

Green Country Quilters Guild

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New Member Contact - Julie Willmering

Quilting Treasures Julie Willmering January 2025



Lecture: **Quilting Treasures**

Thursday January 16, 6:30 pm

Julie will highlight quilt museums in the US with a slide show of their collections. She will also highlight special events at each museum and behind the scenes tours that are available.



Julie's Bio: Julie has been quilting since 1985. She is the first quilter in her family. While in college she was inspired by Irma Gail Hatcher of Conway, Arkansas. Julie has been in quilting guilds in Lexington, KY; Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; Racine, Wisconsin; Franklin, TN and now in Tulsa. She states "My love for quilting is demonstrated not by my skills but by the message that quilts share. I want to preserve our traditions and our hand techniques".



Membership Renewal

Take a moment to renew your
2025 Guild Membership

You can renew on-line at:

Members Area | Green Country Quilters Guild

By Mail or at the Guild meeting.

Renewal form is last page of this newsletter

Happy January Birthday!

Georgia Hardt	Jan 4
Donna Smart	Jan 8
Nancy Pfeifer	Jan 9
Phyllis Smith	Jan 13
Nancy Johnson	Jan 19
Katherine Shinn	Jan 29

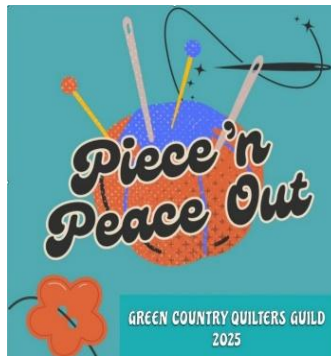
PNPO Retreat

January 17 and 18th

Future Piece 'n Peace Out Dates
August 22nd and 23rd, 2025

October 17th and 18th, 2025

Registration is open for all dates



Green Country Quilters Guild

meets at St. James Presbyterian Church

11907 S Elm, Jenks, OK 74037

January Guild Meeting

Thursday January 16th 6:30 pm

Educational Demos at 6:00pm

GCQG Board meets on the Tuesday
following guild meeting at 5:45pm, also at
St. James.

*Note if Tulsa Public Schools close because of
inclement weather, guild meetings for that
day will be cancelled.*

HAPPY PLACE QUILT STUDIO LONGARM QUILTING

Janet Potts
Tulsa, Oklahoma
918-855-0208
janet.potts8@gmail.com
Facebook: Happy Place Quilt Studio,
Longarm Quilter, Tulsa, OK



GCQG Mission Statement

Green Country Quilters Guild, Inc., is an educational, non-profit organization, its purpose is to stimulate an interest in quilts and to promote the art of quilting in all its forms. Formed in 1981, GCQG meets monthly on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. No guild meetings are held in December.

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Intarsia Quilts

Julie Brunner

February 2025

LECTURE: Collage Quilting

Thursday February 20 6:30 pm

Julie Brunner, a talented quilter and artist, is known for her innovative collage quilting, combining various fabrics and textures to create vibrant, intricate compositions. Her upcoming presentation will showcase her journey, techniques, and inspiration in fabric collage, offering insights for both experienced quilters and beginners. Join us to explore the captivating world of fabric collage and learn how to push the boundaries of traditional quilting.

This lecture promises insights and inspiration with a trunk show to help you create these one-of-a-kind pieces of textile art.



WORKSHOP: Intarsia Quilting – A New Way to Piece Your Quilt

Saturday February 22 9:00 am – 3pm (6hr)

\$45 – Member \$55 – Non-Member

Kit Fee payable to Julie at time of workshop

In this hands-on workshop you will explore Intarsia Quilting a technique that involves piecing fabric together like a puzzle to create smooth transitions and visually stunning patterns. Using BJ Designs' Honeysuckle pattern, you'll learn the basics of intarsia, plan fabric choices, practice seamless piecing, and discover tips for achieving polished looks and creating both abstract and realistic designs. This workshop is ideal for quilters of all levels seeking to expand their skills and find new creative avenues. You will leave with the knowledge and inspiration to incorporate intarsia into future projects.

Honeysuckle.



Send all corrections, comments, and articles to be published in **Green Country Quilters Guild**

To: Phyllis Smith, newsletter editor
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Deadline for submission of articles or photos is the 26th of each month.

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Coming in 2025!

February 20: Julie Brunner

- ✓ Collage Quilting with Trunk Show
- ✓ **Workshop February 22 Saturday**
Intarsia Quilting

March 20: Nancy Swanwick

- ✓ My Journey as a Quilter
- ✓ **Workshop March 21 Friday**
Random Access Quilt

April 10: Dee Bushrod (2nd Thursday)

- ✓ From Quilts to Clothes, Trunk Show

May 20: TBD

June 19: Christa Knecht

- ✓ Getting Out of Your Comfort Zone
- ✓ **Workshop June 21 Saturday**
Mexican Star

July 17: Samantha Kresbach

- ✓ Getting Out of Your Comfort Zone
- ✓ **Workshop July 18 Friday**
Quilted Shoes

August 21: TBD

September 18: Candice Copp Grisham

- ✓ Modern Reimagined Dresden
- ✓ **Workshop September 19 Friday**
Dresden Still Life

October 20: TBD

November 20:

- ✓ Fellowship Dinner



Jan 2025

A New Adventure!

Something a bit different for our guild — a “PIZZA BOX” style exchange! We’re calling it the “**Cloud 9 Challenge.**”

9 months **9** patterns **9** inch blocks

It’s free to join in; just pull the fabrics (two yards background, two yards focus, plus a few extra fabrics to use in your blocks) from your stash for your box. For this guild activity, Paula Klaassen will be the “quilting police,” checking for correct size blocks and timely exchanges. More detailed info will be included in each box.

If you need additional information, have questions, or cannot make a specific meeting, contact Paula Klaassen, paulinesgirllok@gmail.com for drop off and pick up alternatives.



IN A NUTSHELL . . . DO THIS:

- 1. January** - bring your fabrics to guild meeting and sign up
- 2. February** - pick up first box, take it home, make block using those fabrics
- 3. March, April, May, June, July, August, Sept** - bring box (including the block you made) back to guild meeting, pick up different box, repeat
- 4. October** - all boxes must be returned by October guild meeting
- 5. November** - all boxes will be distributed back to the participants

*Please consider joining us!
It will be fun and a learning experience!
Plus, we need at least 20 participants
to make it work.*

2025 Donation Quilt / Starting in January ...

The theme for this year's donation quilt is

Think birds, butterflies, insects, mythical creatures, planes, and, certainly, angels — anything with wings!



Wings

Packets will be available to you (at no cost) during the **January and February guild meetings. If you think you will need more fabric than what's provided, a supply of extra batiks will also be available.**

Using the beautiful fabrics left over from last year's gorgeous quilt, your packet

includes several pieces of fabric and the guidelines. Not everyone will receive the exact same fabric. Feel free to add blue, green or yellow batiks from your stash to create your block. You don't need to use all the provided fabrics, but please do not add that perfect hot pink you just love.

For an embroidered block, blue, green or black are always good as main colors.

The finished donation quilt will use the blocks that most closely resemble the **Wings** theme.

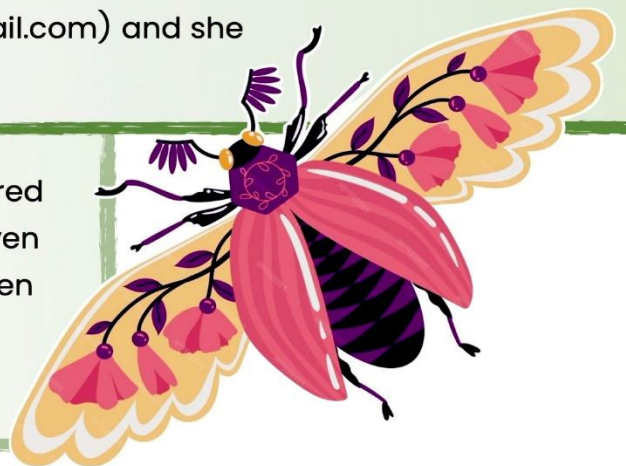
Have fun and return your block to Paula Klaassen at or before the March guild meeting.

Unfinished blocks will be 8.5" and/or 12.5" — 8" and 12" finished:

- * **All 12" blocks will be pieced, with a pattern provided in their packets.**
- * **All 8" blocks can be pieced, appliquéd, embroidered, or a combination of techniques.**

Use any "wings-inspired" pattern, or no pattern at all (for those of us who work a little more loosely)! If you would like for us to provide a block pattern (so you don't have to look for one), a variety will be available when you pick up your packets, or contact Paula Klaassen (paulinesgirllok@gmail.com) and she will get a pattern to you.

Later this year, blocks not featured in the quilt will be grouped and given to a member whose name is chosen in a drawing. If you contribute a block, your name is in!



BOUTIQUE TABLE

We should have a great selection of goodies for the January meeting. This thread and lace will be there along with fabric, wool squares, and sew many more things that have already been donated.

The boutique table is a great way for us to clean our sewing rooms and raise some extra funds for our guild. All leftovers are donated to benefit other groups so you don't have to worry about taking it home with you.

If you get the spring-cleaning bug in your Quilting room, start a bag for the table and we will put it to use. You can bring it to the Guild meeting or if you need it out of your way sooner just contact Ann Olson



Osage Hills Retreat

Craft Retreat Center
www.osagehillsretreat.com
918-630-7053

Ann's Quilt N' Stuff

Broken Arrow, OK

Custom Long Arm Quilting Service

Ann Olson 918-606-6344

Sewing Machine Service and Sales

Pete Olson 918-704-3115

<http://annsquiltnstuff.blogspot.com>

Facebook: Ann's Quilt N' Stuff

Instagram: @annsquiltnstuff

Email: annsquiltnstuff@yahoo.com

Online Store: www.etsy.com/shop/annsquiltnstuff

Hearts and Hands January 2025

As 2024 comes to completion, I just want to let you all know how much Hearts and Hands was able to donate to and touch the clients of the 20 agencies we serve. We delivered **648** quilts, **474** receiving blankets/burp cloths/changing pads, **153** pillow cases, **89** drawstring tote bags (Youth Services of Tulsa) for a total of **1,364 items** made by our awesome guild members! At this time, there are only 5-6 small quilts left in the 2 closets we use in our room. We look forward to continually filling those closets with the awesome quilts our guild members so creatively put together for the kids of all ages!!

Our December workday was again very productive with prepping quilts for quilting and binding, and we delivered **69** quilts, **232** receiving blankets/burp cloths/changing pads, **20** drawstring tote bags during December. **THANK YOU** from all of our agencies!!! Our current team welcomes our new chairs, Ann and Pete Olson, and looks forward to working hard again next year to distribute as many quilts and other items as we possibly can! Keep on sewing, ladies!!

Thank you SO very much for your kindness and compassion for those less fortunate in our community. We hope you will continue to make pillowcases, which we donate to **Ryan's Case for Smiles**, who delivers them to The Children's Hospital at Saint Frances in Tulsa. And, of course, quilts, quilts and more quilts! ☺

Our next H&H gathering is **Saturday, January 4th**, from 9-2 pm at **SpiritLife Church, 5345 S Peoria Ave., Tulsa**. Use the door on the north side of the church, in the corner of the parking lot by the trees and shrubbery, and a sign that reads **"Destination Kids"** above the doors. Please call me or Lynessa and someone will open the door for you. We have an elevator to haul wagons and bags to and from our work rooms.

If you are new to GCQG, Hearts & Hands is the donation branch of the guild, donating quilts and other items made by our members to several Tulsa agencies who serve children. Please stop by the H & H table at our 2025 guild meetings and check out the projects you can take home.

It's a pleasure working alongside such generous quilters! We look forward to seeing you on **January 4th**

Ann and Lynessa



Ann



Lynessa



Spirit Life Church, 5345 S. Peoria, Tulsa, OK

Member Appreciation Team (MAT)

(Door Prizes) for January 2025

As always, this article highlights the vendors/donors who are so generous to support GCQG. Be sure and click the LINKS to visit their sight. Thank them while you are visiting their sight.

When you choose a prize that requests a thank you be sent...please do so in a timely manner.

What is “MAT”? We are the **Member Appreciation Team** gathering items for our hard- working guild! If you put your name in the hopper...then you are agreeing to send a thank you to one of our commercial donors! Yes! With quilters, there are always strings attached! 😊 *At the meeting, find the MAT table & put your name on the raffle ticket!*

The January 2025 Member Appreciation Door Prize Drawing may include the following items:

- **Pete Olson** (of Ann’s Quilt n’ Stuff) donates a **FREE** Cleaning/Oil & Adjustment of a sewing machine (value \$75.00) Thank you Pete!
- **12 x 18 Olfa cutting mat** donated by OLFA USA [OLFA Hand Tools – OLFA.com](https://www.olfausa.com) Thank You OLFA!
- **Portable Ruler Rack** Thank you Sara Stubblefield of Night Owl Sew’s. These nifty racks are adjustable and great for taking on retreats since they are portable! **Retail \$11-13.**
- Please be thanking **Quilt Nuts** of Sand Springs for
 - **the ½ yd cut and FQ Bundle.** What a treat! Thank you, Mindy G, and check out www.quiltnuts.com! (2 ¼ yards total!)
 - **the spray bottle of Best Press!** Thank you, Mindy Gergosky,
- **12 FQ Bundle** donated by Gerri Robinson, fabric designer. Please visit www.plantedseeddesigns.com
- **Bundle of \$10 Gift Card**, “mini petal” template and tape measure donated by Southern Comforts Quilting at www.southerncomfortsquilting.com Check them out!
- **4 FQ “Burrito” roll** (= 1 yard of fabric- patriotic colors) *thanking The Quilt Studio & Fabric Mercantile for the donation.* zeliasquiltingstudio.com

Other cool stuff:

- Aurifil & Omni Thread Bundle
- Turn-Sharp 45mm Rotary blade sharpener
- 5 FQ Bundle

See you at the meeting! Kathy Klaassen

American Patchwork and Quilting Created a Quilters Bucket List

A new year is the perfect time to set new goals, use their list or make one of your own.

Follow the embedded links in this list for ideas, how-tos, and free patterns.

1. Use acrylic or paper templates to piece a block.
2. [Make and donate a pillowcase to charity.](#)
3. [Organize your fabrics and scraps.](#)
4. Change your needle/replace your rotary cutter blade/clean your machine.
5. Identify a problem area in your sewing space and find a solution.
6. Attend a quilt guild meeting in your area.
7. Sew accurately using foundation piecing.
8. For one week, set aside 20 minutes a day to sew.
9. [Sew a quilt using only your scraps and stash.](#)
10. Get topsy-turvy with curved piecing.
11. Take a quilting class (in person or online).
12. Read the pattern completely before starting the project.
13. Submit a reader tip to our magazine at apqtips@meredith.com.
14. Take your handwork to a surprising location.
15. [Join a fun quilt-along.](#)
16. Creatively piece your quilt backing.
17. Go on a quilt retreat. (Find our ultimate quilt retreat packing list [here](#).)
18. Machine-sew a decorative stitch sample.
19. [Label a quilt.](#) (Don't forget your name and the date!)
20. Take a picture/journal about each quilt you make this year.
21. [Assemble a pincushion.](#)
22. [Sew a quilt for charity.](#)
23. Meet your quilting hero (in person or online).
24. [Make a quilt using only solids.](#)
25. [Slow down and hand-quilt.](#)
26. [Make a bed-size quilt](#), then snuggle under it.
27. [Attend a national quilt show.](#)
28. Read your sewing machine manual.
29. Change out all your quilts for a new season.
30. Visit a new quilt shop (with your best quilting buddies).
31. [Try English paper piecing.](#)
32. [Explore a quilt museum.](#)
33. Safely wash and store your quilts. (Read our tips on how to wash and care for your quilts [here](#).)
34. [Finish a Christmas project before December.](#)
35. Splurge on a quilting tool you've been eyeing.
36. Quilt your own project. (You can do it!)
37. Stay calm when you realize you've run out of bobbin thread while sewing.
38. Add a little (or a lot) of appliqué to a project.
39. Post a photo of a quilt you're proud of on social media.
40. [Learn a new embroidery stitch.](#)
41. Go on a shop hop.
42. For a week, spend 3 minutes picking up your work space after each sewing session.
43. Teach someone to sew. (You can find beginner-friendly patterns [here](#).)
44. [Finish a UFO.](#)
45. [Make a two-color quilt.](#)
46. [Take part in a block exchange or swap fabric with a friend.](#)
47. Alter a pattern to a size or colorway you like.
48. Make a _____ quilt. (Fill in with a quilt you want to make.)
49. Make a _____ quilt. (Fill in with a quilt you want to make.)
50. Make a _____ quilt. (Fill in with a quilt you want to make.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 10-11, 2025:

"TMQG Modern Quilt Exhibit"

Southwood Landscape and Garden Center

9025 S Lewis Ave

Tulsa, Ok

[Modern Quilt Exhibit by TMQG and Southwood Landscape and Garden Center | Facebook](#)



FEBRUARY 20-23, 2025:

"QuiltCon – Modern Quilt Guild"

Phoenix Convention Center

100 N 3rd St

Phoenix, AZ 85004

[QuiltCon – Presented by the Modern Quilt Guild](#)



MARCH 12-15, 2025:

"AQS QuiltWeek"

Branson Convention Center

200 S Sycamore Street

Branson, MO 65616

[American Quilter's Society - AQS QuiltWeek – Branson 2025](#)



JUNE 12-14, 2025:

"Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival"

Overland Park Convention Center

Overland Park, KS



Fellowship Lutheran Church (where the Piece Makers stitch group meets) is seeking the UPC's from ANY Hobbs brand batting packages. FLC Quilters make donation quilts for the Tulsa area and Lutheran World Relief as well as SPCA Pet beds with the batting scraps. The UPC's help the donation quilters obtain a **charity discount** if we can collect enough UPC's from the Hobbs packages.

You can bring the labels to the January meeting or mail them to:

Kathy Klaassen

913 S Umbrella Circle

Broken Arrow, OK 74012



GCQG Open Stitch Groups

<i>Name</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>Days/Times</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>Liberty Quilters - Quilts of Valor</i>	<i>Peggy Evans Karen Hughes</i>			<i>Second Thursday through Saturday 9-4</i>	<i>St. James Presbyterian 11907 S Elm Jenks</i>
<i>Piece Makers</i>	<i>Kathy Klaassen Elke Meyer</i>			<i>Second Thursday 12:30 – 6:00</i>	<i>Fellowship Lutheran 6727 S Sheridan, Tulsa</i>
<i>Loose Threads</i>	<i>Janell McCormick</i>			<i>Every Thursday 11:00 – 4:00</i>	<i>LaFortune Recreation Center, 53rd & Hudson, Tulsa</i>
<i>Thread Tales</i>	<i>Linda Frazier</i>			<i>Every Tuesday 10:00 - until?</i>	<i>First Tues: at Sew Much More Fabrics in BA; other Tuesdays at the Park Church 10600 E 96th St S, Tulsa</i>

Closing out 2024, the Year of the Dragon

When I took over as newsletter editor, I was fortunate to have Paula Klaassen as a mentor. She graciously guided me into this new role. Paula mentioned that if she had remained the editor in 2024, the Chinese Year of the Dragon, she would have featured a dragon in each month's newsletter because dragons are among her favorite things (you can spot them in many of her projects). To show my appreciation for all her help, I included a dragon image in each of the 2024 newsletters.

January 28, 2025 ends the year of the dragon. So, as we close out that year, here is the last and my favorite dragon image.

Phyllis Smith, Editor



Green Country Quilters Guild Membership Form for 2025

Please write legibly so we can accurately enter your information. You may return this form to the membership table at a guild meeting, or you may mail this form along with your check (do not mail cash) to: **GCQG, P.O.Box 35021, Tulsa, OK 74153-0021**. If you would like your membership card mailed to you, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your membership form and payment, or you may pick up your card at the next meeting.

Membership Rates • Please make checks payable to **GREEN COUNTRY QUILTERS GUILD**.

Individual -

\$45 a year . . . ☐ New ☐ Renewing ☐ Junior • \$15

(Available for ages 12 thru 17 with the sponsorship of a paid adult member.)

Business -

Business Card ad: ☐ **\$100 for ad only, no membership**
☐ **\$135 for ad plus one membership**
☐ **\$150 for ad plus two memberships**

Half Page ad: ☐ **\$200 for ad plus two memberships**



Advertisements will be included in our monthly newsletter, Facebook page, scrolled on our website and highlighted in a slide presentation before each meeting.

Date _____ Amount _____ Cash or Check # _____ Received by _____

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Member Participation • Our guild thrives when we participate and share our gifts with each other. Members who can assist with various duties and/or teach new skills are always especially welcome. Please thoughtfully consider your strengths and indicate below those areas where you can participate:

Opportunities:

- ☐ Hearts and Hands
- ☐ Stitch groups
- ☐ Retreats (days only and weekend)
- ☐ Meeting room setup
- ☐ Greeter to welcome attendees
- ☐ Quilt Holders/Folders to assist in Show & Tell

Technical Needs:

- ☐ Take Photos During Guild Meetings
- ☐ Assist with Audio/Visual Technical Issues

Education:

- ☐ Present a Demo
- ☐ Present a Guild Program -
Possible Topics: _____

- ☐ Teach a Guild Workshop -
Possible Topics: _____
