

# CHURN DASH

## News

Hall County Quilt Guild  
February 2018



## Mark Your Calendar

### » UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Feb 5 - Guild Meeting**

*Vote on Due Amount Change*

*Vote for New Board*

Feb 13-16 - HCQG Quilting Retreat

Feb 19 - Project Day

#### **Mar 5 - Guild Meeting - Christine Carlson**

Mar 8, 9, 10 - Sewing Expo

Mar 19 - Project Day - Microwave Bowls

#### **April 1 - Guild Meeting - Pat Wys**

*Vote on 2018 Budget*

April 2 - Workshop

April 16 - Project Day - Hand pieced

*Log Cabin block*

#### **May 7 - Guild Meeting - Marie Bostwick**

May 21 - Project Day

#### **June 4 - Guild Picnic**

June 18 - Project Day

#### **July 9 - Guild Meeting**

July 16 - Project Day

#### **August 6 - Guild Meeting**

August 20 - Project Day



In **February** we meet those running for a position on our 2018 Board. They will each get a chance to introduce themselves. This will be a great opportunity to get to know them.

We will then hold an extended meeting. As a guild we have many issues that need to be discussed and voted on. Please come ready for a productive meeting. Remember this guild is volunteer run.

Then in **March**, Christine Carlson will show and describe a wide variety of mini quilts. She is a published author who is sure to impress us as well as motivate us to try something different.

### *Important Announcement...*

After careful consideration and discussion, the Board has voted to raise the dues to \$50 annually beginning March 1, 2018. To continue as a guild, we must have funds to pay for quality programs, charity work and normal operating expenses.

This notification of the Board's vote has been posted in the November, December and January newsletters. The vote will be taken at the February meeting. We will also be voting on our new 2018 Board.

In April we will vote to approve the 2018 Budget. Proposed budget will be posted in next month's newsletter.



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## HCQG Retreat

Feb 13-16, 2018

The address for the retreat is  
720 FFA Camp Road,  
Covington, GA

From the church, it is about 50  
miles and takes about 1 hour  
and 20 minutes.

If you MapQuest or Google  
it, you will get real good  
directions.



2/2	Pat Sheppard
2/3	Marilyn Johnson
2/6	Lynn Crawford
2/9	Rose King
2/11	Carol Hayford
2/17	Randy Schreck
2/19	Glenda Kahlor
2/22	Liz Bolick
2/23	Paula Johnson
2/23	Ruth Matthews
2/24	Ellen Black
2/25	Betty Wright
2/26	Frances Brooks

Happy Birthday to our February  
Birthday Celebrants! We are so  
happy to share your special day with  
you at our meeting in February - so  
each of you please bring your  
Birthday Raffle "gift" to be raffled off at  
our monthly "fun"/fundraiser. The  
Raffle is all in support of our guild  
AND a good way to bring home a new  
quilting goodie for your sewing room :)

**Connie Murphy**  
Birthday Raffle Coordinator



**Thank you to those who will be  
bringing refreshments for our  
February meeting.**

Jenny Grandfield  
Pat Sheppard  
Frances Brooks  
Betty Wright  
Sue Zarter  
Paula Johnson

**Rose King**



This month we have a few tips to  
remember while making your  
Eagle Ranch Quilt.

\*Please return the patterns that  
are in your kits. It helps save us  
money by reusing them.

\*Not all patterns come 60" x 72",  
so we have to modify the pattern  
to make them bigger or smaller.  
The goal is to make the quilt as  
close to 60"x72" requirement as  
we feasibly can. Almost every  
pattern has notes on it about  
fabric being used or how many  
blocks you need to make. Pay  
attention to those notes that we  
have made. Ensure you read  
over your pattern before you get  
started to save yourself from  
making an error.

\*Please iron your seams open as  
you go as it will make a nice, flat  
product for the quilter.

Remember we have one new girl  
kit ready to be picked up at our  
meeting in February!

Thanks!!

**Jenny T, Peggy and Jenny G**



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**ORIGINAL**  
Sewing & Quilt  
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What will you *Create* today?

**Infinite Energy Center**  
6400 Sugarloaf Parkway  
Duluth, GA 30097  
**March 8, 9 & 10, 2018**  
Thurs & Friday 10am – 6 pm;  
Saturday 10am – 5pm

**SHOP  
MAKE +  
SAVOR!**




19th Annual  
**Greater Atlanta Quilt SHOP HOP**  
**OCEANS OF NOTIONS**

March 22-25, 2018  
9:30am - 6pm Thursday - Saturday  
and 1-5pm Sunday

Grand Prize: Handi Quilter 210-Stitch Sewing Machine with extended tray table and Tutto Rolling Bag - \$850 Value  
First Prize: \$100 gift certificate to each participating shop - \$800 value  
Second Prize: \$50 gift certificate to each participating shop - \$400 value  
Third Prize: Lori Holt 3-piece Cutting Mat Set, Rotary Cutter and Blades - \$200 value  
Bonus Prizes: \$100 value drawing at each participating shop  
Free pattern at each shop.  
Collectible enamel charms and commemorative tote bags available for purchase.

Many chances to win "treasure chests" of notions, fabric and other goodies.

www.GreaterAtlantaQuiltShopHop.com  
www.facebook.com/AtlantaShopHop



**Southeastern Quilt and Textile Museum**  
770.301.2187 | www.southeasternquilt.com | 306 Bradley St Carrollton, GA 30117

**West Georgia Quilt Guild  
30th Anniversary  
Annual Show**



**Apron Strings  
Ties to the Heart**  
Collaborative Exhibit  
with the  
Carrollton Center for the Arts



\$5 Admission  
**January 11 - March 31, 2018**  
Thur, Fri, Sat 10:00-4:00

**Art - Tiques  
Winter Market**  
Feb. 23, 24 & 25  
Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5  
Free Admission & Parking

Friday Night Sneak Preview 4-8  
\$5 admission  
Pre-Shop Before the Crowds

**ANTIQUE** **RUSTIC** **home décor** **local artwork**  
**ironworks** **FURNITURE** **DIY** **textiles**  
**FOOD TRUCKS** **COLLECTIBLES** **jewelry salvage**  
**primitives** **DOTTED**



**Braselton Historical Gym**  
4825 Hwy 53  
Braselton  
Entrance on Henry St.  
For more information:  
706-824-7204

**Gwinnett Quilters' Guild**  
"Hands All Around Where Friendship Abounds"

Coming to the  
Gwinnett Quilters' Guild

Cannon United Methodist Church  
2424 Webb Gin House Road  
Snellville, Georgia 30078

Visitor Fee is \$10.

Feb 20, 2018 Auction

May 3, 2018 Bonnie Hunter



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## HOW TO: **FIX FABRIC BLEEDS**



Hi, I'm Dr. Suzy, and welcome to Quilting Medical School. Today's class will be about a special sort of quilt surgery: fixing fabric bleeds.

Fabric bleeds are one of the most common quilting "emergencies," and they can be pretty traumatic. Sadly, I speak from experience. One cold November morning I discovered a quilt-sized box on my doorstep. My high-flying joy plummeted into stabbing fear when I realized that the top of the box was soaking wet...and not just water wet. Oh no. Soapy wet.

My freshly long-armed quilt had been soaking for hours in spilled cleaning solution from a box that was sitting on top of it. GASP! and NOOOOOO!

The following 24 hours were a harrowing life and death fight for my quilt's survival. I researched eeeeeverything the internet had to offer. This is a photo my husband took of me the following morning. PTSD is not pretty.

Just like a medical injury, fabric bleeding can be both treated and prevented. Today, we'll talk about both.



### **Fix Fabric Bleeds: First things first**

If you're here in a panic screaming "SAVE MY BLEEDING QUILT!" at the computer screen, don't worry. I'm here for you in mind, spirit and quilt. Just because one (or more) of your fabric colors have run and dyed other parts of your quilt, it doesn't mean all is lost. Put on your gloves, and let's get to work. (Really, go get some gloves. We're going to be using some very hot water.)

**1. Tub Time.** To soak a bleeding quilt, you want a lot of water; more than your sink or washing machine can handle. That means it's bathtub time. Fill your bathtub up with as hot of water as you can (different people have different limits set on their hot water heater, so if your hot tap water is sort of meh, add some pots of boiling water. Boiling water is hot! I know! This is why you need gloves!)

**2. Add Some Suds.** This part is important. Though people get all excited about Synthrapol (and it does work well, so you may want to keep some on hand), Dawn Ultra Pure dish detergent will do the trick, too. Add as much as half a cup of the good stuff. Oh, and make sure your quilt is in there, too. Did I miss that part? Now swish things around for a good ten minutes. (Note: if the water gets REALLY dark REALLY fast, you'll want to drain the water after about 10 minutes or so, and refill.)

**3. Let it Rest.** We're talking about a good long sleep, here. Make sure every bit of the quilt is underwater (so none of the water dye sticks to the quilt at the water line), and give it a full 12 hours. (But what if you want to take a bath? TOO BAD. Your quilt needs some R&R.) Don't worry if things are looking very dye-ey up in there – the soap's job is to keep the dye suspended in the water, and not in your quilt.

**4. Rinse and Repeat...** if necessary. It's time consuming, but if you really want to heal your precious quilt, keep repeating the process until the water is clear for about 6 hours or so.

When things are looking clean and clear and under control, go ahead and give your quilt a final cold-water rinse. This is also a good time to add some Retayne to the water to firmly lock in the remaining fabric dye. Now carefully remove your quilt to dry.

**Disclaimer:** This process may not be 100% successful 100% of the time, but every medical procedure has risks. It's the best, most effective method out there, so it's worth a shot, especially when a quilt's life is at stake!

Article written by **SUZY WILLIAMS**  
<https://suzyquilts.com/fix-fabric-bleeds/>



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## My bleeding quilt and how I fixed it

I was slightly traumatized after the holidays when putting away my decorations. Even though I've heard of a bleeding quilt, I was surprised when it showed up under my Christmas tree. My red and cream tree skirt had water spilled on it and the red fabric bled into the surrounding cream fabric. Ouch!

It was bleeding in several large areas and I didn't expect a full recovery. Thankfully, I remembered an article I read from Suzy Quilts: How to Fix Fabric Bleeds. And guess what friends. It worked!

I put enough VERY hot water in our bathtub to cover the tree skirt and then I added the magic ingredient: Dawn dish soap, about 1/3 cup. I followed Suzy's instructions almost to the "T". Instead of letting it soak for 12 hours, I stopped at 6 hours. But that was enough for my little Christmas tree skirt



I think the Dawn dish soap suspends the fabric dye in the water. Another reason to keep Dawn around! I rinsed it really well in warm water and then I put it through the washing machine on a light cycle with no detergent. It came out perfect!

I know someone is going to ask about the tree skirt pattern. It was a freebie online many years ago and it's no longer available. Coincidentally, I met the lady who wrote the pattern (for Darlene Zimmerman) during my lecture at the Cumberland Valley Quilters Association in Tennessee. She happened to be in the audience and told me about the pattern. I'm not sure if she can recreate the pattern, but it would be worth a try. Many people have asked me over the years.

Anyways, back to the fabric bleed issue. Just thought I would pass this along in case it happens to you. And thanks to Suzy for saving the day!

Written by Julie Cefalu. <http://thecraftyquilter.com/> 1/04/2018



## Fabric Bleed Prevention:

Now that the crisis has been handled, let's talk about some preventative measures you can take to prevent this from happening again!

**1.Pre-Wash.** Now, we all know that we should probably pre-wash and press fabrics before cutting... but do we always do it? Don't worry, we've all had the temptation to jump straight into cutting. Resist! Form a support group if you have to! Pre-washing your fabric, whether it's commercial or hand-dyed, will set you up to have minimal to no bleeding if and when the quilt gets wet. If pre-washing all of your fabric just simply cannot fit into your schedule, try to at least pre-wash vivid colors like navy, red and purple. Using a color catching sheet can also save your life, so go ahead and toss one into the wash while you're at it.

**2. Test.** The best way to know if your fabric is going to bleed or be absorbed by another fabric in your quilt is to actually give it the chance. Stick a swatch of each fabric together in a hot water wash, and see what happens. (Hopefully nothing too exciting!)

Congrats! You're now a certified Quilt Doctor. Go out and do no harm! And be sure to let me know what has worked for you!

Article written by **SUZY WILLIAMS**  
<https://suzyquilts.com/fix-fabric-bleeds/>



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## Nominated Board members for 2018

Co-Presidents	- - -	Roxan Brown and Jenny Thomas
Vice President/ Programs	-	Sandra McNease
Secretary	-- - - -	Julie Monroe
Treasurer	-- - - -	Sally Zook

## Committee Chairs 2018

Hospitality	- - -	- Rose King
Membership	- - -	- Charlotte Payne
Community Service	-	- Betty Wright
Eagle Ranch Quilts	-	- Jenny Grandfield
Newsletter	- - -	- Jean Edwards
Website	- - -	- Mary Lowrey
Traveling Bee	- - -	- Lydia Conner
Birthday Raffle	- - -	- Connie Murphy
Show and Tell	- - -	- ?
Project Day	- - -	- Carol Johnson

		- Christine Pierson
		- Connie Johnson
Sunshine	- - -	- Carol Johnson

### 2017 HCQG Executive Board

#### **Co-Presidents**

Becky Bicknell  
Roxan Brown

#### **Vice President**

Denise Ulrich

#### **Secretary**

Lydia Conner

#### **Treasurer**

Betty Heathman

**HCQG meetings** are on the FIRST Monday of each month  
unless that day is a holiday (then the meeting is the second Monday of the month)  
Social Hour is at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10:00

**Project Day** is held THIRD Monday of each month at the church at 10:00 a.m.

bring anything you are working on as well as a dish to share (or just bring your own lunch if that works better for you).



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## Are you new to the Hall County Quilters Guild?

Check out our website at HCQG.org for valuable information like how to make a name badge, our policies and procedures, how to make a quilt for Eagle Ranch and even photos of quilts that our members have made.