



The monthly newsletter from the
East Cobb Quilters' Guild

Basket Bulletin

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Silver Linings

When it is this hot outside, the blessing is it's perfectly temperate in our sewing studios. So, enjoy time learning a new skill or perfecting an old technique, reorganizing your stash or digging through your UFOs. Perhaps you are working on your Challenge quilt – or contemplating starting – now is the perfect time! If nothing else, bask in the glorious healing power of color therapy – maybe focus on the cool side of the color wheel this month!



Whatever you make time for, it will be worth it!

"I found I could say things with color and shapes that I couldn't say any other way - things I had no words for." Georgia O'Keefe

Enjoy creating,

Chris

Chris Ison, President

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MEETINGS THIS MONTH

Evening Group

Thursday, July 30 @ 6:45 pm - 8:45 pm

Day Guild Meeting

Friday, July 31 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

The Catholic Church of St. Ann - 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta, GA
(From the parking lot on Bishop Lake Road, our meeting space is in the left end of the building.)

Visitors Always Welcome! Visitor Fee \$10

Members - Volunteers Needed!

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

JULY PROGRAMS

Deborah Boschert



Lecture:

All About Art Quilts

Thursday, July 30 @ 6:45 pm

Members Always Free

Visitor Tickets, \$10, [Here](#)

Lecture:

Exploring Art Quilt Collage

Friday, July 31 @ 10:00 am

Members Always Free

Visitor Tickets, \$10, [Here](#)

Deborah Boschert lectures and teaches workshops with artist groups and quilt guilds all over the US and internationally. She offers opportunities to explore fused appliqué, print making on fabric, and personal symbols. Her workshops provide students with both structure and creative flexibility. She is known for her organization, enthusiastic spirit and encouraging vibe.

Deborah is the author of *Art Quilt Collage: A Creative Journey in Fabric, Paint and Stitch*. She has appeared on *Quilting Arts TV* and *The Quilt Show* and is published in several books and magazines. She is a past president of the Studio Art Quilt Associates. Who would be better to deliver this lecture, All About Art Quilts? Get more details at [Deborah's website](#).

Guild Meeting Lectures:

All About Art Quilts / Exploring Art Quilt Collage

Deborah is an artist, author and teacher who creates art quilt collages with layers of fabric, paint and stitching. Her artwork makes a visual impact from across the room. Her art quilt collages often include personal symbols like ladders, chairs and bowls. She uses stitch as a design element. The shapes, compositions, lines and textures in her work serve as metaphors for ideas and themes including growth, transition, rest and curiosity.





FULL DAY - WORKSHOPS

Deborah Boschert



Graphic Landscape Fabric Collage

Thursday July 30
9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Members: \$60
Not-Yet-Members: \$75

[Join the Waitlist](#)

Design an original landscape collage using graphic shapes. Learn composition tips and new ways to think about principles of design. Listen to Deborah explain the workshop here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUyB6v49BNw>



Captivating Compositions

This workshop is a lively introduction to design and composition. Deborah introduces eight classic compositions and shares inspiring examples from traditional, modern and art quilting,

Saturday, August 1
9:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Members: \$60
Not-Yet-Members: \$75

[Join the Waitlist](#)

PROGRAMS COMING IN AUGUST



Evening Meeting

Pam Cobb

Lecture: Stitch Scandals: The Surprisingly Saucy History of the Sewing Machine

Thursday, August 27, 2026

6:45 pm - 8:45 pm

Lecture is free

Pam Cobb shares a presentation where you'll meet the inventors, tinkerers, and troublemakers who transformed sewing. From prim petticoats to patent wars and philandering tycoons—it's not all straight seams and straight-laced stories. Think your sewing machine has a quiet, respectable past? Think again! *Stitch Scandals* dives into the unexpectedly dramatic history of the sewing machine—from fierce patent battles and courtroom showdowns to marketing breakthroughs and a scandal-prone sewing mogul with more than 20 children.

Day Meeting

Elisabeth Frolet

Lecture and Trunk Show

Friday, August 28, 2026

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Members Always Free

Visitor Tickets, \$10, [Here](#)



Dunwoody quilter Elisabeth Frolet discovered her passion for quilting in France before bringing her remarkable talents to the Atlanta area. Elisabeth is known for her stunning needle-turn appliqué Baltimore Album quilts and exquisitely detailed hand embroidery. Each quilt is a masterpiece of precision and artistry, making her work truly unforgettable. We are delighted to welcome Elisabeth for a special trunk show, where she will share her beautiful quilts, and the stories behind her award-winning creations. This is a presentation you won't want to miss!



See more information on the Programs & Workshops page, [here](#).

MATRIOTISM QUILT EXHIBIT

Celebrating 250 Years of Inspirational American Women Through Quilts

Our Matriotism exhibit was so well received at Georgia Celebrates Quilts! Visitors were not only overwhelmed by the beauty and creativity of the quilts, but they were also drawn to the history and stories behind them. Thank you to the members who helped us transfer, hang and take down this exhibit at the Civic Center.

The entire Matriotism exhibit – all 62 quilts - is now being shown through August 5th at the Southeastern Quilt and Textile Museum (SQTM) in Carrollton. Please bring your friends and family to see your work. Beginning November 7th, 24 Matriotism quilts will be displayed for a three month period at the Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville, GA.



Please note that SQTM is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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[Contact](#) Lisa Walker, Matriotism Committee Chair with any questions.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

The ECQG Community Service projects are going well thanks to all of our members. We know summer vacations and family events are keeping you busy so we especially appreciate your sewing time committed to us.

We have requests for holiday and specialty-themed items, i.e., pillow cases and place mats. Prepare now for Christmas, Thanksgiving, Veterans Day, and Hanukkah. Even holiday quilts are welcome.

We have updated our webpage with the link and description for our Quilts For Cops project [Quilts For Cops](#).

Remember we are having a Sewcial on August 26. You can bring your own project or help us with kits. We leave no one without something to do. It is also a great way to spend time with friends and meet new ones too.

[Register Here](#)

Donations Needed for our Partners: Sewing Supplies



July: Donation Project Needed

We are once again collecting sewing items for Central Gwinnett High School. This month, they need fleece, thread, scissors, marking pens and chalk. If you have these items and want to share, please bring them to the July meetings. There will be drop boxes near the Membership table. Please limit your generous donations to the listed items only.

REMINDER: please keep working on our primary project...QUILTS. There is an endless need.

The Community Service Co-chairs, Glenda Jones, Joanna Miller, and Sue Schultz, want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your wonderful support! We truly appreciate your involvement and look forward to working together to make a difference!

We are ready to route your donations to our Community Service partners.
Questions about Community Service? Email CommunityService@ecqg.com.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

A total of 163 members attended our May Meeting, while 48 members attended the Evening Meeting.

Our membership to date is 397 members. We welcome new and returning members at any time. To join, click on our [Join Us link](#) and follow the instructions. Dues are only \$25 for the remainder of 2026. You can join online, by mail, or at the July meeting.

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



Allison C.
June door prize winner

GUILD LIBRARY



Visit the Guild Library for a vast collection of wonderful library books that members can check out. Also find books for purchase at great prices. For the online Library catalog [click here](#).

If you have already checked out books, please remember to return them by the due date.

Library Highlight: It's Not Just for Crazy Quilts Anymore

A recent trend seen in quilts is the addition of hand stitching. It can be as simple as a running stitch in Perle cotton. Other quilts are embellished with a multitude of different stitches in a variety of threads. If you would like to start experimenting with decorative hand stitching the library has many books from which to choose. Here are just a few:

"Joyful Stitching Book" by Laura Wasilowski

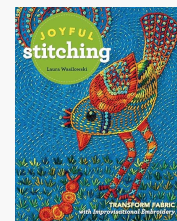
"Creative Stitching" by Sue Spargo

"1000 New Embroidery Designs" by Joan Waldman

"Embroidery Stitches Quilt Savvy" by Joan Sjuts Waldaman

"Embroidery & Patchwork Revisited" by Janice Vaine

"Embroidery and Crazy Quilt Stitch Tool" by Judith Baker Montano



Questions about the library? Contact Merle Anderson at [Library](#)



MYSTERY PAINT CHIP CHALLENGE



The 2026 Mystery Paint Chip Challenge is underway. There's still plenty of time to get your Challenge quilt finished! If you have not gotten your paint chip, please see Alexa Morrison,

Challenge Advisor, at the next guild meeting. [Click here for Paint Chip Challenge Rules.](#)

JUNE - SHOW & TELL



Evening Group - Photos



Day Meeting - Photos

GOLDEN SCISSORS



Joyce T.



Judy N.

Two delightful quilts were awarded Golden Scissors at the June meeting. The "Lavender and Lupine" quilt by Joyce had lovely pastel colors in it. Judy was awarded Golden Scissors for "Vineyard Rings," Judy's is the largest quilt submitted so far this year, measuring 446 inches! Congratulations to you both!

To qualify for Golden Scissors, your quilt must be at least 280 inches around the perimeter, be made entirely by one person, and be submitted within one year of completion. A Golden Thimble will be awarded if that same quilt is hand-quilted.

EVENTS

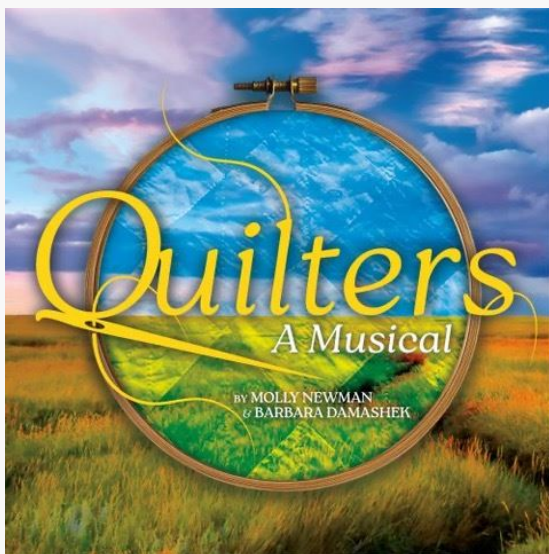
**COMMON THREADS
ANNUAL SALE**

Saturday, August 15th
10 AM - 2PM

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Atlanta, GA 30328

SHOP FOR FABRIC - \$3.00 PER YARD

QUILT SHOWS AND EXHIBITS



When purchasing tickets for "Quilters, A Musical" use discount code QGUILD10 to receive \$10 off each ticket purchased. You don't have to be a Guild member to use it so share with friends and family.



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.](#)



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[Meeting Minutes](#)

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Upcoming Highlighted Events

July 9th - July 26th

Stitching Atlanta Shop Hop

Come stop by and get a stamp
in your passport! Stitched is
so excited to be a part of this event.

July 28th

Community Project Noon - 2pm

All materials supplied
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Please bring sewing machine.

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