



PRESIDENT'S DESK

One of the perpetual issues associated with my day job is finding new employees to do the work that keeps coming in the door. Hiring is a never-ending process. Does an existing employee need to be promoted to a position with more responsibility? When I promote them, who is coming up behind them to do the work that they are doing now? Or perhaps the last new hire is failing and it's time to cut them loose before the end of their 90-day probation period. More problematic, what if the clients accept all 3 of the large proposals that we recently issued and I need additional, trained staff in less than 2 weeks?

This past week a coworker sent around an email asking if we should participate in an established local jobs program. They heard that participants in the program were skill, certified, and ready to work. My reply indicated that I was formerly an active employer participant in the program, and that my experience had been that the people participating in the program were involved, for good reason, in a curriculum that heavily emphasized basic job skills like showing up for work every day and staying off your phone while you were at work.

All but two of the people that I have hired out of that program lasted less than 2 months. Some quit. The remainder were terminated. They generally didn't show up on time, if at all, and when they were at work, they prioritized social media over the job they were hired to do. Never. Never, sit down in my office and watch TikTok videos while I finish the phone conversation I was having when you walked into my office. I'm seeking people who show up, want to learn, are not hesitant to ask questions when they don't know the answer, are self-starters able to work independently after they are trained, and are capable of eventually becoming mindful of schedules and project budgets.

I didn't include one final thought in my reply to that coworker's suggestion, but I'll share it with you. Perhaps the people I'm seeking to hire are quilters. The quilters I know show up, want to learn, ask questions, work independently, are self-starters, and meet completion schedules. Perhaps I should contact my company's recruiting department tomorrow and ask them to add one more question, "Do you quilt?" to the standard list of applicant screening questions.

Just remember, should you answer one of my help wanted adds, that you will be knee-deep in our infamous red Georgia clay nearly every day. Wash thoroughly at the end of each day because when red Georgia clay gets on your quilt fabric, you may never be able to wash it out.

Until our next meeting,

Paul

**AUGUST 10th – DAY
MEETING
TAFFY MCLAUGHLIN**

**AUGUST 24th – NIGHT
MEETING
DIANA QUINN:
WOOL EMBROIDERY**

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

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Bee Keeper – Jeanne Andersen
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

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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

July Day Meeting: 22 members, 2 visitors
July Night Meeting: 23 members. 1 visitor

Total Paid Members: 43

*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

August Birthdays

8/26 **Bonnie McLain**
8/27 **Sheila Cartwright**



We have a few members needing our thoughts and prayers this month. Please shower them with cards, texts or emails to let them know they are being thought of.

Joyce Trew's husband Paul and Ann Groves mother-in-law, former member Jessie Quick, are both in hospice care.

Bonnie McLain's husband Mike is recovering from surgery.

Some good news...Vickie Hecht is recovering very nicely and quickly from her recent surgery. She thanks everyone who "baby sat" her after surgery. Irene Gardner doesn't need surgery on her broken wrist.

If you know of someone needing Sunshine, please contact Mary Graham by text, email, or phone call. We need to support our members!

Bees

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

Douglasville
9:30 – 3
\$5 fee for room

Any questions contact
Jeanne Andersen, 864-420-0338

AUGUST IS BUG SPRAY MONTH

We've learned that every church where we've held meetings has an outreach program to provide clothing, food, services to the community. Small cans of bug repellent are a seasonal need. If you wish, bring some to any meeting.



QUILT CHALLENGE 2023 "Making a STATE-ment"

Fat Quarter Drawing

Participation is optional.
Please bring 100% Cotton Fabric only.
For every fat quarter you bring, you receive one ticket. Yardage is also acceptable.
The color for the month is the same for both Day and Night meeting.
You can bring them to either meeting or to both.
Drawing will be held at the Night Meeting for that month.
You don't have to be present to win.
Anything in the designated monthly color family works.

August Fat Quarter: "Red" Ruby, Maroon, Cherry, Scarlet, Pink, Fuchsia, etc

My kids are in possession of their step-mother's antique quilts (1920-30) who passed recently. They don't know what to do with them. I thought Guild! So if anyone is interested in making an offer, let me know.

Caryl Knox
kcaryl@hotmail.com

This year's challenge will be completed using the following rules:

First, you will choose your favorite state and then make a quilt or whatever representing that State. You may use any of the following techniques of your choice to complete the challenge:

Traditional pieced, pieced applique, paper pieced, modern, art or even something not considered a quilt as long as it is from fabric.

Second, you will choose one main color from the color wheel using as many shades of that color as you like to begin your project. HOWEVER, you must introduce Black and White to your colors to complete the challenge.

Keep your quilt approximately no larger than 48" x 48" finished. Quilts must be finished completely, i.e. quilted top, batting, backing and bound.

Quilts will be judged by all members, the makers anonymous when turned into the September night meeting.

This year we will have one category. There will be three prizes awarded, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Ribbon will be awarded as well.

**THINK OUTSIDE OF THE QUILTING BOX.
BE CREATIVE and above all, HAVE FUN
WITH WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE TO DO!**

Questions? Ask Albertha or Jill.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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 day meeting.

If you’d like to make a Fidget Quilt there is a wonderful, illustrated How To in the latest Nancy’s Notions newsletter:

<https://nancysnotions.com/fidget-quilts-for-dementia-patients/>

*** Someone suggested using a Home Depot apron as the base for the fidget quilt. Zippers and Velcro are especially liked.

Charlie has prepared links to Rachel’s demonstrations of bibs and walker bags:

<https://youtu.be/a8P-N73Ezm0>

<https://youtu.be/MvKj-um-cMw>

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

Jill Stroer

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Here is the completed items count as of mid-July:

Bibs	92
Wheelchair quilts	25
Wheelchair/walker bags	23
Tote bags	2
Twin quilts	1
Fidget quilts	3

2023 PROGRAMS

August 10 Taffy McLaughlin

August 24th Night Meeting Diana Quinn, Wool Embroidery

September 14th Day Meeting Brandy Wright, Hand Embroidery

September 28th Night Meeting Challenge Quilts Reveal

October 12th Day Meeting Diana Quinn, Wool Embroidery

October 26th Night Meeting R'Auction!

November 9th Day Meeting Tara Miller, Graphic Quilts of the 20th century

November 16th Night Meeting Gallon Bag Challenge Reveal

December 7th Christmas Party

PROGRAMS 2024

It's not too early to start booking programs for next year and so time to form a Program Committee for 2024. We already have a list of possible speakers. The only "legwork" required is by phone &/or email.

Two or three people can easily handle it all. Why not you? Join a friend or two and start planning for next year. The best part of the job is that you get to select the programs!

Have you been to a fun, interesting, unusual quilt shop on your travels? Send your story/review to suekate@bellsouth.net to share with fellow members.

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER IS AUGUST 27th.
suekate@bellsouth.net

LOOKING AHEAD....MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CHALLENGE QUILTS REVEALED
SEPTEMBER 28th, NIGHT MEETING

QUILT TILL YOU WILT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH
ST. JULIAN'S, 9 am – 9 pm

BOXES, BOXES, BOXES!

The official R'auction shallow boxes will be available for the taking at every meeting & Bee. It's not too early to start prepping for R'auction!

R'AUCTION, OCTOBER 26th

R'Auction will be here before we know it! Mark your calendar for October 26th! Remember that the R'Auction is open to non-members, so be sure to invite relatives, friends, neighbors.

Think of cleaning out your fabric stash, patterns, sewing supplies, projects you might not want to finish. That's the way to clean out and make room for MORE! Put these aside for our 2023 Money Maker R'auction.

Possibly have some smaller sorted boxes, i.e. by color, theme, etc. Might bring in more \$\$ that way....maybe we could try this. If you need boxes lids, let me know!

We are planning another year of good programs; this is how we will pay for them.

Caryl Knox
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GALLON BAG CHALLENGE REVEALED
NOVEMBER 16th, NIGHT MEETING

Christmas Party

The 2023 Christmas party will be **December 7th** at Atlanta's Finest in Villa Rica. The cost will be \$25 each which include food, gratuity, and room charge. I can start collecting money anytime 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.

Sheila Cartwright
Rachel Phaneuf
Emma Parker

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

Quilt Happenings

Looking for something to do?

How about following a Barn Quilt Trail. There are a number of them in Georgia including one in nearby Powder Springs. Wherever you're headed, Google Barn Quilt Trails first, and enjoy the view.

Southern Quilt Trail, Powder Springs
Chat Hills Barn Quilt Trail, Chattahoochee Hills (featured recently in Georgia Magazine)
Red Clay Barn Quilt Trail, Clay County
Wayne County Quilt Trail, Wayne County

Looking for someplace to sew?

Woodie Fife Senior Center
8750 Dorris Rd
Douglasville, GA 30134
Fiber Arts (Art Room)—Sew, knit, crochet, needlepoint
Free

Mondays 9:30a - 12:30p

Membership is open to anyone age 55 and older.

The membership fee for Douglas County residents is free. The non-resident membership fee is \$10 annually.

Looking for a quilt show?

Atlanta Quilt Festival

Southwest Arts Center,
915 New Hope Road
South Fulton, GA.

August 4-September 2

Free and open to the public.

This year's festival will also premier Part 2 of the John Lewis trilogy entitled *Thank You John Lewis! I am Your Wildest Dream!*

TIPS FROM DENISE ALLEE

Have a spare rotary cutter? Designate it to cut paper, template plastic, etc.

Have a front-loading washer? Put that Color Catcher in a mesh bag before tossing it in. Keeps it from clogging the water pump. It actually advises this on the box!

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.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES ARE MADE AT MEETINGS.

**Cherokee Rose Quilt Guild
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2023**

The meeting at St Julian's Episcopal Church was called to order by the Vice President, Bonnie McLain at 9:30

July birthdays were announced: Paul Feist, Denise Adams, Regina McKittrick, Rachel Phaneuf, Diane Roney and Queenie Smith

There was one amendment to the night meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. In the sunshine section there was a former members name listed as Dawn King Hendrix and should have been Dawn King Endres. Correction made & approved.

Treasurer: See info in newsletter.

Beekeeper The bee is to be held Thursday July 20th at St Julian's Episcopal Church from 9:30am to 3pm. Cost is \$5.00. Bring your projects and come join the FUN!!! Bring your lunch & something to share if you would like.

Challenge Quilt: Making a “STATE” ment - See more info in the newsletter – Projects are due to be turned in the September night meeting.

Christmas Party: Dec 7th at Atlanta's Finest. Cost is \$25 a person.

Community Service: Wheelchair quilts & bags, walker bags, bibs, fidget quilts and twin size quilts to be donated to Douglas Nursing Home & Rehab located on Hwy. 5. To be turned in by Nov. 10th. See newsletter for more info.

Bug Spray is being collected for the church's community services. Please bring some if you can.

Fat Quarter Drawing: If you want to participate bring a fat quarter(for every fat quarter you bring you get a ticket).

We will have a drawing at every night meeting and SOMEONE will receive all the fat quarters. The color/design/etc will change every month. FUN!! FUN!! FUN!! JULY'S color is “BLUE” AUGUST will be “RED”

Gallon Bag Challenge: The challenge projects will be presented at the November 16th 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

Programs: July night program will be "MYSTERY" a surprise for all.

Quilt-Till-You Wilt: October 7th at St Julian's Church Cost \$10 9am-9pm Bring whatever projects you would like to work on and food to share with everyone.

R'Auction: Caryl announced it would be held at the Oct 26th night meeting. Also reminded everyone to be collected cotton fabric to auction.

Sunshine: Mary stated that she has sent birthday card & pocket prayers to the July birthdays. Vickie Hecht is recovering from surgery, Irene Gardner's broken arm is healing & Dawn King Endres's husband needs our prayers.

Way & Means: Tickets were purchased for some delightful items. Items were won by Mary Lesh, Gail Scogin & Doris Furlow

Membership: There was a total of 22 members & 2 guests present.

Photographer: Dawn took pictures.

Show & Tell

Today's program: Community Service Sew Along

Respectfully submitted by,
Loretta Ford, Day Secretary

**Cherokee Rose Quilt Guild
Night Meeting Minutes July 27, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 am by Paul Feist, President.

Minutes from the previous meeting were adopted.

Birthdays for the month of June were recognized.

Treasurers Report was given by Vicki Hecht and will be printed in the newsletter.

Bee Keeper: Jeanne Anderson. The next Bee will be held on Thursday, August 17, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Cost is \$5.00. Bring lunch, snacks to share and a project to work on. A sign-up sheet was distributed.

Challenge Quilt: Albertha Brown and Jill Stroer Jill reviewed guidelines for the challenge. Details can be found in the newsletter. Challenges will be presented at the September 22nd night meeting.

Christmas Party: Annie Kellum Party date (December 7) and location (Atlanta's Finest) are set. The cost is \$25.00 per person. A sign-up sheet was distributed. Linda Jones will serve as committee chair for the party but still needs volunteers for set up.

Community Service: Jill Stroer

Jill reports that we have 25 lap quilts, 92 bibs, 4 fidget quilts and 23 walker bags for the Douglas County Nursing Home. It would be nice to have a few twin quilts. The last day for donations is at the November Day Meeting.

Fat Quarter Drawing: Denise Allee Toni Pressa won the drawing tonight for blue quarters. The color for August will be red. Drawings each month will be held at the night meeting.

Gallon Bag Challenge: Dawn Feist no updates. Challenges will be judged at the November 16 Night Meeting night meeting.

Golden Scissors: Dawn Feist sign in pages are available

Newsletter: Susan Fisher Deadline for submission is at noon on the Sunday after the night meeting each month. This month the deadline is 30th.

If items are not turned in by the due date, there will be nothing reported in the newsletter for that topic. Susan will no longer be sending reminders.

Photographer: Lots of people take pictures, get them to Paul, who gets them to Charlie and then they are published. They are in route!

Programs: Irene Gardner

Tonight, Denise Allee will do a mystery presentation!
Other program details are in the newsletter.

Quilt Till You Wilt: Ann Groves October 7th is the next Quilt Til You Wilt. The time is from 9am until 9pm. Cost is \$10.00. People are encouraged to sign up to bring a dish for lunch and snacks. A sign-up sheet was distributed.

R'Auction: Carol Knox Please continue to collect items and boxes. If you need boxes, Paul has some available. This year, like last year, we will assemble our own boxes. The R'Auction will be held on October 26, 2023. The doors will open at 4 pm for set up. The R'Auction will begin at 6:00.

Sunshine: Mary Graham

- Please let Mary know of any folks in need of Sunshine.
- Vicki Hecht is recovering well and expressed appreciation for all of the guild members who sat with her during the initial stages of her recovery.
- Joyce Trew's husband has entered the care of hospice.

- Ann Groves mother-in-law has entered the care of hospice.
- Bonnie McLain's husband is having surgery on July 28th.

Ways and Means: Jennie Hollis Folks were encouraged to buy tickets! Jennie mentioned some of the items available and three drawings were held after the break.

Membership: Albertha Brown Tonight we had 23 members present, and 1 visitor. A drawing was held and four prizes were won.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting Location: No one has volunteered to look for alternative meeting locations. If anyone is interested in doing so, please let Paul know. It would be good to have a back-up location.

NEW BUSSINESS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Ann stressed that need folks to serve on the Program Committee for next year.
- Paul reminded us that it is also time to identify officers for the next year.
- Heather agreed to make a Quilts of Valor top.
- Carol Knox brought several quilts that are available if anyone wants them.
- Linda Poindexter and Toni Pressa have a quilt accepted into the Houston International Quilt Festival!!!

They are making a trilogy of quilts honoring John Lewis. This is the first of the trilogy. It will be on display at the Southwest Arts Center Gallery, (915 New Hope Road, SW, Atlanta, GA 3033) from August 4th through September 2 of this year. Susan Fisher strongly recommends seeing this show – and then going to Milk and Honey for lunch afterwards. Congratulations to these talented women!!!

After **Show and Tell**, we took a break and then had drawings from Ways and Means.

PROGRAM: Denise Allee shared quilting gadgets and tricks!

Respectfully submitted by Denise Adams

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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Renewal Paid \$ _____ Cash ___ Check# _____ New Member Paid \$ _____ Cash ___ Check#

_____ Badge ___ Notify ___