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QUILTERS GUILD OF THE SOUTHERN CRESCENT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - LAURA WHEATER

Hey all you quilty people!

Retreat is just around the corner and, boy, do I NEED this getaway.

We are on track to begin meeting at Evergreen Church. The Memorandum of Understanding with Evergreen Church has been signed, the Letter of Intent to Fayette Presbyterian has been delivered, and all QGSC materials and equipment have been moved to Evergreen Church. Our first meeting at Evergreen will be our day meeting in April. Come prepared to oooh and aaah.

ZOOOOM into our March night meeting with Sam Hunter. Grab your drink and some popcorn, sit back and relax in your own home, and enjoy Sam (and our technology). Check out her website to learn more: www.huntersdesignstudio.com.

Jane (our esteemed newsletter person) suggested I write a bit about myself. So here is the first installment of "Did You Know?"

Did You Know?

Your president's formative years were spent on a dairy farm in northern New York which included: being stepped on by 1500 lb. milk cows, being kicked in the shins by sharp calf hooves, spending hot days in the fields raking hay and prepping the ground for planting, lugging pails of milk to the dumping station, being whacked in the face by filthy milk cow tails, and mucking out cow stalls. I suppose there were good things too: gaining a respect for other species especially milk cows and multitudes of barn cats, breathing fresh (but sometimes slightly aromatic) air, learning the value of hard work, and having the satisfaction of jobs well done.

Your president's farmer father was a semiprofessional basketball player. At 6' 6", I imagine he was a great asset to the team. He once told me that he always knew whether his team was going to win or lose but he kept it to himself. This was back in the early 20th century when basketball wasn't hyped like it is today. I always got the idea the games were close to home but, unfortunately, I never asked.

Happy Quilting!

Laura W



Membership Renewals are due March 31.

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

Email Attachments

- 1) Membership Renewal Form
- 2) QGSC Nametag Instructions
- 3) QGSC Nametag Template

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, April 4
7 PM - ZOOM

What's Happening

MARCH

Thu. - Sun 11th Annual QGSC Retreat
3/21 - 3/24 Charlie Elliot Wildlife Center p. 5

Thu. 3/28 Guild Mtg:
The Stories and History of Word Quilts with Sam Hunter
Join us in the Comfort of your Own Home!
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm ZOOM ONLY p. 3, 4

APRIL

***** BEGIN MEETING AT EVERGREEN CHURCH *****

Thu. 4/4 Board Mtg -
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - ZOOM p. 7

Fri. 4/5 Applique Demo - "Extra Credit"
10:00 am - 1:00 pm - EVERGREEN CHURCH. p. 7
Wool Stitchers - Toned Down using the pattern by Sue Spargo
10:00 am - 12:00 pm - EVERGREEN CHURCH p. 7
Guild Mtg -
Talking with Your Best Friend: Machine Care
with Tabby Chapman
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm - EVERGREEN CHURCH p. 3, 4

Thu. 4/25 Guild Mtg
Stuck in your creative quilting process? "Ask a quilt friend!"
A panel of guild members consulting on member quilts
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - EVERGREEN CHURCH p. 3, 4

MAY

Thu. 5/2 Board Mtg
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - ZOOM p. 7

Fri. 5/3 Wool Stitchers - Toned Down using the pattern by Sue Spargo
10:00 am - 12:00 pm p. 7
Guild Mtg:
Telling Your Story through Color and Design
with Tara Faughnan
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm EVERGREEN CHURCH p. 3, 4

Thu. 5/23 Guild Mtg:
Our Retreat Stories: Creativity from a Weekend Away
Show N Tell, Sharon Pope and Retreat Participants
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm EVERGREEN CHURCH p. 3, 4

Our new meeting location is: Evergreen Church, 400 Windgate Rd, Peachtree City, 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, March 28: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
ZOOM ONLY - NO In-Person Meeting

**The story and history of Word Quilts
 with Sam Hunter**

Watch in your home, or gather with other members and enjoy Sam Hunter who will join us on ZOOM from Portland, Oregon.

Sam is a fiber artist, quilt pattern designer and quilt teacher who loves to teach the joy of making beautiful things. She leads "Embroidered Journey" retreats in France and Spain during the summer. She will share stories and the history of Word Quilts from the 1800's thru 2020 with insight and humor. Pop some popcorn and enjoy Sam in the comfort of home!



www.huntersdesignstudio.com

Friday, April 5: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Evergreen Church

**Talking with your Best Friend:
 Sewing Machine Care
 with Tabby Chapman**

Tabby is a fabric sales rep for P&B Textiles, as well as a seamstress/tailor and sewing teacher. Her fun and entertaining class on sewing machine care will prepare you to care for your machine with new understanding.



Thursday, April 25: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Evergreen Church

**Stuck in your Creative Quilting Process?
 Ask a Quilt Friend**

A fun and interactive evening with members bringing quilts, material, or color and design dilemmas to 3 experienced quilters from our guild. Listen and learn as these quilt experts consult and explore creative possibilities. Sign up at the next meeting, or email kshelnuttrn@hotmail.com if you are interested in presenting your quilt for consultation.



Friday, May 3: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Evergreen Church & ZOOM

**Telling Your Story Through Color and Design
 with Tara Faughnan**

Tara is an award-winning quilter, teacher and pattern designer who is passionate about teaching. In this class she will be discussing the importance of value, proportion and color when designing a quilt. Tara says, "I draw inspiration from the simple bold geometry of antique quilts, the gorgeous bright colors from textiles around the world, and freedom and spontaneity found in unconventional and improvisationally pieced quilts.

I like to use simple geometry, complex color interaction and find the line the exists somewhere between harmony and discord." She will be the featured speaker and exhibit for QuiltCon 2025 in Phoenix, Arizona.

www.tarafeughnan.com



QUILTERS GUILD OF THE SOUTHERN CRESCENT - 2024 PROGRAMS
March 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 In-Person Meeting)
 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
EVERGREEN & 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
EVERGREEN & 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. Hosted by Between the Seams Book Club
 [thesewingmachineproject.org]

Sat. 12/7 @ Morning TBD

Holiday Brunch and 2024 Challenge Reveal

QGSC 2024 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 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

Laura Bosma contributed this purse and wallet at the February evening meeting. At the March day meeting , Judy Mahfood was the recipient of this wool work pin cushion made by Karen Shelnutt.



We are also selling Monthly Mini tickets for \$1 each before each meeting. Come early and check it out!

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

2024 RETREAT

SHARON POPE



Our Annual QGSC Retreat is here! Participants will begin arriving at the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center on Thursday morning, March 21.

We look forward to another fun-filled Retreat weekend!



MEMBERSHIP

JANE MCAFEE

Please welcome our new member Pam Wollman! We now have six new members in 2024!

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.)

ATTENDANCE	Member	Guests	Total
January Day	35	0	35
January Night	18	0	18
February Day	27	2	29
February Night	29	3	32
March Day	34	1	35

BETWEEN THE SEAMS BOOK CLUB

DEB SWEENEY

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

Book: *Seams Deadly* by Maggie Bailey

Date: Tuesday, March 19

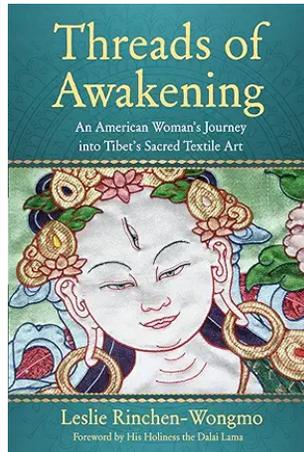
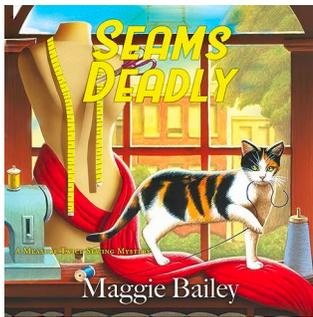
Time: 12 - 2 pm

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.)

April 16 Meeting: *Threads of Awakening* by Leslie Rinchen-Wongmo



SHOW AND TELL

ABBIE ROSS & DEB SWEENEY



Show and Tell is a highlight at each guild meeting. We enjoy seeing and learning from each other's creations. Let's see those landscapes from the Jan Hollins workshop! 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 wrote: "This one, "Out Look," is going places again. I got it back recently from a SAQA regional exhibit in LaGrange GA, and now it's been accepted into the ARTQUILTSrenewal exhibit at Page-Walker Arts and History Center in Cary, NC, April 3 - May 25."



Out Look. 17.25" x 29." Original digital design, printed on fabric, layered, stitched. Balcony image used by permission from Rita Lee. All other source images by the artist.

A quilt exhibit not to miss: The Southeastern Quilt and Textile Museum is one of four venues in the United States to feature highlights from Quilt Nihon, an international quilt competition from Japan. SQTM is the exclusive Southeastern host for this celebrated exhibition, which premieres at the Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum before traveling internationally. It features the most extraordinary and innovative works from the biennial competition of the Japanese Handicraft Instructors' Association (JHIA), which sponsors the largest international quilt contest in Japan and one of the most prestigious in the world. This year's Quilt Nihon Exhibition features 50 award-winning and notable works, including 13 entries from the competition's newest category, miniature quilts. It will be on display at SQTM from April - June 22, 2024. sqtmuseum.org

Member Features:

In this section we will feature information about our guild members. 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 April 5 in the main meeting room at Evergreen Church. Contact Karen Shelnett for more information. [\(Contact info on p. 11\).](#)

AUCTION

MARTHA WALKER

QGSC will have a live, in-person auction at the October night meeting. The success of the auction is dependent on a nice selection of items. Start planning now what you can donate! We'd like items or baskets to have a value of at least \$20 and be suitable for gift-giving. It would be great if we have a couple big ticket items. Last time a nice featherweight machine was donated!

APPLIQUE DEMO - "EXTRA CREDIT"

JUDY D, LAURA B, SHARON H, & TERI B

If you missed the March meeting or would like more hands-on help with your chosen applique method, we will be available prior to the April Day meeting starting at 10 am. Bring the "kit" you received and your own fabric. Some kits are available for those who missed the first time.



2024 CHALLENGE

JOAN WILLCOCKS

Our challenge this year is "Leave a Message" to coordinate the 2024 theme of "Quilts with a Message."

Your entry may be any size or shape but must be quilted with a finished edge and display your message on the face of the quilt. Use words and/or symbols to state your message. Please attach a label to the back of your quilt with your name, the quilt name and the date of completion. Quilts are due at the December 2024 Holiday Party meeting for viewing and awards. Here are the Award Categories: Most Humorous, Most Inspiring or Thought Provoking and Quilt Best Representing the Chosen Message.

I hope our terrific applique programs this past month have helped fuel your imagination and look forward to seeing some wonderful quilts in December. Contact Joan Willcocks with any 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 7 pm except for the July meeting which is on the second Thursday. You will get an email with the zoom link. Because your input is valuable, please try to attend.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

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



Thank you for your donations that make a difference to the organizations and people and who receive them.

Our next Sew-In will be in August. In the meantime, continue to work on 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"

LIBRARY

JEAN SHEALY & SUE KLINKER

Thank you! Thank you! Thanks to everyone who checked out a stack of books to make moving the Library to Evergreen Church, SO, much easier. The cabinet will be ready to receive the returning books the first meeting at Evergreen Church on Friday, April 5 at 1:30.



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.)



EVERGREEN CHURCH
400 Windgate Road
Peachtree City, GA

Evergreen Church is located at the corner of Peachtree Parkway South and Windgate Road. If coming on Hwy 74, turn on Peachtree Parkway South (This is a right if coming from Newnan or a left if coming from Fayetteville) and go .8 miles and turn left onto Windgate Road.

