



The monthly newsletter from the
East Cobb Quilters' Guild

Basket Bulletin

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They say March comes in like a lion...

There's a lot of activity for ECQG quilters this month and finishing our quilt show entries is likely at the top of many a list! They also say March goes out like a lamb... so keep the faith... you'll get there!

As we prepare for our biennial quilt show this summer, our program this month is hosted by two longtime guild members, Mary Ellen Von Holt and Libby Lowe. They have been an integral part of our show from the very beginning and will share stories (and maybe a secret or two) from the past... It's sure to be a meeting to remember!



Thank you to everyone who brought a donation for the St. Ann Food Pantry in February! We're going to do it again this month, so please consider bringing something with you to the March meeting – drop boxes will be near the Membership Table. [Click Here](#) for the list of needed items.

Sew until we see each other again,

Chris

Chris Ison, President
president@ecqg.com

MEETINGS THIS MONTH

Evening Group - Thursday, March 26 @ 6:45 pm
Guild Meeting - Friday, March 27 @ 10:00 am

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

Members - Volunteers Needed!

[Hold Quilts](#) at the Friday Meeting for Show & Tell.

[Greet visitors and new members](#) at the Friday meeting.

MARCH PROGRAMS

Georgia Celebrates Quilts A Quilt Show Retrospective



**Evening Meeting - March 26 & Day Meeting - March 27
Visitors Free!**

Members Libby Lowe and Mary Ellen Von Holt will take us on a journey through time, revisiting highlights from the past four decades of Georgia Celebrates Quilts shows. Don't miss the fun!



The 20th Biennial
Georgia Celebrates Quilts®
June 4 - 6, 2026
Cobb County Civic Center
[Find Quilt Show information here!](#)

APRIL PROGRAMS

Pat Harrison



Meet & Greet

Thursday, April 23 @ 6:45pm
Members Always Free
Visitor Tickets, \$10, [Here](#)

Lecture:

Thoroughly Modern Quilting

Friday, April 24 @ 10:00am
Members Always Free
Visitor Tickets, \$10, [Here](#)

Three Workshops with Pat Harrison



Binding 301: Scalloped and Serpentine Edges plus Prairie Points

Thursday April 23
9:00am to Noon

Members: \$35
Not-Yet-Members: \$45

[Register Here](#)



How is My Quilt Judged?

Thursday, April 23
1:00pm to 4:00pm

Members: \$35
Not-Yet-Members: \$45

[Register Here](#)



Circle Those Scraps

Saturday, April 25
9:30am to 4:00pm

Members: \$55
Not-Yet-Members: \$75

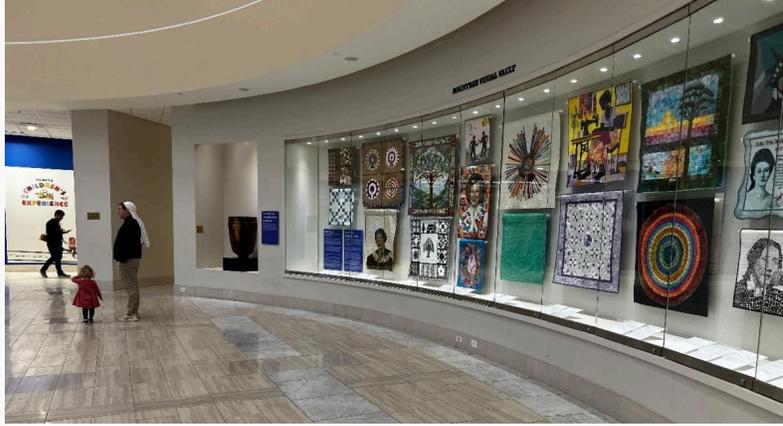
[Register Here](#)

Workshop Registration is Open to ECQG Members Only until April 15.
Click Registration Buttons for Workshop locations.

MATRIOTISM QUILT EXHIBIT

Celebrating 250 Years of Inspirational American Women Through Quilts

There is still time to see the Matriotism quilt exhibit at the [Atlanta History Center](#) (AHC), which runs through March 29. We plan to participate in the Museum's homeschool program on March 19 with special quilt-related projects for the kids. Please note that the special exhibit, the "[Freedom Plane National Tour: Documents That Forged a Nation](#)," sponsored by the National Archives, opens at the AHC on March 27. As a result, admission will be free of charge



from March 27 to 29th. This is a great opportunity to see all the exhibits that the AHC has to offer, including the Matriotism Quilts, at no cost.

Our next stop is the Alpharetta City Hall, where our exhibition opens on April 3, 178 S Main Street, Alpharetta, GA 30009.

City Hall is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 to 5:00, and on Fridays, 8:30 to 4:30. The City Hall is closed on Saturday and Sunday.



The City has selected 42 quilts for this exhibit, which will be on display through May 29. We are planning a Family and Friends reception on April 9, 2026, at 1pm-3pm, so stay tuned for details.

After Alpharetta, we will be exhibiting all the Matriotism quilts at the Georgia Celebrates Quilts Show, June 4th - 6th. **Please note that if you wish to enter your Matriotism quilt to be juried in the ECQG Quilt Show, you must fill out an application form and submit it to Carolyn Powers by March 27.**

[Enter a Quilt in the Georgia Celebrates Quilts® Quilt Show](#)

The remaining quilts will be displayed together at the Quilt Show **and will not require a QS application.**

After the Quilt Show, our exhibit will be on display at the Southeastern Quilt and Textile Museum in Carrollton, GA, from June 20 through August 5. Details on that exhibit will be coming soon.

For more information about the exhibit, please visit [Matriotism - East Cobb Quilters' Guild](#) on our website. If you have any questions about the Matriotism exhibits, please email matriotism@ecqg.com.

2026 QUILT CHALLENGE



Hopefully, everyone is excited about the 2026 Mystery Paint Chip Challenge. There's been some buzz from Guild members who have already started planning their quilt! If you have not gotten your paint chip, please see Alexa Morrison, Challenge Advisor, at the next guild meeting.

EVENING GROUP - IMAGINATION STATION



Last Month's Imagination Station Mini Challenge

The Thursday night group had a great time last month with our inaugural Imagination Station mini challenge. Our own Ben Hollingsworth impressed us all with a wonderfully creative version of the Morton Salt girl, right down to her catch phrase, "When it rains, it pours".

Our next month's Imagination Station prompt is COFFEE

That's right, using coffee as your inspiration, come up with a quickly assembled mini quilt. We would love to collect postcards for our quilt show fundraiser, so anything 4" by 6" would be ideal. Think of coffee mugs, coffee pots, coffee beans, and/or coffee color?



Don't usually attend the Evening Group meeting? Take the challenge and join us! Questions? [Contact](#) Rose Haisty.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Pick up Kits at the March meetings!

Volunteers are working hard making kits for teddy bears, flannel blankets, standard pillowcases, NICU pillowcases, and quilt kits. [Patterns are on the website.](#)

Especially needed from Members
- **Sewn [Teddy Bears!](#)**



Atlanta's Northside Hospital Auxiliary provides approximately 90 Welcome Bags per month to parents of babies being admitted to the NICU. These bags are geared to comfort the parents and typically include a teddy bear. Please consider picking up some Teddy Bear Kits from the Community Service table at the March meeting or using the pattern and directions on our website to support this effort. Here is a [link](#) to the Teddy Bear pattern.

Thank you!

Community Service Team,
Joanna Miller, Sue Schultz,
Glenda Jones, and our special group of
Volunteers

We are ready to route your donations to
our Community Service partners.

Questions about Community Service? Email CommunityService@ecgg.com.

Let's Get Sewcial!

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
605 Big Shanty Road, Kennesaw, GA
April 15, 10am - 3pm

Come join us for the first Community Service Sewcial of the year! We will work on community service items and enjoy the day sewing with friends. No pressure to finish - just come and have a good time. Free.



The Community Service Committee will have kits and happily answer questions.

[Register for Sewcial](#)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

A total of 151 members attended our February Meeting, while 35 members attended the Evening Meeting.

Our membership to date is 318 members. We welcome new and returning members at any time. To join, click on our [Join Us link](#) and follow the instructions. You can join online, by mail, or at the March meetings.

Questions about membership? [Email](#)
Denise Cornett.



WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ - BEE NEWS



New Bee Groups forming!

- **In West Cobb**, Nancy Hutchinson wants to start a bee. If you are interested, please get in touch using the contact information in the Membership Directory.
- **Cut it Out! Collective (Collage and Art Quilts)**, Lisa Feinberg wants to start this kind of bee. If interested, please get in touch using the contact information in the Membership Directory.
- **Dear Jane**, Eileen Wright is organizing this new bee. If interested, please get in touch using the contact information in the Membership Directory.
- **The Dunwoody "Threadheads"** is accepting new members. Interested folks should contact Robin Schick through the Membership Directory.

What are bees? - Click the Link - [ECQG Bee Webpage](#)



Click the Member Directory icon to find contact information. (After logging in, look for this Member Directory picture. If you do not see it, then click on "Members Only" at the top of the page.)

For more information, contact the Queen Bee, EJ Stapler at bees@ecqg.com.

FEBRUARY - SHOW & TELL



Day Meeting



Evening Group

GOLDEN SCISSORS & THIMBLES

Beth Wallace



Nora Whisenant



Golden Scissors

Congratulations to Beth Wallace and Nora Whisenant on receiving a Golden Scissors for their quilts displayed at the February Day meeting. Beth's quilt, "Covid Sanctuary," measured 302 inches, while Nora's quilt, "3-Layer Cake," measured 280 inches. Well done!

Remember, to earn a Golden Scissors award, your quilt must be at least 280 inches around the perimeter. It must be made entirely by one person and

presented within one year of completion. If the quilt is hand-quilted, the quilter also receives a Golden Thimble.

QUILT SHOWS AND EXHIBITS

FIBER ART EXHIBITION

THE OKEFENOKEE
HERITAGE CENTER
1460 N. AUGUSTA AVE.
WAYCROSS GA 31503

MARCH 1-24
2026



ARTIST
RECEPTION
MARCH 22, 2026
2PM-4PM

All Fiber Art is Welcome!

Submissions may include Quilts, Art Quilts, Quilted Garments, Knit & Crocheted Items, Cross Stitch, Hand Dyed Items, and many more.

Submissions must be received by February 19



MORE INFO AT
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SCAN FOR
SUBMISSION FORM

BULLOCH HALL QUILT SHOW 2026

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Two Weekends
March 12-15
March 19-22

Thursday, Friday &
Saturday 10am-4pm
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Check out the ["Events"](#) tab of the ECQG website and plan some fun!

IMPORTANT LINKS TO GUILD BUSINESS

Check out our financial statements and meeting minutes at the links below. You'll need your ECQG Member login to access this page. Need help? [Click here.](#)



[Guild Financials](#)



[Meeting Minutes](#)

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(left to right above)

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Upcoming Highlighted Events

April 18th 10am - 4pm

Machine Applique

with Jan Cunningham

Come learn how to use your sewing machine to create beautiful appliqué designs—no hand-stitching required!

April 14th

Community Sewing

Noon - 2pm

All materials supplied just bring your sewing machine and join others as we work on projects to give back in our community.

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