



Gate City Quilt Guild Gazette

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February 2026 GCQG Presidents Message



Hello Friends,
Darcy asked about sources of inspiration for this month's newsletter, so I'm sharing that I'll be going to the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival in February. It's in Hampton, Virginia, a reasonable drive away, and features many interesting quilts and nationally known teachers. I also had a quilt accepted for the "Celebrating Women" challenge so I'm going to see my work in the show.

This little quilt is made from pieces my grandmother was working on in the first half of the 20th Century.

I hope all of you are working on quilts to be included in our guild's show later this year. It's going to be a great way to share our works with each other and the community!

See you soon!
Mary

February 5th, 2025
Meeting at Fellowship Hall at C.U.C.C.
(6:30pm visiting, meeting begins at 7pm)

Meg Cox is a nationally known thought leader on the topics of quilting and family traditions.

Read her books.
Hire her to write, lecture or teach.
Subscribe to her free newsletter now!



Meg Cox Quilt Journalist tells All, <https://megcox.com/>

Quilt Journalist Tells All! A Reporter Inside the Quilt World

Popular with quilt guilds, this lecture takes audiences behind the scenes of the \$3.6 billion quilt market. Meg spent five years researching and writing her popular resource guide, The Quilter's Catalog and has written for most of the major quilt magazines. She shares it all, from scoops on all the movers and shakers and latest trends, to rising stars and industry feuds. Quilters are astonished at how much they learn, and this talk is constantly updated with new material. Includes a show & tell segment.

List of Program Presentations for 2026

(All programs are carried over Zoom)

February - Meg Cox Quilt Journalist tells All, <https://megcox.com/>

March - Dana Jones, The International Honor Quilt: Women Remembering Women. <https://www.danajonesquilts.com/>

April - Vicki Clontz Walk on the Wool Side,
<https://www.annieskeepsakes.com/about-us.htm>

April Workshop (4/18/2026) - Workshop with Annette Ornella,
<https://www.southwindquilts.com/about-us.htm>

May - Frances Arnold Challenge of Challenges, <https://francesquilts.com/>

June - Lisa Sewart Quilting with African Fabrics,
<https://www.culturedexpressions.com/about-lisa>

July - PICNIC

August - MJ Kinman Smithsonian Series Trunk Show. <https://mjkinman.com/>

September - TBD

October – Quilt Show Program

November - Sandy Fitzpatrick Why Didn't I Think of That?
<https://hissyfitzdesigns.squarespace.com/about>

November Workshop (Date TBD) - Workshop Making the Most of Your Machine Applique

December – Holiday Party

HELP NEEDED

You arrive for a guild meeting and the room is set up and ready to go. After the meeting you say your goodbyes and head home. It's not magical chairs that suddenly appear, Laurie and I show up early to set up chairs and the TV for Zoom and are the last ones to leave after everything has been put away.

We NEED HELP. If you are available (and able) to set up chairs at 6:00 p.m. we could use your help. The same with after the meeting. Thanks to those of you who have helped in the past to put away chairs and tables after the meetings. We would like to see others get involved with set up and breakdown to share the load. Give it some thought and join us at 6:00 or hang around after the meeting. We know some of you are not able to lift and carry so think about how you might help out at the meetings.

Gate City Quilt Show

“A Celebration of Quilting”

October 16 and 17, 2026

Congregational United Church of Christ
400 W. Radiance Drive, Greensboro, NC

Show Hours:

Friday, October 16---9:30-5:00

Saturday, October 17---9:30-5:00

For more information go to: www.gatecityquiltguild.org

Raffle Quilt: “Starburst”



2026 Quilt Show - Quilt Registration

We will have a new on-line quilt registration for the 2026 Quilt Show. More information will be coming in the March Newsletter. Registration for your quilt entrees will open in March.

Volunteers Needed for Raffle Quilt Showing

We need three (3) volunteers for each day to travel with the raffle quilt for the following days and locations. Please contact Karen Cartlidge at 304-279-1296 or via email at kcartlid@gmail.com.

March 13 & 14 Capital Quilters Show at Kerr Scott Building, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC. We are currently scheduled to be outside.

April 17 & 18 Catawba Valley Quilters Show, Highland Recreation Center at Stanford Park, Hickory, NC

May 1 Central Carolina Quilt Fair, West End Plaza, Cardinal Room, Salisbury, NC

May 2 Spring Folly, Kernersville Arts and Craft Show, Kernersville. This will be outside on the street in a tent

June 19 & 20 Cabarrus Guild Quilt Show, 601 Milestone Venue, Concord, NC

August 23 Home Grown Arts Fest, Kernersville. This will be outside on the street in a tent.

September 25, 26 and 27 Durham-Orange Quilt Show, Mebane Arts and Community Center, Mebane, NC.

Secure your spot early by contacting Karen.

Calendar of Events

September 1	Deadline for quilt show entries
September 3	Last opportunity for delivery of quilts at Guild meeting 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Registration fees must be paid at time of delivery.
September 19	Hand-deliver quilts to CCUC. Registration fees must be paid at time of delivery.
October 13	Quilt Judging
October 17	Quilt pick up starts no earlier than 5:30 p.m. in Sanctuary of CUCC

Rules and Categories

The quilts in this show are not juried.

1. The maker(s) of a cloth quilt is eligible to enter. If a group submits a quilt entry, one person (submitting entrant) must complete and sign the entry form on behalf of the group.
2. Entries for categories other than "Display Only" must have been completed after January 1, 2024, and not previously entered in a Gate City Quilt Show.
3. The entry fee is _____ per quilt for current members of the Gate City Quilt Guild and _____ for non-members.
4. All quilts must have a sleeve with an opening of four (4) or more inches sewn to the top back of the quilt. The sleeve must have $\frac{1}{4}$ - 1/2 inch of ease between the outer edge of the sleeve and the quilt back. Exception: Sleeves on Miniatures must be at least 2 inches with $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ inches of ease. The hanging sleeve must be **Sewn**, not pinned to the quilt prior to submission of the quilt to the show. Quilts not in compliance with this rule will **NOT** be accepted.
5. Entry must have a label on the back with the quilt name, maker's name and address (City and State). This label must have a temporary cover attached with safety pins or **preferably blue painter's tape**.
6. Odd-shaped quilts and multiple panels must be mounted on black fabric containing a sleeve (see Rule 4). The top portion of these quilts must be sewn securely to the black fabric. The bottom portion should be loose so the judges can examine the back of the quilts. (Quilts with multiple panels hanging side-by-side horizontally may be mounted to a single black sleeve.)
7. Entries must have three (3) layers (top, middle, and backing). Entry must be quilted, not tied, with the following exceptions: crazy quilts, yo-yo quilts, and cathedral windows quilts. Quilting is define as a running stitch that passes through all three layers.
8. Quilts that require special handling will not be accepted. The determination of whether your quilt meets the "special handling" criteria will be made by the GCQG Quilt Show Committee members upon delivery of your quilt. Example of quilts requiring special handling include, but are not limited to the following:
 - A quilt that cannot be stacked and/or folded with other quilts without potentially damaging your quilt or any other quilt in the show.
 - A three-dimensional quilt that has pieces that extend more then $\frac{1}{2}$ inch above the surface of the quilt may be disqualified due to the special handling rule, particularly if those extensions are sharp, jagged and/or very large.
 - A quilt containing rigid frames, rods, or mounting devices. No special lighting may accompany quilts. No rods may be sewn into the sleeves of quilts.

If you have a question whether your quilt would meet these special handling criteria, please **contact Debbie Feulner at 919-815-4356 or debbie.feulner@gmail.com**

9. Your quilt must **NOT** have any strong odors, e.g. smoke, perfume, mothballs, etc. since it will be stacked with other quilts. Any strong odors (as determined by the GCQG Quilt Show Committee members upon delivery of your quilt) may result in immediate disqualification. Quilts also should be free of pet hair.
10. **Challenge quilts require neither an entry fee nor pictures. See the Challenge Quilt Information and Rules in the Guild newsletter.**
11. All entries must hang for the duration of the show. **No exceptions.**

12. Upon submission, the Quilt Show Committee reserves the right to disqualify entries **not** meeting quilt show rules, a determination made at the sole discretion of GCQG. Quilts not in compliance with the rules will be returned to the entrant. The entrant may correct the issue and resubmit if time allows.
13. To prepare your quilt for delivery, fold it and place it in a **Pillowcase**. Use safety pins to attach the “Registrar’s Copy of Receipt” to the exterior of your pillowcase.
14. Be prepared to pay your Registration Fee when you deliver your quilt to the Registrar. Your quilt is not officially entered unless the Registration Fee is paid.

2026 Quilt Show Committees
Quilt Show Dates: Oct. 16-17, 2026

Chair and Co-chair – Karen Cartlidge, Jane Weinstein

Challenge Quilts - Kathy Haver, Barbara Wolfe

Layout - Valerie Paterson*, Kathy Haver

Publicity - Judie Bringhurst Lisa Cooper

Printing - Melissa Dessent*

Judging - Juli Hurin Mary Puckett

Ribbons - Sandy Gardner*, Lynn Magyar

Cashier - Laurie Shaw, Linda Grogan

Volunteers Registration - Michelle Puzio* Joan O'Donnell*

Silent Auction - Bea Mandel*, Eileen Kane

Yard Sale - Phyllis Griffin, Darcy Benson*

Boutique - Betsy Bopp*, Donna Paulson*

Raffle Baskets - Debbie Walsh, Carol Lejda

Signs - Esther Mayo, Lisa Cooper

Raffle Quilt Inside Sales - Barbara Wolfe

Family Reception - Sue Roth

Quilt Registration - Debbie Feulner*, Heather Brandon

Admissions - Harriet Smalls

* Indicates people who have been on this committee before.

Activities / Sew Hours

Don't forget....one last Sew Hour for this month:
Join us this Thursday January 22 from 1 - 3
Sew Hour schedule for January

February 3rd. Tuesday. 1 - 3
February 8th Sunday. 2 - 4
February 26 Thursday 1 - 3

Linda Grogan

Boutique

Please consider making 2 items and donate one to the boutique. As of now we have NO baby items (burp cloth, taggie, changing mat, bib, small quilt) so that's a suggestion of what we need.

Thanks, Betsy



(Taggie)

Community Service / Charity Committee

Thank you to all of the members who helped make 2025 Charity Quilts such a success. We delivered 130 quilts to Cone Hospital. Let's work at beating that number in 2026.

We have several quilts in various stages that you can help with: piecing, quilting, and binding. We will gladly take unfinished quilt tops that need to be finished. Let me know if there's anything you need or if the charity committee can help.

Juli Hurin

Dog Bed Scraps

Kathy Haver has taken over dog beds and wishes to have you bring your scraps to the parking lot. Also to remember if you have quilt trimmings not to cut them up into small pieces.

Thanks, Kathy Haver

Little House Quilts for Habitat Greensboro MORE HOUSES NEEDED FOR 2026

Habitat Greensboro can use another 12 - 15 Little House Quilts for 2026!

Please keep sewing your adorable quilts - any size up to 18".

Be sure to include a sleeve or hanging tabs on the back of the quilt.

Lynn Magyar will collect, add Guild labels and deliver to Habitat for new homeowners.

Thank you!



Membership Committee

Now is a good time to bring in your 2026 membership dues

Annual membership is January 1 – December 31 and the annual membership fee is \$35 due by January 31. Annual fee for members age 75 or older is \$20. We are asking that you fill out a "Simple Renewal Slip" to ensure that we have the correct information on file and that we don't miss checking you off.

Bea Mandel, Sandy Gardner, and Becky Hayes

Yard Sale

Donations can be taken at the meeting, please let me know in advance if you are planning on bringing items so we can meet outside for the exchange. Will be looking for sorters once we get to warmer weather.

Appreciate your help, Darcy



February Birthdays

February 8	Darcy Benson
February 8	Harry Lejda
February 10	Ginger Karb
February 11	Carolyn Burgess
February 21	Sandy Gardner

2026 Gate City Quilt Guild Board Officers

Board Officer Title	Board Officer
President	Mary Puckett
President Elect	Phyllis Griffin
Quilt Show Chair	Karen Cartlidge
Quilt Show Co-Chair	Jane Weinstein
Treasurer *	Laurie Shaw
Secretary	Harriett Holt
Newsletter *	Darcy Benson
Website *	Darcy Benson
Historian	Joan O'Donnell
Membership	Bea Mandel
Membership	Sandy Gardner
Membership	Becky Hayes
Publicity	Judie Bringhurst
Publicity	Patricia Tomatore
Charity	Juli Hurin
Charity	Margaret Dick
Charity	Sigrid Kenny
Hospitality	Heather Brandon
Hospitality	Lynn Magyar
Programs (2025-2026)	Michelle Puzio
Programs (2026-2027)	Judie Bringhurst
Activities	Linda Grogan
Parliamentarian	Sue Roth

* Officer positions designated with * indicate roles that require special knowledge and/or skills and may, thus, be filled for more than two consecutive terms.

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19	20	21	22 Sew Hour (zoom) 1pm - 3pm	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Sew Hour (zoom) 1pm - 3pm	4	5 Guild Meeting	6	7
8 Sew Hour (zoom) 2pm - 4pm	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 22 Quilt Con - Raleigh	16	17	18	19 Quilt Con - Raleigh	20 Quilt Con - Raleigh	21 Quilt Con - Raleigh 28
	23	24	25	26 Sew Hour (zoom) 1pm - 3pm	27	

Out and About News



Upcoming Quilt Shows and items of interest

Loving Stitches Quilt Shop

**7076 Ramsey St./HWY 401
Fayetteville, NC 28311
(910) 630-3912 Mon-Sat 9 am—5 pm
<https://www.lovingstitches.net>**

Customer Appreciation Month at Loving Stitches!



Most Bernina & bernette models & Accessories will be on SALE 20% off! Financing available.

**Let Freedom Ring by Claudia Dinnell
April 27th-29th and April 30th-May 2nd**

A machine embroidery mastery course! Bring your friends & have a fun time. Call to sign up today.

Build Your Skills Sewing Class
Mondays 1:30-4:30 February 2, 9, 16, 23.
Join anytime. Sew much to learn, sew little time.

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made to create



QUILT SHOW/VENDOR HALL HOURS

February 19-22, 2026

THURSDAY 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

FRIDAY 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

SATURDAY 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

SUNDAY 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

2026 LOCATION

Raleigh Convention Center

500 S Salisbury Street

Raleigh, NC 27601

register@themodernquiltguild.com

Professional Art Quilters Alliance-South is proud to announce its
2026 exhibition ARTQUILTSjourney



March 11 – May 2, 2026

Trips, vacations, moving from A to B, quests, imaginings, life changes, learning, spiritual awakening, self-discovery. What has been - what is now - what will be your journey? Past, present or future; Make a quilt about your journey.

FIBER ARTISTS: Create a multi-layered textile joined by stitching that expresses or represents "Journey".

On-line registration of entries opens November 23, 2025, and closes January 23, 2026.

Works will be judged by creativity, originality, striking design, impact, creative use of materials and strong interpretation of the theme, ARTQUILTSjourney

The exhibit will be adjudicated by professional fiber artist Barbara Lee Smith.

<https://www.barbaraleesmith.com/>



We are excited to invite you to submit your work for the upcoming Joined by Stitching: A Quilter's Art Exhibition, presented by the Arts Council of Fayetteville & Tarheel Quilters Guild. This juried exhibition celebrates the creativity, innovation, and craftsmanship of **contemporary** art quilting — from bold abstract designs to narrative, pictorial, or experimental works that push the boundaries of textile art.

Exhibition Dates: 10 April 2026 - 10 May 2026

Venue: The Arts Council, 301 Hay Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301

Entry Deadline: March 1, 2026

We welcome entries that reflect originality, strong design, and excellence in execution. Whether your quilts are inspired by tradition, personal stories, or modern techniques and materials, we want to see how you express art through fiber.

Eligibility & Guidelines:

- Open to all artists working in quilted textiles.
- Each entry must be the artist's original design.
- Works must consist of at least three layers (top, batting, and backing) and be stitched, quilted, tied or otherwise joined through all layers.
- Maximum/minimum dimensions: due to space considerations, quilts of a size appropriate for hanging on a gallery wall are preferred.
- Artists may submit up to 5 entries.
- Entry fee: N/A.
- Arts Council Commission fee is 30%.
- This is a *juried* exhibition; accepted works will be chosen based on originality, design, and craftsmanship. Artists will be notified by March 15th of the entry decision.

Accepted works will be professionally displayed, and the exhibition will be promoted through regional and national quilt and art networks. Artists will be notified of acceptance by March 15, 2025 (via email).

To submit your entry, please visit <https://forms.gle/1V7x3hrVpycSECbq7>.

***IMPORTANT:** After submitting the entry form, please email two photos of your piece—one overall shot and one close-up—to entries@tarheelquilters.org. Be sure to include the piece's title in the subject line.*

Detailed instructions and important dates will be in the acceptance email. Please direct all questions to entries@tarheelquilters.org

SMOKY MOUNTAIN QUILTERS of TN

45th Annual Quilt Show

Knoxville Expo Center
5441 Clinton Hwy
Knoxville, TN

June 19-20, 2026

ENTER YOUR QUILTS IN THE 2026

SMOKY MOUNTAIN QUILTERS SHOW

The Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee is inviting you to showcase your quilts at the guild's 45th Quilt Show & Competition. The show is scheduled for Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20, 2026, at the Knoxville Expo Center in Tennessee. More than \$7,500 in awards will be made to quilters in 14 categories, including a juniors category (ages 16 and under), and 14 additional special awards. Deadline for entries is April 18, 2026. Please visit www.smokymtnquilters.com for more information on the competition and for entry forms.

smokymtnquilters.com
865-229-6252
Smoky Mountain Quilters of TN
P.O.Box 30692
Knoxville, TN 37930

Gate City Quilt Guild
Membership Application for the year of - 20__

Please Print Legibly

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: (year optional): _____

Check if New: _____ Renewal: _____ Check #: _____ Amount: _____

- Annual membership is January 1 – December 31 and the annual membership fee is \$35 due by January 31.
- Annual fee for members age 75 or older is \$20.
- New members joining after July 31 will be charged \$25 for membership through the remainder of the membership year. No other prorating will apply.
- Membership dues are non-refundable.

Mail this completed form and your check, payable to Gate City Quilt Guild by January 31st to:

Gate City Quilt Guild

P.O. Box 29196

Greensboro, NC 27429-9196

Or—hand it in at the membership table at any meeting.

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Inclement Weather Policy

If Guilford County Schools are closed due to inclement weather the meeting may be changed to a zoom session.

We do our best to update you on meeting changes from in person to Zoom via email, Facebook, our website or a phone call

The guild website

<http://www.gatecityquiltguild.org/>

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK.

<https://www.facebook.com/gatecityquiltguild>



Guild Meetings are held:

1st Thursday of the month
6:30 pm Social
7:00 pm Meeting begins

Congregational United
Church of Christ
400 W. Radiance Drive
Greensboro, NC 27403

Meets are held either
in person or via Zoom
(See the list of Program
Presentations for the
meeting location)

Email - info@gatecityquiltguild.org
Mailing Address:
Gate City Quilt Guild
P. O. Box 29196,
Greensboro, NC 27429

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printed newsletter and newsletter
on our website

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Business card	no charge	\$ 5.00
1/4 page	\$3.75	\$ 7.50
1/2 page	\$6.25	\$12.50
Full Page	\$12.50	\$25.00

Newsletter Deadline The 20th of the month

Send your contributions and info to share to BensonDarcy@gmail.com
Include the word "Newsletter" in the subject line.