

# Cherokee Rose Quilters Guild



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## President's Desk

Can you believe it's March already? I was coming home from church this morning and saw several huge Tulip trees in full bloom, some red buds hiding in wooded areas and daffodils blooming on the side of the road. The wind has been so strong today that it has rattled the windows and doors of my little house. As you now know I spend time pondering! This week I was pondering how Elana Meyers Taylor from Douglasville, GA became interested in women's mono-bob sledding? Where and how does someone from Douglasville, GA even train for this event in order to win an Olympic Gold Medal? Is she someone we might have spoken to at Walmart while standing in line or chatted with while standing in line at the Publix deli. Well that took me down another rabbit trail! If QUILTING were to be considered an Olympic Sport, what event would I qualify for and who would I be competing against. Would there possible be Team Cherokee Rose? How many Gold Metals would we bring home? Think about it, we each have amazing but very different skills. Do you think should we push for the Olympic Committee to include the Art of Quilting as an Olympic Sport. Ok, so then my brain took a left turn and began thinking about a TV Game Show that I watched with Harley (my late husband) and Chris my now adult son. Our favorite was Supermarket Sweep... What about a Game Show called Quilt Shop Sweep, I mean wouldn't we all love to add to our stash or find the latest, greatest quilting tool out there? What better way than to be a contestant on "Quilt Shop Sweep". So now you know how wacky my thoughts can be at times ( I call it residual chemo brain.

But now it's time for serious business. At the February day meeting, there were some questions brought up that Bonnie and I just were not prepared to answer. To avoid this situation in the future, I respectfully request that we email the committee head, guild president and vice president for clarification and/or answers to a specific question prior to the meeting. By doing this your questions can be answered prior to the meeting and we can stay more on track. Please know that we desire to answer any and all questions honestly and completely, but in this case, research was needed in order to provide the answer.

We had a guest at the meeting who asked if all the meeting were like this. They were assured that no, however, the budget is discussed on and voted in February of each year.

Please also know that Job Descriptions for the committees are being reviewed. In March, after each Board and Committee member has had a chance to review both the Job description list and compare it to the Bylaws. Revisions will be made as necessary and submitted for approval of the membership.

Cherokee Rose Quilters Guild is a wonderful group of people and I for one want to see our guild grow.

The purpose or mission statement of our guild as written own the bylaws is:

It shall be the purpose of the Guild to promote and perpetuate the art of quilting. The work of the Guild is designed to benefit and educate all persons interested in quilting, to promote fellowship by meeting together, sharing knowledge and encouraging high standards in ask forms of quilting.

Vickie Hecht

**March 12**

**Day Meeting**

**Mary Maynard**

**March 26**

**Night Meeting**

## 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:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month  
Doors open at 9 am  
Meeting begins at 9:30 am

NIGHT MEETING:  
4<sup>th</sup> 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

February Day Meeting: 29 members  
February Night Meeting: 22 members, 2 visitors

**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**

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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**March 1**            **Bev Mahle**  
**March 8**            **Susan Fisher**  
**March 25**          **Annie Kellum**



Members and family members needing pray and community support: Emma Parker and Wayman, Ann Groves and Robert, , Jennie Anderson, Heather and Husband.

Some of our members need extra thoughts and prayers. Jennie Hollis is having another round of chemotherapy. Vickie Hecht has early-stage Parkinsons disease. Bonnie McLain is having knee replacement surgerty on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

Emma Parker  
pemma53@yahoo.com

### MONTHLY BEE

**March 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.**

### Bee News

I have exciting news! We had **21 guild members** join us for our February Quilting Bee! We made \$130, including a \$25 donation from one of members! We had so much fun, and we got a lot of quilting done, too!  
So much food for sharing, mostly sweets and desserts! Maybe at our next Bee we could have a bit more healthier treats though-fruits, veggies, and lighter treats!  
Bee Keeper, Irene Gardner

**Fat Quarter Drawing**  
**March is GREEN**  
**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 March 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**

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

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**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 APRIL NEWSLETTER is MARCH 29th.**

## **QUILT TIL YOU WILT**

### **DATE CHANGE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**

**ST. JULIAN'S**

**9 AM – 7 PM**

**7 – 7:30 CLEAN UP**

**\$10**

**BRING DISH TO SHARE FOR LUNCH**

**GUESTS INVITED**

**BASIC CASSEROLE CARRIER WORKSHOP  
APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

***You must do cutting before workshop***

Fabric & Notions:

A Top, 1/8 yard

B Borders, 1/4 yard

C Lining & Pocket, 7/8 yard

D Bottom Panel, 5/8 yard

E Handle, 1/3 yard

Cotton or insulated batting – (1) 16" x 30" & (1) 12" x 26"

Hook & Loop tape – cut (4) 1" x 3" pieces

POINT TURNER

CLIPS

**CUT BEFORE CLASS:**

Fabric A – Fussy Cut along the length of fabric parallel to selvage:

1 – 8-3/4" x 33-1/2" OR cut 2 shorter 8-3/4" strips and stitch

Together for total 33-1/2" piece.

Fabric B – Cut (2) 1-7/8" strips, subcut into (2) 1-7/8" x 33-1/2" strips.

Fabric C – Cut (1) 15-1/2" strip, subcut (1) 15-1/2" x 29-1/2", (1) 2-1/2" x 11-1/2",

(2) 5-1/2" x 7-1/2" pieces.

Cut (1) 11-1/2" strip, subcut (1) 11-1/2" x 35-1/2" piece

Fabric D – Cut (1) 15-1/2" strip, subcut (1) 15-1/2" x 29-1/2" piece.

Fabric E – Cut (2) 4" strips, sewn together end to end and cut into (1) 4" x 64-1/2" strip

# **GUILD CHALLENGES FOR 2026**

## **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.**

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## **2026 Cherokee Rose Quilt Guild Challenge**

**Theme: My Country**

**Due: July Night Meeting**

**“My Country” – in honor of the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States, you can make a wall hanging to a California king quilt if you want. Wall hangings must be at least 30” x 42”. Anything smaller is welcome for display but would not be eligible for prizes.**

**Ideas – A family history, favorite landmark or monument, red, white and blue, military/veteran. Favorite song or state – you have the freedom to express yourself how you see fit.**

**This does not have to be a new project. If you have some UFOs that you have been working on that will fit the challenge, please feel free to finish them for the challenge. I just ask that it is not one that you have already finished.**

## 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 50 x 70. Boy/guy quilts are the most needed!

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!

I have batting that has been donated if anyone is ready for that step of the process.

**Beverly Mahle**  
**jankyb1961@gmail.com**

## Publicity

Join this committee and let's show Douglas County what a great group of quilters they have in the area. I promise if you join the group I will not overwhelm you with work.

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.

Thank you

Mary Lesh

CRQG Publicity Chair

678-618-9688

[maryellenlesh@gmail.com](mailto: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

***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](http://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](mailto: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

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### **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES ARE MADE AT MEETINGS.**

Cherokee Rose Quilters Guild  
FDay Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2026

Approval of Minutes from January 2026.

Recognition of February birthdays:

Marge Frost, Priscilla Stone, Jeanette Koval and Charlene Searcy

Treasurer's Report - Balance \$8582.17

Bee Keeper - next Bee is February 19, cost \$5 bring Lunch, drink and snack

Challenge Quilt - no report

Christmas Party - Anesia is working on it.

Community Service - Please focus on quilts for boys. Don't forget Socks.

Fat quarter Drawing - will be help during night meeting.

Gallon Bag Challenge - Bring by March meeting, Distribution in April.

Golden Scissors - Going well

Historian - Charlie has all photos updated.

Membership -

Newsletter - Susan. Please information in by the end of the month

Program Committee - Today Trunk show by Pat Batini.

Working on bus trip,

Quilt to you Wilt - March 21st Cost \$10, time 9 to 7.

Sunshine - Cards sent to Darby and Rachel. Prayers for Jeannie Hollis, Cancer and Vickie, early stages of Parkinson.

Publicity - Booth at Taste of Douglasville. (May 16, 2026) sell items such as Bowl Cozies etc.

Budget- Vote to approve with plans to revisit the procedure and rules for Christmas Party expenses.

Respectfully submitted

Charlene Searcy

Day Secretary

Cherokee Rose Quilters Guild

Feb. 26,2026

Night Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vickie Hecht at 6:30 pm.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$8,532.17 Budget was reviewed, voted on, and passed.

Birthdays: Three birthdays were celebrated, Marge Frost, Jeanette Koval, and Charlene Searcy.

Historian: All photos are uploaded onto the website.

Membership: Our guild has 48 members. 22 members were present along with 2 guests. Guests were Julie Rainwater and Wanda Rasberry. Membership cards handed out. Fun questions building community relations have been instituted by Darby and Bunny.

Newsletter: Susan asks that you ensure the correct email address is on file with membership if you are not receiving your newsletter. Also, Sunday is the hard deadline for newsletter entries.

Programs: The April day program will be making a casserole carrier. There are two patterns available. The first pattern is free, the second pattern, if you wish to use, will need to be purchased. There is a sign-up list for this program.

Publicity: Mary is looking into the guild having a booth at the Taste of Douglasville Festival this year. The booth fee is \$75.00 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of May. Volunteers are requested. Also, Mary is requesting help with writing the stories of our members. Please contact her for more information concerning the festival and writing.

Sunshine: Members and family members needing pray and community support Emma Parker and Wayman, Ann Groves and Robert, Jennie Hollis, Bonnie, Jennie Anderson, Heather and Husband.

Ways and Means: Lots of items. Three winners Darby, Kay, and Bunny.

Bee Keeper: Last bee brought in \$130.00, 21 members present. Next Bee is March 19<sup>th</sup> bring lunch and drink.

Challenge Quilt: Theme “This is My Country” . Size baby quilt or larger. Present at July meeting.

Christmas Party: Could be First Thursday night of December.

Community Service: “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” project. Quilts for Twin size beds 50 x 60 or 70 x 80. No lap quilts please. Whole battings prepared from pieces given out for this project at this meeting.

Fat Quarter Drawing: Feb. Reds won by Ann Groves. Next month fat quarters – Green.

Gallon Bag Challenge: 4 bags have been turned in so far. Last time to turn in bag is the March night meeting. Presentation of projects will be at the November night meeting.

Golden Scissors: Be sure to write down your quilts in the book. Charms handed out. Instant winner – Gayle Scoggins. Sewing Expo in Duluth tickets given to Albertha, Darby, Aneisha, and Gayle.

Photographer: Photos are on the website. Go to Gallery tab. Also, send additional photos to Joanie.

Quilt Til You Wilt: Date change from 3-21-26 to 4-18-26. The April 18<sup>th</sup> day is pending. Bring dish and \$10.00.

R’auction: Start prepping your items to donate. Ollies, thrift shops, and yard sales good places to pick up donation quilting supplies.

Submitted by Jeanette Koval

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

