

# CHURN DASH

*Hall County Quilters Guild*

October 2025



A quilt by Trisha Brisbois. Quilted by Lindsey Martin

## Upcoming Dates

**October 6** - Review of 2026 Programs and Workshops

**October 20** - Project Day - Duluth Festival of Trees Charity Ornaments Sew Day

**November 3** - Melissa Matthews, A Crafted Cottage

**November 17** - Project Day - Charity Sew

**December 1** - Christmas Pot Luck

## From Our President

Thanks to everyone for accommodating the new start/finish time for our guild meetings. The safety of the children is always a priority. Moving forward we will start with a short business meeting followed by our speaker, which leaves us lots of time for Show & Tell and should get us out of the way before the preschool pickup line starts.

We are starting our prime sewing season! People will be slowing down on traveling and gardening. I can't wait to see what you'll be showing in the next few months.

If you finished (or started) on the Workshop project, please bring that in to show. Also, please bring any Christmas ornaments or gifts for the Duluth Festival of Trees so we can see what else might be needed.

See you soon!  
Chris Anderson

## PROGRAMS

**In October** – We will have a preview the wonderful list of programs and workshops for 2026! We're in for a busy year!

**Coming in November** – Melissa Matthews will be joining us from A Crafted Cottage in Flowery Branch. Dean will interview her about her quilting journey.

Thanks,  
Dean Ray



## EAGLE RANCH

Thank you all for making tops for Eagle Ranch quilts. I try to pick patterns that are fairly easy but also make a nice looking quilt for the kids.

The majority of kids are boys so you will find at least 2/3 of the kits will be generic or boyish fabrics. Our long-armers know to quilt these in generic or boyish designs. Occasionally we will have girly kits and you will know these by the pink color or flowery fabrics.

If you have any questions or concerns with any kit, please call, text, email or bring kit back to me. It is easier to figure out a problem before sewing than to fix a mistake after it's sewn.

Thanks,  
Peggy Johnson

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

We always have kits for you to work on and we thank each of you that take kits. We couldn't do it without all of you. Imagine all the people that we are able to help with these items we create!

Our next Charity Sew for Project Day will be in November!

I do so appreciate each and every one of you.

Sandy Pomper

### **RETREAT 2026!!!** **FEBRUARY 20-13**

Don't forget to bring your payment to the October meeting. There are 24 spaces available (\$280/person for double occupancy or 2 space in a single room for \$380). You and your roommate must have your checks together to register.



*New Member!*

**Cindy Hollowell**

## PET BEDS

Thank you for your continued support to the North Georgia Humane Society. As always, donations of fleece and flannel are appreciated. The shelter is always grateful to receive donations of towels, sheets and blankets. I will deliver these also.

Reminder – please leave all pet beds outside on the Porte Cochere near the entrance. I will pick them up after the meeting.

Thanks Again.

Chris Anderson

## reminder

Each month, our social time begins at **9:15** am, followed by the meeting, which starts promptly at **9:30** am. We started this in order for us to finish our program and be out of the way before the preschool pick up line starts

On Project day, the doors open at 9:30 am and starts at 10:00 am.

Help with set up and break down is greatly appreciated!

## OCTOBER

*birthdays!*

10/1	Bobby Martin
10/2	Frances Allen
10/2	Melanie Coffman
10/2	Mary Lowrey
10/9	Jenny Grandfield
10/14	Jeanne Bond
10/20	Jan Lucas
10/30	Lily Ippolito
10/31	Debbie Dill



# DO YOU HAVE A QUILTING WEBSITE THAT YOU LOVE?

We are going to start a new article in the Newsletter about our favorite Quilting Websites. Send in your favorite quilting website to share with your fellow members and let us know why you love it - Favorite for Beginners - Favorite for Free Patterns - Favorite for New Ideas - Favorite for Notions - Favorite for Fabric - Favorite for Tutorials - Favorite for Ideas, just to name a few. We are going to compile them into categories and put them in the Newsletter so you can print them out and keep them for future reference.

Thanks to everyone who has already contributed to our list. We will compile a list for the website, but we will keep adding new sites in the newsletter. Here are a few more additions...

**Favorite for Tutorials - Christa Quilts** is a YouTube video series where she demonstrates free motion and walking foot techniques from her book, 99 Machine Quilting Designs. There are many videos on YouTube, almost her whole book.



## Contact us!!

Do you have something for the newsletter? An article, interesting fact, or photo?

Send it to us at  
**hcqg.newsletter@gmail.com**

## Nimble Thimbles

Join our hand stitching bee. We meet on the 4th Thursday of each month from 1 - 4:30.

Contact Jenny Grandfield or Trisha Brisbois to be added to the email list!

Hall County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 8, 2025 ~ Submitted by Trisha Brisbois, Secretary

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**Meeting called to order and guests welcomed by Dean Ray**

(Guest Speaker was running behind so the meeting format was changed for this meeting)

**Welcome Committee – Trisha Brisbois and Bobby Martin**

- Guests welcomed and drawing for small notions/prizes

**Committee Reports:**

**Newsletter Report/Website – Jenny Grandfield and Debbie Dill**

- Remember to submit information/articles for the newsletter ASAP. Information, reports, and articles need to be submitted at least 2 weeks in advance of newsletter publication.
- email newsletter info to [newsletter@hcqg.org](mailto:newsletter@hcqg.org)
- Please email us websites you like to buy quilting products from. We will include them in the newsletter.

**Eagle Ranch Report – Peggy Johnson**

- Kits were available to take home.
- Show and tell for Eagle Ranch quilts finished last month
- Please return plastic bags your kit was in, with the finished quilts

**Programs Report – Dean Ray**

- October: Dean will be discussing the upcoming programs and guest speakers.
- November program, Crafted Cottage Owner Interview and Pop-up Shop
- December, Christmas Potluck

**Membership Report – Carol Harting and Marie Pasternak**

- Please wear your name tags! Find someone new and introduce yourself!
- 49 Members present, 2 new members

**Community Service Report – Sandy Pomper and Connie Murphy**

- Kits for cancer pillows, seatbelt pads and walker caddies were available to take home
- New mastectomy pillow pattern coming soon

**Retreat – Bobby Martin - Lisa Vieira filled in for Bobby**

- Retreat is scheduled for February 10-13, 2026
- sign up at October 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 26 spots available 
- \$280 per person/2-person room, \$380 1-person room

**Birthday Raffle – Sharon Weir**

- Thank you for the donations

**Project Day Report – Lisa Vieira**

- Project Day is on the 3rd Monday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Bring your own lunch.
- October & November – Charity Sew
- If you made a 3D Christmas Tree with Mark Vieira, plan to use it for table décor at Christmas luncheon

### **Sunshine Report – Mary Payne**

- Let Mary know if a card is needed for anyone.
- You can find her contact information on the website under Membership

### **Announcements:**

#### **Quilting class for new and seasoned quilters: Lisa Vieira, Teacher**



- 7-week class starts in October. Thursday's, 9am – 12noon. Starting in October.
- Class Cost \$90, book included
- Class will be using the book, "Teach Me to Quilt" by Pat Sloan
- The finished quilt will be a Sampler style quilt.

#### **Dog/Cat Beds for Humane Society – Chris Anderson absent**

- **Please leave pet beds outside along the wall by the doors. Chris will gather them after the meeting.**
- Loads of dog/cat beds were brought in and she had covers to take home to fill.

#### **Quilts for Kids – Lisa Vieira**

- Look for email/newsletter for details about workshops.
- Kits were available, and quilts are needed
- 11,000 quilts were donated to date.

#### **Secretary/Minutes – Trisha Brisbois**

- Minutes are posted in the Newsletter on the Hall County Quilt Guild Website.
- Motion to approve – Frances Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon Weir

#### **Treasurer Report – Barbara Kinney**

- Financial report is posted on the Guild Website.

#### **Guest Speaker:**

Dean Ray introduced Blair Stockard of "Wise Craft Quilts". She shared her journey as a garment maker, work in the textile industry and how she became a quilter. She lectured on Color Value and how it works in quilting.

#### **Next Guild Meeting –**

- **Monday, October 6, 2025**
- **Monday, November 3, 2025**

#### **Show and Tell –**

- Several fun beautiful projects were shown.

#### **Meeting Dismissed – Dean Ray**