



The monthly newsletter from the
East Cobb Quilters' Guild

Basket Bulletin

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Greetings!

What's the definition of **Matriotism**? I've been asked this question several times and our definition is as follows:

The celebration of women's positive influence upon society.

In this case, we are focusing on American women who lived during the 250 years leading up to the semi quincentennial celebration in 2026.



We have secured commitments from six notable museums to exhibit our Matriotism quilts. So, let's show off our quilting! Read more about the challenge below.

Speaking of showing off our quilting, don't forget Show & Tell! We want to see all your quilts, so bring them to the next meeting for all of us to enjoy.

Lisa

Lisa Walker, President
president@ecqg.com

MEETINGS THIS MONTH

Evening Group - Thursday, April 24 @ 6:45pm
Guild Meeting - Friday, April 25 @ 10am

The Catholic Church of St. Ann - 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta, GA
(from the parking lot, look up and to the left for our meeting space)
Visitors Always Welcome!

APRIL PROGRAMS - AUDRA RASNAKE

Audra Rasnake Lecture
"It's Hip to Be Square"

Thursday, April 24 @ 6:45pm

Audra Rasnake Lecture
"Notes from a Pattern Designer"

Friday, April 25 @ 10am

More Information and Visitor
Tickets [Here](#)

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Audra Rasnake Workshop Cutwork Applique

Thursday, April 24
9:30am-4:00pm

More Information and Workshop
Registration [Here](#)



Audra Rasnake Workshop Bella Boutis

Saturday, April 26
9:30am-4:00pm

More Information and Workshop
Registration [Here](#)

MAY PROGRAMS - SARA BRADSHAW

Sara Bradshaw Meet & Greet

Thursday, May 29 @ 6:45pm

More Information and Visitor
Tickets [Here](#)

Members always free

Sara Bradshaw Lecture "The World of Art Quilts"

Friday, May 30 @ 10am

More Information and Visitor
Tickets [Here](#)

Members always free



Sara Bradshaw Workshop Raw Sophistication

Thursday, May 29
9:30am-4:00pm

More Information and Workshop
Registration [Here](#)



Sara Bradshaw Workshop Big Stitches

Saturday, May 31
9:30am-4:00pm

More Information and Workshop
Registration [Here](#)



Save the Dates! Michelle Yeo in July

Workshop tickets are on sale
NOW for workshops in July.
This allows time for patterns
and templates to be sent from
Australia.

[More Information](#)

[Click here to see all the meeting and workshop dates for 2025](#)

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS EXHIBIT

EAST COBB
Quilters' Guild
"WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS"



APRIL 17 - MAY 16, 2025



FREE ADMISSION & PARKING
5239 FLOYD ROAD
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Don't miss this exhibit of ECQG members' work inspired by our the teachers we have hosted over the last five years. It's better than Show & Tell! Each quilt uses the important lessons we learned in a different way; each quiltmaker has taken an idea and interpreted it differently.

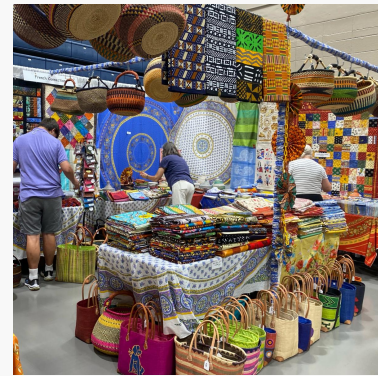
The Opening Reception is April 17 from 5pm to 7pm. Come and celebrate! Click [here](#) for a map.

Also on view and sharing our Opening Reception will be three other exhibits: *Uprooted Ties* - A textile solo exhibition by Krista Voto; *WaterSMART* - A photography exhibition in collaboration with Water Steward, Cobb County Water Systems; *Fired Dreams: Artistic Aspirations Through Pottery* - A ceramic solo exhibition by Melissa Hammaker.

Volunteers Needed for Quilting Demo

The Guild will be demonstrating hand and machine sewing in the Mable House Gallery during the Taste of Mableton on May 3 from 10am to 4pm. [Sign up](#) to share your passion with the community! See the ECQG exhibit and visit the other arts demonstrations and community festival vendors and entertainment.

2026 QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE NEWS



Georgia Celebrates Quilts® will run from June 4 to June 6, 2026, at the Cobb County Civic Center. Quilt entry begins on January 1, 2026, so it's time to start that show quilt!

The committee chairs for Georgia Celebrates Quilts® 2026 were recognized at the March meeting. Quilt Show Co-chairs Steve and Linda Agnello appreciate their commitment to ECQG and to the quilt show. You can join the 2026 Quilt Show Committee! Only three open positions remain. Linda and Steve would like to fill them soon, even though most of the committees' work doesn't begin until January 2026.

[Click here](#) to see the list of Quilt Show Committees and check out the openings.

MATRIOTISM CHALLENGE



It is time to get started on your Matriotism Challenge quilt. They are due in six months! The challenge celebrates 250 years of inspirational American women.

Chose someone meaningful to you, and then [email](#) Devon Pfeif and let her know who you have selected. Or, if you are undecided, give Devon a call and see if she has any suggestions. We hope this process will result in a wide variety of women celebrated with our work. The minimum side is 20" and the maximum side is 45". Please [click here](#) for all of the rules.



Hopefully you are enjoying and being inspired by what is highlighted each month. At the March Guild Meeting, Margaret Williams shared her incredible portrait quilts of Marian Anderson and Hillary Clinton, pictured here.

If you have any questions, [contact](#) Devon Pfeif, Patriotism Challenge chair.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



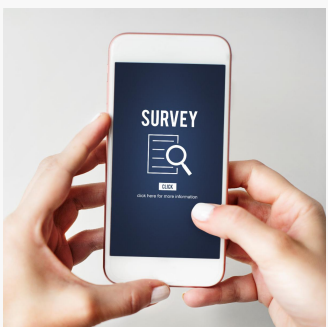
President Lisa Walker's husband George delivering bears and scented pads to Judy Lewis, coordinator of donations at Northside Atlanta.

A big thank you to all who donated teddy bears for the NICU at Northside Atlanta. In just two months, you have made 83 teddy bears!

The teddy bears are part of the welcome pack that parents receive when their precious babies come into the NICU. We were recently informed that they give out about 90 welcome packs a month. We had no idea there was such a great need for the bears! What a wonderful way for our guild to support these families during a very stressful time.

If you have any questions about the guild's Community Service program, please click [here](#), talk to the Committee volunteers at the meetings, or [email](#) Jackie Blackburn and Janice Kuhns

COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY RESULTS



Thank you!! Nearly half the members of the Guild responded to our Communications Survey and the Communications Committee appreciates your input very much. Perhaps the most important things you told us are that our emails are understandable and contain useful information and that we are sending you about the right number of emails.

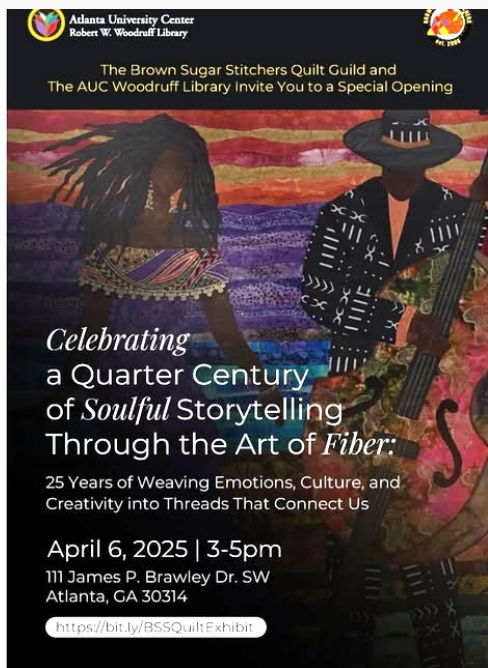
So many of you took the time to make suggestions! The Committee really appreciates those ideas. We will be working internally and with other members of the Executive Committee to see if we can implement some of them.

If you'd like to read all the survey results, click [here](#).

The Communications Committee is responsible for this newsletter, the emails you receive from the Guild, photography, social media and other ways we publicize Guild activities. Does this sound interesting to you? If so, the Committee is looking for some new committee members to manage our social media accounts (Facebook and Instagram), serve as a back-up photographer at the Friday morning meetings, and help with Constant Contact emails. [Email](#) Robin Meyer for more information.

QUILT SHOWS, EXHIBITS AND HAPPENINGS

Check out the ["Events"](#) tab of the ECQG website and plan some fun!



Betwixt & Between:
New Interpretations of Quilting
An exhibition by Jess Jones & Students
March 8 - April 30, 2025



IMPROV BEE GROUP FORMING



Andrea Barrett is looking for like-minded, adventurous quilters to form a bee with a focus on improvisational quilting. Improv quilting is part of modern quilting and focuses on creativity, exploration and experimentation. A variety of techniques can be used to trigger imagination and stimulate the process.

For more information, email [Andrea](#). Andrea lives in Brookhaven, but all details about when and where the bee will meet are to be determined.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

As of end of March, we had 338 members. If you aren't one of them, just click [here](#) to join. Don't miss out on all the privileges of membership!

Want a 2025 **membership card**? Print your own in the [Members Only section](#) of our website or pull up your card on your Wild Apricot phone app. If this sounds like Greek to you, stop by the Membership table at the break during the Friday meeting. Or email Carolyn and she will be happy to print your card for you to pick up at the next meeting. Some area quilting businesses offer discounts when you show your guild membership card. (Hint: check the ads in this issue.)

Looking for a **membership directory**? You have two options: the website and the Wild Apricot phone app. Go to the [Members Only section](#) of the website and view the picture directory formatted by Wild Apricot or download and print our condensed format version. Carolyn will also print you a copy upon request. To use the phone app just download the Wild Apricot Membership App from your app store. This picture directory is updated continuously, and your guild friends are there at the touch of a button. Carolyn can help you install and use the app, too.

Please welcome our new or returning members who joined during March: Teri Biglands, Peggy Brinkley, Lynn Camp, Mary Clendeninn, Cindy Fitch, Shelia Jackson, Kathy Matthews, Kathie West, and Nicki Wheeler.

Attendance at our March meetings: Day 138 members; Evening 31 members.

Questions about membership? [Email](#) Carolyn Powers.

HELP WANTED



Want to sit on the front row at the Friday morning Guild meetings?

Terri Taylor, head of our AV Committee, is looking for guild members to help with the AV presentation. Basic-to-intermediate Windows PC experience needed, but Terri can teach you what you'll need to know. Interested? Please [email](#) Terri.

SHOW & TELL



THE PUZZLE IS BACK!



This puzzle is challenging, but when you solve it, you will see a beautiful block by [Audra Rasnake, our April speaker and workshop teacher.](#)

[Click here](#) to solve the puzzle.

IMPORTANT LINKS TO GUILD BUSINESS

Check out our financial statements and meeting minutes at the links below.



[Guild Financials](#)



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