

# Spirited Quilters Guild

*Sharing the Spirit of Quilting since 2006.*

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## Spirited Quilters Newsletter – October 2025

### Hello Spirited Quilters,

Fall is in the air—and with it, the perfect weather for quilting! Cooler days and cozy nights make it easy to find inspiration behind the sewing machine. I continue to be amazed by the creativity and spirit this guild brings to every gathering. Let's carry that warmth into our October meeting and beyond.

**Highlights from Last Month**—The **Stripology program and workshop** were a huge success! It was such an informative session, and we all learned new ways to make the most of our Stripology rulers. The more you use them, the more you'll appreciate their precision and versatility. We also had plenty of guests and welcomed **four new members**—let's make sure they feel right at home with our Spirited Quilters family!

 **What's Coming Up – October Meeting**—We're in for a treat this month as our very own talented member, **Sue Noetzel**, leads the program and workshop! Sue has asked that anyone who has made a **Wedding Ring quilt** bring it to the meeting to share. The workshop is full, and Sue has already emailed important details to participants. Don't forget—the workshop begins at **11:00 a.m. in the large room**.

 **We Need You**—As the year winds down, we're looking for helping hands to keep our guild strong and active. Whether it's leading a committee, lending a hand with setup, or helping plan our events, your contributions make all the difference. **Current Need:** Programs Chair—please see any board member to volunteer.

 **Quick Tip or Inspiration**—Autumn is a great time to clean your sewing machine! Give it a little TLC—dust it, change your needle, and oil where recommended. A happy machine makes for happy stitching (Okay, you really need to do this after every quilt).

 **Member News**—A warm welcome to our new members! We're thrilled you've joined our quilting community. Be sure to introduce yourselves at the next meeting and check out our Facebook page for updates and inspiration.

 **Community Projects** -- Keep those **Q4K quilts, Quilts of Valor blocks, pillowcases, and Food Coop donations** coming! This month's theme for the coop: **Trick-or-Treat for the Food Bank** - candy alternatives such as: snacks, juice boxes, cake/brownie mixes, canned fruit. Your generosity continues to make a difference—thank you for giving your time and talent to others.

 **From My Heart to Yours** —I'm so proud to be part of this amazing guild. Every meeting reminds me why I love quilting and the people who share this passion. Thank you for your creativity, kindness, and laughter. Together, we're stitching something truly special.

Warm stitches,

Jacki

President, Spirited Quilters Quilt Guild

## 2025 Guild Calendar

| MEETING                   | GUEST/TEACHER                                                    | TOPIC                                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>October 28</b>         | Sue Noetzel                                                      | Using Curve Rulers and Trunk Show            |
| November 1                | Sue Noetzel                                                      | Posh Frosty Workshop (see details on page 4) |
| <b>November 18</b>        | Sallie Topfl                                                     | Art of Kawandi                               |
| November 24 - December 30 | SQG Holiday Quilt Exhibition at Norcross Welcome Center & Museum |                                              |
| <b>December 9</b>         | Christmas Party                                                  | Sign up begins in October                    |

### October's Featured Speaker

Spirited Quilters very own **Sue Noetzel** is our featured speaker this month. Sue recently retired from AT&T after a career in IT. She is married and has 2 grown boys, but alas, no littles yet. She started quilting in the early nineties and initially made a lot of baby quilts for friends and co-workers. She enjoys working on scrappy quilts as well as smaller fabric crafts like bags. Her stash is overflowing, and now that she is retired, she is keeping busy stitching it all up!

We're in for a treat at our November guild meeting! Sallie Topfl will be sharing the beautiful art of Kawandi, a traditional Indian quilting technique. Created by the Siddi people of African descent in India, Kawandi quilts are stitched by hand using simple running stitches and built from the outside in. Get ready to be inspired by this unique and colorful way of turning fabric scraps into stunning works of art!

**November meeting date change:** Please note the November meeting has been moved to Tuesday, November 18 due to the holidays. Please make note of this on your calendar.



**Our annual Christmas party is on Tuesday, December 9. Sign up begins at the October meeting. More details to follow.**

## 2026 Guild Calendar Highlights

| Meeting     | Guest/Teacher                   | Topic                                                             |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| January 27  | Tara Miller, The Quilt District | The Magic of Mixing Prints                                        |
| January 31  | Tara Miller                     | The Fan Girl Workshop                                             |
| February 24 | Member Lead                     | Back to Basics                                                    |
| February 28 | Charity Sew                     | Quilts for Kids, Blocks for Quilts of Valor, Pillowcases Workshop |
| March 31    | Linda Hahn                      | New York Beauty State of Mind                                     |
| April 28    | Cyndi McChesney                 | Panel Palooza/Trunk Show                                          |

## 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.



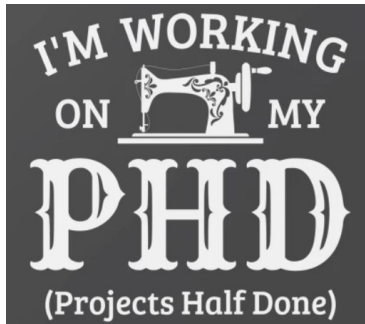
### Raffle Table Special Announcement:

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.



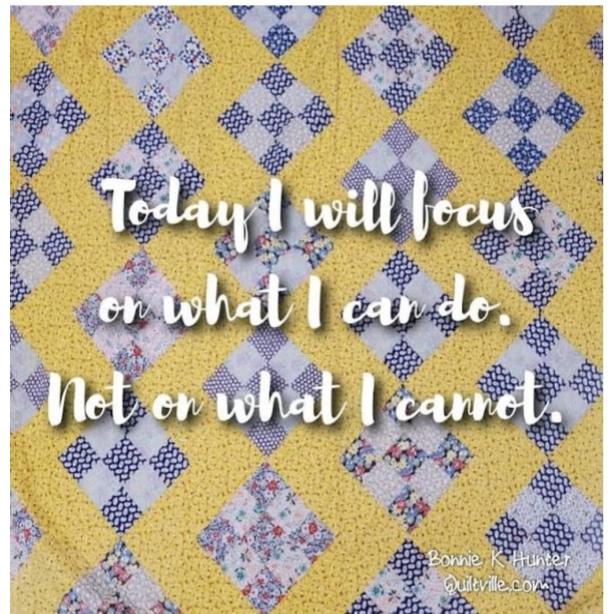
# Projects Half Done Program



The results are in! As of our September meeting, we have completed another year of PHDs! All participants who completed 10 or more PHDs will be eligible for our grand prize drawing at the October meeting. Also in October, we'll be starting up another year of PHD fun! Forms for the coming year will be available at the meeting. If you have questions, contact Melanie Long at [msmlong@aol.com](mailto:msmlong@aol.com).



It is time for our Honey Baked Ham fundraiser! This is a great way to raise money for the guild and to buy yummy treats for your friends and family. Use this link <https://www.honeybaked.com/fundraising/> to purchase gift cards for yourself or others. You can use your gift card to purchase turkey, ham, sides, or whatever you love from the Honey Baked Ham Co.



## Community Service

### Quilts for Kids



Quilts for Kids (Q4K) is a national, non-profit organization founded in 2000; the mission of the organization is to transform discontinued, unwanted, and other fabric into patchwork quilts that comfort children in need.

Spirited Quilters is a partner with The Northeast Georgia Chapter, which began in March 2012. The quilts that our members make are donated to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

You can make a quilt using a kit provided by Q4K or from your own fabric collection. While the Q4K kits are a simple single block design, you can make any design you choose from your own fabrics. The Q4K kits make a quilt that is approximately 40" X 48"; a donated quilt of your own design should be similar in size. And please keep in mind when selecting fabrics from your collection that not all children receiving a quilt from Q4K are babies, infants, or toddlers. Many older children are also recipients.

In addition to quilts, we also accept handmade pillowcases for donation. They are sewn from your own fabric, using what is commonly called the "burrito" method. If you would like to make pillowcases and are not familiar with the method, check with Helen; she can provide instructions.

If you would like to make a quilt from a pre-cut Q4K kit, you may pick one up at a guild meeting; Helen Bakay will provide kits at each meeting. Whether you sew a kit or use your fabric or make pillowcases, please turn them in to Helen at a guild meeting.

Our goal for quilts in 2025 is **50**; our goal for pillowcases is **75**. Currently, members have donated **18** quilts and **52** pillowcases. We hope all members will participate in helping us reach our goals.

If you would like to get more involved in Quilts for Kids by cutting, kitting, picking up or delivering, Helen can answer your questions. If you would like to know more about Q4K organization, please ask Helen or Dianne Fähring. You can also check the National organization's website at <https://www.quiltsforkids.org/> or the Northeast Chapter website at <https://negaquiltsforkids.org/>.

# North Gwinnett Co-Op



Our goal for the year is 1,200 pounds!

**In September , we donated 82 lbs. to the Co-Op, giving us a total of 761 lbs. for the year.**

This month's theme for the coop : **Trick-or-Treat for the Food Bank** - candy alternatives such as: snacks, juice boxes, cake/brownie mixes, canned fruit.

## Quilts of Valor Block



Thanks to everyone who has made Quilt of Valor blocks. We are using their block design for the year for their national block drive, which is available on their website or link from our guild website. You may use your own stash, or we have ready to sew kits and patterns available at each meeting. We have a goal of 50 blocks, and we are making good progress. We had seven turned in for September and 10 made at our August retreat. This gives us a total of 37 so far!

If you have any questions, please email Debra at [debracat@hotmail.com](mailto:debracat@hotmail.com).

## 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 [JLHCrea-tions4u@gmail.com](mailto:JLHCrea-tions4u@gmail.com).



## October Birthdays

Shirley Green-Walcott

Stephanie Minch

Gloria Planer

Della Smith

Sue Tyler



*“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

## Snack Table

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

## Spirited Quilters Guild Holiday Quilt Exhibition

November 24 – December 30, 2025

SQG Members Reception—Nov. 22 @ 3 PM –Cookies, Cocoa, and Quilts

No charge



The [Norcross Welcome Center and Museum](#), located in historic downtown Norcross, regularly exhibits various artwork from local and traveling artists. The Spirited Quilters Guild has been accepted to exhibit some of our fiber art in the form of “holiday” themed quilts. This is a free exhibition taking place during the month of December to coincide with the community’s various holiday events where the Welcome Center is a common meeting location.

We will be exhibiting 15+ Holiday themed quilts demonstrating a variety of materials, techniques, patterns, and content. Please join us in viewing some of the creations from Spirited Quilters Guild members. To celebrate the upcoming holiday season and the quilts, we are holding an informal reception calling it Cookies, Cocoa, and Quilts for all members of the Spirited Quilt Guild.



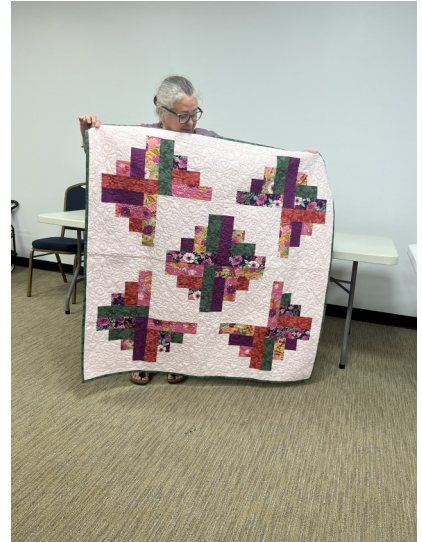
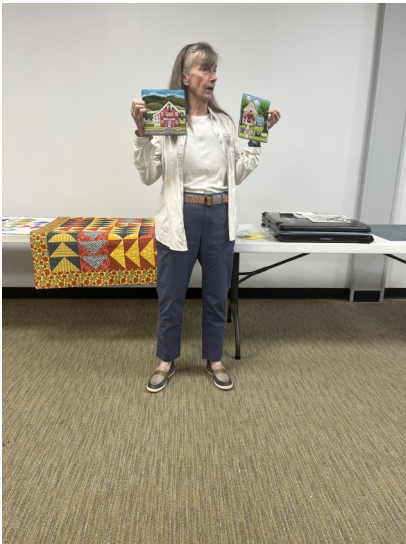
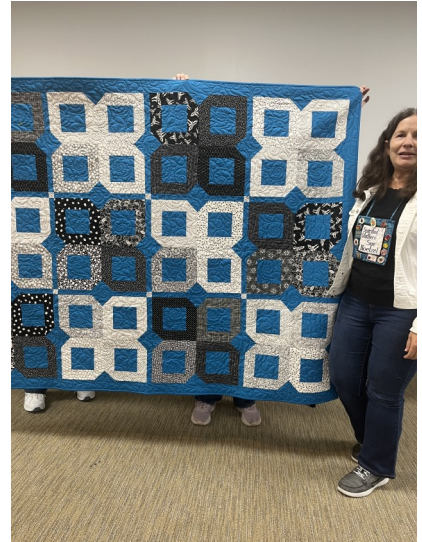
**Where:** Norcross Welcome Center & Museum, 17 College Street, Norcross.

### When:

- Cookies, Cocoa, and Quilts: Saturday, November 22, 3 PM.
- Exhibition: November 24-December 30. Open to the public between 8:00 AM and 5:00 pM Monday-Friday (except holidays). Open by appointment after hours and weekends or to arrange a private function, contact Stephanie Newton at 678-628-8793 or [stephanie.newton@norcrossga.net](mailto:stephanie.newton@norcrossga.net).

If you have any questions, please contact the Exhibition organizer, Linda DeMaris, at [414QuiltsnMore@gmail.com](mailto:414QuiltsnMore@gmail.com).

# Show and Share



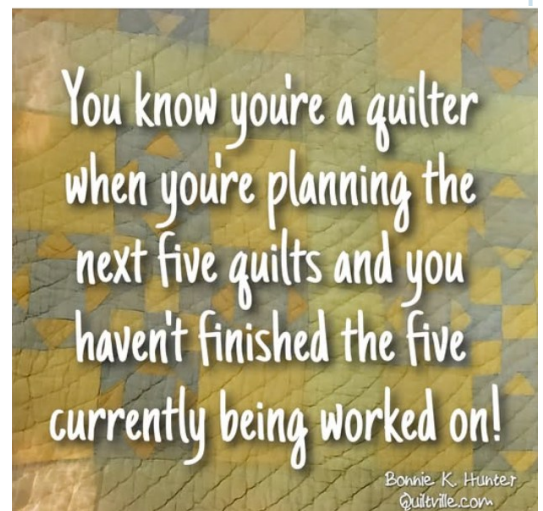


## Stripology Workshop 2025

### October Show and Share Announcement

#### Bonnie Hunter Mystery Quilt

If you participated in the 2024-25 Bonnie Hunter Mystery Quilt, bring your completed OLD TOWN quilt or quilt top to the October meeting for show and tell. We'll be taking a group photo. Also, the next mystery quilt will start on Halloween when Bonnie publishes the color scheme and yardage requirements. If you would like to participate in this year's mystery or just monitor what's going on within the guild for the mystery, sign up at the October meeting to be a part of a special email group. We will use the email group to communicate about the mystery process. If you have questions, contact Melanie Long at [msmlong@aol.com](mailto:msmlong@aol.com).



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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**

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### **Charity/Quilts4Kids**

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Sue Noetzel

### **Raffle**

Sandy Norris

Michele Peacock

### **Refreshments**

Leslie Arnold

### **Sunshine**

JoAnna Hunsucker