



Spirited Quilters Guild

Sharing the Spirit of Quilting since 2006.

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President's Corner — February

Happy February, Spirited Quilters!

Our January meeting was full of energy and growth. We were excited to welcome **seven new members** along with **four guests**. It has been wonderful to watch our guild grow over the past year, and we're so glad each of you is part of our creative community. Don't forget to wear your name badge!

We also learned a great deal from our January program with **Tara Miller**, who shared tips on mixing prints and color. Her presentation was both inspiring and practical, and many of us left with new ideas for our next projects.

February Program — Back to Basics

Our February meeting will focus on the fundamentals with a **Back to Basics** program led by several of our talented guild members. These short, informative sessions will cover:

1. How to read a pattern
2. How to prepare your quilts for your longarm
3. Tips for our left-handed quilters
4. Binding techniques
5. How to cut bias binding

Tips on using your ruler
These topics are designed to benefit **both beginners and advanced quilters**, and we hope everyone will pick up a helpful tip or two.

Workshops & Guild News

Come join the **Charity Workshop** February 28th at 11:00 as we work on *Quilts for Kids*. Our workshops provide the opportunity to fellowship and get to know each other better while serving our community.

Don't forget our **rescheduled Tara Miller workshop on March 7th** — there are still a few spots open!

A special thank you to **Celia** for volunteering to serve on the Program Committee. We are still in need of **two more volunteers for the board**, as elections will be held in April.

As always, thank you for being part of the Spirited Quilters Guild. Your creativity, generosity, and enthusiasm are what make this guild so special. I look forward to seeing you at our February meeting!

Warmly,

Jacki

2026 Guild Calendar

Meeting	Guest/Teacher	Topic
February 24	Member Lead	Back to Basics
February 28	Charity Sew	Quilts for Kids, Blocks for Quilts of Valor, Pillowcases Workshop
March 7	Tara Miller	The Evie Workshop
March 31	Linda Hahn	New York Beauty State of Mind
April 28	Cyndi McChesney	Panel Palooza/Trunk Show
April 29 (Wed. Morning)	Cyndi McChesney	Panel Palooza

Projects Half Done Program



You can sign up to participate for the next year using forms available at the PHD table at the guild meeting. Please see Melanie Long for more details.

Please note: We will not have a raffle table at the February 24th meeting.

EVIE

wih Tara Miller

Class Supplies

When selecting your fabrics, think about variety in color and print scale. This is a scrappy quilt, so it's a great time to bust out those buckets of scraps!

This pattern lets you taste freedom and whimsy while still having enough constraint (if you want it) to give you some comfort. And I'll give you some pro construction tips during class.



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Fabric

Project Size	Fabric Description	Amount
1 to 2 blocks (1 block makes a great pillow front) 17" x 17" each	Dark (<i>the black/navy in pic</i>)	1 FQs OR (4) 10"squares
	Medium (<i>the teal/aqua in pic</i>)	1 FQs OR (4) 10"squares
	2" or wider Strings and Scraps (wacky is good, too!)	2 shoeboxes or more worth of scraps and strings -- variety is key!
	Muslin for foundations	1 FQ for each block
Throw (pictured) 51" x 68" 12 blocks at 17" x 17"	Dark	3 FQs OR (24) 10"squares
	Medium	3 FQs OR (24) 10"squares
	Strings and Scraps - 2" or wider	5-10 shoeboxes worth of scraps and strings -- variety is key!
	Muslin for foundations	2-3/4 yards

Tools

- Fine gauge fabric pins. I recommend Dritz 5mm shaft "Extra Fine" 1 3/8" glass head pins (Size 22).
- 1 stick of washable, disappearing school glue. I recommend the purple ones.
- Fabric marking pen or pencil (A plain ol' Bic roller ball pen works great for marking cut lines.)

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July 31 – Aug 2
@ Charlie Elliott

****IMPORTANT****

Due to the growth of our guild, you must be present during the March 31st registration. This includes your form & full payment (this is to ensure that everyone has a fair opportunity).

If you cannot be present, you may send your registration & payment with a friend, but you will be on the waitlist until we know how many people want to come.

We are very excited and have added 2 more spots.

20th Year Celebration

The Guild will be celebrating our **20th Anniversary** in May, following the business meeting! Party plans are already underway.

We're excited to announce a **T-shirt design contest!** The winner will earn ultimate bragging rights.

- **Submission:** Send your T-shirt design in **PDF format** to the Guild email by **February 15th**.
- **Consolidation:** Maxine Moore will collect all submissions and share them with members.
- **Voting:** Members will vote on their favorite design on **February 24th**.

Orders & Payment: We will take T-shirt orders and payment at the **March meeting**, with delivery at the **April meeting**.



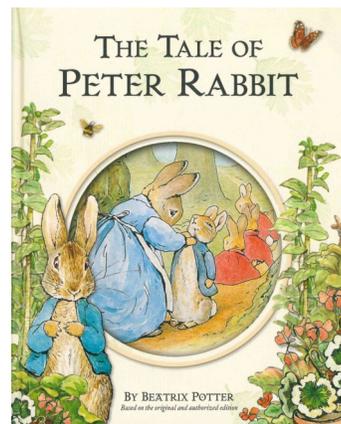
2026 Quilt Challenge

Pick a favorite Children's Book, Song or Poem to use as the Theme for your quilt.

*Quilt should be no greater than 36" x 24" but not less than 24'x 18"

+Quilt construction should use traditional techniques: machine pieced, paper piece or applique.

+Finished quilt should be made of a front/batting/back, quilting can be hand or machine or tied and finished with binding.



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.

Quilt for Kids desperately needs quilts! We have someone who will quilt them. You just need to bring your finished top and backing to the meeting, and we'll get them done! Thank you!

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 **45** quilts and **56** 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 Bakay or Dianne Fahring. 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



This month's theme for the coop is **All Things Tomato** (spaghetti sauce, can tomatoes, ketchup, etc). We have reached our goal of 1200 pounds. Currently, we have collected 1,227 pounds of food for the families in need.

Quilts of Valor Block



The 2026 block drive has begun. The guild is participating in the Quilts of Valor national block drive in which quilters from all over the country donate blocks which are then put together to form quilts. This is a very easy block. Please consider making a block from your stash to donate.

If you have any 2025 log cabin blocks, please bring to the next meeting. Please complete these blocks first and turn in soon.

Kits for the 2026 Echo block will be available at the meetings. The fabric requirements are more specific this year, more solid and mini prints and no floral requested. If you have a fat quarter of white/cream you could donate, we can use for our kits. The pattern is available at Quilts of Valor or in printed copy. We had 21 turned in for Jan. A total of 88 blocks have been donated.

If you have any questions, please see Debra Catron for more details.

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, reach out to JoAnna Hunsucker.



February Birthdays

Debra Catron

Linda DeMaris

Jan Gezon

Jamie Lee

Sue Noetzel

Thalia White



*“Beautiful things
come together
one stitch at a
time”*

Dinner Social

Before Guild Meeting @ 5:00 pm

@ [El Porton](#)

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Snack Table

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

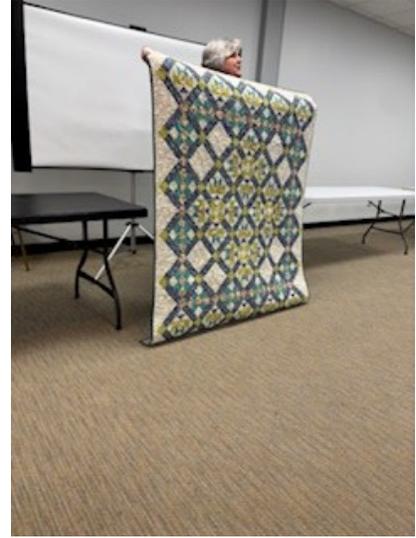
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Bunten Road Community Center

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



Social Time

6:15 PM

Meeting

6:30—8:30 PM

Monthly Meetings

last Tuesday of the month

**unless otherwise noted*

**we must be out*

Committee/Program Contacts

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Gail Chestnut

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Maxine Moore

Treasurer

Della Smith

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