

Cherokee Rose Quilters Guild



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Those who have known me for a while understand I will often PONDER a thought (or a quilt design). At the January Day meeting, Bev shared with us the Community Service project for 2026. I won't go into the details of the project as that's in another section of the Newsletter. During that meeting we were encouraged to come together as a community of quilters to accomplish the goal of making 20 twin size quilts. I was so encouraged by the ideas our members shared for making this happen, that I didn't hear a negative comment regarding this year's project. So, as I often do, I began to ponder... Below is a brief summary of the things that I have been pondering.

Guild: A **guild** is an organization of people with related interests (**Quilt Guild**) or goals. It is formed to protect the interests of its members and sometimes constituted a local governing body.

Community: **Community** is a group of people sharing common characteristics or interests.

Community fosters a sense of belonging and often engaging in shared activities. (Quilting)

Quilting Bee: A **quilting bee** is a social gathering. A quilt bee is where neighbors or friends come together and collectively sew quilts. A **quilting bee** is where the combining of work, socializing, sharing stories builds **community**. A **quilt bee** often involves sharing food and conversation while working together to complete a quilt or multiple quilts together. **Quilt Bee** originated from colonial times to accomplish large tasks efficiently.

I hope that in 2026, our quilt **guild** can come together as a **community** at some of the **Quilt Bees** to accomplish the goal of supporting the **Community** of Douglas County Service Project "Sleep in Heavenly Peace."

I certainly look forward to being at many of the **Quilt Bees** this year and have already pulled several fabrics from my stash to share with other **guild** members. Yes, I have been PONDERING some simple designs for the quilts to be made. I hope that each of you will begin to PONDER how we can come together as a **community of quilters** to make this happen.

Until next time...
Vickie Hecht

February 12

Day Meeting

**Pat Batine, award winning
quilter**

February 28

Night Meeting

Denise Allee: Surprise!

Officers

President – Vickie Hecht
Vice-Pres. – Bonnie McLain
Day Secretary – Charlene Searcy
Night Secretary – Jeanette Koval
Treasurer – Paul Feist

Standing Committees

Historian – Charlie Phaneuf
Membership – Darby Jochum
Bunny Albin

Newsletter – Susan Fisher
Programs – Toni Presha
Sheila Cartwright
Publicity – Mary Lesh
Sunshine – Emma Parker
Ways and Means – Jill Stroer
Albertha Brown

Ad Hoc Committees

Bee Keeper – Irene Gardner
Challenge Quilt – Heather Barron
Christmas Party – Anesia Tankersley
Community Service – Bev Mahle
Fat Quarter Drawing Marg Frost
Gallon Bag Challenge Dawn Feist
Golden Scissors – Rachel Phaneuf
Hospitality --
Photographer – Charles Phaneuf
Saturday Quilt Till You Wilt –
Ann Groves
Jill Stroer
R'Auction Anesia Tankersley
Webmaster – Joany Orsi

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

January Day Meeting: 21 members, 1 visitor
January Night Meeting: 20 members, 4 visitors

Total Paid Members: 40

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/10 Marge Frost
2/19 Jeanette Koval
2/21 Charlene Searcy



The Sunshine committee is pleased to announce that Wayman Parker, my husband, and Michael Knox, Caryl's husband, are doing much better. They both continue to receive immunotherapy so there is still concern. Please continue the prayers for both men.

Robert Groves, Ann's husband, also is doing well. He is currently being seen by a new cardiologist. He has been taken off four medications and his cancer is in remission. Continue to pray for him.

Jennie Hollis completed her chemotherapy last week.

Rachel Phaneuf was released from the hospital and is doing well. The procedure that she had determined that she has no heart problems.

We were pleased to see Patti Howell, one of our founding members, at the last day meeting. She was looking good.

If you know of someone needing Sunshine, please contact me.

Emma Parker
pemma53@yahoo.com

MONTHLY BEE

February 19
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
February is Bright Solids
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 February 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.

FAT QUARTERS FR 2026

January	RED
February	BRIGHT SOLIDS
March	GREEN
April	SMALL PLAIDS & CHECKS
May	BLUE
June	LIGHT BACKGROUND
July	BATIKS
August	PURPLE
September	R'AUCTION, NO DRAWING
October	BROWN
November	RUST, ORANGE
December	UNLOVED COLOR

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).

WAYS & MEANS

We're back 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

**DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER is FEBRUARY
27th.**

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.

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 recipient this year is Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This organization is part of the Knights of Columbus-a Catholic mission group. (The local group is at St. John Vianny church, Lithia Springs) They build beds for kids (8-18yo) without beds of their own. Each recipient receives a bed, sheets, and a blanket. We need twin size quilts-at least 50x60, preferably 60x70 or larger. Boy/guy quilts are the most needed! Most referrals come from the local schools-they serve Lithia Springs and Douglasville.

There was a question as to whether or not a chapter is in Winston. On the national website, a contact is listed in Winston. I believe he is part of the same group in Lithia Springs-however, I'm not sure how active he is.

Several of our long arm owners have graciously agreed to help with quilting your projects! Contact them directly when your project is ready for their specifics.

Shout out to Anesia and Jill who have agreed to pick up quilts at meetings in my absence. (I do have another life beyond quilting!)

If you can contribute in other ways-aside from making an entire quilt-please let me know! Donate batting, your service of binding, thread, fabric, etc.- yes, we provide a service to our community, however we are a community of quilters who should work together for a successful year!

**Beverly Mahle
jankyb1961@gmail.com**

Publicity

This year I would like to take publicity to a higher level. Last year was good but it sure wasn't great. I had no clue what I was doing but, I am learning, and I am full of ideas now that I have a better understanding of what I should be doing. With all that being said, I will need help—but it will be fun! So, join this committee and let's show Douglas County what a great group of quilters they have in the area.

This is what I would like to do:

- *Quilter of the Month—to be published in the local paper. (I could use a good writer to write some articles) This may start as a quarterly thing until we get the hang of it.
- *Interviews of the Current Officers—I would like this to be video format for our Facebook page and group—maybe even the website
- * Quilt Show at a local Library
- *Videos of our monthly Bee (not all but some to show the fun we have)
- *Videos of Community Service get togethers and awarding.
- *Publication of our Community Service awards.

I know there is more, but this is a good start. I promise if you join the group I will not overwhelm you with work. This is meant to be fun as we get exposure and grow our group.

I plan to video the officers at both meetings in February so be prepared. I just want all the members to put a face with the name and get to know them a little. (Trust me it has taken me years to remember who is who and I still forget and confuse some members.)

Thank you
Mary Lesh
CRQG Publicity Chair
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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

We're trying something new at Golden Scissors, Instant Recognition!

Instead of adding up month after month earned charms, we are going to give instant prizes the person(s) who receive the most pins/charms at the meeting Show & Tell.

Hope you enjo!!

Rachel

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

WANT TO GO TO PADUCAH THIS YEAR?

Hello,

I am a former quilt shop owner in Thomaston, GA., and I am hosting a bus trip to the Paducah Quilt Show, April 23-26, 2026. The price of the trip is \$485 and that includes bus transportation, 3 nights hotel accommodation, 2 day show tickets, and breakfast each day.

I need 14 more quilters to fill up a second bus. I do not want to turn away anyone, and there are quite a few people on the wait list at the moment. Could you please share this information with your guild?

My email is dana.brue.dvm@gmail.com and my phone number is 706-601-0235. If anyone needs further information or has any questions, please have them call or text me.

Thank you!

Dana Bru

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.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES ARE MADE AT MEETINGS.

9/12/25

Night meeting minutes January 22, 2026

Meeting started at 6:29 by President Vickie Hecht.

A correction to the day meeting minutes was brought as for the Quilt-til-U-Wilt was stated as April and November but should have been April and Oct.

Treasurer: As of January night meeting balance in checkbook is \$8,732.17 but does not include any deposits that was given to the Treasurer tonight.

Historian not here – Rachel had a heart cath today and will be on medication for approx. 6 months Charley and she were not at the meeting, Show and Tell book not at meeting but a notebook was used and once Rachel is back she will take care of any rewards to be issued

Newsletter information needs to sent to Susan by this Sunday January 25.

Programs not here – night meeting program was Denise and she is out with a Migraine

Publicity was here and discussed doing a show at the Library but need help /volunteers. As she has never done it before. It was suggested she talk with Denise Allee.

Sunshine: Emma Parker not here.

Please remember to keep Emma's husband and Carol Knox's husband in your prayer as they as fighting cancer. Robert Groves has been given a clear from his cancer and after speaking

with his heart doctor his heart has improved and they have taken him off some medication. Prayers are still appreciated, please remember all those who are not listed.

Ways and Means – please buy tickets, first drawing will be in February. Donations of items are welcome.

Challenge Quilt not here – It is set for July to celebrate the United States 250 year anniversary celebration. Its theme is “This is my country” can be a favorite state, a place that means something to you. Crib size and up – no wall hanging.

Bee Keeper – February 19 \$5 fee – no January bee due to no heat, bring what ever you want to work on 9 am to 3 pm

Community Service – Bev not at meeting but the project is called Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Beds are being made for children without. They need 20 twin size quilts (50x70) Bev has 20 tops that need to be finished but needs 20 more for a total of 40 quilts

Christmas party coming

Quilt-til-U-Wilt We have a date of March 21. That date still needs to be approved by the church, will know more soon. \$10 fee from 9am to 7pm. Bring whatever you want to work on and dish to share with everyone at lunch, hopefully left overs for supper. Please bring what you would like to drink – bottled water will be provided

R'Auction is at the September night meeting. Save your boxes

Membership: 20 members attended. 5 visitors with several joining with have a total of 40 members

Gallon Bag Challenge – bags need to be turned in by March and will given back out in Aoril. Finished project November night meeting.

Fat Quarters not here. Bring your red fat quarters to February meeting along with February (Bright Pastels)

No new business

Announcement: February 7 – Quilt of Valor workshop at the Quilt Textile Museum in Carrollton 10 am – 3 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:05

Show and Tell

Submitted by Ann Groves

Cherokee Rose Day Meeting of January 8, 2026
CORRECTED COPY

Approval of minutes,
Recognition of Birthdays, Charlie the 12th, Loretta the 18th and Linda Kelly the 22nd

Treasure's Report currently \$8,370.17

Bee Keeper meeting January 15th \$5 and a snack

Community Service - Beverly Mahle

'Sleep in Heavenly Peace' with Knights of Columbus

Making beds for families who do not have enough beds for family

Our contribution will be twin size (50 x 70) quilts

Beverly is hoping for at least 20

Gallon Bag Challenge

Due March

Distributed April

Due Night meeting in November

Golden Scissors - Rachel

New prizes as well as our charms

Historian and Photographer - Charlie

All up to date

Membership - Bunny

Currently 40 members, 21 at meeting

Newsletter - Susan Fisher

Program - Tonight is hosted by Denise Allee

Quilt to you wilt - Jill

Working on dates, one in April and one in *October*

9 to 7

Ways and Means - Alberta and Jill

New items, 1st drawing in February

Date _____

Cherokee Rose Quilters Guild

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 _____

