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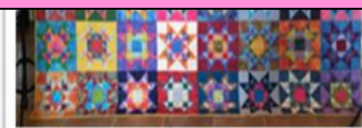
My Journey as a Quilter Nancy Swanwick March 2025



LECTURE: My Journey as a Quilter

Thursday March 20, 6:30 pm

A trunk show that travels with Nancy across over 50 years of quilting. All are hand quilted; the majority are hand pieced. Nancy has hand pieced her blocks around the world. Her quilts are award winners that have hung in state capitols and even an exhibit at Bloomingdales in New York City.



WORKSHOP: Random Access

Friday March 21 9:00 am-3pm (6hr)

~~\$28 - Member \$38 - Non Member~~

Free for first 20 registered, wait list after limit reached

Break out your fat quarter collections or 1/4 yd cuts to make this scrappy quilt. You will need 1 fabric for each block - so, however many blocks you want in your quilt, bring that many fabric options. Cutting directions will be provided for 3 sizes: 8", 12" and 14". there are 7 different color areas in each block.

Nancy's Quilt Bio Nancy began hand quilting at 17, inspired by cross-stitch quilts sold in a local Parsons shop. After completing quilts for her hope chest and family members, she taught herself hand quilting, finishing her first major project while juggling college and wedding preparations. Her passion led her to teaching in 1980, taking over from Hattie Leonard to instruct classes in Fort Scott. Over nearly fifty years, Nancy's love for quilting has only grown, teaching countless students across five states and forging lasting friendships. Through life's ups and downs, quilting remains her solace and passion, a testament to her unwavering dedication to the craft.

Great news!

Nancy Swanwick's workshop is now **FREE** for the first 20 members who register. After that, a waitlist will be formed. Don't miss out!

To Register contact Barbara Smith

president@greencountryquiltersguild.com

This is a fat quarter friendly project. Supply list and cutting instructions are in a separate file attached in this newsletter email. Nancy suggests doing the 12" block for the workshop to give you a little cutting wiggle room.

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

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.



Happy March Birthday!

Cindy Lennon	March 1
Donna Anderson	March 2
Julana Winegarten	March 2
Vickie Ludiker	March 7
Crystal Straigis	March 11
Pat Wilson	March 17
Mary Kenkel	March 18
Ann Olson	March 19
Virginia Mahaffey	March 19
Wilma Prater	March 20
Suanne Collins	March 28
Kathy Klaassen	March 28

Green Country Quilters Guild

meets at St. James Presbyterian Church
11907 S Elm, Jenks, OK 74037

March Guild Meeting

Thursday March 20 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.

From Quilts to Clothes

Dee Bushrod

April 10, 2025

LECTURE: From Quilts to Clothes

Thursday April 10 6:30 pm (Note Date is 2nd 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.



Coming in 2025!

April 10: Dee Bushrod (2nd Thursday)

- ✓ From Quilts to Clothes, Trunk Show

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



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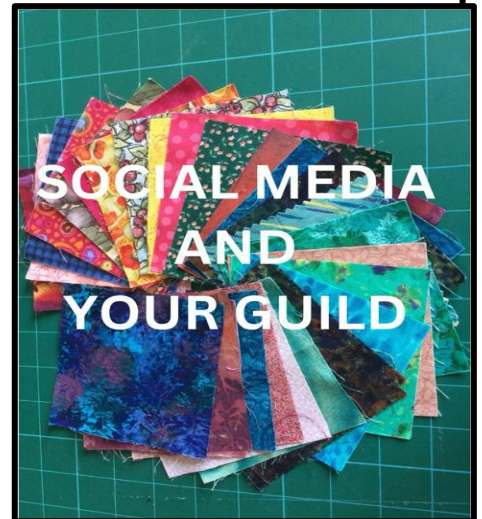
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GREEN COUNTRY QUILTERS GUILD SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media enables the Guild to reach members of the public who may be interested in quilting and quilters. Having lots of member engagement on social media makes it easier for people to find us.

Here's how you can help:

- follow the guild Instagram account [green_country_quilters_guild](#);
- click that heart icon on posts to our Instagram account;
- make a comment on our Instagram posts;
- use these hashtags when you post quilty stuff on your own Instagram or Facebook accounts:
#greencountryquiltersguild #tulsaquilters;
- check out the guild public Facebook page, like and comment there too.



Often the same info is posted on the member and public Facebook pages, only the posts made on the public page reach the searching public, so it's most helpful for marketing purposes for you to interact with the public page. AND, if you have any ideas about cool stuff to post on the guild social media, let Annie Schneider know. anniebikes@icloud.com

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.

At our January meeting of GCQG, I introduced the plan for Barbara's 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.

I am happy to say that I even received a few from some participants at the Piece N Peace Out retreat last month, so 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 ...

The theme for this year's quilt is:

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

Wings



Completed blocks must be returned by the **March** guild meeting. The finished quilt will use the blocks that most closely resemble the **Wings** theme. Unfinished blocks will be 8.5" and/or 12.5" — **8" and 12" finished.**

Please do not trim your blocks!

If you are interested in quilting the final piece, please contact Paula Klaassen, paulinesgirlok@gmail.com.



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!



Off and Stitching!



9 months 9 patterns 9 inch blocks

Despite the weather in February, all participants have their "February" boxes, or will have them shortly. Those boxes are due back to Paula at or before the March guild meeting. Plus! Everyone can pick up their next boxes, containing a different participant's fabrics (due back in April).

The range of fabrics submitted for each box is awesome! We so look forward to seeing how each person interprets that fabric in the blocks they make. Remember

not to 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. We're having fun, quilting peeps!

Questions? Contact:

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paulinesgirlok@gmail.com
3804 E 36 - Tulsa



BOUTIQUE TABLE

So bummed that we missed February but that means the March meeting will be twice as good! We have a bunch of stuff lined up already, with several donations that have come in the last month. Anyone feel the Spring-Cleaning Bug? I do!

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 at

Pete Olson, Ann Olson, Deena Dreves and Cathy Cheney
Boutique Table Crew



Pete Olson, Ann Olson, Deena Dreves, Cathy Cheney
Boutique Guild Fundraiser Crew



THE UFO CHALLENGE 2025

At the March meeting, sign up and pay \$5.00.

At each guild meeting, bring your completed UFOS for Wilma Prater to measure and record.

At the November meeting, the winner (most inches) will be announced and they will win the pot of the \$5 entry fees.

What is a UFO? Any project unfinished at the end of 2024.

It could be:

- A quilt worked on but not completed.
- A pattern and fabric purchased and not completed.
- That pile of quilts waiting to be bound.
- All of the above.



Hearts and Hands March 2025

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 60 quilts to 4 Agencies and 76 pillowcases to Ryan's Case for Smiles for the last two months. 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, 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). We are grateful for every helping hand involved in doing the part you enjoy best.

Our next H&H workday is **Saturday March 1st**, 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 and 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



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

Updates from the Member Appreciation Team (MAT)



(Door Prizes) for March 2025



What is “MAT”? We are the **Member Appreciation Team** gathering door prizes 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 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 **March 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! *(our GCQG member!)*
- 4 FQ “Burrito” bundle (= 1 yard of coordinated BATIK fabric) *thanking The Quilt Studio & Fabric Mercantile for the donation.* (zeliasquiltingstudio.com)
- “Hoop Quilts for Beginners” book- valued \$18 donated by the Brewer Sewing Company. www.brewersewing.com Thank you Brewer Sewing!
- Southern Comforts Quilting at www.southerncomfortsquilting.com donated \$42 “Spooky Darlings” **Halloween** Jelly Roll by Ruby Star. Thank You Southern Comforts!!!
- Cotton Cottage of Claremore donated a fabric bundle of 1yd + 3 FQ coordinates. Yeah Cotton Cottage. Find them at www.CottonCottageFabrics.com
- [Euro-notions](#) in IL bundled up a bunch of goodies! (Bobbin Saver, Magnetic Pin Cushion, Needle organizer etc.). The guild added 5 FQ! Thank you, Euro-notions!
- 45mm Rotary cutter with blade was donated by the Brewer Sewing Company. www.brewersewing.com Thank you Brewer Sewing!

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 Blake hand sanitizer, quilting nail file, polymer eraser
- UV Flashlight to “detect” the right side of white-on-white fabrics with a WoW Charm pack, all donated by a guild member! The GCQG Rocks! (this light can also detect scorpions! Neato!)

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

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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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 12-15, 2025:

"AQS QuiltWeek"

Branson Convention Center
200 S Sycamore Street
Branson, MO 65616

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



MARCH 28-30, 2025:

OKLAHOMA QUILTERS STATE ORG.

Sequoyah State Park & Lodge
Wagoner, OK

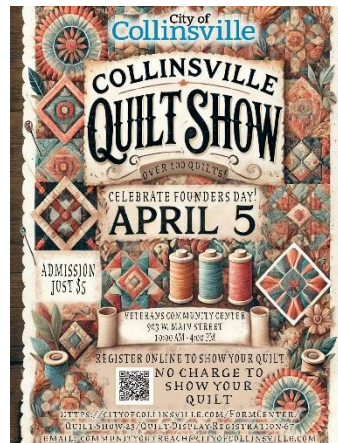
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Featured Speaker Scott Flannagan [4th & Main Designs](#)

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



JUNE 12-14, 2025:

"Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival"

Overland Park Convention Center
Overland Park, KS



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>

I asked Copilot - AI “Why should anyone make a quilt”

Creating a quilt isn't just about the end product; it's about the journey. Here are a few reasons why quilting can be a wonderful activity:

1. **Creativity:** Quilting allows you to express yourself through colors, patterns, and textures.
2. **Relaxation:** The process can be meditative and calming.
3. **Community:** Joining a quilting group can help you connect with others who share your interest.
4. **Tradition:** Quilting can be a way to honor family traditions or create new ones.
5. **Handmade Keepsakes:** Quilts can become treasured heirlooms, passed down through generations.

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

To: Phyllis Smith, newsletter editor

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