



PRESIDENT'S DESK

It's been over 2 decades since I've written a Christmas newsletter and I don't remember what I wrote. Since I was younger back then it was probably full of "merry Christmas," best wishes for a "happy new year," and references to gatherings of family and friends. Today, I am not sure what to write in a Christmas message. Yes, I do sincerely wish you and your family a merry Christmas, but I also know that Christmas can be one of the most difficult times of the year for many. Perhaps we fear that there will be fighting at Christmas dinner if someone breaks the unspoken rule to ignore the elephant in the room during the holidays. Perhaps we miss cherished loved ones who are no longer with us. Perhaps we, or someone dear to us, is afflicted with an illness or injury. Perhaps the illness is untreatable, or the treatment is so onerous that it was declined. Perhaps we wonder if this will be the last Christmas that a loved one with dementia recognizes us. Is a joyous "Merry Christmas" the right thing to say?

Luke the Apostle wrote about shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said to them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Shepherds abiding in the field. They lived in the field with the sheep. Homeless. Their family members somewhere days away had the same issues that our families do today. And perhaps one shepherd's teeth were rotten and painful. Perhaps one of them would die from appendicitis a month later. Perhaps Aunt Sally was demon possessed. Nevertheless, the multitude of heavenly hosts were praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest." Christmas is not about us; it's about the glory of God.

Merry Christmas is the right thing to say. In the tradition of angels, the words of 2 Corinthians 3-4, and the promise of Revelation 21:1-4, I sincerely wish you and your family a merry Christmas. "The King who comes in the name of the Lord is the blessed One. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!" (Luke 19:38)

Until our next meeting,

Paul

CHRISTMAS PARTY
6-9 pm, Thursday, December 7th
Atlanta's Finest, Villa Rica
Dress to Impress

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 – 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

November Day Meeting: 24 members, 2 visitor
November Night Meeting: 25 members

Total Paid Members: 46

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

IT'S TIME TO RENEW!
2024 Membership dues - \$30
Membership form is in Newsletter,
Group Works & Website

December Birthdays

12/7 Albertha Brown
12/8 Beverly Ward
12/13 Linda Jones



This is the time of the year we pause and give extra thanks. We must include good health as one of these items but must remember there are those who are experiencing health problems and cannot include good health at this time.

We must keep these members in our thoughts and prayers as they deal with their health issues.

Caryl Knox as she faces surgery on November 28.

Broach Winsley as she contains to remain strong.

Emily Poole as her husband has entered into Hospice with Stage 4 Cancer.

Denise Adams as she begins her battle with a brain tumor.

Bonnie McLain

Bees...

Will return beginning Jan 18, 2024

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

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

DECEMBER 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. As the weather turns cooler, socks are a welcome donation, mens or womens, new or clean, gently used. If you wish, bring some to any meeting.

OFFICERS for 2024 ELECTED IN NOVEMBER:

President Paul Feist
Vice President Bonnie McLain
Treasurer Jeanne Andersen
Day Secretary Irene Gardner & Jennie Hollis
Night Secretary Vickie Hecht

There are still a few committee vacancies. Ways & Means is the most time sensitive. That committee should be up and running for the January meetings. Talk to Jenny & Irene about Ways & Means 2023. If you have an idea or ideas to change/tweak Ways & Means, go for it! We have more wonderful speakers and programs planned for 2024. Income from Ways & Means pays the bills.

We also need someone to chair the **R'Auction committee as well as **Sunshine** and **Historian**.
Contact Paul to volunteer!**

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024. THE FORM IS IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND WILL BE ON OUR WEBSITE. BRING COMPLETED FORM & \$\$ TO NOVEMBER MEETINGS BUT, PLEASE, NOT TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY. OR MAIL FORM AND CHECK TO JEANNE ANDERSEN.

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

Drawing will be held at the Christmas Party

You don't have to be present to win

December Fat Quarter

Christmas Party

"Anything Goes" - Except Holiday Fabric

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you to all who gave of their time and talents for Community Service in 2023.

Danielle, the Activities Director of the nursing home was thankful and overwhelmed to receive your Community Service gifts. She and the other staff couldn't believe that it was all hand made.

Here are the final totals:

Walker bags	40
Bibs	126
Fidget quilts	4
Bags	18
Wheelchair quilts	43
Crocheted quilts	10
Bed quilts	1

Jill Stroer
Jillyb39n@aol.com

From Tara Miller's wonderful program last month:

“If you are asking me to offer any advice it would be to risk everything all the time and to quit trying to be safe. Once you're willing to risk your whole reputation on something, then you can leap forward.”

Jean Ray Laury
Keeping It All Together (1982)



GOLDEN SCISSORS



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

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 quilter's 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

The deadline for the January newsletter is December 15th.

QUILT LABELS

Editor's Note: my resolution for 2024 is to encourage quilters to label their quilts! This month's "encouraging" words are from Laura at Missouri Star Quilt Co:

How many quilts have you made? Can you remember who they were for? What patterns and fabrics you used? When you made them? There's an easy way to answer these questions: add a label every quilt you make!

Whether you're making quilts for yourself or others, labels are an essential part of the finishing process for each and every quilt. They can commemorate the occasion you present someone with a gift, or add information that you'll pass down with a family heirloom. Or you can simply remind yourself of the details, in case you want to recreate the quilt in the future!

LOOKING AHEAD: JANUARY 2024 PROGRAMS

January 11, Day Deborah Jones, East Cobb Quilt Guild, Quilt Shows: How
to enter, how they're judged
January 25, Night Quilto, Cookies & Cocoa

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024

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.

Day Meeting November 9th, 2023

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

Bonnie stated she was very happy & excited to see everyone and welcomed the visitors.

November birthdays were announced: Joyce Trew, Marilee Kelly, Barbara Shirley, Jill Stroer & Deborah McDade

The October day and night meeting minutes were approved.

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

Beekeeper: Jeanne Anderson discussed what a great time we have had this year, We will start again in January.

The bee is held 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.

Christmas Party: Dec 7th 6pm till 9pm at Atlanta's Finest. Cost is \$25 a person. See Annie Kellum if you have any questions.

Community Service: Jill Stroer discussed the amount of items collected was above & beyond expectations.

Thanks to everyone who participated. Socks are 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!!

NOVEMBER is "BROWN" WE WILL ALSO BE BRINGING AT THE NOVEMBER MEETINGS FOR A DRAWING

TO BE HELD AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY "ANYTHING GOES EXCEPT HOLIDAY DESIGNS"

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 by November 19th

Programs: November night meeting will be Gallon Bag Challenge reveal.

Quilt-Till-You Wilt: Discussion was about what a great time we had this year. How much laughter,

fellowship,
education & GREAT food we had. No dates have been set for the 2024 year.

R'Auction: The R'Auction was AWESOME. Caryl thanked everyone for their help and everyone for bringing boxes to be sold.
We had over 150 boxes and made \$1,760.00. AWESOME!! AWESOME!!

Sunshine: Please remember Caryl as she has surgery on the Nov 28th. Bonnie read a thank you card from Dawn King Endres for all the thoughts and prayers thru out her husbands sickness and death.

Way & Means: Today's winners were Caryl Knox, Bonnie McLain, Jean Furlow & Deborah McDade

Membership: There was a total of 24 members & 2 visitors present. Door prizes were won by Vickie Hecht,
Linda Kelley & Beverly Ward

Old Business:

New Business: Voted on officers for the 2024 year

Show & Tell: We were shown some beautiful work today!!

Today's program: Tara Miller gave a wonderful presentation on “Graphic Quilts of the 20th Century”. It was very informative and enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted by,
Loretta Ford, Day Secretary

Nov Night minutes

Minutes November 16, 2023 Cherokee Rose Quilters Guild Night Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Paul Feist.

Minutes of November 9, 2023 Day Meeting accepted as written.

November Birthdays were announced – Happy Birthday to our quilting friends.

Committee Reports:

Treasurers report: see newsletter for details.

Newsletter: Susan Fisher out of town articles due 11/19/23

Christmas Party: 55 Members and Guests are expected. Come prepared to enjoy the evening. Atlanta's Finest from 6:00-9:00PM on 12/7/23.

Kinda Kelley has volunteered to organize the 2024 Christmas Party.

Sunshine: Jennie Hollis son is in ICU at Piedmont Hospital has shown some improvement.

Caryl Knox is having surgery – no details at this time

Denise Adams has been diagnosed with a brain tumor, will have surgery, recovery to be lengthy.

Please be praying and send cards of encouragement.

Fat Quarter drawing: November color is in the brown family. Irene Gardner won the drawing.

December color is anything goes, drawing will be at the Christmas Party.

January: Seeing spots

Ways and Means: Raffle for remaining items was done. We could tell who bought the most tickets.

Bonnie McLane, Jeanie Anderson, Gail Scogins, Linda Kelley, Ann Groves and Vickie Hecht took home several goodies.

Bee Keeper: Next Bee will be in January 2024

Golden Scissors: No report – sign in the notebook if you have a quilt you would like to register.

Community Service: The 2023 project is complete, thanks to everyone who participated, the Nursing Home staff was overwhelmed by the generous spirit of the CRQG.

Membership: 25 members present, there were 4 door prizes given. As of this writing 20 members have renewed for 2024.

Photographer: Pictures are being updated on a regular basis.

Quilt til you Wilt: March 9, 2024 more info available in January

Old Business Vote for new officers – no write ins – officers on the ballot were elected and will be installed at the Christmas Party. St. Julian's will be contacted to verify that we can still meet there in 2024.

New Business: None

Show & Tell: Several members had quilts – see pictures when they are posted.

Gallon Bag Challenge: The quilt makers and recipients were delighted with the final projects. Hopefully this will be an annual event. It's a lot of fun.

Submitted by
Vickie Hecht

Date _____

Cherokee Rose Quilters Guild

2024 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: Jeanne Andersen, 5297 Kings Hwy, Douglasville, Ga. 30135

_____ **Membership use only below this line**-----

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

