

Cherokee Rose Quilters Guild



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Happy New Year 2026!

A conversation I had with friends during the Thanksgiving Holiday really made me think. (Can you smell the smoke? Yes, it's brain cells working as they pull from the memory banks). I was asked why I loved making and giving quilts so much. To be perfectly honest, I never gave it much thought. My first memory of being bundled up under a quilt, well many quilts, was a Christmas that we (my parents and I) drove up from West Palm Beach, FL to Cordele, GA to spend Christmas with my Grand Father and other family members. I slept on a feather bed and was covered under several quilts to keep warm. Those quilts were made by my Grand Mother Zimmie Moore Langley. Unfortunately, I never had the chance to get to know her, but my love of quilting must have come directly from her. She was the only one of my female relatives that I am aware of who quilted. Oh, my mother and several aunts were skilled seamstresses, just not quilters. Now my question to each of you is: where did your love of quilting begin? Please share with us either at a meeting or on the Cherokee Rose Facebook page. I think it will help us get to know each other one another better.

All quilters seem to have one or Many more UFOs I know I do. However, after reading some comments in my really OLD quilting magazines, I found some interesting comments on the subject. A couple of them are: What happens on my UFO list stays on my UFO list and I don't call them UFOs, they are my 401(K)! A few years ago (pre Covid 19) it was my plan to finish one UFO before beginning a new project. Well needless to say, that plan went by the wayside. I seem to have had Wedding gifts, Baby showers, birthday gifts and prayer quilts that have gotten in front of my UFOs. One Article asked the question, why do you have so many UFOs? There were many answers to that question and several great solutions given. If one of the reasons you may have is: I just don't love the project anymore. So you might want to turn it into a smaller project (table topper, pillow or pillows, wall hanging etc). If you really don't like it you might consider using it to practice your machine quilting skills. Our dear friend Broach had many UFOs that have been passed on to our guild members to be completed. Unfortunately, most of them no longer had the pattern that she began or even extra fabric. So each of the ladies who took one of these UFOs was to make that she began and to make it your own. I am so looking forward to seeing these finished projects in September. Quilters, don't be discouraged by the number of UFOs you may have, even if you aren't able to finish them...someone else will. Now, it's time for me to get busy on some of MY UFOs!!!!

Looking forward to seeing you at the January gatherings of our Quilter's Guild.

Vickie Hecht.

January 8

Day Meeting

Denise Alle: Laugh & Learn

January 22

Night Meeting

Denise Alle: Make It & Take It

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2026 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
Doors open at 6 pm
Meeting begins at 6:30 pm

Winter Weather Advisory

If the Douglas County schools are closed due to inclement weather any Guild activity for that same day is canceled as well. If there is any question, the President or her designee shall be responsible for the final decision. Members will be alerted by email.

Membership

Total Paid Members: 49

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!
2026 Membership dues - \$30
Membership form is in Newsletter
& Website

January Birthdays

1/12 Charlie Phaneuf
1/18 Loretta Ford
1/22 Linda Kelley



Although they are all feeling better, please continue to pray for Wayman Parker, Michael Knox and Robert Groves.

Regina McKittrick died after a long battle with illnesses. No details regarding a memorial have been planned as of yet. Keep her family in your prayers.

During this Christmas season, may you and your families be blessed.

If you have anyone in need of sunshine please send the information to me.

Emma Parker
pemma53@yahoo.com

MONTHLY BEE

**The Bees Resume
January 15, 2026
St Julian's
9:30 - 3
\$5
Guests Welcome**

WINTER MONTHS ARE SOCKS MONTHS

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 colder, socks are a welcome donation. If you wish, bring some to any meeting.

Fat Quarter Drawing
January is RED
Bring to Day or Night Meeting

For each FAT Quarter that you bring you will receive one ticket to be placed into a container for a drawing at the January Night Meeting. If you bring yardage you receive the equal amount of tickets for FAT quarters. Please bring only 100% cotton fabric that is suitable for quilting. Good luck to all.

WAYS & MEANS

We're back in January with brand new items! Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Our first drawings will be at the February meetings.

Albertha Brown & Jill Stroer

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

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 Vickie (Night Meetings).

**The deadline for the FEBRUARY newsletter is JANUARY
25th.**

BEE NEWS

Our Bee will be every third Thursday of each month except December. The hours for our Bee will be from 9:30 am to 3:00pm. Doors open at 9:00am.

The fee to participate is \$5 per person.

Bring your lunch, also a snack to share if you like.

And bring a friend!

Irene Gardner

JANUARY MEETINGS

All supplies will be provided. Just bring your smiling faces!

IT'S TIME TO RENEW FOR 2026!

The 2026 Membership form is in this newsletter and will be on our website.

Renew by the end of January to be included in the 2026 Membership Directory

Bring completed form and check to any meeting .

You can mail the form and check to Paul at the address on the form.

Good morning,

I work for Lithia Springs Senior Center and we have had a lot of interest in sewing. I was given your information by a colleague. I would like to know if you have anyone that would be willing to teach the basics of sewing here at the center. We do have 2 sewing machines. I appreciate your time and look forward to hearing from you. Have a great day and Happy Holidays!

Bylinda Foster <bfoster@douglascountyga.gov>

Gallon Bag Challenge

If you want to participate in the Gallon Bag Challenge this year, you will need to prepare a gallon bag with various fabrics. You may also include things like buttons, zippers, bells, etc. When your bag is full, write your name on the bag and turn it in to Dawn Feist before the end of the March 26 night meeting.

Your bag will be distributed to one of the challenge participants and you will receive a bag from a different participant in return.

The challenge is to make something for the person whose bag you receive using some or all of the contents of the bag. Your project may include additional fabrics or notions from your stash; you are not limited to the contents of the bag. You decide what you will make and present to that person at a night meeting later in the year. At that meeting, you will also receive a finished project from the person who had your gallon bag

Community Service

Our 2026 recipient(s) have been chosen!

I've met with the Vice President of Operations to make sure we would be a good fit and we are perfect for their organization.

It will be a bigger undertaking than we've done in the recent past, however, we can all work together to make it successful.

Stay tuned for more details...

Beverly Mahle

jankyb1961@gmail.com

Publicity

Publicity will continue to update Facebook and increase activity to our page and our group.

I would also like to organize at least one Quilt Show at one of the Libraries in Douglas County. I have never done this so it would be great to get some help--preferably someone who has done this. I would be open to more participation from other members--even if it just means giving me advice. We have such a great group of talented people. I am sure there is more I can do so feel free to fill me with advice, opinions, your two cents worth! I would also like to bring back the Quilter of the month. This could be great publicity for the group.

Mary

maryellenlesh@gmail.com



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

Don't put away all the red fabric you used for Christmas! Not yet!!! You see...Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Maybe just a table runner for someone special or a quilted placemat.

Now, as for the contest...something a little different but I think you just might like it. However, you need to bring your newest quilted objects to show off.

Happy Quilting!

Rachel

**For information on Guild activities & meeting photos please visit the
website: CherokeeRoseQuitGuild.com**

ECQG Quilt Show 2026 Entry info Georgia Celebrates Quilts

All Georgia quilt makers are eligible to enter Georgia Celebrates Quilts®! We want to see quilts from all around our great state. Large and small, traditional and contemporary, complicated and simple, miniatures, art pieces, and group quilts – they are all welcome and appreciated.

Up to \$4,550 in cash prizes and coveted handmade ribbons will be awarded to the winning quilts.

The awards are important, but let's remember the *most* important thing – a chance for you to show your work to friends, family and the larger community. Thousands of people will come to the show ready to see what we have been creating. Make sure your quilts are there for all to see.

[Read the Categories](#) to see which one is best for your quilts. The [Rules of Entry](#) explains the process, the prizes, and how to fill out the form. Go to: georgiacelebratesquilts.com

Key Dates:

January 1, 2026 – Quilt Entry begins

March 17, 2026 – Mail-in entry forms postmark deadline

March 26 & 27, 2026 – Hand delivery of entry form at Guild meetings or by special arrangement

March 27, 2026 – Online entry forms deadline

May 3, 2026 – Notifications of acceptances/non acceptances

May 31, 2026 – Quilt Drop-off at Cobb County Civic Center

For questions about Quilt Entry, contact [Carolyn Powers](#), Quilt Entry Chair.

Georgia Celebrates Quilts® 2026 – Quilt Entry Categories

Some quilts will be eligible for more than one category.

Please read all the category definitions and select the category that you feel is best for your quilt.

Quilts can be made by two people, unless otherwise noted.

APPLIQUÉ - Predominantly appliquéd quilts constructed by hand and/or machine, not including collage quilts made entirely with fusible appliqué.

ART – ORIGINAL DESIGN - Quilts of original composition including designs loosely inspired by publicly available artwork or photography or designs closely based on the entrant's own artwork or original photograph. Quilts may be realistic or abstract. This category includes piecing, any type of applique (including collage made with fusible applique), and other techniques. Quilts must be the work of the entrant only.

ART - PATTERN BASED - Quilts made from published patterns or designs closely based upon publicly available artwork or photography. Quilts may be realistic or abstract. This category includes piecing, any type of applique (including collage made with fusible applique), and other techniques.

GROUP - Quilts created by three (3) or more people using any construction techniques.

KIT - Quilts where at least 80% of the quilt top fabric is not selected by the entrant. Examples include block of the month programs, Saturday sampler kits with fabric, or other fabric and pattern combinations. The quilt can include appliqué, piecing, or a combination of other techniques. In this category, emphasis is placed on workmanship rather than design. Quilts made from a kit must be entered in this category.

MINIATURE - Quilts where all components are a scaled-down version of a large quilt design, including overall design, piecing, applique, quilting, and binding. A photo of a miniature should look like a full-sized quilt. Category includes miniature pieced, appliqué, or whole cloth quilts with a maximum dimension of 24" from side to side, and maximum of 24" top to bottom. Quilt blocks, if used, are generally less than 4 inches square. Quilt must be the work of the entrant only.

MODERN - Quilts inspired by contemporary design. Characteristics may include the bold use of color, high contrast, graphic areas of solid color, improvisational piecing, minimalism, maximalism, expansive negative space, modern traditionalism, and asymmetry.

PIECED - Predominantly pieced quilts constructed by hand and/or machine, including English Paper Piecing. This category will be divided between quilts made by only one person and quilts made by two people.

PIECED/APPLIQUÉ COMBINATION - Quilts constructed by hand and/or machine where both piecing and applique contribute significantly to the visual impact.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES - Any quilt that does not obviously fit into another category, such as crazy quilts, puff quilts, kawandi-style quilts, cathedral window quilts, and quilts with significant amounts of photo transfers, embroidery, painting, embellishments, etc. This category includes whole cloth quilts made from a single piece of fabric, including preprinted uncut panels, where the design's merit is based on the quality of quilting and quilting pattern, either by hand or machine. Piecing on Whole Cloth quilts can only join widths of fabric. The quilted design may be enhanced with paint, any coloring technique, or trapunto.

9/12/25

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES ARE MADE AT MEETINGS.

There were no meetings or minutes in December

Date _____

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2026 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: Paul Feist, 5425 Mill Valley Dr., Douglasville, Ga. 30135 _____
 _____ **Membership use only below this line**-----

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

