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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 .
- QuiltCon 2027 Information!

AUGUST

Tue 8/11	Board Meeting 7:00pm – 8:00pm	ZOOM
Thurs 8/13	Guild Meeting 6:30pm Social Time 7:00pm – 8:30pm Evening Meeting	Meet & Greet with Tammy Silvers Block of the Quarter Due
Fri 8/14	Guild Meeting 1:00pm Social Time 1:30pm – 3:00pm Day Meeting	Deep Dive Into Batiks - Tammy Silvers Block of the Quarter Due
Community service small groups will be gathering the week of August 17-21 See pg 11		
Tue 8/18	Book Club 12:00pm – 2:00pm	Tiffany Girls by Shelley Noble
Thurs 8/20	Newsletter Articles are due! Email to: qgscquilters.newsletter@gmail.com	
Tue 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
Tue 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	

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at
Evergreen Church, 400 Windgate Rd, Peachtree City, GA.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Karen Shelnutt

Diving Into Batiks and Community Service!

After an hour of working in my garden early this morning, I feel like I just stepped out of a steamy shower! I am imagining diving into the neighborhood pool to cool off. Maybe a bit later today. "Diving" is what we get to do in August at the evening and day guild meetings. Yes, "Diving" into batiks! I am so excited...I love batiks. Lots more details about Tammy Silver's visit and teaching on page 15. I hear she is bringing fabric available for purchase too!!



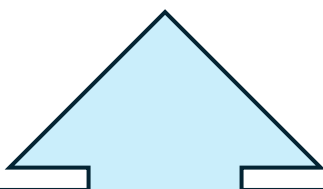
Later in August, we get to focus on Community Service sewing! Creating settle mats for the pups, quilts for the youth served by Bloom, quilts for the tiny babies in the intensive care units and their families, and more! We sew these creations in hope that they bring some joy and comfort to people in our community. Imagine the feelings of support that one of the veterans who have a service dog that helps settle their post-traumatic stress and anxiety when given a handmade settle mat for their beloved pup. Or, picture the mom and dad of a newborn who looks for that special quilt that is covering the intensive care isolette of their baby. This quilt stays with the infant during the hospital stay and goes home with the family at the time of discharge.

Small groups of our guild will gather in the homes of hosts close to our neighborhood during the week of August 17-21 we will make the community service projects of our choice. What fun! Friends, sewing, meeting new people, and creating. More details to come!

I am excited to DIVE into August for more fun, fabric, learning and laughter. See you soon, Karen

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.

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 - Watch for more 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 August Programs and Workshops

Join us for our August programs as we learn from nationally known and recognized teacher and designer **Tammy Silvers**, of Tamarinis.

No sign up required, just show up - and maybe this is a great time to invite a friend!

THURSDAY AUGUST 13

6:30 Social Time

7:00 - 8:30 Guild Meeting

Evergreen Church – Upstairs Room 301

"Meet and Greet with Tammy Silvers"

Through a relaxed, interview style discussion we will get to know the creative journey behind **Tammy Silvers'** quilts. We will hear from Tammy about her approach to design, and gain insight into the inspiration that fuels her work. Come and bring a friend, as you have up close and personal time with a leading teacher/quilter in the industry.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

1:00 Social Time

1:30 - 3:00 Guild Meeting Evergreen Church

Tammy will bring us on a journey in learning more with a "Deep Dive into Batiks"! Tammy will provide a slice of batik creation that we might rarely consider, including of tools they use, methods of creating and designing batiks fabrics, how the Indonesian factories function and samples of quilts that will have our eyes and creative sparks getting a jump start. Tammy is also a prolific quilt pattern designer. Check out her patterns on tamarinis.com.

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 Fassett, 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.



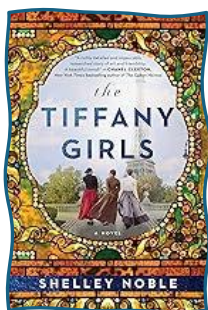
BETWEEN THE SEAMS BOOK CLUB**Deb Sweeney**

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 -

- August 18th - The Tiffany Girls by Shelley Noble
- 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 16 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 Topsy Pinwheel Block will be due and raffled off at the August meetings.

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

Instructions for the MBQ#3 are attached to the email distribution of this newsletter.

**MONTHLY MINI****Mayra Diaz**

This month's monthly mini is a tote bag embellished with original artwork and hand embroidery made by Susan Peryam.

Last month's monthly mini was won by Teri Biglands.

**2026 Monthly Mini Donation Volunteers**

Meeting	Name
August 14th	Susan Peryam
September 11th	Sarah Swab
October 9th	Candy Shively
November 13th	Wanda Huderski

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! ---- Guild Auction, Friday October 9

We look forward to a fun afternoon in October, filled with laughter and anticipation at our live, in-person auction. Bring a friend, your donated items, and your generosity. Enjoy the anticipation of which items get the highest bids and who will get into a bidding war.

It is time to start preparing items to donate for the auction. Here are some ideas to get you thinking about what you can contribute:

- Handmade items using any of your creative talents
- Gently used items (these may become someone else's treasure)
- Curated fabrics
- Gift items
- What about a specialty service? A batch of cookies or cinnamon rolls for the holidays. (Hmm, I wonder if I can donate my husband's time to edge the curbs and sidewalks at your home?)

Items should have a minimum value of \$20, and a minimum bid can be specified for higher value items. For grouped items use a basket, container or cellophane bag. A form will be included in the September and October newsletters to include with your donated items.

This is our main fundraiser and we appreciate your generosity and creativity that make it a success. Please send photos and/or a brief description so we can prepare for the auction and use it in future newsletters.

Text questions, photos and information to: Jane McAfee. Contact information on page. 16



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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> Total quilts shown YTD: 53	<u>Category</u>	<u>Leaders for each category</u>	
		Name	#
	Community Service	Judy M	10
	Wall hanging and smaller	Sue Klinker	9
	Lap size and larger	Jean Shealy, Tami Walker, Judy Mahfood & Joan Wilcocks	2 each
	Clothing	Jenny Hynes, Laura Wheeler & Jennifer Hollett	1 each
<u>Day Meeting</u> Total quilts shown YTD: 135			
	Community Service	Jean Raines	44
	Wall hanging and smaller	Lisa Dempsey	9
	Lap size and larger	Paula Preti	7
	Clothing	Jennifer Hollett & Sarah Swab	1 each

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 16.
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 16.

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 16.

**MEMBERSHIP****Sarah Swab**

There are currently 78 members in the Guild and 44 are monthly mini participants.

SAVE THE DATE

QGSC 14th Annual Retreat

Mark your calendars for the 2027 Retreat
Thurs., March 18 – Sun., March 21, 2027

You know you don't want to miss all the fun & fellowship!

Registrations will begin with our September 10 & 11 meetings.

Stay tuned for more info!

Approximately 120 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. In the event that 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 Freaney, Challenge Coordinator

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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Claudia Wood

Hello Quilters! You all continue to dazzle with the beautiful, fun and cozy quilts and settle mats you are contributing to Community Service. I appreciate your work so much!

This month we are going to have several Community Service workshops hosted by members at different locations on or around Thursday, August 17th from 10:00 to 3:00.

So far, we have four members hosting the "sew-ins" in different areas that the guild serves. In **Peachtree City**, Karen Shelnutt will host on August 20th and Joan Willcox will host another. A **Newnan** gathering will be hosted by Susan Peryam. For the **Senoia** area, Claudia Wood will host a gathering on August 20th. If you already have a Small Group and can get together, that counts, too. We need a few more volunteers to host and several more to attend.

You are welcome to attend any workshop you wish, and you can set one up for another time: we are just trying to have as many of us as possible sewing "together" but separately, at the same time or in the same week. *Projects can be anything you want in the realm of our Community Service: Settle Mats for Tails of Hope, Quilts for Bloom Closet, Quilts or Scent Squares for the Piedmont Neonatal Unit, Quilts of Valor, or whatever you would like to make.*

There will be another opportunity to sign up at the August guild meeting, but if you already know that you want to host or attend one of these "sew-ins," you can text me (Claudia). See page 16 for contact information and let me know you plan to be there. These are going to be some fun gatherings, and we'll be doing good at the same time! Thanks for supporting this project!

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!

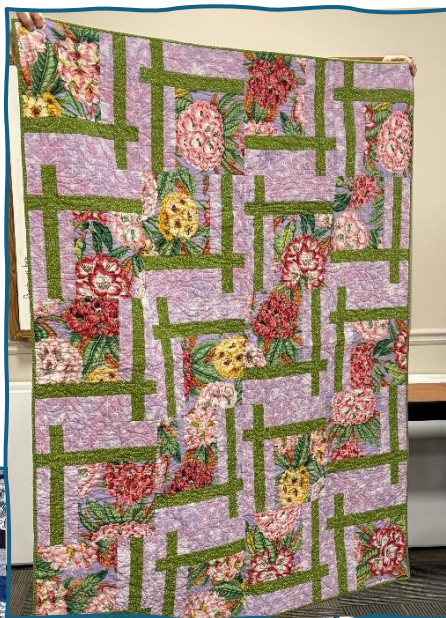
Type of Quilt	Organization	Size Range
Baby Quilts	Pregnancy Resource Center	Width: 30" - 45" Length: 40" - 55"
Neonatal ICU Isolette Quilts <i>Black, white and any additional colors mixed</i>	NICU in Piedmont Fayette and Newnan Hospitals	Width: 60" Length: 60"
Neonatal ICU Lap Quilts <i>Any color, baby 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"



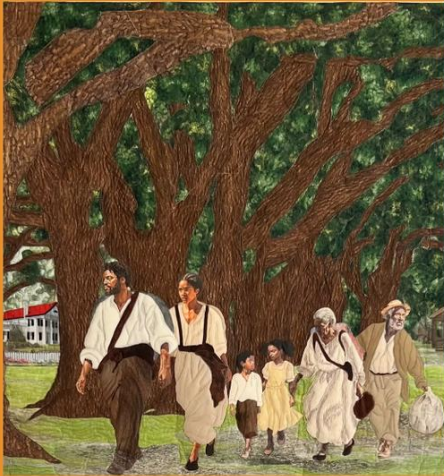
SOME JULY MEETING PHOTOS....



Show and Tell



OUT AND ABOUT TOWN





ATLANTA QUILT FESTIVAL

18th Annual ATLANTA QUILT FESTIVAL

July 31- Sept 5, 2026

Southwest Arts Center
915 New Hope Road
South Fulton, GA 30331






2025 BEST OF SHOW
 "Freedom is Calling" by Georgia Williams

National Embroidery Day




All skill levels welcome

Bring your current project or
start something new with us!

\$8.00 includes museum admission


AUGUST 1

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at Southeastern Quilt & Textile Museum

QuiltCon

February 25-28, 2027

Atlanta, GA

Atlanta Convention Center