



The monthly newsletter from the
East Cobb Quilters' Guild

Basket Bulletin

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Good morning!

I'm happy to announce that we are now going live with the [Matriotism application form](#) on our website!! Enter your quilt now, or as soon as you have it completed. The deadline for submitting your quilt is October 28.

I am also pleased to announce a new addition to our stable of Community Service organizations, namely [Quilts for Cops](#) (QfC).



QfC is a 501(c)3 organization that provides quilts to first responders injured in the line of duty including police, fire, EMS, and even K9s. Michele Bautsch has supported this organization for many years. QfC will be added to our website shortly, and we will include specifics in next month's newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at the August Guild meeting!

Lisa

Lisa Walker, President
president@ecqg.com

MEETINGS THIS MONTH

Evening Group - Thursday, August 28 @ 6:45pm
Guild Meeting - Friday, August 29 @ 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!

Members! - Volunteer to [Hold Quilts](#) and [Welcome Visitors](#) at the Meeting

AUGUST PROGRAMS

Annie Smith

2 - Day Workshop



I Am Here - Improv Mapping

Wednesday & Thursday
August 27 & 28
Workshop tickets are on sale
now to members

[More Information](#)

[Link to Student Work](#)

Meet & Greet

Thursday, August 28 @ 6:45pm

More Information and Visitor
Tickets [Here](#)

Members always free

Lecture - The Quilt Police - And What Does It Mean To Me?

Friday, August 29 @ 10am

More Information and Visitor
Tickets [Here](#)

Members always free

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

Audrey Esarey



A rising star in the Modern Quilt
movement with ribbons from
Houston, QuiltCon, and
Paducah!

[Workshop tickets](#) now on sale
for Members Only!

Non-member workshop tickets
go on sale August 20.

Meet & Greet

Thursday, September 25
@ 6:45pm

More Information and Visitor
Tickets [Here](#)

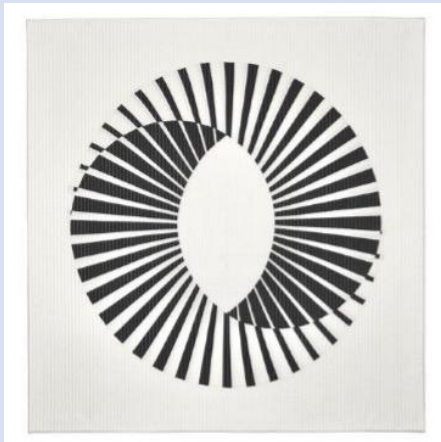
Members always free

"Finding My Voice In Modern Quilting"

Friday, September 26 @ 10am

More Information and Visitor
Tickets [Here](#)

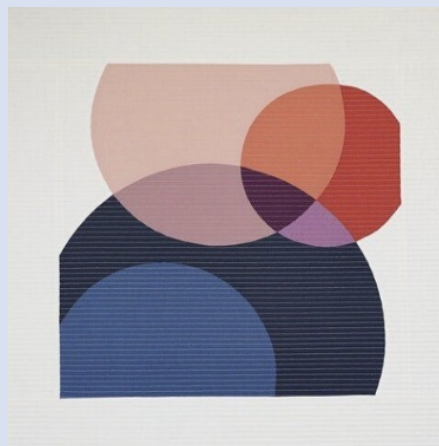
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Workshop Mobius Radial

Thursday, September 25
Workshop tickets on sale now
to members

[More Information](#)



Workshop Drafting Complex Curves

Saturday, September 27
Workshop tickets on sale now
to members

[More Information](#)

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

2026 QUILT SHOW NEWS

The August edition of the *Quilt Show Insider* is hot off the press! Its goal is to give you - as an ECQG member - all the information you need to be part of the greatest quilt show around. If you missed the August 10th issue, check your inbox or click [here](#).

MATRIOTISM ENTRY NOW OPEN!

Matriotism Challenge Quilts

Celebrating 250 Years of Inspirational Women Through Quilts



Members are challenged to create quilts that are inspired by a specific woman, movement of women or group of women who have made a positive contribution to the first 250 years of our nation.

Quilts will be shown in multiple venues throughout Georgia, starting with the Atlanta History Center in January 2026.

[Click here to enter your quilt.](#)

All entries must be submitted by midnight on Tuesday, October 28, 2025.

Please click [here](#) to review the rules.

For any questions, [contact](#) Matriotism Chair, Devon Pfeif.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Although it is hard to imagine cooler weather, please think about making a [flannel blanket](#) for the [Cobb County Homeless Education Program](#). Our last guild meeting to turn in projects will be our October meeting. It would be great to supply them with enough blankets to make it until our next meeting in January.

Check out the ECQG website for the new cutting directions for the [NICU pillowcases](#). It is always a good idea to review the pattern before beginning a project.

We are so thankful for all the community service projects that are turned in each month. When we deliver the projects to each organization, they are always so grateful for the time and effort that our members have invested in each item. Thank you all for using your talents to care for our community!

Click [here](#) for all the information about our Community Service work. Questions? [Contact](#) Janice and Jackie.

Community Service Sewcial - August 19



10am to 3pm, Tuesday, August 19, 2025
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

For all the details and to reserve your seat, click [here](#).

Bring your sewing machine, pack a lunch, and spend the day with friends working on Community Service projects. You can work on your own project or pick up a prepared kit at the Sewcial. Projects do not have to be completed by the end of the day, so relax and work at your own pace! We will also demo our newest Community Service projects for anyone who wants a one-on-one tutorial. It's sure to be a fun-filled day!

THAT'S ON OUR WEBSITE !?!!

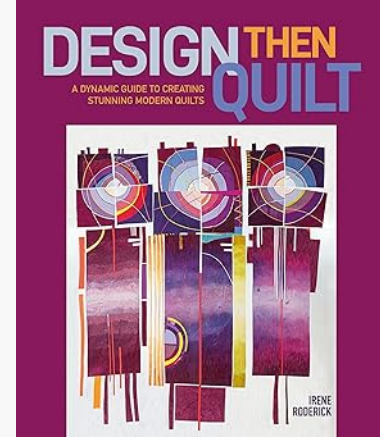
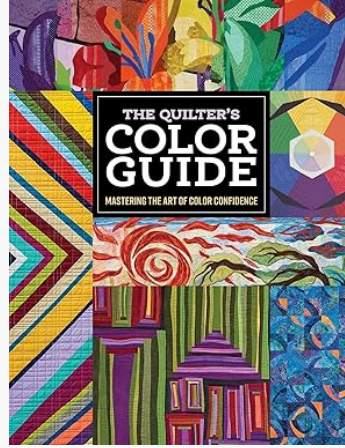
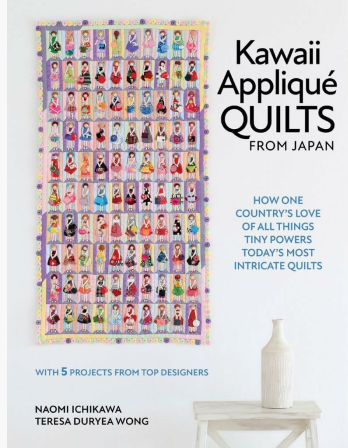


Our Guild website is a treasure trove of information. For the next several months, we are going to focus on some pages you might not know about.

This month, we want to **highlight all the interviews** we've published. In 2023, the interviews were called "Who We Are," a precursor to the current "A Quilter's Story."

Click [here](#) to see the blog and enjoy! Be sure to scroll down to move back in time.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW LIBRARY BOOKS



We are highlighting three new additions to the library this month.

For the applique enthusiast, we have *Kawaii Applique Quilts from Japan: How One Country's Love of All Things Tiny Powers Today's Most Intricate Quilts*, written by Naomi Ichikawa and Teresa Duryea Wong. Learn about the cultural influences that have led to this fascinating style of quilt-making and try your hand with some of the included projects. To learn more, [watch](#) this interview with Teresa Duryea Wong and Alex Anderson.

The Quilter's Color Guide: Mastering the Art of Color Confidence features essays from a dozen well known quilting teachers, each providing a different perspective on the use of color and value in our quilts.

In *Design Then Quilt: A Dynamic Guide to Creating Stunning Modern Quilts*, Irene Roderick explains how a knowledge of the elements and principles of design can help us create exciting quilts, whether modern or traditional. She also explains how to critique our quilts in order to deepen our knowledge and improve our designs.

[Click here](#) to visit the catalog. You can search our collection and reserve your selections! Questions about the Library? [Contact](#) Merle.

A QUILTER'S STORY - AMANDA SMALLWOOD



Welcome to the latest installment of A Quilter's Story. Each month we will interview a guild member and bring you their story. We hope that these stories will strengthen the bonds we have as quilters and showcase the amazing talents of our members.

This month we are featuring Amanda Smallwood. Amanda has been a member for 30 years and is well known for her amazing needle turn applique.

PODCASTS FROM THE QUILT ALLIANCE



Running Stitch, A QSOS Podcast, is hosted by Janneken Smucker, Professor of History at West Chester University. The episodes explore quilt stories, revealing the inner thoughts, feelings, and motivations of contemporary quiltmakers.

[Click here](#) to see the latest episode.

QUILT SHOWS, EXHIBITS AND HAPPENINGS

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



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

As of the end of July, we had **362 members**. During our midyear special, **membership is only \$25**, so you too can be part of the fun for the rest of the year! [Click here to join now.](#)

Please welcome our **new members**: Linda Demaris, Mary Jane Kettler, Virginia Rasmussen, Jane Shirley, and Sandy Wernert.

We continue to break our attendance records for the year! Our meetings offer so much--catching up with friends, checking out great books, sharing Show &

Tell items, contributing to Community Service, picking up treasures from the free table as well as enjoying our entertaining and informative speakers. We welcome each of you and so appreciate your active participation 😊

If you have issues printing our information, remember that you can [send Carolyn an email](#) requesting your membership card, a directory, or a list of a few people who live close to you. You may also come by the membership table during the break for some assistance.

NO ADS ON SIGNUPGENIUS!



ECQG values our member/volunteers. To make it easier for all of us to use SignUpGenius, we recently upgraded our subscription to a level that eliminates all the ads!

Thanks to Lisa Feinberg, Volunteer coordinator on the Communications Committee, for sorting this out!

SHOW & TELL

Congratulations to Bonita Brooks (below right) for her Golden Scissors award!



Evening Group



Guild Meeting

HAVE SOME FUN WITH THE PUZZLE



This puzzle will get you thinking about our upcoming challenge. The quilt is "If Mondrian Painted Elephants" by Melinda Rushing, from our last challenge.

Click [here](#) to solve the puzzle.
You can adjust the number of pieces using the "Play As" tab in the upper right.

IMPORTANT LINKS TO GUILD BUSINESS

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



[Guild Financials](#)



[Meeting Minutes](#)

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Check for upcoming retreats or plan your own!



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