 [www.francesquilts.com]

AUGUST
Day: Fri. 8/2 @ 9:30 - 3 pm

 9:30 Community Service Sew In
 1:30 Break for Business Meeting

Night: Thu. 8/22 @ 5 - 9:00 pm

 5:00 Community Service Sew In
 7:00 Break for Business Meeting

SEPTEMBER
Workshop: Fri. 9/6 @ 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Say it with ink! "Printing Palooza"-Lisa T.

Day: Fri. 9/6 @ 1:30 - 3 pm

Your Photo Stories onto Fabric: Design in the Palm of your Hand - Lisa Thorpe

Workshop: Sat. 9/7 @ 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

 Choose your Adventure: Birds and Blues or Kitchen Organics - Lisa Thorpe
 [www.lisathorpe.com]

Night: Thu. 9/26 @ 7 - 8:30 pm

The pieces of your story: English Paper Piecing. Make and Take. - Member led

OCTOBER
Day: Fri. 10/4 @ 1:30 - 3 pm
FPC & ZOOM

 The Stories and History of Southern Quilts - Mary Kerr
 [www.marywkerr.com]

Night: Thu. 10/24 @ 7 - 8:30 pm

Silent Auction - Martha Walker, Host

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER
Day: Fri. 11/1 @ 1:30 - 3 pm

Holiday Projects: Mini Workshop Make and Take! - Member led

Night: Thu. 11/21 @ 7 - 8:30 pm
FPC & ZOOM

Common Threads author Margaret Jankowski.

Host: Between the Seams Book Club
 [thesewingmachineproject.org]

Sat. 12/7 @ Morning TBD

Holiday Brunch and 2024 Challenge Reveal

QGSC 2024 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 a non-member program fee of \$10 is suggested for all programs. This fee will be applied to membership dues if paid at the same meeting.

MONTHLY MINI

TINA WILSON

Joan Willcocks made and donated this tote to carry quilt projects. The winner was Teri Biglands!

A quick reminder that we are also selling Monthly Mini tickets for \$1 each before each meeting. Come early and check it out!



2024 RETREAT

SHARON POPE



Our Annual QGSC Retreat for 2024 Registrations are currently filling up! Please check the Retreat 2024 Announcement & Registration form attached to this Newsletter for more information. We only have a few spots remaining, so we need to have your Registration & Full payment soon. These spots will fill on a first come basis.

We have a couple of scholarship spots open that are completely funded for anyone that would like to attend our 11th Annual Retreat and may not have the funds to be able to register. Please contact me for more information for yourself, or if you know of someone that we could gift with this opportunity.

We are looking forward to another fun-filled Retreat weekend – and only 10 weeks away! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need more info or have any questions. (Contact info on p.11.) – Sharon Pope

MEMBERSHIP

JANE MCAFEE

We have three new members who have joined QGSC for 2024! Welcome Katie Burns, Lisa Dempsey and Megan Naylor!

Thank you to all who have renewed your dues for 2024. Annual dues are \$40 and there is an optional \$10 to be included in every Monthly Mini Drawing. You can renew your membership at a meeting, by paying online through PayPal, or by mailing a check to Jane McAfee. (Contact info on p. 11.)

Month	Day Meeting	Night Meeting
January	Joan Willcocks	Candy Shively
February	Theresa Bush	Laura Bosma
March	Karen Shelnutt	Theresa Bush
April	Sherri Hutson	Sylvia Bolton
May	Mystery Gift	Joan Willcocks
June	Chris Gardner	Martha Froehlich
July	Laura Wheeler	Laura Wheeler
August	Kathy Barber	Common Threads
September	Angela LaVigna	Joan Willcocks
October	Angela LaVigna	Sarah Swab
November	Jane McAfee	Tammy Walker

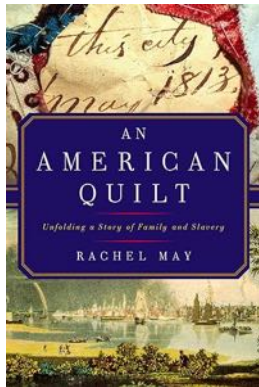
ATTENDANCE	Member	Guests	Total
January Day	35	0	35

BETWEEN THE SEAMS BOOK CLUB

DEB SWEENEY

Bring your own lunch and join us for the fun conversation!

Book: *An American Quilt* by Rachel May
Date: Tuesday, January 16
Time: 12 - 2 pm
Location: Bus Barn, 300 City Center Pkwy, Fayetteville
Interested? Contact Deb Sweeney to be added to the Between the Seams email distribution list. (Contact info on p. 11.)
Feb. Meeting: *The Sewing Machine* by Natalie Fergie



SHOW AND TELL

LAURA BOSMA, SUE KLINKER, & ABBIE ROSS



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

MEMBER FEATURES

JANE MCAFEE

Candy Shively announced at our Holiday Party that there will be an art quilt exhibit that we won't want to miss. Call your quilting friends, fill your car and head to LaGrange...

WHAT: The art quilt exhibit "OPENINGS" is a Georgia/South Carolina Studio Art Quilt Associates Regional Exhibition.

WHEN: December 16, 2023 - February 11, 2024

WHERE: LaGrange Art Museum
112 Lafayette Parkway
LaGrange, GA 30240

HOURS: 9 am - 5 pm Tuesday - Friday
1pm - 4 pm Sunday
Closed Saturdays and Mondays

WEBSITE: <https://lagrangeartmuseum.org>

Member Features:

In this section we will feature information about our guild members. If you have a quilt accepted in a show, received an award, are giving an exhibition, or will be speaking or presenting a workshop, we would love to hear from you.

Submit information about the event, quilts, photos, etc. to Jane McAfee (Contact info on p.11).



WOOL STITCHERS**KAREN SHELNUTT**

Wool stitchers meet monthly on Friday mornings 10 am to noon before the day guild meeting.



Gather with a friendly and passionate group of stitchers to learn how to work with a wool project that is highly embellished with beautiful and easy to learn stitches. We will continue with the Toned Down sampler pattern by Sue Spargo or bring another project that you would like to work on. Karen Shelnett or Laura Bosma will be teaching one or two new stitches at each gathering. Please join us on February 2. Contact Karen Shelnett for more information. (Contact info on p. __).

Looking back at...

2023

QGSC

celebrated 25 years,
welcomed 12 new members,
started a book club,
and...
donated 158 quilts!

2024 CHALLENGE**JOAN WILLCOCKS**

This year our challenge is titled "Leave a Message" to match the guild theme for 2024 "Quilts with a Message."

Quilts may be any size or shape, but must be quilted with a finished edge and present your message. Words will be used on the front surface of your quilt to express your message. (Note: symbols are also accepted.) A label must be attached to the back with your name and the name of the quilt.

There are tons of ways to apply words and symbols to your quilts. The programs this year may give you some new ideas and techniques to try. The quilts are due at the December Holiday Party meeting for viewing and awards. Contact Joan Willcocks if you have further questions. (Contact info on p. 11.)

2024 BOARD MEETINGS**LAURA WHEATER****Board and Committee Members:**

Meetings are on the first Thursday of the month by Zoom at 7p.m. except for the July meeting which is on the second Thursday. You will get an email with the zoom link. Your input is valuable. Please try to attend.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

February 1
March 7
April 4
May 2
June 6
July 11 **2nd Thursday of the month
August 1
September 5
October 3
November 7
December 5 (if needed)

All members are welcome to attend board meetings. Email Laura Wheeler in advance to receive the Zoom link. (Contact info on p. 11.)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

TINA WILSON



We had a fun Community Service Sew-In on January 5. Fifteen of our members were busy sewing blocks for Quilt of Valor (QOV) quilts. We will continue to work on these blocks and assembling quilt tops starting at 5 pm before our evening meeting on Thursday, January 25. This is a change from what was originally planned. Bring a sack lunch for supper.

The instructions for the QOV blocks are attached to the email with this newsletter.

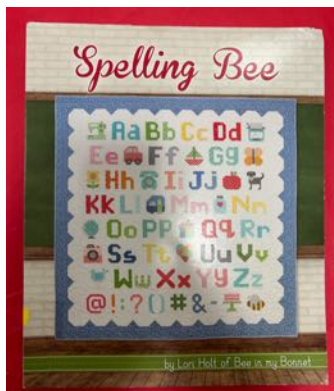
Also continue to work on any community service quilts at home. Bring your donations to our meetings and share them with the group at show and tell.

Type of Quilt	Organization	Size Range
Baby Quilts	Pregnancy Resource Center	Width: 30" - 45" Length: 40" - 55"
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"
Small quilts for all ages	Fayette Presbyterian Church	Width: 40" Length: 40"

LIBRARY

JEAN SHEALY & SUE KLINKER

Check the library for ideas for your 2024 Challenge quilt! In *Spelling Bee* by Lori Holt, you will find complete instructions for 100 letter, number, punctuation in 6" and 12" blocks.



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. 11.)

