



Spirited Quilters Guild

Sharing the Spirit of Quilting since 2006.

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

Welcome, Spirited Quilters,

We had a wonderful program in March with Linda Hahn. Her creative take on the New York Beauty block inspired so many beautiful quilt ideas, and it was clear everyone enjoyed seeing how versatile that design can be.

You asked for it, and you got it. We're excited to offer a workshop with Linda on June 20. This will be a six-hour class, giving you plenty of time to learn her techniques and try them out for yourself. Be sure to sign up at the workshop table to reserve your spot.

For April, we're excited to learn from Cyndi McChesney, who will show us how to create beautiful quilts from a quilt panel. Be sure to read her bio in this month's newsletter so you can get to know more about her work. Payments are due at the April meeting.

April also marks the end of our guild year. As we wrap up, we welcome our new board members who will begin serving in May:

- President: Michele Peacock
- Vice President: Laura Koller
- Secretary: Maxine Moore
- Treasurer: Sue Noetzel

A quick reminder to all committee chairs: please turn in your year-end 2025–2026 receipts for reimbursement to Della Smith at the April meeting.

Our 20th anniversary t-shirts will be handed out at the April meeting, so be sure to pick yours up.

Then in May, during our business meeting, we'll celebrate our 20th anniversary together. It's a special milestone, and we look forward to sharing it with all of you.

Lastly, it has been a privilege to serve as President of the guild these past two years. I leave you with one final thought: get involved in the many roles the guild has to offer. It's the best way to support the continued growth of this friendly, informative quilting community.

See you at the meeting,

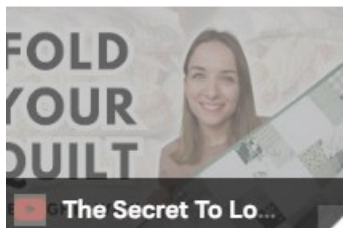
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2026 Guild Calendar

Meeting	Guest/Teacher	Topic
April 28	Cyndi McChesney	Panel Palooza/Trunk Show
April 29 (Wed. Morning)	Cyndi McChesney	Panel Palooza
May 26	Business Meeting	Turning Twenty Celebration
June 20	Linda Hahn	New York Beauty Workshop
June 30	Clare	Progress over Perfection
July 28	Rosie Crockett	
August 25 and 29	Linda Demaris and Nancy Routhg	Quilted Jacket Program and Workshop

April Tip of the Month:

Is there a correct way to fold your quilts for storage? Check out this YouTube video:



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.

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](#)

Quilted Jacket — Program and Workshop

What do we love most after finishing a beautiful quilt? If you said showing it off, you're absolutely right! SQG has a fun way for you to do just that. Join our guild members, Linda DeMaris and Nancy Routhg, in August as we explore how to turn your quilt into a stylish quilted jacket.

Mark your calendars for:

- **Tuesday, August 25**, 6:30 pm guild meeting - **Quilted Jacket program** and “fashion show” - bring your personal quilted jackets for a special show & tell time.

Saturday, August 29, 11 am - 4 pm for the **Quilted Jacket Workshop** where we will help you construct your very own quilted jacket. Come learn, create, and show off your quilting in a whole new way. We can't wait to see what you make. Cost for the workshop will be \$12 for members and \$25 for guests. You will receive the pattern and pre-work instructions.

More details will be shared regarding both in the coming months. Registration for the workshop will open during the May guild meeting.



Community Service May 1, 2025—April 30, 2026

Charity	Yearly Goal	Received
Quilts for Kids	50	85
Pillowcases (CHOA)	75	69
Quilts of Valor	45	102

North Gwinnett Co-Op



This month's theme for the coop is **Toiletries and Hygiene**. We have reached our goal of 1200 pounds. Currently, we have collected 1,606 pounds of food for the families in need.

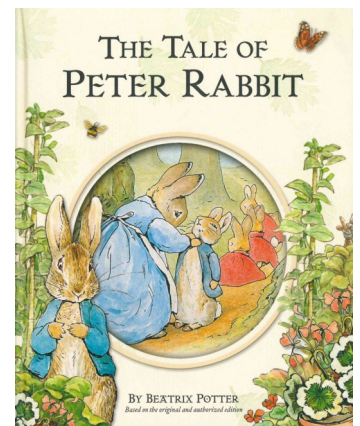
2026 Quilt Challenge

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.



April Birthdays

Susan Frasher

Gay Mercer

Terri Odum

Karmen Sunshine

Jacki Wilbourne

Sharon Wilson



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

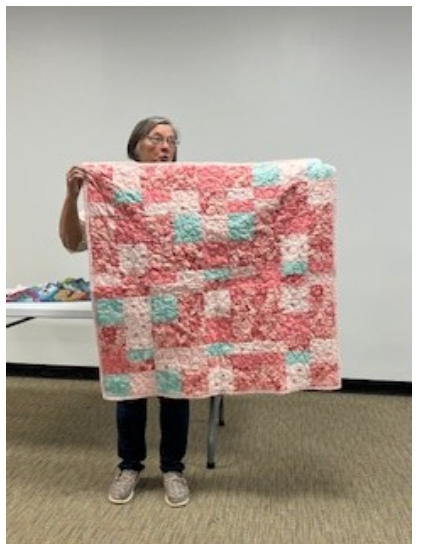
If you know that one of our members needs a little hug from us via a card. Whether it's an illness, death in the family or having a challenging time, reach out to JoAnna Hunsucker.



Show and Tell



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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



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

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