The monthly newsletter from the
East Cobb Quilters' Guild

Basket Bulletin

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Upon Reflection…



As the year comes to a close, it's a good time to look back, take stock, and remember all the wonderful opportunities we've had to work, laugh, and play together. My goal at the start of the year was to ensure you and I had fun – I hope you feel I succeeded, or at least came close! To everyone that worked, laughed and played along with me this year, I am so grateful for your time and your friendship. You're the heart of this guild – you're what makes it run, and you're what makes it fun! Evelyn, a special wish for you in 2027 – that you have just as much fun as I did.

Chris
Chris Ison, President
president@ecqg.com

HOLIDAY PARTIES AND ANNUAL MEETING



Evening Party - December 8 @ 6:45pm
RSVP Here

Day Party & Annual Meeting - December 9 @ 9:30am

RSVP Here

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)

Important!! No Free Table this Month!

Let's Party!!



Celebrate the holidays with your Guild friends! Enjoy delicious food, Show and Tell, Golden Scissors, festive décor including holiday quilts made by Executive Committee members, special presentations, and more. Vote on business items, elect new officers, and learn about Guild plans for 2027.

When you RSVP, you will see the details on each party on the website. The morning meeting includes a catered brunch for $15, (Quiche Lorraine or vegan option).

You are welcome to attend both meetings. Wear your name tag and festive attire. Bring your final 2026 Community Service donations, a small new unwrapped toy for a child at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, and quilts for Show and Tell and Golden Scissors.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS DECEMBER 2

Let's Do (Guild) Business!!



Each year, Guild officers complete critical tasks needed to keep the Guild running smoothly and compliant with business standards and applicable laws. Their work is made available to members for their review and, in some cases, for their vote. Here is what you need to know.

Guild Officers

Chaired by First Vice President Evelyn Kennedy, the Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers:

- President – Evelyn Kennedy
- First Vice President (President-elect) – Angela Raymond
- Second Vice President (Programs) – Leigh Ann Kloefkorn

- Third Vice President (Membership) – Pam Cobb
- Secretary – Abbi Rabeneck
- Treasurer – Sue Eisen

Read more about them **here**, so you will be ready to vote at the meetings. Officers also serve on the Executive Committee along with Committee Chairs. Click **here** to see the 2026 Executive Committee roster.

A big thanks to all these members who have volunteered to serve our Guild!

2027 Budget

Prepared by Treasurer Abbi Rabeneck and recommended to you by the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, our 2027 proposed budget can be viewed **here**. Log in and scroll to the "Guild Financials" icon.

Bylaws Amendments

All corporations are required to operate in accordance with their bylaws. The Guild conducts an annual review of our Bylaws, Policies and Procedures and Privacy Policy. The Bylaws Committee, chaired by the 1st Vice President, requires the assistance of a number of members who volunteer their time in the review process. The committee's recommended changes are posted on the Guild website. Click **here**, log in, and scroll to the "Guild Governance" icon to see them. All members attending the December meetings are asked to vote on proposed changes to the Bylaws.

Questions? Email **Evelyn Kennedy**.

EVENING GROUP UPDATE

'WHAT WOULD DOLLY DO?' BLOCK PARTY



This January, the Evening Group (EG) will host a special program celebrating Dolly Parton's life and philanthropy. Inspired by her generosity, we will be making quilts to donate to our Community Service partners, starting with a fun launch party featuring Dolly's music, themed attire, and her baked goods.

Members are asked to create two types of blocks at home: the "9 to 5" nine-patch and the "Quilt of Many Colors" scrappy strips. Click **here** for the patterns. At the January meeting, we'll assemble these into twin-size quilt tops, and we'll need volunteers to cut sashing, arrange blocks, and iron. There are sit-down tasks. See more information on our website **here**.

If you can't make it to the evening meeting, you can still help by making blocks and dropping them off with Chris Ison at the December Holiday party. Join us for this worthwhile project—let's make a difference together! In a world of Jolenes, be a Dolly!

MATRIOTISM QUILT EXHIBIT

Celebrating 250 Years of Inspirational Women Through Quilts



The Guild's Matriotism Exhibit was beautifully unveiled at the Booth Museum's Art for Lunch program on November 4, 2026. The event featured a catered lunch for approximately 100 patrons followed by a well-presented glimpse into our exhibit by four Guild members: Chris Ison, Devon Pfeif, Melinda Rushing and Margaret Williams. The exhibit now hangs on the second floor and will be open for viewing until February 7, 2027. In addition to Matriotism, there are a wide variety of new exhibits on display at the Booth, a Smithsonian Associate. So, please grab a friend and visit Cartersville during the holidays.

Questions? Email the **Matriotism Committee**.



Melinda Rushing



Margaret Williams

SPECIAL GUILD EXHIBITS

Challenge Quilts to Hang at Sewell Mill Cultural Arts Center
The Paint Chip Challenge quilts are spectacular, and you'll have plenty of chances to see them again at the Sewell Mill Cultural Arts Center March 4 – April 10, 2027. There will be a reception on the afternoon of March 6 to celebrate all the makers of these fabulous quilts.

Mable House Special Exhibit Theme Announced

"Singing the Joyful Blues" will celebrate the 45th anniversary of the founding of the East Cobb Quilters' Guild, the sapphire anniversary. Blue has long been a favorite of quilters, and in this exhibit we hope to showcase quilts that feature



blue as a predominant color or theme. From quilts that depict the natural world - water, snow, the sky, or a plant, animal, or bird- to quilts that evoke blue and white china or the American flag, and even quilts that feature traditionally blue fabrics such as denim, men's shirts, or indigo or shibori dyeing, we want to celebrate all the shades and versions of blue you have chosen to include in your quilts. All quilt sizes are welcome, and your quilt may have been made at any time, from vintage to modern. Maybe you even have something in progress, and this will spur you to finish it, or start a new project you've been meaning to begin. Entries will be due in early March, 2027. The exhibit will hang from April 9 – May 14, 2027

Questions? Email Andrea Barrett.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

A total of 165 members attended our October Meeting, while 36 members attended the Evening Meeting.

Our membership to date is 423 members. We welcome new and returning members at any time. To join, click on our Join Us **link** and follow the instructions. Now through December, dues are $40 for the remainder of 2026 and include 2027. You can join online, by mail, or at the monthly meetings.

Questions? Email **Denise Cornett**.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service is thrilled to announce that we have exceeded our 2026 goals thanks to ECQG members! Due to your generosity, we have helped so many people.

The October silent auction was also a complete success. We are able to conclude a good finish with this budget addition.



The December party is your last opportunity to drop off your final finishes to be included in counts for fun rewards. There will be no free tables or kits available until the January meeting.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Clare Schueren of Stitched Gifts for her generous donation of fabrics. January will have a good start with kits to offer.

Community Service Questions? Email the **Community Service Committee**.

2026 MYSTERY PAINT CHIP CHALLENGE



We revealed the Mystery Paint Chip challenge quilts at our October meetings. Immediately after the Friday meeting, online voting began, and now the results are in!
Click **here** to see all the quilts. You can also see who made them.

Congratulations to the quilters below who received the most votes!



1st Place - Pam C.



2nd Place - Evelyn K.



3rd Place - Lisa F.



4th Place - Ben H.



5th Place - Mary M.

2027 CHALLENGE

Get inspired by the Peach State! From Georgia's scenic landscapes and historic landmarks to its wildlife, culture, and Southern traditions, your quilt has endless possibilities. Let your creativity shine and show us what "Georgia on My Mind" means to you! Read the rules **here**.

Questions? Email the **Challenge Committee**.

GOLDEN SCISSORS



Margaret G. - Golden Scissors and Golden Thimble

To see all of the Golden Scissors and Golden Thimble quilts, **click here**.

Congratulations to our Members!

Our members keep excelling at making large quilts. Each quilt is not only large but also has great color and pattern. More time, effort, and materials go into these quilts, so it's easy to see why they earn Golden Scissors. We all look forward to seeing them each month.

This month's recipients of Golden Scissors from the day group are Michele Bautsch, Nora Whisenant, and Clare Schueren. From the evening group, Joella Molway, Lucie Cregeur, and Steven Bell also received Golden Scissors. Thanks for sharing your creations with us. The Guild is proud of you!

Apologies to Margaret Giannotti for the omission of her awards in the October newsletter. Margaret got both a Golden Scissors and Golden Thimble for her lovely "Rose Garland" quilt. Margaret was well-deserving of both awards!

Criteria for receiving a Golden Scissors are: the quilt must be at least 280 inches around the perimeter, it must be completely made by one person, and it must be presented for measurement within one year of completion. If the quilt is also hand-quilted, the maker will receive a Golden Thimble in addition to the Golden Scissors.

SHOW & TELL

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped with Show & Tell, Golden Scissors, and Presenter quilts this year. We appreciate all of your help and willingness to jump in at a moment's notice. We couldn't do this without you! During Show & Tell at the Day Holiday Party, members of the Executive Committee will hold the quilts, so you can sit back and enjoy the show!



Evening Group



Guild Meeting

QUILT SHOWS & EXHIBITS

Professional Art Quilters Alliance-South is proud to announce its
2027 exhibition ARTQUILTSstash, March 10 – May 1, 2027.
What's in a quilter's stash—that accumulation of fabrics, notions, and threads? Rainbows of color? Grandmother's unfinished projects? Family clothing hand-me-downs? Mom's button collection? A precious piece of Japanese silk?
FIBER ARTISTS: Create a multi-layered fabric-and-thread work of art from your stash. Any theme, any style; you may incorporate embellishments and unusual finds. Quilts must be multi-layered, pieced and/or patched, and joined by stitching,
Online registration of entries opens November 20, 2026, and closes January 22, 2027. **Link** to ArtQuilts Stash event.



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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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2026 GUILD LEADERSHIP



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(left to right above)

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Executive Committee

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