



Spirited Quilters Guild

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

2026 Guild Calendar

Meeting	Guest/Teacher	Topic
August 25	Linda Demaris and Nancy Routh	Quilted Jackets on the Runway and Cool People Sew Pop-up Shop
August 29 (11-4) Workshop	Linda Demaris and Nancy Routh	FULL
September 29	Amanda Bauer	All About Needles and Thread; Show and Tell – It's the Panels, Linda Hahn, and Quilted Jackets
October 3	Mary Jane Bettis Vendor Sign Up Link	3rd Marketplace Set-up 11-1; Marketplace—1-3; Breakdown 3-4
October 27	Nancy Sapin	Free Motion Stitching
October 31 (11—4) Workshop	Nancy Sapin	Free Motion Made Easy
November 17	Pam Cobb	Sewing Machine Self-Care <i>Storybook Challenge Due</i>
November 21—December 30	SQG—Holiday Quilt Exhibition	Norcross Welcome Center
December 8	Holiday Party (Potluck Diner)	Chairperson Needed

Lupine and Laughter Show and Tell---October Meeting ---If you've been working on last year's Bonnie Hunter mystery quilt, Lupine and Laughter, please plan to bring your finished quilt for a group Show and Tell to our October meeting! If you haven't finished by then, just bring what you have. We would love to see everyone's progress!

Please note that the hyperlinks in the middle will lead you to more information about the speaker. The ones on the right will take you to the Google Form to sign up for the workshop except for Cool People Sew.

Upcoming Programs:

August 25: Quilted Jackets on the Runway. If you have a quilted jacket, you have made in the past, we want to see it! Click [HERE](#) to take part in this special red-carpet style fashion show. The deadline to sign up is August 18.

October 31 Workshop: [Nancy Sapin](#) and Free Motion Made Easy. Nancy is a National Educator representing [Sulky](#) and popular presenter at quilt shows such as the Atlanta Sewing & Quilting expo. This hands-on workshop will introduce you to thread sketching, thread painting, and how to transfer designs for your own personal creations using your domestic or mid-arm machine. You will be creating your own wall-hanging using these techniques. Some helpful resources will be available for purchase during the workshop. Also move the picture currently in the newsletter to closely align with this section.



Spirited Quilters Guild Holiday Quilt Exhibition

(November 24 – December 30, 2025)

We have been asked by the [Norcross Welcome Center](#) to again exhibit our Holiday Quilted Creations – Click [HERE](#) if you want to take part. Space is limited so register now so we can start planning. Quilts will be on display at the welcome center from November 23 to December 30.



President's Newsletter

Hello Fellow Quilters,

I can't wait for our fashion show! It will be so much fun to see all of the different quilted jackets.

A big thank-you to Debra Catron for chairing our Holiday Party! I think she could use some volunteers, so please let Debra know if you would like to help with the party. The more helping hands, the merrier!

Unfortunately, we find ourselves needing volunteers for the Program Committee. Celia has stepped down because she is over-scheduled, and Linda was only signed up for one year. I would really like to find a team of people who can work together, with Linda training the new volunteers and sharing her tips and experience.

THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMITTEE IN OUR GUILD!

Without a Program Committee, we will not have workshops, and our meetings will suffer as well. This committee is such an important part of keeping our guild active, fun, and successful.

PLEASE let me know if you are interested in helping! The more people we have on the program committee, the less work there will be for everyone. Even if you can only help with one part of the job, we would love to have you!

Thank you for considering it!

Michele



Market Place

We need your help to make our upcoming Marketplace event a success. Forms for renting a table to high light your business are available If you are interested in renting a table to high light your business, click on the QR code or contact Sharon Wilson. You can also [click on this link](#), which will take you to the vendor registration form.

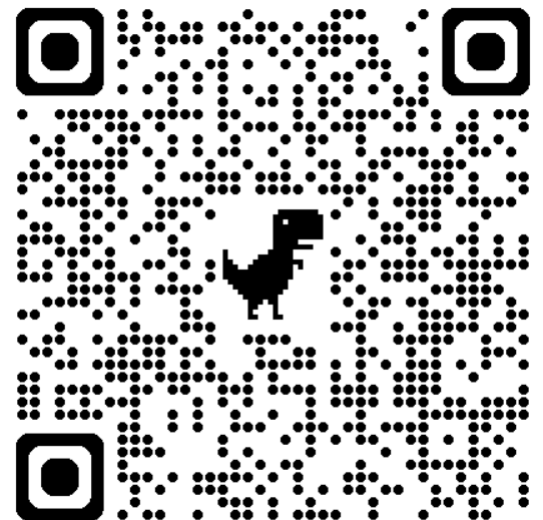
The guild is still looking for volunteers for the second shift, bringing finger foods to share, as well as item donations. The event will take place on October 3rd from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Please note that we are only accepting fabric donations that are fat quarter size or larger.

We are seeking the following items:

- Sewing items and notions
- Rulers
- Books and quilt patterns
- Silent auction items
- Fabric
- Items suitable for a raffle basket

Thank you for your support.

Mary Jane Bettis



Community Service May 1, 2026—April 30, 2027

Charity	Yearly Goal	Received
Quilts for Kids	50	10
Pillowcases (CHOA)	75	0
Quilts of Valor	45	36
North Gwin. Co-op	1200 lbs.	151 lbs.

North Gwinnett Co-Op



August's theme for the coop is "Piece Together A Lunch"
– Peanut butter, jelly, applesauce cups, fruit cups, crackers, mac & cheese, cans of soup, juice boxes, and individual snack items.

In July, the Guild contributed 35 pounds of food.

2026 Quilt Challenge

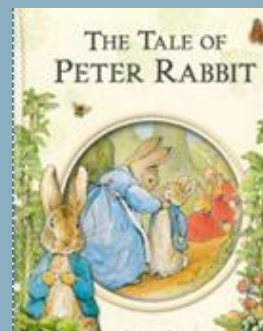
Pick a favorite Children's Book, Song or Poem to use as the Theme for your quilt.

*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.

The challenge due date is Tuesday, November 17.



Quilts for Kids Quilting Guidelines

Guidelines for Quilts donated to Quilts 4 Kids

STITCHING/QUILTING

The quilting pattern you choose should not leave more than about 4 inches unstitched. The more stitching, the more it will stand up to the industrial machines used in hospital washings.

Machine quilting is required. Hand quilting is not strong enough to withstand hospital use.

We ask that you pay special attention to the binding stitching. Binding that can lift up and get snagged on wires and tubes can cause issues for a patient. Machine stitching is strongly recommended.

Additionally, we must pay special attention to not have folds in our quilting. Folds or pockets of fabric are another snagging hazard for patients.

Please do not use monofilament thread as it may melt. Cotton threads are preferred.

SIZE

The size of the quilt should match that of our kits, approximately 38" wide X 44" tall. This 'comfort size' quilt matches the size a majority of hospital recipients require.

Smaller or larger quilts are set aside to go to an appropriate recipient. We do get individual requests for all ages so we happily accept all sizes.

Please always review your quilt for the following issues before you submit it:

- fabric folds
- holes in the seams
- gaps in the binding stitches
- pins or needles
- stains
- odors
- loose or broken threads

These issues should be avoided to the best of your ability or remedied prior to submission.

For more information see the Community Service page on our website.

Together We Make A Difference!

We use this motto all of the time, but it is truly represented with the efforts the Spirited Quilters Quilt Guild that has faithfully gifted the North Gwinnett Co-Op the past several months! We sincerely appreciate your 1,400 pounds of food donations -- that have always had an extra flair with their creative themes! And your stellar efforts of donating toys to help us help our vetted families deserving extra help during the holidays is very appreciated! We *sincerely* could not do what we do for the community – and have done for the past 35 years – without the help of our local community helping us help others!

We are just completing our annual summer program, where we fed our families twice a month (including staples, hygiene, fresh produce, milk & meats) and giving out over 900 new filled book bags & 700 pairs of new Nike shoes! We couldn't do what we do without our generous partnerships. And now we are re-organizing and planning our fall & holiday initiatives starting here upon us soon. Attached is a flyer of our efforts in 2025, knowing our 2026 efforts will show the growth that we are experiencing for strong needs within the Suwanee, Sugar Hill & Buford communities. The work is hard and non-stop; yet, it proves to be rewarding on a daily basis.

Our sincere appreciation for helping us help others!

My best on behalf of the North Gwinnett Co-Op staff,

Mary Warren
Community Outreach Director



August Birthdays

Joana Hunsucker
Betty Johnson
Susan Marx-Bohan
Linda O'Conner
Linda Partin



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.



Dinner Social

Before Guild Meeting @ 5:00 pm

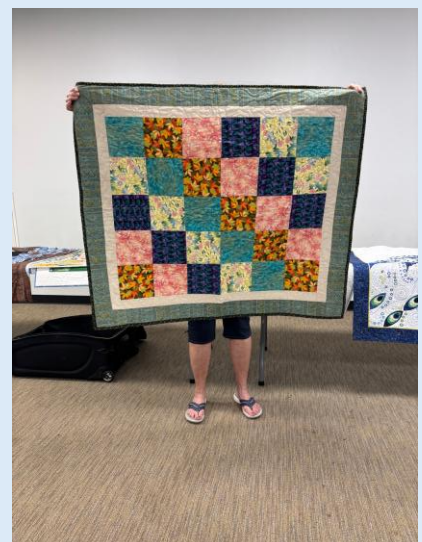
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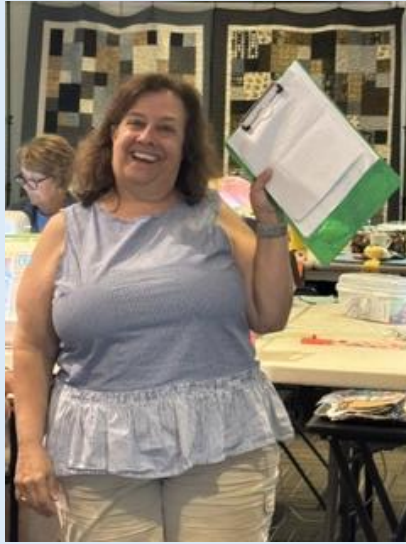
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Projects Half Done Program



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. The winner of last month's raffle was Michele Peacock. Congratulations!

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
before 8:50**