



The monthly newsletter from the
East Cobb Quilters' Guild

Basket Bulletin

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Space is Critical

In art, it creates depth and a place to rest. In life, it provides us with opportunities to feel safe and to grow. One of the things I love most about our guild is the space it makes for all of us. Whether you are a new quilter or someone with years of experience, there is space for you. No matter the types of quilts you are comfortable creating, or the types of quilts you aspire to make, there is space for you. Art is transformational, and so are the meaningful connections you are making in our guild. Being seen, being accepted, and being valued is a lifeline for all of us.



I'm glad you made space in your life for us,

Chris

Chris Ison, President

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APPRECIATION



MEETINGS THIS MONTH

Evening Group

Thursday, August 27 @ 6:45 pm - 8:45 pm

Day Guild Meeting

Friday, August 28 @ 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.)

Members - Volunteers Needed!

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

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

AUGUST PROGRAMS



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

Free Lecture - Everyone Welcome

Dive deep into the courtroom showdowns and scandals that shaped the foundation of how we got the sewing machines we stitch on today. In this entertaining 45-minute presentation, join Pam Cobb, sewing machine restorer and storyteller at Revive Sewing, to meet the inventors, tinkers, and troublemakers who transformed sewing from a slow, hand-stitched task into an industrial and domestic revolution. We'll explore how sewing machines reinvented consumer marketing and the furniture industry in the early 1900's, and dive into the juicy backstory of the Singer empire. You'll also have an opportunity to get hands-on with a special roadshow of vintage sewing machines.

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!



Lunchbox Live

The BackStory: The Hidden Stories of
Quilts and How to Keep Them from
Fading Away

Friday, August 28, 2026

Immediately following the Friday
meeting - St. Ann's Room 302

Tickets, \$5, [Here](#)

PROGRAMS COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Jean Impey



Meet and Greet:

Thursday, September 24 @ 6:45 pm

Members Always Free

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

Lecture:

Finding Your Passion and Running with It

Friday, September 25 @ 10:00 am

Members Always Free

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

Jean Impey is a highly sought-after speaker and instructor who captivates audiences with her enthusiasm, humor, and passion for creativity. Her Friday

lecture explores how following your passion can unlock limitless creative potential.

It all began with a Spider Web Quilt in 2007. What started as a single quilt quickly became an ongoing series as new ideas flowed faster than Jean could make them. As she says, *"When one thing leads to another, and you find something that clicks, you have to keep at it. Maybe that's what you call a series?"*

FULL DAY - WORKSHOPS

Jean Impey



Spider Webs

The Spider Web Quilt has been around for hundreds of years, and there are many ways to make one. Jean has come up with a quick and accurate method using your scraps of fabric to create a unique quilt.

Thursday September 24

9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Members: \$55

Not-Yet-Members: \$70

[Register Here](#)



The Magic of Fabulous Faces

Dive into the art of crafting expressive faces with ease and minimal materials. Then, uncover unique quilting techniques to bring your design to life.

Saturday, September 26

9:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Members: \$55

Not-Yet-Members: \$70

[Join the Waitlist](#)

Click Registration Buttons for Workshop locations.

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

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, e.g., pillowcases 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.

[Join the Waitlist](#)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

A total of 148 members attended our July Meeting, while 47 members attended the Evening Meeting.

Our membership to date is 404 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.



UPDATES FROM OUR WEBMASTER

Wild Apricot Mobile App Icon Change

A quick note about our Membership App from Wild Apricot. The app icon has changed. The app is the same; just the icon has changed.



Not using our Membership app? Instructions for downloading the app can be found on our website under [Member Login Help](#).

Introducing Groups.io

Launching **September 7, 2026**

What is Groups.io?

Groups.io is an easy-to-use online communication platform that works directly with something you already use every day—**email**. Members will be able to send and receive group messages without needing to visit another website or learn a complicated new system regularly.

Groups.io will help members:

- Receive Guild announcements and timely updates.
- Ask questions and exchange helpful quilting information.
- Share ideas, resources, photos, and upcoming opportunities.
- Connect more easily with fellow ECQG members.
- Search past conversations and information in one convenient location.
- Choose how frequently group messages are delivered by email.

Member Training Sessions:

Two live Zoom training sessions will be offered to introduce Groups.io, demonstrate how it works, and explain what members can expect:

Wednesday, September 2, at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Both sessions will cover the same information. The training will also be recorded and made available afterward for members who are unable to attend.

We look forward to using Groups.io to make ECQG communication easier, more timely, and more engaging for everyone!

MYSTERY PAINT CHIP CHALLENGE



Join the 2026 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, the Challenge Advisor, at the

JULY - SHOW & TELL



Evening Group - Photos



Day Meeting - Photos

GOLDEN SCISSORS

Golden Scissors' popularity increased in July with the submission of seven quilts! Perhaps the summer heat is keeping us in our sewing rooms to finish up these large projects. We hope to see even more quilts next month!

Pat Kilmark submitted "Klaudeen's Diamonds" at 309."

Michele Bautsch's Quilt for Cops measured 288."

Vicki Roark's 286" quilt was titled "Muse."

Nora Whisenant made two quilts, "Walking Trails" at 314" and "Slide Show" at 308."

Ruth Chow's quilt was 380" and was named "Blue Ridge Beauty."

Margaret Williams' quilt, "Improv Square in a Square," was 402."

Good work, ladies, on your beautiful large quilts!

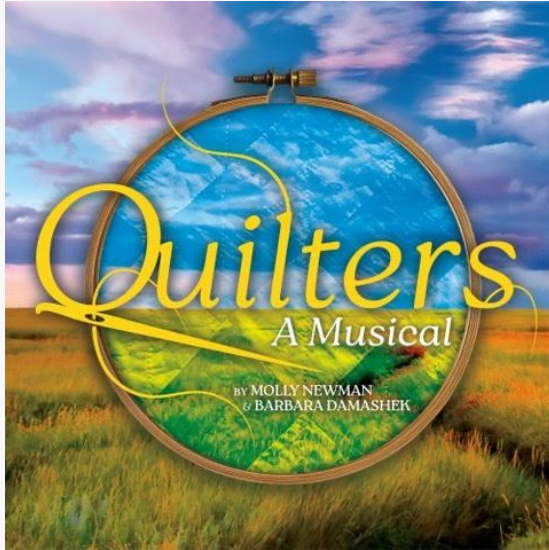
See July Golden Scissors Quilts [here](#).



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.

QUILT SHOWS AND EXHIBITS

At the August meeting, Out On A Limb Quilt Guild from Jasper, Georgia, will be selling tickets for their beautiful raffle quilt. Please plan to bring cash. Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 tickets for \$5.



Quilters A Musical

August 14 - 23

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

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ALL SOUTHEAST SHOP HOP

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

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Check out our financial statements and meeting minutes at the links below.
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[here.](#)



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Upcoming Highlighted Events

August 22nd
Leaf Quilting Workshop
with Mike Stedman

One-of-a-kind Mixed Media workshop! Hands on workshop where you learn the art of quilting with leaves.

August 25th
Community Project
Noon - 2pm

All materials supplied
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Please bring sewing machine & thread.

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