



PRESIDENT'S DESK

January was an interesting month. I mistakenly thought that it would be a quiet month during which I would have time to leisurely compose this message and review parliamentary procedure before the night meeting. It was not a quiet month. Since I last presided as head of a committee of volunteers charged with maintaining the operation of a large group nearly two decades ago, I had forgotten about the behind-the-scenes work that has to be done before each meeting is called to order.

For example, our bylaws require an annual budget and at least 2 executive committee meetings. I had to read the opening sections of the bylaws a few of times simply to ascertain the composition of the executive committee. And our perennial dilemma of where the Guild would hold meetings in 2023 was unexpectedly complicated by the loss of a proposed new meeting location which had already been voted upon favorably by a significant majority at the January day meeting. Since that meeting, I've found myself thinking that President is a synonym for Cat Herder.

As I called our January night meeting to order, I was still thinking about herding cats. Should I have brought a gavel or a bell to facilitate maintaining some semblance of order and parliamentary procedure? Perhaps an air horn instead of a bell? The start of the meeting, and the amended motion and subsequent vote on a meeting location for 2023 may have been a bit rough, but something changed after the recess when we started the Programs portion of the meeting. Several people with UFOs stood up and requested help. They were stuck with a few pieces of quilt that they didn't know how to complete.

From my vantage point at the side of the room, I noticed that everyone was suddenly attentive. The background rumble of private conversation ceased. Everyone was watching the UFOs at the front of the room. A suggestion for completing each was offered, and the subsequent discussion and proposal of alternate solutions was calm and orderly. I suddenly realized that I had stopped thinking about herding cats. From the sidelines I saw your willingness to help and teach others; a characteristic that all quilters seem to possess.

It was not until two days later when I chaired the executive committee meeting that I resumed thinking about herding cats. I suspect I'll think about cats all year with periodic exceptions such as the time when one of this month's UFOs is displayed as a finished project during Show-and-Tell later this year. Those few moments make all of the behind-the-scenes work worthwhile.

Until our next meeting,

Paul

2023 MEETINGS AND BEES WILL BE AT:

**St. Julian's Episcopal Church
5400 Stewart Mill Road
Douglasville**

Officers

President – Paul Feist
Vice-Pres. – Bonnie McLain
Day Secretary Loretta Ford
Night Secretary – Denise Adams
Treasurer – Vicki Hecht

Standing Committees

Historian –
Membership – Paul Feist
Vicki Hecht
Albertha Brown
Newsletter – Susan Fisher
Programs – Irene Gardner
Publicity – ?
Sunshine – Mary Graham
Ways and Means – Irene Gardner
Jennie Hollis

Ad Hoc Committees

Bee Keeper – ????
Challenge Quilt – Albertha Brown
Jill Stroer
Christmas Party – Annie Kellum
Community Service – Jill Stroer
Golden Scissors – Dawn Feist
Hospitality --
Photographer – Albertha Brown
Saturday Quilt Till You Wilt –
Ann Groves
R'Auction Caryl Knox
Webmaster – Joany Orsi

2023 MEETINGS LOCATION

St. Julian's Episcopal Church
5400 Stewart Mill Rd.
Douglasville

DAY MEETINGS:
2nd Thursday of month
Doors open at 9 am
Meeting begins at 9:30 am

NIGHT MEETING:
4th Thursday of month
NOTE NEW NIGHT MEETING TIMES:
Doors open at 6 pm
Meeting begins at 6:30 pm

Membership

January Day Meeting: 27 members
January Night Meeting: 25 members, 1 visitor

Total Paid Members: 47

*Just a reminder, please wear your name badge to the meetings.
Forget your name badge? It'll cost you a quarter!*

2023 Membership dues - \$30
Membership form is on Group
Works & Website

February Birthdays

2/2 Judy Jones
2/10 Marjorie Frost
2/19 Jeanette Koval
2/26 Abby Miller



Irene Gardner has been fighting some kind of illness, probably a sinus infection or weird cold. She's ready to be able to think clearly and function again!

Denise and Allen Allee returned from Christmas in Texas with Cedar Fever. They both have serious sinus infections and coughs and can't really talk. She said they've been back and forth to doctors and pharmacy, a bit better but "we both still feel lousy."

Regina McKittrick is also coping with health issues.

On a happier note, it's nice to have Broach back with us. Remember though when she attends meetings, please, no close contact as she is immunosuppressed.

Please let me know of any others who need cheer and/or concern!

Mary Graham
mjgcrafts34@gmail.com

Bees

**3rd Thursday of month
At St. Julian's Episcopal Church
5400 Stewart Mill Rd**

**Douglasville
9:00 – 3
\$5 donation**

FEBRUARY IS SOCK MONTH

We've learned that every church where we've held meetings has an outreach program to provide clothing, food, services to the community. Socks are always in demand. If you wish, bring a new pair of men's socks to the February meetings.

SEWJOURNERS QUILT GUILD: UNCOMMON THREADS XVIII

**Southwest Arts Center
915 New Hope Rd SW
South Fulton, GA 30331**

**Opening reception: Saturday, Feb 4th, 2 – 5 pm
Exhibit runs through March 17, 2023**

Community Service 2023

Our project for 2023 is the Douglasville Nursing & Rehab on Highway 5. There are 230 residents. When asked what they needed, the response was “everything!” Many receive few if any visitors, so they could really use brightness and cheer in their lives.

There will be FIVE ways to contribute your welcome quilting skills:

- 1) Wheelchair quilts, approximately 36” x 40”; big enough for a lap quilt that won’t get tangled in the wheels**
- 2) Twin size quilts**
- 3) Wheelchair bags**
- 4) Walker bags**
- 5) Bibs**

I will be collecting items through November.

Links to instructions for bags and bibs will be coming soon.

Thank you to all who give of their time and talents for Community Service.

**Jill Stroer
Jillyb39n@aol.com**

Christmas Party

I have booked a place for the 2023 Christmas party. The cost will be \$25. I can start collecting money in January if you need to pay in installments

**Annie Kellum
anniekell@yahoo.com**



GOLDEN SCISSORS



Remember to record your name, quilt, details in the Golden Scissors book at meetings.

Linda Kelley received an award for turquoise and pink twin size for hand quilting.

Jeanette Koval received a golden scissors and machine quilted award for purple and green log cabin king size.

A Golden Scissor Charm is awarded for a completed quilt with a minimum measurement of 220" around the perimeter of the quilt.

Golden Scissors Rules

- The quilt should be completed in the same year the award is given.
- The quilt must be completely finished, quilted and bound.
- There must be a quilt label sewn into or onto the quilt with at least the quilters name and date.
- The quilter presenting the quilt must have pieced the top.
- Piecing can be done by hand or by machine.
- Block-of-the-month, friendship, and round robin quilts assembled by the owner qualify for Awards.
- Whole cloth quilts are acceptable: however, no cheater quilts.
- Quilting may be either by hand or machine.
- Professional machine quilting and tied quilts are acceptable
- After earning 5 Golden Safety Pin Awards, they may be exchanged for 1 Golden Scissor Award.
- Both a written record of the Award and a Photo will be kept permanently by the guild.

The record will include: the quilter's name, the name of the quilt and awards given

PROGRAMS

February 9th day meeting: Get tips on making 2023 Community Service items! Rachel Phaneuf will do a presentation on how to make bibs, walker bags, and fidget quilts for senior citizens. Rachel's demonstrations are always so well prepared with clear and easy instructions to follow!

More Program information to come. Under consideration is a lecture: "Why Guild Members Should Participate in Challenges" and a hand embroidery class. Ideas, suggestions? Contact Irene Gardner.

Gallon Bag Challenge

If you want to participate in the Gallon Bag Challenge, bring your bag to Broach at a February meeting.

Stuff a gallon bag with fabric, notions, etc. We will swap bags at the night meeting. You make something from the bag you get and at November night meeting the object you made goes back to the owner of the bag.

The object you make can be a wall hanging, pillow, table runner, tote bag - etc. - pretty much anything quilted. You do not have to use all the items in the bag and you can add to those items.

Be sure and put a label with maker's name and bag owner's name, date, etc

Broach

Challenges Are Better Than Resolutions!

2023 Sewing Challenge

written by [Beth Cooper](#) January 4, 2023 in Nancy's Notion's newsletter

Pick Which Challenge You Like Best

I challenge you to pick *one* of the following this year:

1. For every new sewing project that you start this year, pick one UFO (UnFinished Object) project from your stack (Yes! I know you have them!) and *finish* it.
2. For every new sewing project that you start, pick one UFO that you have no desire to finish and either gift the entire unfinished object/stack of fabric to another sewist or pitch it. Yep. Get rid of it. If you are never going to finish it, make room for something that you do want to finish. ("Pitching it" can mean a trash can, a recycle bin, a resale shop, etc.)
3. Do not start any new projects for an entire year. Simply work on what you have already started. I think you'll be surprised how fast you get the old projects done, so that you can move on to new projects again.

Just One... Not All Three

Remember, you don't have to do all three. Just pick the one that works best for you. If you have a sewing friend or a group of sewing friends, challenge them as well. If you don't have friends that sew, follow along here on Nancy's Notions. Keep me updated on your progress! I would love to hear about it and cheer you along. (You can always email me at beth@nancysnotions.com.)

CRQG
Day Meeting January 12,2023

The meeting at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church was called to order by the Vice President, Bonnie McLain at 9:30

January birthdays were announced.

Committee reports were given:

Treasurer: In newsletter

Beekeeper The bee is to be held Thursday Jan 19th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church from 9am to 3pm. Cost is \$5.00. Some will be working on bibs for community service & others may be working on their own projects. Bring your lunch and something to share if you would like,

Challenge Quilt: The challenge is still being decided on.

Christmas Party: Chairman was not in attendance.

Community Service: Wheelchair quilts & bags, walker bags, fidget quilts and twin size quilts to be donated to Douglas Nursing Home & Rehab located on Hwy. 5. See newsletter for more info.

Gallon Bag Challenge: Bring bags to February meetings and turn in to Broach. The challenge projects will be presented at the November night meeting.

Golden Scissors: Please sign log book so you can get appropriate charm.

Newsletter: All items need to be turned in to Susan Fisher by January 29th.

Programs: In progress

R'Auction: Chairman not present. Bonnie announced for everyone to start saving items.

Way & Means: Tickets were purchased for some delightful items. Drawing was held for Sewing Calendar. Calendar was won by Toni!! Congrats!!

Membership: There was a total of 27 members & no visitors in attendance.

Door prizes were won by Linda Kelley, Bonnie McLain & Barbara Shirley. CONGRATULATIONS!

Sunshine: Let Mary Graham know of anyone who needs a little sunshine. Mary handed out pocket prayer quilts to those who had January birthdays.

Quilt-Till-You Wilt: Tentatively planning a date in March

Discussed the voting of meeting at Good Shepherd Lutheran or St Julian's.

Voted: Good Shepherd-17 AND St. Julian's-1

Bonnie suggested everyone bringing a fat quarter & having a drawing each month.

All committee chairman should let Paul know by Jan 20th the amount of funds they will need so the budget can be completed.

Linda Poindexter announced the following exhibit by Sewjourners Quilt Guild opening day Saturday Feb 4th.

See info in newsletter.

Bonnie announced that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church takes donation of clothing, food, etc for the homeless.

Denise Adams announced that the Douglas County Coalition Group also need items. At this time they need mostly sock, gloves & batteries. We discussed bringing socks to the February meetings.

Jeanne Andersen thanked all the officers & committee chairmen from the last year and for the new year.

Everyone enjoy cupcakes & brownies during break provided by Rachel(it was Charlie's birthday) YUM

Show & Tell

Today's program was QUILT-O with Irene. Everyone really enjoyed it. Lots of fun & laughter.

Respectfully submitted by,
Loretta Ford, Day Secretary

Night Meeting January 26,2023

The meeting at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church was called to order by the President, Paul Feist at 6:30

January birthdays were announced.

Day meeting minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer: Vickie Hecht gave report. See more info in newsletter.

Beekeeper: The bee is to be held Thursday Feb 16th at St. Julian's Church from 9am to 3pm. Cost is \$5.00
Bring your projects and come have fun with everyone . Bring your lunch and something to share if you would like.

Challenge Quilt: The challenge is still being decided on.

Christmas Party: Party is tentatively scheduled for Dec 7th at Atlanta's Finest at \$25 per person. Annie is still checking other options and the party is still under discussion.

Community Service: Wheelchair quilts & bags, walker bags, fidget quilts and twin size quilts to be donated to Douglas Nursing Home & Rehab located on Hwy. 5. To be turned in by Nov 1st. See newsletter for more info.

Gallon Bag Challenge: Bring bags to February meetings and turn in to Broach. The challenge projects will be presented at the November night meeting. See newsletter for more info.

Golden Scissors: Please sign log book so you can get appropriate charm.

Newsletter: All items need to be turned in to Susan Fisher by January 29th.

Programs: Irene has asked for help and ideas. Anyone that can step up and help, please do. Rachel will do a walker bag demo at the Feb 9th, day meeting.

R'Auction: Caryl Knox stated it will be held at night meeting, Sept 28th and reminded everyone to start saving items.

Way & Means: Tickets were purchased for some delightful items. Drawing was held for decorator's fabric. Fabric was won by Albertha!! Congrats!!

Membership: There was a total of 25 members & 1 visitors in attendance. Albertha reminded everyone we needed

to wear our badges or pay \$.25. If you do not have a badge let Albertha know.

Door prizes were won by Jeanette Koval, Rachel Phaneuf & Barbara Shirley. CONGRATULATIONS!

Sunshine: Let Mary Graham know of anyone who needs a little sunshine. Mary sent birthday cards to those with birthday. Remember Regina McKittrick in our prayers.

Quilt-Till-You Wilt: March 25th ,9am-9pm, \$10, Bring a dish to share. Tentatively to be held at St. Julian's.

Photography: All photos have been added to website.

Discussed meeting at St Julian's for the rest of 2023 year.

Voted unanimously to have all meetings at St Julian's for the year of 2023 and will have a vote at the Feb day meeting.

Voted to have a search committee to check out different options for meeting places for 2024, Yes14 No 2 and we will have a vote at the Feb. day meeting.

Bonnie suggested everyone bringing a fat quarter & having a drawing each month.

Voted unanimously to have the fat quarter exchange and will have a vote at the Feb. day meeting.

Denise Allee will be in charge of this project. More details to come in February!!!! FUN!! FUN!! FUN!!

Remember that the Douglas County Coalition Group also need items. At this time they need mostly socks, gloves & batteries. We discussed bringing socks to the February meetings.

Jeanne Andersen read a thank you note from “The Pantry” for the \$100.00 Donation that we took up at the Christmas Party.

Paul stated if we needed to contact him please leave a voice mail or send an e-mail and he would return the call or e-mail as soon as he could.

Inclement Weather: If Douglas County School's are closed we will also be closed.

Show & Tell

Today's program was Unfinished Projects- “What Do I Do With It” with Irene. Everyone had lots of ideas to help with finishing some projects.

Respectfully submitted by,

Loretta Ford, Day Secretary

Stand in for Denise Adams, Night Secretary

The Guild Newsletter is online only. You can access the newsletter through Group Works or the Cherokee Rose website. It is posted by the third of each month.

DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER IS FEBRUARY 26th

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IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023!

Date _____



Cherokee Rose Quilters Guild
2023 Membership Form {age 15 and up}

Please Print Clearly

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ GA Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Work Phone _____ (Is not printed in Directory)

E-mail _____ Birthday (Month) _____ (Day) _____

Check Your Preferences Below:

_____ Attend Day Meeting – 2 nd Thursday at 9:30am

_____ Attend Night Meeting – 4 th Thursday at 6:30pm

_____ Attend Both Meetings

_____ Email Reminder for Meetings

_____ Read Newsletter Online at Website or GroupWorks

Yearly Dues are \$30.00 Make checks payable to: **Cherokee Rose Quilters Guild**

Please bring your completed renewal form and payment to a meeting or

Mail to: Vicki Hecht 7228 Banks Mill Rd. Douglasville, Ga. 30135

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