



PRESIDENT'S DESK

Yet another brick-and-mortar quilt store will soon be gone. On Saint Patrick's Day, Stephanie at The Stitchery in Rome sent out an email announcing that she was retiring, and the store was closing. It took me completely by surprise because The Wife and I had been in the store the just day before and no one even hinted at the impending closure. Either they are very good at keeping secrets, or we weren't the only ones that were surprised by her announcement.

I still miss Kiwi Quilts in Mableton. It was one of those stores where I liked most of the fabrics in stock. Tracy closed the store and moved to Vermont or Connecticut. Before she left, we talked about the closure. She said that she would have sold the store to a new owner, but no one was interested in buying the business. For a new owner, the rate of return wouldn't justify the investment. The profit margins for the store were low and she was primarily running it as a hobby.

While it wasn't brick and mortar, there was also fabric.com until Amazon bought them to expand their arts and crafts portfolio. Then Amazon decided to close the site to cut costs. I'm still puzzled by that one. These are the same folks that sent my last order on 3 separate truck - on the same day. If you need to cut costs, how about sending my order in just 1 truck?

Meanwhile, as the retail landscape for fabric continues to change, our night meeting guest speaker, Kyle Offerman, told her story of starting and running her own business specializing in T-shirt quilts. She mentioned a few of her overhead costs during the meeting and I asked her several more questions after the presentation. It was fascinating to learn from someone who identified a business model and then proceeded to start and run a successful quilting business. And her quilts are gorgeous!

Until our next meeting,

Paul

APRIL 11
DAY MEETING
CAROL BAASCH
BONNIE HUNTER QUILTS

APRIL 25
NIGHT MEETING
QUILT ACADEMY
Look, Listen & Learn

Officers

President – Paul Feist
Vice-Pres. – Bonnie McLain
Day Secretary Irene Gardner,
Jennie Hollis
Night Secretary – Vickie Hecht
Treasurer – Jeanne Andersen

Standing Committees

Historian – Charlie Phaneuf
Membership – Rachel Phaneuf
Marilee Kelley
Newsletter – Susan Fisher
Programs – Susan Fisher
Bonnie McLain
Publicity – ?
Sunshine – Emma Parker
Ways and Means – Dawn Feist
Broach Winsley

Ad Hoc Committees

Bee Keeper – Caryl Knox
Challenge Quilt – Heather Barron
Christmas Party – Linda Kelley
Community Service – Bev Mahle
Golden Scissors – Dawn Feist
Hospitality --
Photographer – Charles Phaneuf
Saturday Quilt Till You Wilt –
Ann Groves
Jill Stroer
Auction Broach Winsley
Webmaster – Joany Orsi

2024 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

March Day Meeting: 18 members, 1 visitor
March Night Meeting: 24 members. 4 visitors

Total Paid Members: 44

Welcome to both new & returning members

*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

April Birthdays

4/11 **Darby Jochum**
4/15 **Bunny Albin**
4/19 **Vickie Hecht**
4/22 **Beth Sizemore**



We currently have four members in need of our thoughts and prayers this month. Please shower them with calls, texts or cards.

Susan Fisher is caring for her husband, Jim, as he recovers from a brain tumor. Denise Adams, Annie Kellum and Regina McKittrick are dealing with some health issues. When talking with them, I am impressed with their positive attitudes and optimism.

If you know of someone in need of Sunshine, please contact Emma Parker by text, email or phone call.

Emma Parker
pemma53@yahoo.com

BEE
April 18, 2024

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

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

APRIL 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.

Fat Quarter Drawing

For March: Birds of a Feather Flock Together - (birds, feathers, eggs etc)

For each FAT Quarter that you bring you will receive one ticket to be placed into a container for a drawing at each night meeting. If you bring yardage you receive the equal amount of FAT quarters. Please bring only 100% cotton fabric that is suitable for quilting. Each month the winner will also receive something special relating to the Theme of the month. Have fun with this and think outside of the box. Good luck to all.

Fat Quarter Schedule for 2024

January: Seeing Spots - Heather Barrow winner

February: Bees - Anne Groves winner

March: Birds of a Feather Flock Together - (birds, feathers, eggs etc)

April: Let's plan a VACATION (anything relating to travel)

May: Coffee or Tea what will it be?

June: Down on the FARM (anything farm related, veggies, tractors, farm animal etc)

July: Christmas in July

August: In My Heart There Sings a Melody (anything relating to music)

September: R'Auction night; No drawing.

October: -Games People Play

November: A Day At The Circus (anything you might see at the circus use your imagination)

December: Where Has The Time Gone? (anything time related)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

If you won't be at a meeting, please have someone else give your report or email it to Bonnie (Day Meetings) or Paul (Night Meetings).

Community Service 2024

The Boys & Girls Club will be the recipient of our community service. We are doing pillowcases! Two coordinating fabrics, simple pattern, and about an hour of time is all it takes to contribute. You can do one or ten (or more) - I'm setting a goal of 200! If you want to help and need help in anyway, please let me know.

Puppies, flamingos, baseballs, typewriters, music notes, beach chairs and ... Just some of the motifs on the pillowcases that have been turned in. They are so fun to look at! Each is being ironed, folded and bagged. Each will have a note included- "Made especially for you by the Cherokee Rose Quilt Guild of Douglas Co.". I haven't counted them yet- I'm guessing we have approximately 75. Would like to have 200 (or more!). Special thanks to Rachel for the kits she has donated- Thanks Rachel! Anyone needing a pattern, fabric for a pillowcase, or help in general can contact me.

Don't forget- part of community service is also donating socks for the church to distribute. (Soon the item will be insect repellent.)

Bev Mahle
Jankyb1961@gmail.com
Text to 770-757-2473

APRIL 2024 PROGRAMS

April 11, Day	Carol Baasch, Bonnie Hunter Trunk Show Carol is a turbo quilter known to many of you. Her quilting output is impressive and astonishing. She especially loves to make Bonnie Hunter quilts.
April 25, Night	Quilt Academy: Mini lessons by members

Starting in April 2024, Ways and Means will only accept exact cash or checks. IOUs are confusing Broach and Jeanne.

Looking for a longarmer?
Contact Jeanette Koval or Bev Mahle

2024 R'AUCTION
September 26th, Night Meeting

- Bring goods to be auctioned in open boxes with your name on the boxes.
- If your box doesn't sell, you have to take it back home.
- Doors open at 4:30 for setup. Bring your boxes starting at 5:00. R'auction starts at 6:00 after short business meeting.
- You cannot pay for your purchases until R'auction is over. No IOUs. Cash or check.
- When your boxes arrive, a label will be placed on each box showing: BIDDER, PRICE, BOX NUMBER. You will receive a paddle with bidder number.
- Bid prices must be in increments of one dollar.
- You can bring boxes/sacks of scraps. Cotton fabric only.
- ***I need: helpers to setup and label boxes and put away tables and chairs. Two people to run computer and keep up with who bought what.***
- Index cards, pencils, paddles will be provided

Broach

The Spelman College Museum of Fine Art Presents Threaded, a New Exhibition Featuring Textile Works by Contemporary Black Women Artists

The foundation of the exhibit is seven newly conserved quilts from the Gee's Bend Quilt Collective, an Alabama quilting community in the Spelman Museum permanent collection. These works are joined by a quilt from the Clark Atlanta University Art Museum collection and 10 additional prints, also by Gee's Bend.

Artists featured in *Threaded* include Louisiana Bendolph, Mary Lee Bendolph, Polly Bennett, Willie Ann Benning, Bisa Butler, Helen McBride, Flora Moore, Ruth Pettway Mosely, Ebony G. Patterson, Loretta Pettway, Bettie Bendolph Seltzer, Phyllis Stephens, Sonie Joi Thompson-Ruffin, Qualeasha Wood and Billie Zangewa.

The exhibit will be free to the public Wednesday through Saturday, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. from February 2 - May 24, 2024, at the Spelman College's Museum of Fine Art.

NOTE: the address is

350 Spelman Ln SW, Atlanta, GA 30314, but Google maps has a wrong turn at the end. Do NOT turn right at the intersection of Lee Street & Westview. Instead, go through that light (toward Morehouse) and then immediately turn right into the parking lot.



GOLDEN SCISSORS



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

Those receiving Golden Scissors this month are Sheila Cartwright, Bunny Albin, and Debbie McDade.

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 May newsletter is April 28th.

CHALLENGE QUILTS

Contact Heather Barron for theme and rules

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.

QUILT LABELS

Editor's Note: my resolution for 2024 is to encourage quilters to label their quilts! This month's "encouraging" words are from a Karen Brown tutorial on Missouri Star Quilts.

- Does your quilt need a label? Yes! Your quilt needs a label! A quilt label memorializes your effort and creates a lasting legacy.
- \- You can use a simple piece of solid fabric, or use a pre-printed label, or just use an orphan block. Or write directly on the block!
- What should be on your label? Add your name or initials, the date (or the time or period of your life), the recipient, any notes (words of goodwill, memory, location), quilt name, anything else that you want to mention!
- Use a fabric pen, print onto your fabric, hand embroider or machine embroider your lettering - anything works!
- Where should the label go? Often labels end up in the bottom corner, but there are no rules!
- How do you attach your label? You can incorporate it into the backing, or binding or you can attach it with embroidery, fusible, or decorative stitching on your machine (just remember that if you're adding it at the end, those stitches will show on the front!)

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES ARE MADE AT MEETINGS.

Cherokee Rose Quilters Guild

March 7, 2024
Meeting minutes

Last month's day minutes were approved by Beverly Mahle and Heather Barron.

March birthdays:

March 5, Beverly Mahle
March 8, Susan Fisher
March 25. Annie Kellum

Treasurer's report:

by Jeanne Anderson, showed a balance of \$9,281.51.

Committee reports:

Bee Keeper:

Caryl Knox, our March Bee was set for March 14th.

Challenge Committee:

Heather Barron reported our challenge project using the CLUE board game characters, the due date for completion is due in October.

Christmas Party:

Linda Kelly is using a Christmas in July theme.

Gallon bag Challenge:

Dawn Fiest is chairwoman and all participants gallon bags are due by the end of this month-at our March night meeting.

Newsletter report"

Susan Fisher...committee reports are due by March 24th.

Photographer is now Charles Phaneuf.

Community Service:

is handled by Beverly Mahle, we are making (200) pillowcases for our local Boys and Girls club

Quilt 'til you Wilt:

chairwomen Jill Stroer and Ann Groves, we had 22 guests. We need more members to help put up chairs, tables and help with the clean up...please.

R-auction:

chairperson is Broach Winsley. She needs members to sign up to help her and would like the R-auction moved to September. Also please use checks or pay exact amount when paying with cash for your items.

Sunshine report:

Regina is feeling much better. Caryl Knox is having cataract surgery, Denise Adams is doing well and hopes to attend our April meetings.. Annie Kellum is recovering from back surgery. No signs of any infection and using a back brace and sleeping in a recliner for better comfort.

Jim Fisher (Susan's husband) is making good progress, and will start chemo soon.

Please keep these folks on your prayer list and let them know we are thinking of them.

Ways and Means committee:

Dawn Fiest and Broach Winsley. They say " No more IOU's please.

Membership Committee:

Rachel Phaneuf and Marilee. We had 16 members present, also 1 guest. Loretta Ford and Vickie Hecht were our drawing winners. And we have a reminder to please pay your dues or you may not be added to our membership list.

Show and Tell:

Shiela made a lovely blue/yellow quilt.

Beverly made a funky fabrics quilt an a starry night quilt.

No old business:

New business:

East Cobb Quilt Guild is having their quilt show on June 6, 7, 8.

Also Beverly Mahle says If you donate your quilt tops, she will machine quilt them for you.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Gardner

Minutes of the 3/21/24 Cherokee Rose Quilters Guild Night Meeting

Meeting Called to order by President Paul Feist.

Minutes of the Day Meeting Approved.

March Birthdays acknowledged. HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE!

Treasurers report: Jeanie Anderson - current Balance \$9614.51

Newsletter: Articles and reports due Sunday 3/24/24

Christmas Party Committee: Linda Kelley said that the details will be provided in July.

Sunshine: Emma reported that she has been in contact with everyone except, Denise Adams. Please keep Jim Fisher, Susan Fisher, Anne Kellum, Regina McKittrick and Denise Adams in your prayers. It was also mentioned that Dawn (King) Enders had shoulder surgery.

Programs: Kyle Offerman, owner of JustT-Shirt Quilts in Marietta, is the Guest Speaker for tonight's meeting. Thank you Kyle for a very interesting program and sharing some wonderful quilts with us.

Fat Quarter Drawing: This month Birds of a Feather Flock Together - Winner Debbie McDade.

Gallon Bag Challenge: Don Feist - Tonight is the last night to turn in your gallon bag. The exchange will take place in April.

Bee Keeper: Caryl Know not present - the Bee was explained by one of the other attendees.

Quilt Challenge: Heather Barrow not present. Challenge based in the game "Clue" was explained by another member.

Membership: Rachel & Marilee reported that there were 28 present this evening 24 members and 4 guest. Door Prize drawing: Irene Gardner, Patti Howell and Debbie McDade received the prizes.

Photographer: Charlie was not present, but Rachel reported that all the current pictures has been posted.

Ways & Means: Broach reported that it's still a silent auction to come back and bid on an item.

Rauction: Broach reported that it will be held in September and that more information will be provided as the date gets closer.

Quilt til You Wilt: Ann Groves reported that there were 23 people at the last gathering. The next gathering will be on October 5th from 09:00 til 19:00 or 9AM - 7PM. The sewing will stop about 6PM and everyone will need to help with the clean up between 6 & 7PM so that it doesn't fall to Paul.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: April Meetings will resume the normal schedule of: Day meeting the 2nd Thursday of the Month, Bee will be held the 3rd Thursday of the Month and the Night meeting will be the 4th Thursday of the Month.

Meeting adjourned.

Show & Tell: several beautiful quilts were shown and described. Look for pictures on the web site.

Programs: See Newsletter for the details on the March and April Programs.

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 _____

