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**Newsletter Email Attachments:**

*Member Renewal Form*

**Newsletter Articles** are due  
Wednesday, Jan 20, 2026  
[qgscquilters.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:qgscquilters.newsletter@gmail.com)

**Next Board Meeting:**

Tuesday, Jan 6

7:00 PM - ZOOM

*2026 Board Meetings will be  
Tuesday at 7 pm the week of  
guild meetings.*

**New QGSC Address:**

PO Box 2073  
Peachtree City, GA 30269



# QUILTERS GUILD OF THE SOUTHERN CRESCENT

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

KAREN SHELNUTT

These are a few of my favorite things!

In the cozy corner of my couch, stitching the binding on a quilt with a hot cup of coffee and a stack of books to be read, I find comfort and peace on this foggy morning. Enjoying this quietness, and reflecting on the plans for our guild's upcoming year makes me smile. These are a few of my favorite things for the new year: doggie and baby quilts for our community, great conversations while we sew, learning new sewing techniques, expanding our creative comfort zones, and inviting new people into the world of quilting.

As the Quilters Guild of the Southern Crescent enters its 28<sup>th</sup> year it stands on the expertise, commitment and hard work of so many! At almost 100 strong, this group is amazing. Looking at the stack of quilts to be given to "4 Our Heroes", and especially for the 911 dispatchers who hear crisis alarms all day, these quilts will speak our support and appreciation for the dispatchers' hard work. Thanks, Laura Wheeler, for heading up this project and all who worked so hard on them. We will be gifting them in January meeting at our day meeting (at Peachtree City Library). Our January meetings will also feature community speakers for the 2026 projects which will support Tails for Hope dogs and Piedmont Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) babies and families. These Community Service projects are a cornerstone of our Guild.

Another favorite thing that I am looking forward to this year, is learning from the fabulous line up of nationally known speakers, local teachers, and our own guild members teaching and sharing their passions. Check out the 2026 Program schedule in this newsletter, mark your calendars, and note that we are meeting on Thursday evening and Friday afternoon of the week that is the second Friday of the month.

Well, I need to get back to my binding so that I can get it wrapped and put under the Christmas Tree,

May this holiday season bring you sewing goodies and the New Year finished UFOs!!

Karen



# What's Happening

## JANUARY

Tue. 1/6	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Board Mtg - ZOOM	
Thu. 1/8	6:30 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Social Time Guild Meeting	p. 3, 5
Fri. 1/9	Location: Peachtree City Library - Floy Farr Room 9:30 - 12:30 Community Service Sewing 1:00 Social Time 1:30 - 3:00 Guild Meeting 3:00 - 4:30 Community Service Sewing		p. 3, 5-7
Tue. 1/20	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Book Club	p. 9

## FEBRUARY

Tue. 2/10	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Board Meeting - ZOOM	
Thu. 2/12	6:30 pm 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Social Time Evening Meeting	p. 3, 5
Fri. 2/13	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Workshop: Tsukineka Inks	p. 3-5
Fri. 2/13	1:00 pm 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Social Time Guild Meeting	p. 3, 5
Fri. 2/13	6:00 pm 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Sandwich Meal Workshop: Quilt to Couture	p.3-5
Tue. 2/17	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Book Club	p. 9

## MARCH

Tue. 3/10	7:00 pm - 8:00 p m	Board Meeting - ZOOM	
Thu. 3/12	6:30 pm 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Social Time Guild Meeting	p. 5
Fri. 3/13	10:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Slow Stitching Social Time Guild Meeting	p. 9 p. 5
Tue. 3/17	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Book Club	p. 9

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.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS &amp; WORKSHOP INFO

Dec 2025/Jan 2026

**Thursday, January 8****6:30 Social Time, 7:00 - 8:30 Guild Meeting  
Evergreen Church - Upstairs****"Spread Your Wings"**

Kick off 2026 with the theme "Spread Your Wings" with the new evening format. Learn about the 2026 Community Service opportunities and the 2026 Modern Block of the Quarter.

**Friday, Feb 13****9:30 - 12:30 Workshop  
Evergreen Church*****"Tsukineka Inks: Explore Hands on marbling, stenciling, and fabric painting"*****with Kris Vierra****More Info on p. 4****Friday, January 9****Peachtree City Library - Floy Farr Room****9:00 - Doors Open****9:30 - 12:30 Community Service Sewing****1:00 Social Time****1:30 - 3:00 Guild Meeting****3:00 - 4:30 Community Service Sewing****4:30 Clean up**

Meeting Kickoff of 2026 Theme "Spread Your Wings", Community Service Speaker, and Presentation of Dispatcher Quilts.

**Friday, Feb 13****1:00 Social Time, 1:30 - 3:00 Guild Meeting  
Evergreen Church*****"The Accidental Quilter's Journey and Trunk Show"*****with Kris Vierra****Thursday, Feb 12****6:30 Social Time, 7:00 - 8:30 Guild Meeting  
Evergreen Church - Upstairs*****Meet & Greet Kris Vierra,  
The Accidental Quilter*****[<https://quilterontherun.com/>]****Friday, Feb 13****6:00 Sandwich Supper  
6:30 - 8:00 Workshop  
Evergreen Church*****"From Quilts to Couture:  
Stylish Garments You'll Love"*****with Kris Vierra****More Info on p. 4**

## February Workshops with Kris Vierra

Sign up at the January guild meetings or contact Lisa Dempsey ([Contact info p. 17](#))

### ***Tsukineka Inks: Explore Hands on Marbling, Stenciling, and Fabric Painting***

**When:** Friday, February 13, 2026 9:30 am –12:30 pm

**Where:** Evergreen Church, 400 Windgate Rd, Peachtree City

**Cost:** Guild members: \$10.00 Not-yet members: \$20.00

Kit: \$35.00 (payable to teacher)

Unlock the secrets to transforming your fabric into a masterpiece with the magic of Tsukineko inks! In this fun hands-on class, you'll dive into the world of fabric marbling, create stunning designs with stencils, and learn the art of painting directly on fabric. Explore the incredible possibilities of using different resists to achieve one-of-a-kind designs that will make your fabric truly stand out. No artistic experience required – just bring your creativity and excitement! These acid-free, water-based inks are permanent, when heat set, and will bring a bold, vibrant touch to your creations. Don't miss out on the chance to turn your fabric into a canvas of endless possibilities.



### ***From Quilts to Couture: Stylish Garments You'll Love***

**When:** Friday, February 13, 2026 6:30-8:30 pm

**Where:** Evergreen Church, Peachtree City

**Cost:** 6:00 pm Sandwich Meal \$6.00

Members: \$20.00 Non members: \$25.00

Quilted garments don't have to be stiff, dated, or uncomfortable! In this class, you'll learn how to create stylish, wearable quilted pieces that are as comfortable as they are beautiful. Discover essential techniques for sizing patterns, designing perfect fabric placements, and finishing your garments to perfection. We'll cover everything you need to know, including quilting on unique fabrics like leather, micro suede, and silk, as well as choosing the right batting and construction methods. Whether you're looking to refresh your wardrobe or make statement pieces, this class will give you the skills to quilt garments that truly shine. Ready to create quilted pieces you'll love to wear? Join us for this 2 hour class.



# **QUILTERS GUILD OF THE SOUTHERN CRESCENT - 2026 PROGRAMS**

## **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. 1:00 Social, 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

**Class: Fri 2/12 @ 6:00 Sandwich Meal 6:30-8:30 Quilt to Couture** - Kris Vierra

## **MARCH**

**Night: Thu 3/12 @ 7-8:30 pm Social 6:30**

**Take Your Best Shot** Photographing your quilts for presentation, show, or records with Brandi Shockley.

**Day: Fri 3/13 @ 1:30 - 3 pm Social 1:00**

**Quilting Across State Lines** - Tammy Walker and 2026 Challenge Quilt Reveal - Danna Freeny

**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/>]

**Day: Fri 5/8 @ 1:30 - 3 pm Social 1:00**

**Create Whimsy with Foundation Paper Piecing & Trunk Show** - Jeanette Walton

**Workshop: Sat. 5/9 @ 10 am-1 pm**

**Foundation Paper Piecing** - Jeanette Walton \$40

## **JUNE**

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

TBD

**Day: Fri 6/12 @ 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Social 1:00 pm.**

Semiquincentennial Member led Patriotic Trunk Show & Summer Social

## **JULY**

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

Introduction to "Faces" of Quilters with Evie Tomlinson

**Day: Fri 7/10 @ 1:30 - 3 pm Social 1:00**

Introduction to "Faces" of Quilters and beginning of Workshop - Evie Tomlinson

**Workshop: Sat 7/11 @ 10:00 - 3:00**

"Faces" with Evie Tomlinson

Note: QGSC "Faces" will be displayed at the PTC Library in 2027.

## **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

## **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**

TBD - Liz Dougherty

## **OCTOBER**

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

**What Makes Modern Quilting** - Jenny Hines

**Fri 10/9 1:30 - 3 pm Social 1:00**

Auction - TBD

## **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/](http://quilttdistrict.com/)]

**Sat. 12/5 @ 11:30 - 3:00**

**Holiday Party & 2026 Challenge Reveal**

## **QGSC 2026 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 - 2026

CLAUDIA WOOD



Hi Everyone!

In 2026, QGSC will focus on two types of Community Service quilts. We will continue to make quilts for the neonatal intensive care units (NICU) at Piedmont Fayette and Piedmont Newnan hospitals.

We will also make small dog quilts, known as "settle mats," for service dogs of veterans and other disabled people who train their animals through Tails of Hope, which operates out of Coco's Cupboard Animal Rescue in Gay, Georgia, a 501 (c) (3) humane society that is doing wonderful work in our community.

The settle mats provide a designated place for service dogs to lie down and relax in any type of environment so they can remain calm and "settled" in order to help their person. A clean, comfortable mat is an important training tool. This is a small, achievable project that we can contribute to help people who need service dogs.

On Friday, January 9th, 2026 we will meet for a settle-mat-making workshop at the Peachtree City Library at 9:30 and will sew until a lunch break at 1:00 (please bring a sack lunch), then the Guild meeting will start at 1:30. After the meeting, we can return to our sewing until 4:30, then pack up and straighten the room so we can be out by 5:00.

*If you plan to attend the January 9th workshop, would you just send me a quick text by **Wednesday, January 7th** so I'll know how many people to expect? If you don't know in advance, come on anyway. Thanks so much! (Contact info on p. 17.)*

You are welcome to drop in and help at any time during the day – you don't have to stay the whole time if that doesn't work for you. We can use help measuring, cutting, putting together the fabrics, sewing, turning, pressing, and quilting, so feel free to join if you are willing to help with any of those things. We'll also welcome any supplies you can donate.

**Settle Mats:** Each quilt/settle mat takes two pieces of cotton fabric cut approximately 24" by the Width Of Fabric. It's helpful if we use two different colors or prints so that one side can be kept clean for the dog to lie on and the other side goes toward the floor.

We also will be using either two layers of cotton flannel or one layer of thin poly fleece, or any thin, stable batting. If you have wool or cotton batting remnants, that would be great. Batting will be cut to the size of the fabric pieces, about 24" by 44"

We'll place the two fabric rectangles with right sides together, place a matching piece of batting (or two of flannel) on top, and sew around the edges leaving an area open to turn the quilt sandwich to the right side. Then we'll press it and sew along the edges to stabilize it and you can machine quilt it as you like. We want the mat to be comfortable for the dog and lightweight and easy for the owner or dog to carry with them wherever they go.

**NICU Isolette quilt, lap blankets and scent squares** instructions will be provided at the meeting, and in the Community Service section of the newsletter. Any color of fabric appropriate for babies may be used.

Claudia Wood, Community Service Chair 2026

**COMMUNITY SERVICE (CONT.)**

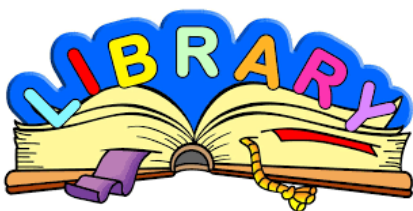
Type of Quilt	Organization	Size Range
Baby Quilts	Pregnancy Resource Center	Width: 30" - 45" Length: 40" - 55"
Neonatal ICU Isolette Quilts, Black, white and any additional colors mixed in	Fayette Piedmont Hospital	Width: 60" Length: 60"
Neonatal ICU Lap Quilts (any color, baby friendly materials and prints)		Width: 30" Length: 30"
Neonatal ICU Scent Squares (more details to come)		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"
Large throw and bed size quilts for First Responders	4 Heroes (4ourheroes.org)	Width: 55" - 72" Length: 65" - 90"

**COMMUNITY SERVICE - 2025****LAURA WHEATER**

A thousand times thank you to all of you who contributed to making 2025 Community Service such a success. I will give a report on numbers in the first 2026 newsletter so that I can include the 4Heros number. Don't forget, our first day meeting in January (at the PTC library) will feature the presentation of the 4Heros quilts. If you have a 4Heros quilt that isn't quite finished, PLEASE bring it to the January day meeting so it can be counted in the numbers. I will get it (them) finished up and delivered later. Once again, a thousand thank you's. (I think that makes it TWO thousand times thank you!)

**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 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. 17.)*

## MEMBERSHIP

MARTHA WALKER (2025) & SARAH SWAB (2026)

### QGSC 2026 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The Membership renewal process for 2026 began 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.

\* 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





**SLOW STITCHING****KAREN SHELNUTT**

Slow Stitchers are a small group of EPPers, woolies, quilters, appliquers, Kawandi stitchers, binders, and more. 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.

Our next gathering will be on March 13 and will begin at 10:00 am.

Contact Karen Shelnutt for more information. (Contact info on p. 17.)

**NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL GUIDELINES****WANDA HUDERSKI**

A few words from your new newsletter editor...

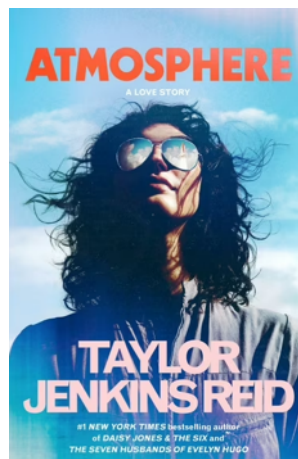
Newsletter content is due on or before the 20th of each month.

- Newsletter distribution is planned for the first of every month.
- Submissions are to be sent to:  
qgscquilters.newsletter@gmail.com
  - o You will receive an acknowledgment that your submission has been received
- Articles are to be in a Word document that you have run through spell checker.
  - o Alternatively, short articles can be sent within the body of your email.
  - o Articles should not be sent in a text message or email to the editor's personal accounts.
- Friendly reminder: the editor does not write your content, only edits and publishes it.

**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. On January 20 we will be discussing *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid and *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 book club email group. (Contact info on p. 17.)



## MONTHLY MINI

MAYRA DIAZ

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!

Interested in making and donating a monthly mini? Please let me know. [Contact info on p. 17.](#)

## NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

TAMMY WALKER

Welcome new Board members, committee chairs and volunteers.

I would like for everyone who will request reimbursement for expenses throughout 2026 to submit your receipts and completed reimbursement form to me via email or text. That way I can print off the documents, prepare the check and we can exchange the originals and check before the meetings. This will free up time during the social time and after the meetings and will be less confusing. I look forward to working with everyone in 2026.

(The Reimbursement Form is available on the QGSC website under More/Member Resources.)

## RETREAT

SHARON POPE



Final payment for the 2026 Retreat is due at the January meetings. Haven't registered yet? Please contact Sharon Pope for more information and retreat questions. [\(Contact info on p. 17.\)](#)

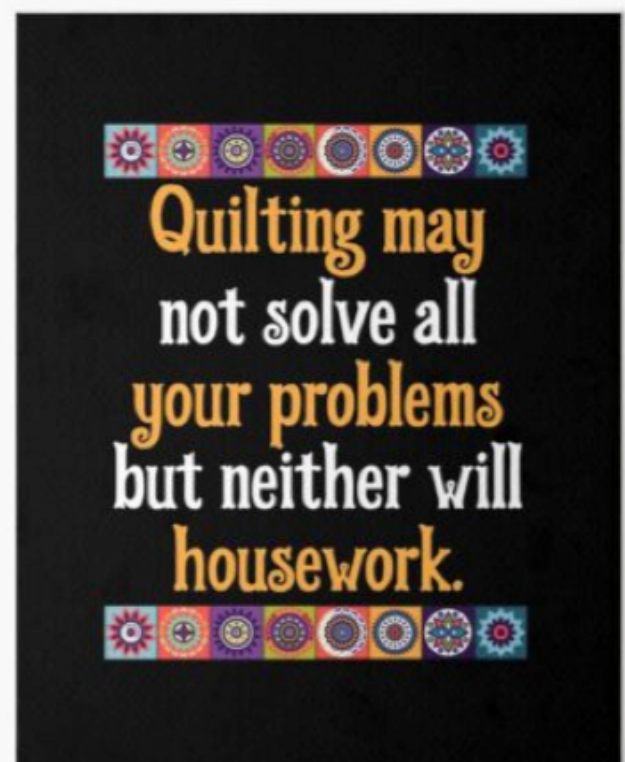
Save the date: **March 26 - March 29, 2026**

## SHOW AND TELL

ABBIE ROSS



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.



Credit: Quilting Tutorials/Facebook



## MEMBER FEATURES

JANE MCAFEE

## Holiday Party Fun...



Photos from Lisa Dempsey



**MEMBER FEATURES, CONT.****JANE MCAFEE**

More fun from the Holiday Party...



*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](mailto:qgscquilters.newsletter@gmail.com)*

Photos from Lisa Dempsey



**MEMBER FEATURES, CONT.****JANE MCAFEE****2025 Challenge Winners... "The Most FUN you ever had!"**

Photos from Tammy Walker



## MEMBER FEATURES, CONT.

JANE MCAFEE

## Assorted 2025 Challenge entries...



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