

# CHURN DASH

*Hall County Quilters Guild*

November 2025



A quilt by Connie Murphy

## Upcoming Dates

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

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

**December 1** - Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon

**January 5** - Dr. Marshall Dewell - The Spirituality of the Quilt

**January 19** - Project Day/Open Sew

## From Our President

Since November is a time for Thanks, let me tell you a few of mine. Thanks to Dean, who covered for our Program person last month. He's been working hard and it sounds like we have a lot of exciting and fun things coming up. It's going to be a great time to be a member.

Also, thanks to Bobbie for working on our upcoming Retreat. We are full, but if you are interested, please sign up for the waiting list. We have always had to turn to the waiting list at the last moment. But if you want a taste of the retreat, come to Project Day/Open Sew Day. Lisa is doing an awesome job coming up with all our extra projects, but you can always come in and sew on a project you're working on and just enjoy the fellowship.

See you soon!  
Chris Anderson

## PROGRAMS

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

**Coming in December** – Potluck Holiday Luncheon will be held at **11:00 am**. The Guild will be providing Chick-Fil-A nuggets. *Look for the signup sheets at the November meeting* so we know how many to feed. We are asking members to bring in your 3-D fabric Christmas tree from Mark Vieira's class in July and any Christmas/Holiday table runner to help decorate the tables. **Also**, bring in a Christmas/Holiday quilt or your favorite quilt to decorate the sanctuary. Everyone can visit them after the luncheon AND if you bring a quilt in you will receive a raffle ticket for a \$30 gift card.

Thanks,  
Dean Ray

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

### ITEMS YOU DON'T NEED TO MISS



The Church has their trash picked up on Mondays. Please don't park in the 3 parking spaces across from the dumpster so the truck can get in and clear the dumpster.

Please turn in all ornaments and gifts for the Georgia Festival of Trees Charity Tree to Dawn Matthieu at the November meeting. More info further in the Newsletter.

## EAGLE RANCH

I will be working on new quilt kits for the New Year. Some people enjoy taking them to Retreat to get their quilt over for the year. Please keep up the good work and 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

For 2025, we have so far made and donated 30 cancer comfort pillows and 682 seat belt 7" cushions!!! Wow! Kudos to one and all! Thank everyone for their hard work. It is so appreciated by the community we serve.

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

Sandy Pomper

Kits are now available for wheelchair lap quilts for wheelchair bound persons in long-term care. Some members have asked if they can make their own quilt and the answer is - *absolutely!* There is no specific size or design for these quilts. Because they will be used with a wheelchair. It is best to keep them 36-40" wide and 40-45" long. This leaves plenty of room for your creativity and love!

Susan Steele



## LIBRARY

Plans are underway for the Guild library project. The board has the first draft of a proposal for the organization and care of the library. Now is when member participation is vitally important!

- Do you want a simple honor system (i.e. take a book and return it whenever you like) or do you prefer some type of sign-out and tracking system for books?
- Would you like to have the option to purchase books for the library in honor or memory of a special quilter that could be recognized on the inside cover?
- What type of quilting books most interest you, such as traditional patchwork, skills and techniques, art and modern, or a combination!
- Do you have books you would like to donate but need help loading and getting them to the guild?

Please contact Susan Steele with your ideas, suggestions, and donations at [susan.steele.cwocn@gmail.com](mailto:susan.steele.cwocn@gmail.com) or you can find my number on the member list.



# WELCOME

*New Member!*

Carolyn Davis

PET BEDS

Thanks to all of you who have filled the critter beds. The Northeast Georgia Humane Society staff and the doggies and kitties greatly appreciate your generosity.

I have covers for the beds, all you need to do is put your little scraps into them, sew up the end, give them to me, and I'll deliver them. Please be careful that no pins or large pieces of fabric go in, batting is fine. The beasties like the beds soft and squishy so stuff them loosely. If you choose to make your own beds try to keep them about 20X20 inches.

The Humane Society also needs crate mats. They measure 12X18 inches. This is a great way to use orphan blocks. Add a layer of batting and a back, I don't bind them, just stitch them right sides together, turn them and stitch them up. They don't need to be quilted but a few lines of stitching to hold them in place.

As always they appreciate any gently used towels, sheets and blankets you may have.

Thanks again for all you do.  
Chris Anderson

**reminder**

Each month, our social time begins at **9:15** am, followed by the meeting, which starts promptly at **9:30** am.

On Project day/Open Sew, the doors open at 9:30 am and starts at 10:00 am.  
Help with set up and break down is greatly appreciated!

# MEMBERSHIP

## Help Us Keep the Member Directory Up to Date!

Please take a moment to visit our website and review your listing in the current Member Directory. If any of your information is incorrect or has recently changed, let Carol or Marie know as soon as possible.

Going forward, if you have any updates to your contact details, please be sure to notify Carol or Marie so we can keep the online directory current. An accurate directory helps us all stay connected; thank you for your help!

Carol Harting - [carol30513@gmail.com](mailto:carol30513@gmail.com)

Marie Pasternak - [myxstitch@yahoo.com](mailto:myxstitch@yahoo.com)

Membership

### Contact us!!

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

Send it to us at

[hcqg.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:hcqg.newsletter@gmail.com)



### Nimble Thimbles

We are on a break during the holiday months. We will start back on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in January.

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

# FESTIVAL OF TREES ORNAMENT DONATIONS

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS MADE ORNAMENTS AND/OR DONATED TO THE GUILD QUILT TREE IN SOME WAY. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 174 ORNAMENTS, A TREE SKIRT, LAP QUILT, TABLE RUNNER AND OTHER VARIOUS GIFTS FOR UNDER THE TREE!

I KNOW THAT SOME OF YOU HAD MENTIONED TO ME THAT YOU STILL HAD ITEMS THAT YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE AND I WOULD STILL LOVE TO HAVE THEM IF YOU CAN GET THEM TO ME BY THE DEADLINE OF OUR NEXT GUILD MEETING, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD. AFTER THAT POINT, I NEED TO SUBMIT A VERY ITEMIZED LIST OF WHAT OUR TREE WILL INCLUDE SO THAT THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME FOR SIGNAGE TO BE MADE AND OUR TREE APPROVED.

OUR TREE WILL BE ONE OF MANY, MANY TREES, ALL OF WHICH WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF. ALL MONEY RAISED THROUGH THIS EVENT WILL DIRECTLY IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY SINCE ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BENEFIT STREET GRACE AND ATLANTA REDEMPTION INK - TWO LOCAL NONPROFITS WORKING TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF YOUTH AND WOMEN HERE IN GEORGIA.

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEND OUT PICTURES OF THE BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS TREE THAT WE HAVE MADE TOGETHER!

RESPECTFULLY,  
DAWN MATTHIEU



Hall County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 06, 2025 ~ Submitted by Trisha Brisbois, Secretary

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**Meeting called to order and guests welcomed by Chris Anderson**

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

- Guests welcomed and drawing for small notions/prizes

**Committee Reports:**

**Presidents Report – Chris Anderson**

- **Board Meeting – October 20th at 12:00noon**
- **Leadership volunteers needed for:**
  - o **Co-President March 2026-2027**– Jan Lucas volunteered
  - o **Programs 2026** – Ellen Masters Volunteered
  - o **Community Service** – Robin Neiheisel volunteered
  - o **Library** – Susan Steele volunteered, needs 2nd volunteer

**Secretary/Minutes –Trisha Brisbois**

- Minutes are posted in the Newsletter on the Hall County Quilt Guild Website.
- Motion to approve was not called for. Will call for approval in November.

**Treasurer Report – Barbara Kinney**

- Financial report is posted on the Guild Website.

**Next Guild Meeting –**

- **Monday, November 3, 2025**
- **Monday, December 1, 2025 ~ Holiday Potluck Luncheon at 11:00am**

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

- A Volunteer is needed to learn the website and newsletter along side of Jenny and Debbie
- 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)

**Eagle Ranch Report – Peggy Johnson**

- Sew binding on with machine, Do Not wash.
- Quilt size is 60 x 72
- 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**

- 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!
- 51 Members present, 1 new member, 3 Guests

### **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 – Bobby Martin**

- Retreat is scheduled for February 10-13, 2026
- All 26 spots filled, a waiting list has been started
- \$280 per person/2-person room, \$380 1-person room

### **Birthday Raffle – Sharon Weir and Dennice Kopp**

- 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, Christmas ornaments & 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 October 16th.



#### **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.
- Crate mats measure 12 x 18. Keep them floppy, don't over stuff them.

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

- Look for email/newsletter for details about workshops.
- Kits were available, and quilts are needed

#### **Festival of Trees, Christmas Tree – Dawn Matthieu**

- Needs gifts for under the tree and more ornaments

#### **Program/Guest Speaker:**

Dean Ray shared the next year's worth of programs and speakers.

#### **Show and Tell –**

- Several fun beautiful projects were shown.

#### **Meeting Dismissed – Chris Anderson**