

Spirited Quilters Guild

Sharing the Spirit of Quilting since 2006.

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

President’s Corner

March is shaping up to be one of our busiest and most exciting months of the year. Thank you to everyone who contributed to a wonderful February meeting. As we move toward spring, our guild is buzzing with activity—special programs, important sign-ups, and preparations for several major events. Your participation keeps our guild vibrant, creative, and connected.

March Program: *New York Beauty State of Mind* with Linda Hahn

We are delighted to welcome **Linda Hahn** as our guest speaker this month. Her program, *New York Beauty State of Mind*, highlights her signature New York Beauty block—an eye-catching design that is surprisingly approachable and as versatile as a classic 9-patch. Linda’s teaching style is energetic and encouraging, and we’re thrilled to have her with us.

Important March Meeting Activities

This month’s meeting includes several **sign-ups and payments that must be completed in person:**

- **August Retreat Registration** — Sign-ups and payment due at this meeting.
- **20th Anniversary T-Shirt Orders** — Orders and payment required at the meeting.
- **April 29th Panel Workshop with Cyndi McChesney** — Sign-up and payment will be collected.

Payments may be made by **cash or check**

3rd Annual Marketplace October 3rd

Our **3rd Annual Marketplace** is approaching quickly, members can donate items and volunteer to help with the event. This event is one of our most popular fundraisers and a great opportunity to pass along fabric, kits and tools ready for a new home. Donate an item at the March meeting and be entered into a drawing.

Board Elections Coming in April

In early April, you will receive an email with information about the upcoming **board elections**. Please take a moment to review the slate and voting instructions when it arrives.

Show & Share

Show & Share is always a highlight of our meetings, and we love seeing your creativity. To help keep our busy March meeting running smoothly, we ask members to **limit their Show & Share to two quilts** if possible. This ensures everyone has time to participate and enjoy the evening.

Closing Thoughts

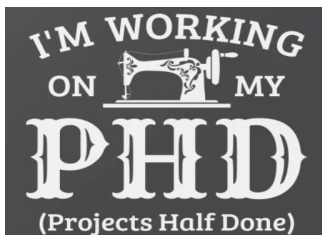
Thank you for being an essential part of the Spirited Quilters Guild. Your creativity, enthusiasm, and willingness to participate make our guild stronger each month. We look forward to seeing you at the March meeting and sharing another wonderful evening of quilting, learning, and community.

Happy Stitching,
Jacki Wilbourne

2026 Guild Calendar

Meeting	Guest/Teacher	Topic
March 31—You may arrive at 6 PM, but not earlier to turn in retreat and t-shirt forms.	Linda Hahn	New York Beauty State of Mind
April 28	Cyndi McChesney	Panel Palooza/Trunk Show
April 29 (Wed. Morning)	Cyndi McChesney	Panel Palooza Click for the supply list
May 26	Business Meeting	

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.

The winner of the February raffle was Jean Detmer



Linda Hahn's classes are fun and empowering! Linda has a way of taking a project that looks complex and breaking it down in such a way that's easy to understand. Linda adds her own sense of style while at the same time making it a **WHOLE LOTTA FUN!** Her infectious passion for quilting shines through in her classes. Linda is a high energy - low stress instructor.

Linda is the author of 14 books - four of those are **AWARD WINNING** books - including the AQS Best Seller - **NEW YORK BEAUTY SIMPLIFIED** (Bronze Medal - Independent Publishers Living Now Book Awards), **NEW YORK BEAUTY DIVERSIFIED** (Gold Medal - Independent Publishers Living Now Book Awards), **ROCK THAT QUILT BLOCK WEATHERVANE** (Gold Medal - Independent Publishers Living Now Book Awards) and **QUILT MATCH UP - Cash vs. Stash** (Silver Medal - Independent Publishers Living Now Book Awards).

Linda is the co-designer of the 2024 Banyan Batiks Block of the Month series - Symphony as well as the co-designer of the 2024 AQS Block of the Month.

Linda is a Guest Designer for Banyan Batiks and is currently working on her 6th collection. See Banyan Batiks website for collection information.

Linda was a guest on Quilting Arts Television -Series 1400 which was aired in late 2014.

Linda is an iQuilt instructor. Her class - New York Beauty Simplified is available at www.iquilt.com.

Linda was a National Quilting Association Certified Teacher and was the 2009 NQA Certified Teacher of the Year. She has been three times nominated (2001, 2004 and 2008) for Professional Quilter Magazine's Teacher of the Year Award.

Linda designs quilt patterns which are marketed under the name **FROG HOLLOW DESIGNS**.

New York Beauty State of Mind

This is what she's known for!!!

The New York Beauty block can be as versatile as a Nine Patch!! Let Linda show you with two suitcases of traditional, modern, whimsical and fun quilts all made using the basic New York Beauty block. She'll also show miniature versions made using the scraps and cutaways of the main project!

April's Featured Speaker—Cyndi McChesney



Cyndi McChesney has been quilting for over 40 years and has enjoyed a wide-ranging and fulfilling career in the quilting industry including as an author, pattern designer, quilt shop owner, custom quilt maker, and instructor throughout the US and Canada at national shows, guilds and quilt shops.

Cyndi achieved the distinguished title of National Quilt Association Certified Teacher of the Year 2015, has won awards in the Hoffman Challenge, the Colorado State Fair, Mancuso

Visuals #1 2020, for Best Long-arm Workmanship and the Vermont Quilt Festival 2021 for Exceptional Merit. Her quilts have been exhibited at the Houston International Quilt Festival and AQS Paducah among other local and national shows.

Cyndi's first book, *Fun With Panels*, C&T Publishing was released in fall 2022 and her second book, *Playful Panel Quilts*, in April, 2024.

Cyndi's passion for quilt making is evident in comments from her students and in her never-ending quest to find new techniques and skills to share so that quilting is a fun, enjoyable life-long endeavor.

For more inspiration, see Cyndi's interview with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims on [*The Quilt Show*](#).

[Panel Palooza Workshop Supply List](#)

T-Shirt order form

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Solid white s-xl **\$15** 2x-3x **\$20**
 Solid blue s-xl **\$15** 2x-3x **\$20**
 Raglan s-xl **\$25** 2x-3x **\$30**

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CHECK _____

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You may arrive at 6 PM, but not earlier to turn in retreat and t-shirt forms.



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.

Turning 20



2006-2026

Spirited Quilters Quilt Retreat

Charlie Elliott Conference Center July 31 – Aug 2, 2026
543 Elliott Trail Mansfield, GA 30055

****YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO TURN IN FORM - all others will be on waitlist**

Please fill out the Registration Form completely. **Members in Good Standing (according to by-laws).

Name (print): _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

In Case of Emergency Notify: _____ **Phone:** _____

Circle your Lodging Accommodations: **Double: \$225.00**** **Single: \$290.00**

Rates are per person and include Two (2) Nights Lodging, Six Meals (D,B,L,D,B,L), Meeting Space and Table Rental.

****Double Occupancy Roommate's Name:** _____ ****We will be happy to assist you in securing a roommate.** **Hold your spot with full payment & completed form.**

Financial Notes: Registration - *NO REFUNDS after 4/28/26.* **Bring form to the March meeting.**

Arrive on Friday 7/31 @ 9:30 a.m. **Please pack your lunch.** Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Lodge check in is 3:00 p.m. & Lodge check out is 10:00 a.m. on Sunday 8/2. Leave on 8/2 no later than 3:30 p.m.

Bring a snack to share. We have lots of surprises planned.

Dietary Restriction(s): Cannot be accommodated. Please make necessary arrangements.

Communication: You will receive emails with further information and updates. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact the Retreat Coordinator Michele Peacock @ (614) 440-3692 or mickipeacock@gmail.com. (Text and email are preferred) **Mail:** 3949 Baxley Ridge Dr Suwanee GA 30024

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Community Service May 1, 2025—April 30, 2026

Charity	Yearly Goal	Received
Quilts for Kids	50	49
Pillowcases (CHOA)	75	56
Quilts of Valor	45	96

North Gwinnett Co-Op



This month's theme for the coop is **Baking for Easter - Flour, Sugar, and Oil**. We have reached our goal of 1200 pounds. Currently, we have collected 1,425 pounds of food for the families in need.

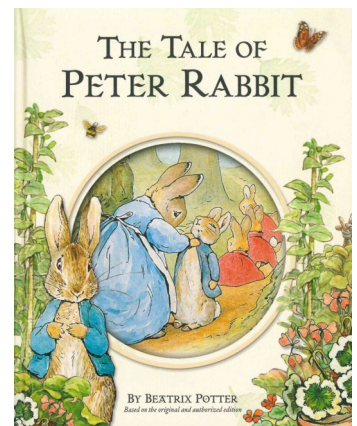
2026 Quilt Challenge

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.



March Birthdays

Karen Gornal
Susan Holbrook
Serena Kim
Melanie Long
Maxine Moore



Dinner Social

Before Guild Meeting @ 5:00 pm

@ [El Porton](#)

2640 Old Peachtree Rd NW A,
Duluth, GA 30097



Snack Table

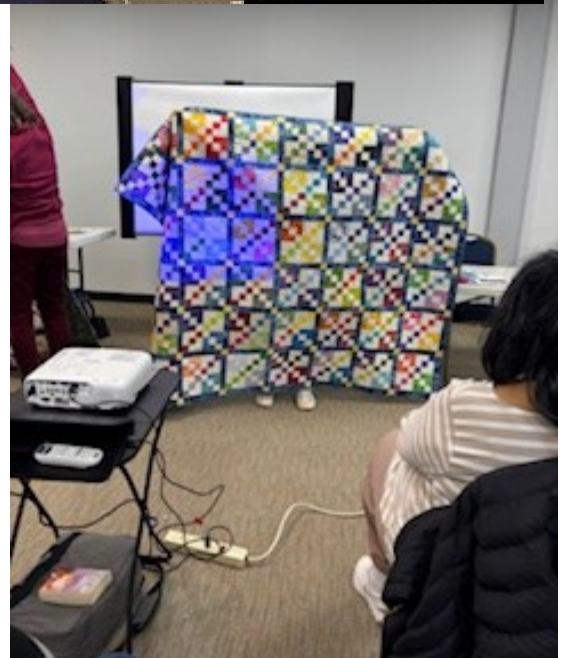
Remember our snack table! Please bring something yummy to share!

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.



Block Swap Pictures



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



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

President

Jacki Wilbourne

Vice President

Gail Chestnut

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Maxine Moore

Treasurer

Della Smith

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Raffle

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