

# The Cotton Patch DISPATCH

A community sharing traditional and modern quilting

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## President's Message

By Carol Ann Burns

We are beginning another month. This February we are planning to attend the second workshop with the Sampler blocks of the month. The January workshop was enjoyed by those who were able to attend. If you are not participating with the blocks you can begin your challenge quilt that is due in June. Challenge yourself with something on your to do list that's just waiting to be fulfilled. Choose to fulfill one of your personal challenges. We all have a quilt we have not yet chosen to actually make. Yet there is ONE OR SOME SKILL(s) we have pushed back for fear of tackling, but it's something we WANT to make. And with all the YOUTUBE and MSQ plus Frances Arnold has videos available to watch. Certainly there is a reliable resource you can watch. -- And our guild's members are a great resource to contact and get assistance from. If you don't know who may have the knowledge you want to learn--ask until you FIND the (expert). One reason we belong to our guild is to educate ourselves in the art of quilting. Make up your mind to begin a new project. We can learn together.

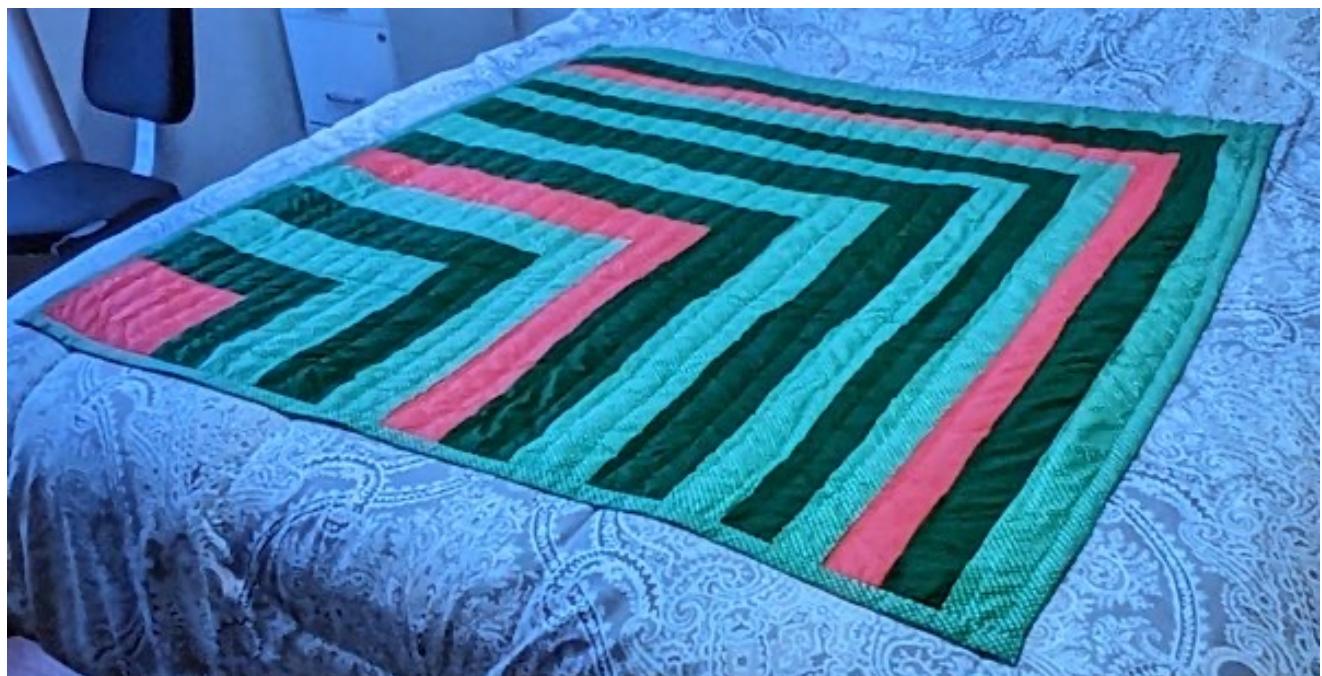
Sew-A-Lot



## Gee's Bend Quilter

We enjoyed a virtual lecture, trunk show and Q & A from a third generation quilter of Gee's Bend, Sally Mixon. Some of her work via Zoom.





Simple but elegant and vibrant designs, machine pieced and hand quilted. Third generation quilter from Gee's Bend Alabama. Descendent from slaves that used materials they had to make quilts for warmth and home use. The quilting tradition is passed down through the generations. Many of the Gee's Bend quilts are in various museums as well as the Smithsonian Institution.



## Block of the Month Workshop

We had such a wonderful turnout for the January workshop. It was such a wonderful time!

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# 2026 Splendid Sampler

Saturdays:	Thursdays:
January 17	February 19
March 21	April 16
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Workshops may be at different locations due to scheduling issues, check emails and website.

## Sarah Hubbard Art Quilts



Sarah Hubbard's wonderful art quilts are currently on display at the

### Winterville Cultural Arts Center

371 N Church St,  
Winterville, GA 30683

Hours:  
Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Her show runs through March 26th  
Her one-woman show features intricate  
quilts of landscapes and images from  
nature.

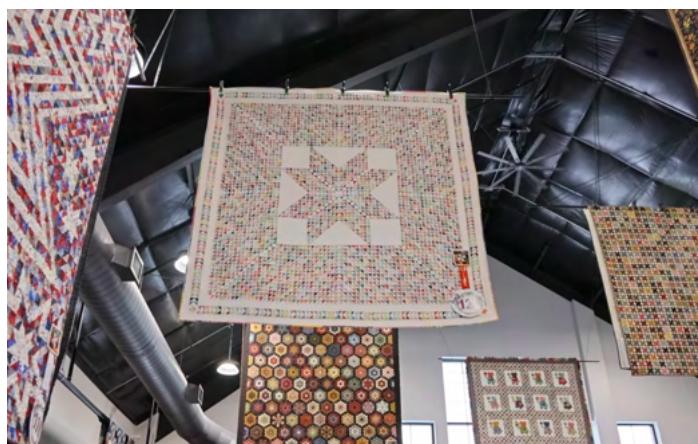
“The intention of my work is to draw you  
into the natural world and invite you to  
see it the way I do.” - Sarah Hubbard



## Congratulations! Karry Weaver



Karry submitted her quilt to Primitive Gatherings, The Gathering Show. She won second place. There were 129 one-of-a-kind scrappy quilts, each one lovingly created and submitted by talented quilters from all across the country. The Gathering, showcased every quilt on display and shared the stories, inspiration, and creativity behind each piece.





Cobblestone Celebration of Quilts, Textiles, and Fiber Arts Show 2026  
 March 20-22, 2026 at Trident Technical College, North Charleston, SC  
 Theme is Stitchin' Charleston Sunshine  
 Speaker Series each day

### Member Website Recommendation

By Melissa Hatton

Here are the websites & an app I like to use. On [thefabrichut.com](http://thefabrichut.com), they send out a free pattern each day along with a riddle. The block along I just finished, I found on [lesliequilts.com](http://lesliequilts.com). She has a weekly YouTube live to go over each block. We are now working on a Christmas quilt with a Lella Boutique pattern of gift boxes with bows. On [quiltingrebel.com](http://quiltingrebel.com) you can join a free membership where you get 2 free quilt patterns daily. The website will have you download the Heartbeat app to access the community & patterns. I just typed this in my email.

A bin of various sized pieces of Kaffe Fassett fabric and a sewing machine cleaning kit. This is a special drawing and tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5.



The following will be \$.50 each or 5 for \$2.



A grouping of red/pink fabrics with a pattern



A cute zipper bag, pattern, 5" flannel charm pack & homespun fat quarter bundles



A cross body bag, notepad, glittery pens, silicon iron rest & thread clippers.



# Business

Cotton Patch Quilters Monthly Statement		2025 - 2026		Final	Preliminary			
June YTD Year 2025 - 2026		2025 - 2026	JUNE YTD	2025	2026			
		BUDGET	Actual YEAR	December	January			
<b>INCOME</b>								
Charity Bee/Community Service	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 238.00	\$ 138.00	\$ 100.00				
Door Prizes	\$ 600.00	\$ 513.50	\$ 91.00	\$ 233.00				
Fundraising Income	\$ -	\$ 60.00						
Workshop Income	\$ 550.00	\$ -						
Membership Dues	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,155.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 85.00				
Retailer Rewards	\$ 35.00	\$ 89.51		\$ 29.81				
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	\$ -	\$ -						
2025 Net Quilt Show Income	\$ -	\$ -						
Transfer from Money Market	\$ -	\$ -						
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 6,185.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,056.01</b>	<b>\$ 334.00</b>	<b>\$ 447.81</b>				
<i>Check</i>								
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
Challenges	\$ 125.00	\$ -						
Charity Bee/Community Service	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 665.04						
Raffle quilt Expense	\$ -	\$ -						
Door Prizes	\$ 500.00	\$ 237.60	\$ 200.00					
Internet	\$ 500.00	\$ 359.00						
Insurance	\$ 500.00	\$ 427.00		\$ 427.00	Bi-Annual Insurance Expense			
Membership Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ -						
Member Education/Programs	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,611.70		\$ 300.00				
Newsletter	\$ -	\$ -						
President Expense	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00	* Donation to Lyndon House Fiber Exhibit			
Social	\$ 200.00	\$ 77.77		\$ 53.91				
Sunshine	\$ 100.00	\$ -						
Guild Operations/Mailbox	\$ 200.00	\$ 192.00						
Transfer to Money Market	\$ -	\$ -						
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 10,075.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,720.11</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$ 930.91</b>				
<i>Check</i>								
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ (3,890.00)</b>	<b>\$ 335.90</b>	<b>\$ 134.00</b>	<b>\$ (483.10)</b>				
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>								
Balance on hand of operating account/first day of period			\$ 16,140.70	\$ 16,274.70				
<b>Income</b>			\$ 334.00	\$ 447.81				
<b>Withdrawals</b>			\$ 200.00	\$ 930.91				
Balance on hand of operating account /last day of period			\$ 16,274.70	\$ 15,791.60				
<b>Bank account balances/last day of month</b>								
<b>Checking</b>			\$ 16,274.70	\$ 15,791.60				
<b>Money Market</b>			\$ 20,746.58	\$ 20,746.67				
<b>Interest Income</b>			\$ 0.09	\$ 0.09				

Attendance at the last meeting:

We had 49 Members present and 3 visitors.

Of those three visitors, Jo-Ann Stutz and Kathy Conway joined as new members.

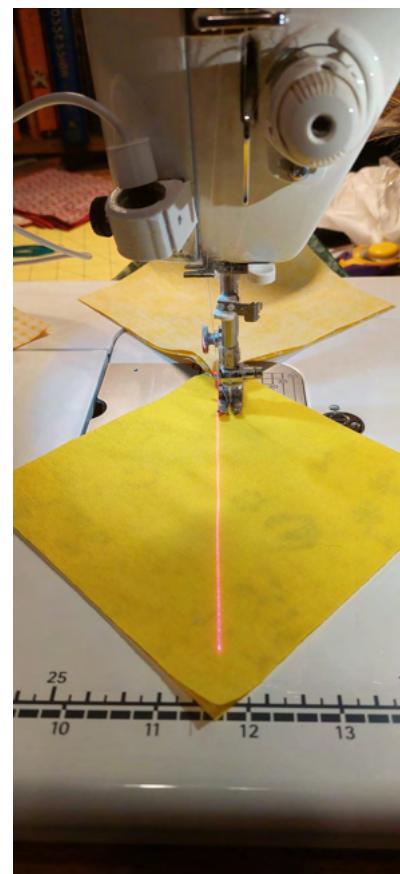
## Member Education

### February 2026

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Teri Justice will be sharing her tips for English paper piecing and hand embroidery. She will have sample blocks to share and a trunk show of some of her favorite quilts.



### March 2026

Kristie Jarrett - owner of Sew Q Lasers. She will be talking about the application and different uses of sewing with a laser line. She will have a trunk show for us. She will also have lasers and lights for sale.

**April 2026**

Diane Vandiver from Butterfly Threads: From her very first quilt to her latest and many of the quilts in between, she will share a look at the quilts she's made over 25+ years and the stories behind them. From lessons learned to sharing her process on personalizing patchwork and some crazy adventures along the way. Get loads of inspiration and find out all about her life in quilts!

**May 2026**

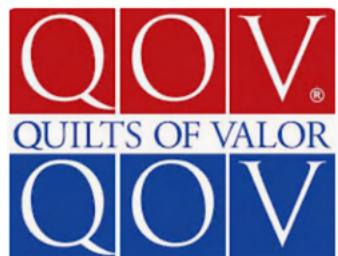
Julie Soseebee from JuJu Bee's Retreats: Julie Soseebee has been sewing since she was 8 years old, but her quilting journey began in 2017 when she fell in love with AccuQuilt. A few years later in 2019, She began teaching others how to use it. Julie has a true passion for quilting and is proud to be recognized as an AccuQuilt GO! Guru. Julie will be doing inspiring demonstrations and trunk show. She has something for everyone.



## The Quilts of Valor 2026 National Sew Day

The Quilts of Valor 2026 National Sew Day will take place on Saturday, February 7 with sewists all across the US working together to create comforting quilts for our veterans and active-duty service members. Our Athens-Oconee group will gather at 10 am at the Senior Center located at the Oconee Veterans Park — a perfect venue — and will stitch the day away (until 4 pm) while enjoying a potluck, sharing some prizes, and having a great time together. Even if you're not a member of Quilts of Valor you are most welcome to stop by and see first-hand what this group is about — we would love to see you!

Oconee County Senior Center  
3500B Hog Mountain Road  
Watkinsville , GA 30677



Betsy Vonk made quilts for her friend's daughters. The quilts are made from silky clothes they wore for Chinese New Year when they were children. The fabric was a challenge to work with, but everyone seemed happy with the end result! Well done Betsy!

## Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Challenge 2026 – Quilting Bucket List

**Instructions:** Do you have a “Quilting Bucket List”? You may not call it that, but we all have some sort of running list of things we want to learn or try to expand our quilting skills. It may be a new technique we want to try, a challenging quilt block, a fuzzy idea of a design for a project that uses something we’ve saved – such as a stack of vintage hankies, or even an intriguing pattern we bought long ago from a guild meeting speaker. For this challenge, you will create a wall-hanging sized quilt that uses something from your own quilting bucket list. It doesn’t matter what you choose as long as you can identify what you set out to learn from the project. This is not a challenge to complete one of your UFOs; the focus is on learning something new.



**Size Limit:** The quilt should be designed as a wall-hanging – no larger than 40” per side.

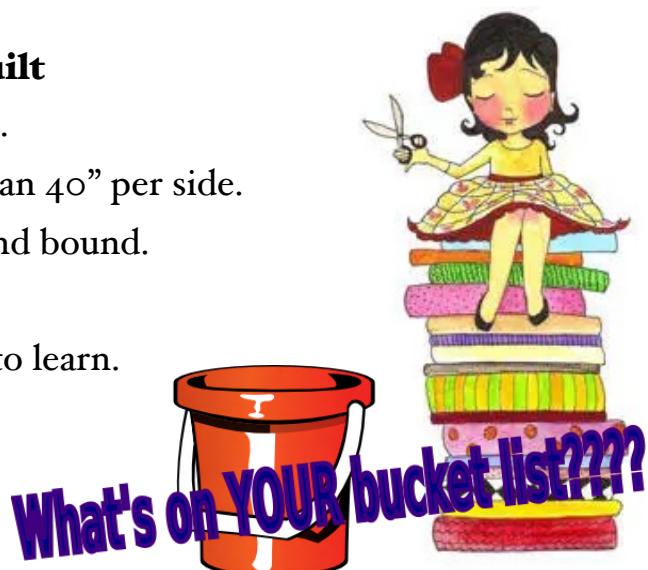
**Due-date:** Quilts will be displayed at our June, 2026 Guild Meeting. Pin a card to the lower right corner of the quilt including a phrase or sentence describing what you set out to learn and cross off your bucket list. Do not include your name on the card. If your name is on a label on the quilt back, please cover it with tape or paper.

### Important Tips for Entering Your Quilt

- Plan to arrive early to check-in your quilt.
- Size Matters! Quilts must be no larger than 40” per side.
- Your quilt must be Complete – quilted and bound.

### Prizes

- Best demonstration of what you set out to learn.
- Best use of color.
- Best design/technique.



## Enter Your Quilts Today!

Presented by the East Cobb Quilters' Guild...



### Georgia Celebrates Quilts® Quilt Show & Market

June 4-6, 2026  
Cobb County Civic Center  
Marietta, Georgia

**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.



# FEBRUARY



ORIGINAL  
Sewing & Quilt  
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Atlanta, GA (Duluth)

Gas South Convention Center  
March 12, 13 & 14, 2026

Exhibit Hall Hours:  
Thurs. & Fri. 10am – 5:30pm  
Sat. 10am – 5pm



## THE RECIPE

3 cups water

1 teaspoon salt

3 heaping tablespoons flour

1 cup rubbing alcohol (or vodka)

clean spray bottle (I bought one for about \$3 in the cleaning section at target; a well rinsed Best Press bottle would probably work, too)

Combine 2 cups water and 1 tsp salt in a pot and bring to a boil. Meanwhile, combine 1 cup water and 3 heaping tablespoons flour in a jar or well sealed tupperware, and shake to mix. When the water and salt boils, turn down to a gentle boil and add flour and water. Cook on medium-ish until the mixture thickens like gravy (stir it so it doesn't stick!). Remove from heat and let cool to room temperature (I poured mine out of the pot and into a pyrex mixing bowl with a spout, so it would be ready to pour into the spray bottle. When the mixture is cool, pour it into the spray bottle and add 1 cup rubbing alcohol. Shake well to mix.

## Calling for Donations!

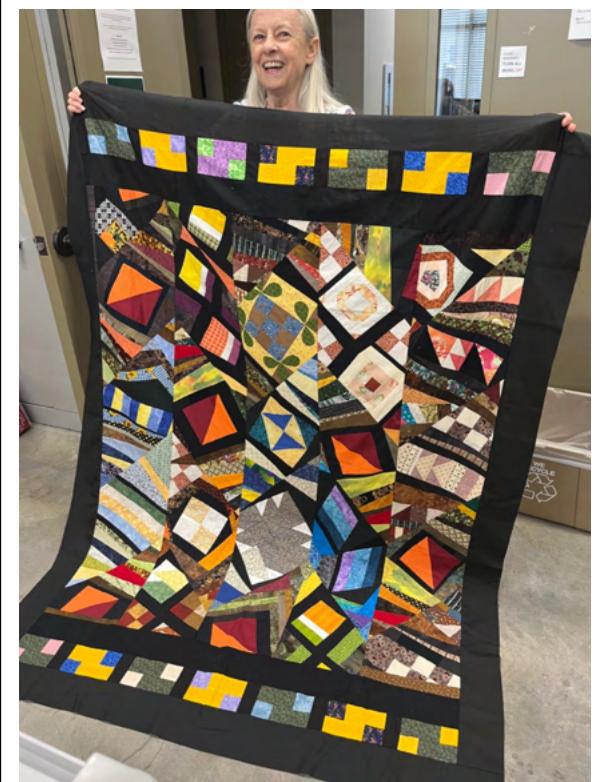
Have you got a quilt you're not crazy about, the colors, the layout, or it's just taking up space? Consider donating it to raise funds to help women go to college through the Jeannette Rankin Foundation, [www.rankinfoundation.org](http://www.rankinfoundation.org). Quilts will be displayed at a pop-up event, with remaining ones returned to the Cotton Patch Quilters Charity Bee.

**Quilt Event – April 3-14, 2026**  
**Winterville Cultural Arts Center**  
**Reception April 10, 6-8:00 pm**

Quilts of all sizes are welcome, from baby to throw to bed size.

Don't have time to make a quilt? We also need volunteers who can assist by sewing on hanging sleeves, distributing postcards about the event, and spreading the word through your stitching friends. Thank you!

For more information, or to help in any way, please contact Sue Lawrence, [suelawrenc@gmail.com](mailto:suelawrenc@gmail.com), Marnie Dodd, [mjdodd56@gmail.com](mailto:mjdodd56@gmail.com), or Mary Hansen, [mfdhansen@gmail.com](mailto:mfdhansen@gmail.com)



## Cotton Patch Quilter Bees

**Charity Bee:** Every Wednesday 10:00 to Noon, Lyndon House Fiber room. Charity Bee is extending its hours two days a month to sew all day on the first and third Wednesdays 10:00 to 2:00. Shop the stash to make a quilt top donation. Fabric scraps collected for dog beds, Orphan blocks and UFOs accepted. Sewing machines and supplies available for use.

**Stitch and Bitch Bee:** First Saturday of the month 10:00 to 3:00, Lyndon House Fiber Room. Bring a lunch and your project to work on. Friendship, expert advice and creativity. Contact Deb Henderson when game days changes the location from Lyndon House.

**The Night Owl Sewing Bee:** Meets the first Monday of the month from 6pm to 8pm. Contact Sue Lawrence ([suelawrenc@gmail.com](mailto:suelawrenc@gmail.com)) for information and directions

## Charity Bee



Charity bee made over 20 dog beds today. Sue Brassard sewed them, Ellen's daughter, Diane, filled them. Donated to MOAS



## Order Your CPQ T-Shirt

Exciting news the Cotton Patch Quilters' merchandise store is now live! Our new logo is featured on t-shirts and sweatshirts. You can order for yourself and item(s) will be shipped directly to you. Guild members may begin purchasing shirts immediately.

Please follow the link below to access the storefront. When prompted, the password is: **patch.....**

<https://goodsforgoals.com/product-category/client/quiltersclients/cpq/>

## Sunshine



Just a friendly reminder. If there is anyone who would benefit from going to the mailbox and finding a hand written card of encouragement please notify Marnie Dodd at [mjdodd56@gmail.com](mailto:mjdodd56@gmail.com) or text me. I have the cards and postage to send well wishes to anyone in our guild or someone a guild member cares about. I believe there is so much power in receiving an unexpected word of encouragement. Thanks for taking the time to provide me with the information.

## Stitch and Bitch

### January meeting Show and Tell





## January Show and Tell











## Meeting Minutes

January 2026 •

By Melissa Hatton

January 12, 2026

Tonight's meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Guild President Carol Ann Burns. Members that signed in: 44

Three guests were present: Phil Johnson, Kathy Conway & JoAnn Stulz. Kathy & JoAnn became members tonight.

Tonight's delicious refreshments were provided by Barb Bauer, Rosie Crockett, Beverly Evans, Anne Flippen, Susan Herda, Sylvia Hurst, Carol Johnson, Shary Karlin, Marian Newcomer, Marcie Simpson, & Sylvia Wilson. Thank you all for the delectable treats!

The room was vacuumed by Diana Timperio. Thank you, Diana!

Guild Business & Announcements:

- Hearing no objections or corrections, the December 2025 minutes & treasury report were approved as written in the newsletter.

- Susan Herda made an announcement about the Quilt of Valor Sew Day on Feb 7, 2026, at the Oconee County Veterans' Park Senior Center. It will be from 10:00-4:00. There will be a potluck. Coffee & hot tea will be available. The National Quilt of Valor Sew Day is on the first Saturday in February. Susan & Phyllis Rother showed a quilt that Charlene had made & Sylvia Wilson quilted. On the National Sew Day, all QOV groups everywhere sew together. Drawings will be held nationally throughout the day for prizes. Phyllis stated that in 2025, 118 quilts were awarded by our group.

- Karry Weaver made an announcement that there were foundation paper patterns printed out up front. The first workshop will be on January 17, 2026. She said she would keep us updated if her plans changed because she is expecting a new grandchild at any time.

- Karry introduced Sally Mixon of the Gee's Bend Quilting Community. Sally was in a Zoom meeting. She started by telling us where Gee's Bend is. It is situated between Selma & Camden, Alabama. She said it is surrounded on 3 sides by water & there is a ferry to get to it. It is a small rural area. She started at 12 years old, helping her mom thread needles. Quilts were made to keep them warm & old clothing was used because resources were scarce. Her mom had a total of 14 kids. Her mom would quilt by hand & use cotton from the fields to make the quilts. While her mom would quilt, she told of her early life. Sally learned to hem & take in clothing items from her mom. Once Sally went off to school & college, she got away from sewing & quilting. In the early 2000's, Sally developed a lung disease & was feeling really down & depressed. Her little sister told her she needed to get sewing again. Today, Sally has a quilt she made hanging in the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. There is another quilt she made in a museum

in Austin, Texas. A man from England came & bought 2 quilts from her & now they are in a museum of art in England. Sally said this will be the 4th year of the Airing of the Quilts in Gee's Bend. People are able to buy quilts at this event. She stated that a lot of younger people are not interested in keeping up the quilting traditions. She is worried about it not being continued on through the generations. Today, she mostly makes baby-sized quilts. Recently, a quilt was made for a lady who was a descendant of a slave who was on the last slave ship found, the Catilda. That quilt now hangs in the welcome center in Gee's Bend. The quilt was made up of blocks made by each quilter in Gee's Bend. Sally is a 4th generation of Gee's Bend quilters. Sally was asked about what materials she sources for quilts. She said she mainly uses cotton for the quilts. She showed us some samples of quilts she has done recently. They were mostly brightly colored solids & some print fabric was added in on a few. Some of the names of quilts were Blocks, Sweep Quilt, & Lazy Gal or Cow. She will sometimes use the scraps of quilts to make other quilt tops. In the old days, women made the clothes, quilts, grew their own food, & raised their own chicken & pigs. They would use wood-burning stoves. Sally machine pieces her quilts & hand quilts them. She said she usually uses Pellon or 100% brown cotton batting for quilts because that makes them warmer. Her price range on quilts is \$125-\$250. The simpler the pattern, the cheaper the quilt. She was asked how her quilt ended up in the Smithsonian. She said they were looking for quilts from the Black Belt & from a descendant of a Gee's Bend quilter. Sally pieced the top & her sister quilted it. The quilt was called Blocks & Strips. She was asked if she had any of her grandmother's quilts. She said she didn't because of a house fire in the 1980's. She was asked if there were any male quilters. She said there weren't any men quilting. One of her brothers wanted to learn but passed away before he could. She was asked how she cuts her fabric. She uses a pair of scissors. She showed a quilt that she called a Brick Layer Quilt. She irons it as she goes to help the fabric lay properly. She said it is time-consuming but joyous. She said quilting keeps the mind occupied from what bothers you & is calming. Her mother had her when she was in her 40's. Her mom was in her 50's when she had her brother. She said at one point, one of her sister's & mother had babies at the same time. She was asked if she had a sewing group. She is trying to get a group started. She stated that the population of Gee's Bend today is around 280 people. Back in the day, the population was 1500-2000 people. At one time, there was a high school & elementary school there. The high school closed just as she was reaching high school. For high school, she was bused down to Pine Hill, Alabama, in Wilcox County. She said there are 2 quilters still in Gee's Bend. She still owns her mother's house there in Gee's Bend. She stays there when she visits. They do have a post office in Gee's Bend, but no longer have a Co-Op. They are still in the process of getting fire hydrants there. It is still poor & rural there. They have to

travel to see doctors & hospitals. They lose people because of the distance to help. There is a clinic in Alberta that is 20 minutes away, but no ER. She shops mostly at Hobby Lobby for fabric now. The people in Gee's Bend mostly buy fabrics from Wal-Mart or from donations. She said Amazon does deliver to Gee's Bend. They did get a 911 system after the roads were all finally named. Sally now lives in Huntsville, Alabama. She said that other quilts from other Gee's Bend quilters are in the Smithsonian & other museums. On October 3, 2026, they will have the 5th Airing of the Quilts in Gee's Bend. There will be a mix of old & new quilts. There was a Freedom Quilting Bee that her mother & sister were a part of. She remembers one time her sister got a \$98 check for a whole week of work. She said that at one time Sears bought their quilts. They made hoodies for Ralph Lauren & Target. She said Adidas also bought quilts.

- Carol Ann Burns said that Karry Weaver won a second-place Primitive Gatherings Award with national recognition. Congratulations, Karry!! It was for Karry's quilt that had 3,272 half-square triangles & 356 flying geese. Karry said it took her almost 11 months to make it.

- Sue Lawrence spoke about the Janet Rankin Foundation having a charity event on April 1-14, 2026, in Winterville at the Cultural Center. She said there is a sign-up sheet to pledge a quilt & write the size you will be making to donate to the event. There are also CPQG quilt labels that need to be sewn on the quilts.

- Laura Leiden told about the new quilt challenge on Betsy Vonk's behalf. The new challenge is based on your quilting bucket list. It can be a new skill you want to expand on or make with something you have saved for a long time, like hankies. The quilt should be wall-hanging size & no bigger than 40" per side. The quilts are due at the June guild meeting. The quilts need to be completely completed, quilted & bound. Pin a card in the lower right corner of the quilt, including a description of what you set out to cross off your bucket list. If your name is on a label, please put tape over it. Prizes will be awarded for best demonstration of what you set out to learn, best use of color, & best design/technique.

- Carol Ann talked about CPQG agreeing to sponsor an award again this year for the show at the Lyndon House. CPQG agreed to give \$150 amount. This is in keeping with the same sponsorship amount that we have done in recent years. The name of the award is Cotton Patch Quilters Merit Award for Fiber Arts & Quilting. The opening reception will be on March 13, and the show will be from March 19 to May 16, 2026.

- **Show & Tell:** Tonight, we saw gorgeous items from Frances Arnold, Penny Bessman, Melissa Brown, Karen Holmgren, Becky Kerr, Sue Lawrence, Cheryl Locke, Marian Newcomer, Maureen Pagan, Susan Van Eck, & Barb Watson. Thank you for bringing your beautiful work to show!

**Door Prizes:** Three winning tickets were chosen by our guest Phil Johnson!

**Prize #1:** Quilt calendar, Applique pattern, Bag of handi-bobs, & 3 fat quarters – Barb Watson

**Prize #2:** Quilt book, quilt calendar, tape measure & fabric – Debi Chandler

**Prize #3:** Fat quarters, quilt calendar & \$100 gift card to Sew Sew Studio – Barb Bauer

**Other Announcements:** Please wear your name tags to the meetings. Please send newsletter submissions to Rosie by the 24th of the month. If you have a quilting business, please send your information to Rosie so it can be placed in the newsletter. Think about sending articles about quilting or photos of you while sewing with your bee, your group, a friend, or a family member. Rosie's email is [heybede@yahoo.com](mailto:heybede@yahoo.com). Please help with putting chairs up & vacuuming the floor.

- Charity Bee meets Wednesdays 10-12. Charity Bee Extended Days are the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, bring a bag lunch & drink. Stitch & Complain meets 1st Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at Lyndon House Fiber Room. Night Owls meet on the 1st Monday from 6-8 pm & contact Sue Lawrence. Saturday, January 17, in the Lyndon House Fiber Room, the Sampler Quilt Workshop from 10:00-2:00.
- Meeting Adjourned: 7:20 pm

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### **Standing Committees:**

Community Service: Sally Robbins and Ellen Nelson  
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Challenges: Betsy Vonk  
Door Prizes: Shary Karlin and Mary Grider  
Charity Bee/Community Service: Ellen Nelson and Sally Robbins  
Retreat: Joan Garland  
Show & Tell: Susan Herda  
Sunshine: Marnie Dodd

### **Member's items for sale**

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If you have quilt related items you wish to sell and are a member in good standing, (paid your dues) you can place an ad in the newsletter at no cost. The newsletter deadline is the 24th of each month. Send your photos and description with your contact information to the newsletter chair.