

Spirited Quilters Guild

Sharing the Spirit of Quilting since 2006.

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President's Corner

"Sew Much Fun in the Tropics" & Looking Ahead

Hello, Quilty Friends,

August has been bursting with color, creativity, and connection — and I couldn't be more grateful for the energy each of you brings to our guild. The highlight of the month? Without a doubt, our fabulous retreat!

Our **"Quilting in the Tropics"** theme transported us to a paradise of fabric, friendship, and fun. From the moment we arrived, we were greeted with cheerful treats, tropical vibes, and the kind of laughter that only quilters can share. The **luau-themed dinner** was a festive feast, and the thoughtful surprises after every meal made us feel truly pampered.

A heartfelt thank you to our **Retreat Committee**—Michele, Sandy, Melanie L, Dee, and Deb G. You ladies are amazing. Your planning, creativity, and care made this retreat a huge success. You've set the bar high, and we're all still glowing from the experience!

As we ride the wave of retreat joy into the rest of the season, here are a few updates:



The **Block Swap** has **officially ended**, and we can't wait to see your finished quilts at our **October meeting**. It is always inspiring to see how each member brings their own flair to shared blocks.



Fall Workshop sign-ups are underway — be sure to reserve your spot before they fill up!



We're continuing to collect **comfort quilts** for Quilts for Kids, pillowcases, Quilts of Valor Blocks, and food for the Co-op. The Co-op theme this month is **Bring Anything You "Can."**

Let's keep the spirit of the tropics alive — bright, joyful, and full of warmth. Whether you're piecing a new project or finishing up a retreat UFO, remember that every stitch connects us to something bigger; a community built on creativity and care.

See you soon,

Jacki Wilsbourne

2025 Guild Calendar

MEETING	GUEST/TEACHER	TOPIC
August 26	Muriel Pfaff - The Quilt Teacher	Martha Washington, Historical Woman presentation
September 30	Shelly Mutch, Certified Stripologist	Becoming A Stripologist
October 4 Workshop	Shelly Mutch Certified Stripologist	Master Your Stripologist Ruler & make a Table Topper
October 28	Sue Noetzel	Using Curve Rulers & Trunk Show
November 1	Sue Noetzel	Posh Frosty Workshop

August's Featured Speaker

Muriel Pfaff is well known as the [The Quilt Teacher](#) and has a fascinating background with her interests in history and different quilting techniques. Muriel is a gifted teacher, and people gather nationally to listen to her lectures on famous women in history. Muriel's students can learn everything from the basics of piecing to advanced hand applique, from Lori Holt to Betsy Ross. Her love for reproduction quilting is contagious!



Annual Marketplace & Open House



"Calling All Quilters & Crafters"

The Spirited Quilters Guild
Annual Marketplace & Open House

Saturday, September 6, 2025 @ 1 pm - 4 pm
Free Admission

**Exciting Door Prizes &
Gift Basket Raffles**

**Make & Take Project, Silent
Auction, Complimentary
Refreshments**

***Unbeatable Deals* on cotton fabric Bundles, Kits, Notions and
so much more**

**Shop Vendor Tables featuring
Small Businesses**

**Grab a friend and your
shopping bag. Help
support our local guild**

Bunten Rd. Park Activity Center 3138 Bunten Rd, Duluth Ga.

www.spiritedquiltersguild.com




Marketplace Highlights: Saturday, September 6, 2025 from 1 pm – 4 pm at Bunten Park

- ♦ Estate fabric sale with hundreds of yards of premium quilting cottons.
- ♦ Local small businesses offering handmade goods, patterns, fabric, and tools
- ♦ Make-and-take station for hands-on fun and a quick project.
- ♦ Door prizes and giveaways throughout the afternoon
- ♦ Gift Basket Raffles with exciting prizes for quilters of all kinds
- ♦ Silent auction featuring unique items and bundles
- ♦ Refreshments and treats to keep you energized

Visit the marketplace and support our amazing vendors! Invite a friend.

Bring your shopping bag, cash, or Zelle

Annual Marketplace & Open House Continued

Vendor Spotlight

Name	Business Name	Website	Email
Linda DeMaris	414 Quilts n More	414quiltsnmore.wix.com/ website-2	414Quiltsnmore@gmail.com
JoAnna Hunsucker	Quilted Turtle Studio	QuiltedTurtleStudio.com	Jlhcreations4u@gmail.com
Julie Scott & Leslie A.	Jewels By Joules		Lesliearnold5@gmail.com
Lisa Vieira	Lexi Drew Designs		Lexidrewdesigns@ymail.com
Linsey Cloud	Cool People Sew	Coolpeoplesew.com	lins@coolpeoplesew.com
Melisa Brock	Missy's Mystic Scents	Missysmysticscents@gmail.com	missmdbrock@gmail.com com

October 4th Workshop: Master Your Stripology Rulers with Shelly Mutch. See the supply list on the following pages. Cost \$25.00 members & \$40.00 Non Members

Stripology Workshop Location Change: Lake Washington Sub-division Clubhouse, Lawrenceville. Details to follow.

Nov. 1st Workshop: Make a Posh Frosty, Winter Wall Hanging while learning to use a Curve Ruler . Member Instructor: Sue Noetzel.

Any questions about the workshops or the marketplace, please contact: Sharon Wilson, Event Coordinator **Email:** wilsonsd2@aol.com



Master Your Stripology® Rulers Workshop

Instructor: Shelly Mutch

Date/Time: October 4, 2025, 9:00am-3:00pm

Location: Bunten Rd Park Activities Building; 3138 Bunten Rd; Duluth, GA

Level: Confident Beginner & Up

Class Overview:

Ready to sharpen your skills and get more from your Stripology® Rulers? In this **skill-building class**, we'll go beyond cutting basic strips and squares to explore precise techniques for creating essential quilting units. You'll learn how to confidently cut and construct:

- Accurate strips including $\frac{1}{4}$ " strips
- Half-square triangles (HST)
- Quarter-Square Triangles (QST)
- Combination Units
- Flying Geese

Along the way, we'll cover 60° and 45° angle cuts, tips and tricks to improve accuracy, and build confidence in using Stripology Rulers.

What You'll Learn:

- ✓ Mastering ruler alignment for clean, consistent cuts
- ✓ Constructing basic units with precision
- ✓ Using your Stripology® Rulers to their full potential
- ✓ Techniques to save time and improve accuracy



Optional Project: The method for making Flying Geese will be taught using the GEasy Way. Those interested in creating the Back Home Table Topper (page 24 of Master Your Stripology Rulers Book) should bring the following fabric for their Flying Geese:

- Colored Fabric: 4 – $7\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and 3 – $6\frac{1}{2}$ " Squares
 - Background Fabric: 4 – 9" squares and 3 – 8" Squares
- Feel free to cut all the table topper background fabric in advance. We will start working on the Flying Geese in class, but there won't be enough time to complete the entire project during class.



Fabric scraps will be provided for the skill-building units, including fabric for Flying Geese for those not participating in the Back Home Table Topper project.

What to Bring:

- **Required:** Master Your Stripology® Rulers book
 - **Required:** Stripology® XL **and/or** Stripology® Squared Ruler – *at least one of these is required.*
 - **Optional:** Stripology® Squared Mini and/or Stripology® Quarters Mini
 - **Highly Recommended:** GE Easy Ruler Stickers
 - **Required:** Rotary cutter (45mm or 60mm with retractable blade) **and** cutting mat (18x24)
 - **Required:** Sewing machine & thread
 - **Required:** Basic sewing supplies (pins, scissors, seam ripper, etc.)
 - **Optional:** Small iron and pressing mat
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Where to Purchase Stripology Products:

Below are direct links to Stripology® products available on the GE Quilt Designs website. Purchasing directly from GE Designs offers several advantages, including access to their customer support services. Additionally, when you purchase a Stripology® Ruler, the Stripology® 101 Video will be immediately downloaded to your account for repeated viewing.

[Master Your Stripology Rulers Book](#)

[Stripology XL Ruler](#)

[Stripology Squared Ruler](#)

[Stripology Squared MINI Ruler](#)

[Stripology Quarters MINI Ruler](#)

[GEasy Ruler Stickers](#)

Be sure to purchase Stripology products from local or reputable online quilt stores. Avoid sites like Amazon due to counterfeits.

You can visit the GE Designs website by clicking on my QR Code
Or with this link: [GE Quilt Designs Online Store](#)

Please reach out if I can help.

Shelly Mutch

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November Workshop:

November 1, 2025 - Posh Frosty Workshop –

Bring winter cheer to your walls –

Meet Posh Frosty!

This charming 28” x 38” wall hanging is the perfect seasonal project to warm up your space. Designed with the [Sew Kind of Wonderful QCR mini ruler](#). It’s fun, fresh, and ideal for confident beginners ready to explore curved piecing.

Member Cost: Free.

Non Members \$15.00.

Sign Up today.



Raffle Table Special Announcement:

The raffle table will have regular raffles, but, in addition, we will have two others that are \$5 each. The drawing for the special items will be held in November.

The special items include one bundle of Robert Kaufman fat quarters (40 count) and a “Singer” toolbox.





Quilts of Valor Block

There's a new block design for 2025. The block was revealed at our January meeting. They are requesting only shades of red, white/off-white, and blue for this block. The new link is on our website for the instructions.

Exciting news - there were many yards of patriotic fabric donated to the guild and some kits will be made available for use for making the new block.

Beginning with our new Guild year, for 2025-2026 we will be setting a goal of 50 blocks!! **In July, we only received 2 Blocks! We are at 35.6% of our yearly goal.**

Volunteers Needed!

There is no better way to support your guild than to Volunteer!! It takes all of us to keep our guild strong, fun, and informative! **Please consider volunteering!** We currently have need for the following role:

Programs: We need one or more people to begin taking over our Programs. Sharon has held this role for a couple of years already, and she has already planned and organized programs for the rest of the year. She will help the new volunteer(s) to transition into the role. You will get to come up with ideas for, and organize, fun new Tuesday night programs, and Saturday workshops!

Spirited Quilters Guild Holiday Quilt Exhibition

November 22 – December 31

The Norcross Welcome Center and Museum regularly exhibits various artwork from local and traveling artists. We have been accepted to exhibit some of our fiber art in the form of “holiday” themed quilts. This exhibition will take place during the month of December to coincide with the community’s various holiday events where the Welcome Center is a common meeting location.

The [Norcross Welcome Center](#) and Museum is located in the former rectory of the large early 19th century church currently housing the Lionheart Theatre. The welcome center has two large rooms used for displaying traveling art exhibitions including ours. These rooms are equipped with museum quality lighting and railings with wires to hold the art work. The welcome center is open and is staffed for security purposes Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (except holidays). The welcome center is staffed for special events or by appointment during weekends or evenings. While we will include signage asking not to touch or handle quilts, there is no guarantee of this. The welcome center staff will be present but not actively monitoring this point.



The space is not huge but does have wall space for approximately 5 large quilts 8-12 small quilts/ wall hangings. If anyone has a large free standing quilt display wall to lend to the occasion, we could add other larger pieces to the center of the 2 room exhibit space. As space will be limited, only one quilt per person. Date of submission and theme will be taken into consideration for final exhibit selection

Here are further “rules”:

- SQG member submissions will have priority to participate.
- The quilt must be of a Christmas/holiday theme or colors
- The quilt/wall hanging must have a sleeve and poll/rod for hanging purposes
- We will create a sign for each quilt exhibited based on the information provided on the application (link below). This sign will be placed on the wall next to the quilt and not on the quilt itself.

To participate, please click [HERE](#) to indicate your interest. This link will take you to a Google Form, but will require a Google/Gmail account. If you do not have this or have any difficulties, please email Linda of your interest – list name of quilt, size, and attach a picture of the quilt (or pattern) you would like to submit.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda directly.

Linda DeMaris

414QuiltsnMore@gmail.com

404-735-3630



North Gwinnett Co-Op

Our goal for the year is 1,200 pounds!

In July, we donated 182 lbs. to the Co-Op. This puts us at 32.8% of our yearly goal.

**This month's Co-op is
bring anything you "Can"**



*"Beautiful things
come together
one stitch at a
time"*



Dinner Social

Before Guild Meeting @ 5:00 pm

@ [El Porton](#)

2640 Old Peachtree Rd NW A,
Duluth, GA 30097

August Birthdays

JoAnna Hunsucker

Betty Johnson

Sharon Murphy

Linda O'Connor



Pillowcases



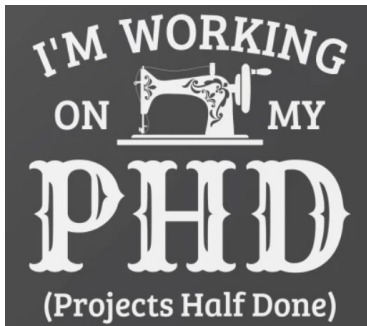
Our goal for the year is 75 pillow cases.

In July, we received **7 pillowcases** giving us **8%** of our yearly goal. See our website for the pattern.

Snack Table

Remember our snack table! Please bring something yummy to share!

Projects Half Done Program



Our Projects Half Done (PHDs) program for this year is well underway, and many guild members are already making good progress. It's not too late to start! You can sign up at our monthly meeting. If you have questions, contact Melanie Long at msmlong@aol.com.

The winner of last month's raffle was **Courtney St. John**. Congratulations!

Quilts for Kids

Helen Bakay is our guild's liaison for Quilts for Kids (Q4K). She will have kits for making the Kids' quilts available at monthly meetings. Helen will also accept your finished quilts and get them to someone who can deliver them to local area hospitals to be handed out to the kids who are in the hospital.

In addition to the finished kit quilts, Helen also accepts any appropriate quilts that you have made from your fabrics and stash.

Our Quilt goal for the new membership year is 50. At our July meeting, we received 5 quilts for kids, which takes us to 32% of our yearly goal.

If you have questions about Q4K, Helen can be reached at hbakay@att.net.



Sunshine Committee

If you know that one of our members needs a little hug from us via a card. Whether it's an illness, death in the family or having a challenging time, text or call JoAnna Hunsucker at 678-570-0288 or email her at JLHCreations4u@gmail.com.



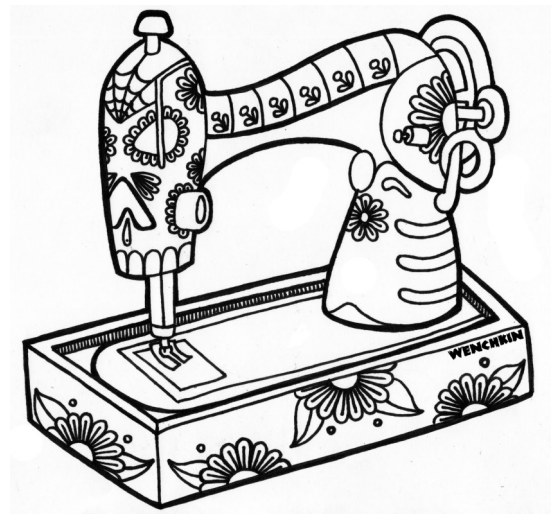
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Quilting in the Tropics



Thank you to the **Retreat Committee** —
Michele, Sandy, Melanie L., Dee, and Deb G.
— for planning a fun-filled week-



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Scavenger Hunt Winners



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Find us in person or online!

Email: spiritedquilters@gmail.com



*Click icon to go to
social media site.*

Bunten Road Community Center

Maxine Garner Activity Center
First Floor, Large Meeting Room
3180 Bunten Road
Duluth GA 30096

Monthly Meetings

last Tuesday of the month

**unless otherwise noted*



Social Time

6:15 PM

Meeting

6:30—8:30 PM

**we must be out*

Committee/Program Contacts

President

Jacki Wilbourne

Vice President

Gail Chestnut

Secretary

Maxine Moore

Treasurer

Della Smith

Challenges

Jan Gezon

Charity/Quilts4Kids

Helen Bakay

Membership

Becky Windle,
Elleda Rule,
Sharon Overstreet

Name Tags

Mary Jane Bettis

Newsletter/Website/Social Media

Laura Koller

Stephanie Minch

Programs

Sharon Wilson

Sue Noetzel

Raffle

Sandy Norris

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Sunshine

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