

# Green Country Quilters Guild

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**President** – Barbara Smith

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**Social Media** – Annie Schneider

#### Boutique –

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Pete & Ann Olson

**Member Appreciation** – Kathy Klaassen

**Charity Quilt/Pizza Boxes** - Paula Klaassen

**New Member Contact & Sunshine and Shadows** - Julie Willmering

## From Quilts to Clothes

# Dee Bushrod

## April 10, 2025



### LECTURE: From Quilts to Clothes

Thursday April 10 6:30 pm (Note Date is 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Month)

Dee is excited to share her tips and tricks on transforming quilt tops into unique clothing pieces! Learn how to repurpose quilt tops into stylish garments, combining traditional quilting techniques with fashion design. Discover innovative methods for cutting, sewing, and assembling quilt tops to create one-of-a-kind clothes that showcase your creativity and love for quilting.

Dee will have a trunk show of her pieces.



# Letter From the President

*Everything I wish I knew about Green Country Quilt Guild (GCQG) and learned the slow way. Not in any particular order*

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## Green Country Quilt Guild (GCQG): Need-to-Know Info

### 1. Social Media Presence

We have two Facebook pages:

- The *public page* (Green Country Quilters Guild)—anyone can join.
- The *members-only page*—request access, and the admin will approve it.

We're also on Instagram:

*green\_country\_quilters\_guild.*

### 2. Check Out Our Website

Our website has tons of Guild info. The public section has meeting details and our address. Members can log in to the private area with the password on the back of their membership card. You'll find gems like a library catalog where you can scroll through books and see what's available. Email our librarian, Alice ([alicetexwaco@aol.com](mailto:alicetexwaco@aol.com)), to set books aside before meetings—or just browse away!

### 3. Newsletter

We put together a monthly newsletter packed with Guild updates, general information and stitch groups that are open to new members. Anyone can start a stitch group and the Guild will support you in the startup.

### 4. Boutique Table Fun

At every meeting, we have a Boutique table—bring a few bucks and shop for sewing goodies or donate items from your own sewing room. Proceeds go to the Guild's general fund.

### 5. Hearts and Hands (HNH) Charity Committee

This committee manages the Guild's charitable initiatives. Through this amazing team we donated over 1,800 items to local nonprofits last year! They're always looking for help, whether it's binding quilts, quilting flimsies, or assembling one of the kits they have put together. They have a monthly sew day at Spirit Life Church, 5345 S. Peoria Ave. Text Ann (918-606-6344) or Lynessa (918-855-1592) for details.

### 6. Make New Friends

If you're new and feel like no one's introducing themselves, don't worry—it's just everyone catching up after a month apart. We love meeting new people, so dive into the conversation! And longtime members, remember to greet the new faces. New friends are a welcome enhancement to our lives.

### 7. Please Wear Your Name Tag

Name tags make everything easier—and we'll be kicking off a name tag challenge soon!

### 8. Workshops & Retreats

We host 4 workshops and 3 retreats each year. Check in at the program table for details. You can sign up during meetings, through the newsletter form/mail, or on the website under "Shop."

### 9. Show-and-Tell

We love Show-and-Tell!!! Bring your finished, handcrafted projects and share them during Show-and-Tell. Sign up at the clipboard near the podium.

### 10. Door Prizes

Stop by the Member Appreciation Team (MAT) table near the podium to check out the prizes and enter for the door prize drawings!

### 11. Attendance Check-In

When you arrive at a meeting, don't forget to check off your name on the sign-in sheets.

If you have any questions or need more info, reach out to:

Barbara Smith, Guild President



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## April Guild Meeting Date Change

**Don't forget to change your calendar!!**

The April guild meeting has been moved to the  
**Second** Thursday of the month,

**April 10, 2025.**



## Thank you, Julie!!

Good News!!

We have a new Sunshine and Shadows Liaison

Julie Wilmering

Please contact her if you personally are going through a challenge or a good friend with their permission is going through a challenge. Julie will send out a card and a note will be posted.

Also share your noteworthy quilting highlights!

### Green Country Quilters Guild

meets at St. James Presbyterian Church

11907 S Elm, Jenks, OK 74037

**March Guild Meeting**

Thursday April 10 6:30 pm

**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.*

## THE UFO CHALLENGE 2025

You can join the UFO Challenge at any time.  
See Willma Prater at the Guild meeting, pay \$5  
and let the measuring begin!



## Julie Brunner Rescheduled

Due to the February meeting being canceled Julie Brunner's lecture and workshop have been moved to May.

Lecture: Intarsia Quilts May 15, 2025

Workshop: Intarsia Quilting May 16, 2025

## UFO Computer Glitch

If you signed up for the UFO challenge and your name is not on this list, please contact

Wilma Prater

Those who are on the list please verify with Wilma that she has the measurements for your quilts from the March meeting.

Linda Evans  
Marvel Donovan  
Destiny Stephens  
Phyllis Smith  
Debbie Denton  
Pat Wilson  
Debi Pickens  
Cindy Williams  
Wilma Prater  
Cindy Lennon  
Deena Dreves  
Christy Thorpe  
Kathy Klaassen  
Rochelle Rice  
Vicki Lynch  
Marge Kasar  
Alice Rathe





# Intarsia Quilts

## Julie Brunner

### May 2025

#### LECTURE: Collage Quilting

Thursday May 15 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

Friday May 16 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 Julie's pattern, Sunny Gem with a Flower, 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.



## Happy April Birthday!

Cindy Williams	April 8
Irmgard Toschik	April 23
Miki Scott	April 25
Carol Williams	April 29

### Denim Shirt Raffle

Two stylish Guild denim shirts are up for grabs. Both in size Large.

Tickets: Just \$2 each

Drawing at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting





# Getting Out of Your Comfort Zone

## Christa Knecht

June 2025



### LECTURE: Getting Out of Your Comfort Zone

Thursday June 19, 6:30 pm

"Getting Out of Your Comfort Zone."; doing things you wouldn't have thought of doing!



### WORKSHOP: Mexican Star

Saturday June 21 9:00 am-3pm (6hr)  
\$45 - Member \$55 - Non Member

Mexican Star pattern by Southwind Designs. This is a unique wall hanging or full-size quilt using straight seam piecing with curved edges. A beautiful quilt that is easy to make and would work in many color combinations.

**Christa's Quilt Bio** Christa, born and raised in Germany, moved to Dallas, TX, in 1966, initially working as a pharmacist. After remarrying in 1977 and moving to Tulsa, OK, she spent over 25 years at Ford Finance before retiring early. With a long-standing passion for quilting, she began teaching classes at various Tulsa quilt shops and expanded internationally to Germany and Canada, where she has a loyal following. Spending two months each year in Canada, she combines teaching with personal sewing projects. Christa's goal is to make quilting fun and provide one-on-one support to instill confidence and a passion for sewing in her students.

## Coming in 2025!

### May 15: Julie Brunner

- ✓ Collage Quilting with Trunk Show
- ✓ **Workshop May 16 Friday**  
*Intarsia Quilting*

### 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

## 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



To Book, Call or Email:

918-447-1987  
cottonlovecrafthouse@gmail.com

5632 North State Hwy 97  
Sand Springs, OK 74063

cottonlovecrafthouseretreat.com

## Thank you, Mary!!

**Mary Wenger** donated an AccuQuilt Cutter and many dies!!

The cutter and dies can be used before a meeting and during our sew days and retreats. If you are interested in using the AccuQuilt cutter:

Contact Barbara Smith

### Dies Available

Dresden Pinwheel 4" Circle  
Burp Cloth  
Local Color Log Cabin  
Strip 1.5"  
Strip 2.5" small  
Go! Blazing Star  
6 ½" HST  
Circles (55012)  
Hunter Star  
Diamonds 4X4"  
2" squares – cut 6  
Small Value Die  
Lullaby  
Parallelogram 3 ¾" X 3 ½"  
Circles 1.5", 1/75", 2.25", 2.5"  
Baby Baby  
Quarter Square 4 ½"  
HST 3" (55009)  
Rag Square 5 ¼"  
Orange Peel 4 ½"  
Square 2.5" – 4 squares  
Flying Geese 3 ½" X 6 ½" (55456)  
Simple Shapes by Edyta Sitar ( 55177)  
Sparkle – Jumbo Tree by Sarah Vedeler (55094)

## PRESIDENTS BLOCK

It is tradition for each guild member to produce a block to gift to the guild president at the end of the year. The President will then put the blocks together for their Presidents Quilt.

The particulars are simple:

Each member please sew at least one 8.5" block that is created with 2.5", 4.5" or 8.5" half square triangles, or a combination of those put together.

- The combination can be any design of your choice (pinwheel, bear's paw, friendship star or straight HST, etc.
- The HST should be made of a bright color fabric with black. The black does not have to be a solid.
- Turn them into Susan Legler by the November meeting.

We are off to a great start. For the next few months, I will have 2.5" and 4.5 paper piecing papers at the guild meetings for those who like to use them for, just hunt me down and ask for them

I'm excited to see your wonderful work!

*Susan Legler*





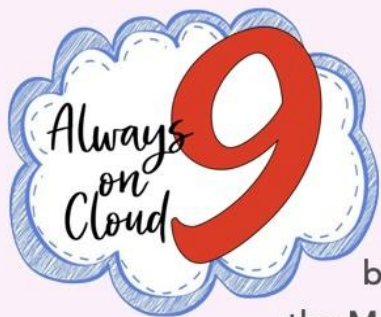
## 2025 Donation Quilt...

# Wings



Blocks have been returned and the final quilt top is in the oven! Or, maybe still on the kitchen counter, since we are in the midst of combining the blocks into a successful finish. It will be ready for final quilting by the middle of April. So . . .

If you are interested in quilting the final piece, please contact either Barbara Smith, [BLAST1265@yahoo.com](mailto:BLAST1265@yahoo.com) or Paula Klaassen, [paulinesgirlok@gmail.com](mailto:paulinesgirlok@gmail.com).



### Over-achievers! The whole lot of you!

Every single box was returned by the March meeting!! The boxes you picked up at the meeting are due back to Paula at or before the April guild meeting. Plus! We can all do it again for the next episode.

With a quick glance inside each box as it came in and then flew out with the next

person, the blocks are amazing! Again, don't stress out over the whole thing — choose block patterns you like or are comfortable with. Certainly do your best work, but every single block does not need to be a masterpiece. Keep having fun, quilting peeps!

#### Questions? Contact:

Paula Klaassen

[paulinesgirlok@gmail.com](mailto:paulinesgirlok@gmail.com)

3804 E 36 - Tulsa

9 months 9 patterns 9 inch blocks

### 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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# BOUTIQUE TABLE

What a great two tables full of goodies at the March Boutique! \$327 was raised for our Guild. Many new things have already come in and will be ready for your treasure hunting at the April meeting.

The Boutique Table is a Guild fundraiser that benefits our guild. It allows us to clean our sewing rooms and donate to the guild. The treasures that come in, go home with others who are thrilled to see them and excited to finish our orphan projects or add items to their stash. You do not have to worry about taking what you brought back home with you as leftovers are donated to other groups that can use them.

If you are in the spring-cleaning mood in your quilting room, start a bag or two 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.



*Pete Olson, Ann Olson, Deena Dreus and Cathy Cheney*

Boutique Table Crew



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Ann Olson 918-606-6344

**Sewing Machine Service and Sales**  
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918-630-7053



# Hearts and Hands March 2025

Hearts and Hands –April 2025 Newsletter Article

If you are new to GCQG, Hearts & Hands is the donation branch of the guild. Together we donate quilts and other items made by our group to several agencies, who serve children, youth and others in our local area. **We**

**delivered 80 quilts in March and 56 completed quilts were turned in at the March**

**Meeting. WOW!** Thank you to all who play a part in completing these wonderful items. Keep up the good work!

Please stop by the H & H table at our next guild meeting and check out the projects you can take home to work on. We have 3-yard fabric bundles to use with your favorite 3-yard pattern, Simple Kits to make quilt tops, Habitat Quilt kits to add sashing and outer border to Completed House blocks. A variety of Pillowcase kits, Quilts to be Quilted and Quilts to be bound. Take one or more project(s). Work on them at home or at your favorite sew day. We are grateful for every helping hand involved in doing the part you enjoy best.

Our next H&H workday is **Saturday April 5th**, from 9-2 pm at **Spirit Life Church, 5345 S Peoria Ave., Tulsa**. Always the first Saturday of every month. 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 Ann 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 want a wagon to come down and help load in your things, please let us know when you call.

We have a great team of quilters, and all are welcome to join us. Come help us process finished quilts, prep and get kits ready for piecing, quilting and binding. You can browse the fabric supply we have, build your own kit from the fabrics and precuts we have available. Take some home to make quilt tops for Hearts and Hands. You can come and pick up projects on our workday to work on at home or you can stay and sew there or help work on the needs of that day. We have sewing machines so you don't have to bring yours. Bring a lunch and work with us, we are there from 9 am to 2 pm. We enjoy greeting and meeting new faces and welcoming them into our team!

It's a pleasure working alongside such wonderful quilters! We look forward to seeing you all at our workday and the next guild meeting!

*Ann and Lynessa*

*Ann*



*Lynessa*



Hearts and Hands Donated Quilt



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



# Updates from the Member Appreciation Team (MAT)

(Door Prizes) for April 2025

**Wear your name tag! Be a MEMBER to get a “Member Appreciation” ticket!**

If you put your name in the hopper...then you are agreeing to send a thank you to one of our generous 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 April 2025 Member Appreciation Door Prize Drawing may include the following items:**

- **TSO** (Tulsa Symphony Orchestra) Tickets **for Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** at the PAC. We want to thank Ron Predl of the TSO Board for arranging this donation. Check out this link: [Tulsa Symphony](https://www.tulsasymphony.org) (There are 2 sets of 2 tickets!)
- \$10 Gift Card to *The Quilt Studio & Fabric Mercantile* for the donation. [zeliasquiltingstudio.com](https://zeliasquiltingstudio.com) who is supporting the Guild!
- 12 x 18 Aqua Olfa Cutting mat. Thank you OLFA USA! [www.olfaproducts.com](https://www.olfaproducts.com)
- Large Karen Kay Buckley scissors donated by our local Jan's Log Cabin! Be sure and thank her when you drop by! [www.thequiltersdogs.com](https://www.thequiltersdogs.com)
- Two Charm packs donated by Oklahoma Quiltworks (bundled with stuff). [Oklahoma Quiltworks – OKQUILTWORKS](https://okquiltworks.com)
- Mini Stash & Store donated by our own Sewing Machines of Tulsa by Jeana Dale. [www.sewtown.com](https://www.sewtown.com)

Other cool stuff:

- Book: “Perfect 5 Quilts” with notions bundle
- Aurifil bundled with artisan bar of soap showing “Radiant Beauty” quilt
- Bundled notions including Ultra-fine glass head pins, Schmetz needles, Riley Black hand sanitizer, quilting nail file, polymer eraser
- UV Flashlight to “**detect**” the right side of white-on-white fabrics with a White-on-White Charm pack; donated by a guild member! This GCQG Rocks! (The light can also detect scorpions! Neato!)
- Gift Certificates of \$25 for Workshops with GCQG

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.](#)

**See you at the meeting! Kathy Klaassen, Membership Appreciation Team (MAT)**

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

To: Phyllis Smith, newsletter editor

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 5, 2025:**

## **Collinsville Quilt Show.**

Veterans Community Center  
903 W Main Street  
Collinsville, OK  
10 am- 4pm



**April 4-5, 2025:**

## **"Tomorrow's Heirlooms XIX Quilt Show**

Benton County Fairgrounds  
7640 SW Regional Airport Blvd  
Bentonville, AR  
10 am- 4pm



**April 22-26, 2025:**

## **AQS Quilt Week**

Paducah, KY

[www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/event/homepage](http://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/event/homepage)

**April 22-26, 2025:**

## **"The Paducah Quilt Show"**

Paducah, KY

[www.thepaducahquiltshow.com](http://www.thepaducahquiltshow.com)



**JUNE 12-14, 2025:**

## **"Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival"**

Overland Park Convention Center  
Overland Park, KS



**JULY 25-26, 2025:**

## **"Quilts of Past & Present"**

Blackgum Harvestime Sewing Sisters  
Blackgum Harvestime Family Center  
Vian, OK



# GCQG Open Stitch Groups

<i>Name</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>Days/Times</i>	<i>Location</i>
<b><i>Liberty Quilters - Quilts of Valor</i></b>	<i>Peggy Evans Karen Hughes</i>			<i>Second Thursday through Saturday 9-4</i>	<i>St. James Presbyterian 11907 S Elm Jenks</i>
<b><i>Piece Makers</i></b>	<i>Kathy Klaassen Elke Meyer</i>			<i>Second Thursday 12:30 – 6:00</i>	<i>Fellowship Lutheran 6727 S Sheridan, Tulsa</i>
<b><i>Loose Threads</i></b>	<i>Janell McCormick</i>			<i>Every Thursday 11:00 – 4:00</i>	<i>LaFortune Recreation Center, 53<sup>rd</sup> &amp; Hudson, Tulsa</i>
<b><i>Thread Tales</i></b>	<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 96<sup>th</sup> St S, Tulsa</i>

"You know you are a Quilter If.....

There's more Fabric in the House than Food

"Fat Quarters" are not the heaviest part of your body

Your ironing board is always set up but you never iron clothes

You think of your job as an interruption of your quilting time

You pet Fabric

People are always picking threads off you

You can measure a scant 1/4 by eye

"Featherweight" Doesn't mean Boxer

You clean up your sewing room & your family thinks you are moving out"