

Green Country Quilters Guild

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Happy New Year, you fabulous fabric-collecting, thread-snipping, bobbin-losing geniuses!

As we leap into 2025, may your stash magically organize itself, may your rotary cutter blades stay sharp longer than your New Year's resolutions, and may every seam allowance behave like it actually read the pattern.



Happy January Birthday!

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

Green Country Quilters Guild

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

January Guild Meeting

Thursday January 15 6:30 pm

GCQG Board meets on the Tuesday following guild meeting at 6:00, via ZOOM.

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

Matt Harr

HarrCraft Goods



Matt Harr is a lifelong quilter with roots that run deep—he learned to sew at age five. Inspired by generations of quilters in his family. A former professional dancer, Matt combined his passions by working in costume shops for stage and television in Los Angeles and Las Vegas.



Now based in Albuquerque, Matt teaches at Quilt Works Olé, where he also manages marketing, social media, and class programming. Known for his warm, upbeat teaching style, Matt brings creativity, confidence, and a lifelong love of stitching to every class.

**Quilted Coat Workshop:
Stitch Your Style
Fri 16th Jan 2026**

**Matt Harr
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Turn your quilting skills into wearable art! In this inspiring workshop, you'll design and sew a custom-fit quilted coat that's as fashionable as it is functional. From pattern adjustments for the perfect fit to creative quilt planning, you'll learn everything you need to bring your vision to life.

We'll dive into fabric and batting selection, explore layout and piecing techniques, and finish with professional touches like bindings, linings, and closures.



Perfect for confident beginners ready to step into garment sewing, or seasoned quilters looking for a bold new project. Create a one-of-a-kind coat that's sure to turn heads



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THE RAJAH QUILT

by Sarah Ashford



180 convict women, 20 wannabe stitchers,
24 hanks of cotton thread, 100 needles,
2 pounds of patchwork pieces,
1 quilt instructor,
1 captain &
1 ship.

That's how the incredible voyage from Woolwich in London to Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) began, way back in 1841. By the end of the journey, there's a true romance, 20 quilters, 1 finished quilt, and hope for a new and better life on the other side of the world.

I'm going to tell you the incredible true story of the Rajah Quilt, the only known transportation quilt that still exists today. Join me, as I weave facts with your imagination, to bring this epic journey to life



About Sarah

Sarah is a quilt and sewing pattern designer, author, and educator with a passion for inspiring beginners. Her work has appeared in leading publications like *Love Patchwork & Quilting*, *Today's Quilter*, and *Make Modern*. She has taught workshops across the UK, New York, and online. She also hosts the *Great British Quilter Podcast*, celebrating the stories behind the stitches.



Membership Renewal

Take a moment to renew your
2026 Guild Membership

You can renew on-line at:

Members Area | Green Country Quilters Guild

By Mail or at the Guild meeting.



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Osage Hills Retreat

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

PNPO Retreat

February 20th and 21st

Future Piece 'n Peace Out Dates

May 22nd and 23rd, 2026

October 16th and 17th, 2026

Registration is open for all dates

Register on-line or at a Guild Meeting



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Green Country Quilters Guild 2026 Budget

For questions contact Barbara Smith BLAS1265@yahoo.com

2026 Budget (as of 2025-10-20)

Income

\$	500.00	advertising
\$	50.00	guest fees
\$	2,300.00	interest
\$	100.00	library income
\$	7,875.00	45x175 membership dues
\$	4,800.00	PNPO
\$	2,000.00	workshops
		transfer from checking to savings
\$	1,200.00	Hearts & Hands - boutique sales
\$	18,825.00	Total Income

Expenditures

\$	500.00	administration
\$	170.00	communication (zoom)
\$	600.00	door prizes
\$	300.00	Library Books
\$	1,100.00	St. James Presbyterian Church & Spirit Life Church
\$	1,500.00	Spirit Life Church
\$	170.00	PO Box-annual fee
\$	200.00	printing - membership
\$	100.00	printing/mailing - newsletter
\$	8,500.00	program & workshop
\$	3,000.00	PNPO Retreat
\$	1,200.00	Hearts & Hands batting
\$	1,000.00	Tech support- website
\$	339.00	Web Utilities, Domain name and software
\$	607.00	insurance premium (both facilities)
\$	500.00	miscellaneous expenses (such as giving thimble)
\$	19,786.00	Total expenses



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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A GCQG Library Book Review by Martha Blevins

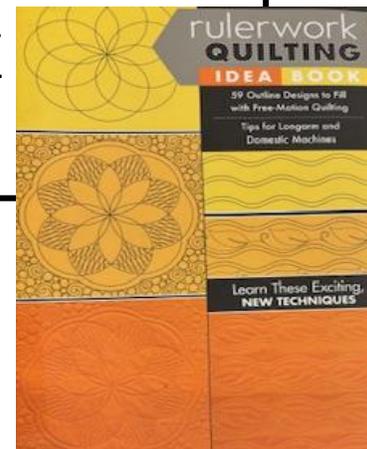
Rulerwork Quilting Idea Book by Amanda Murphy

Have you seen a modern quilt with breathtaking straight-line quilting with triangle and diamond formations and thought, "WOW that is beautiful but, I could never achieve such straight lines." Or wished you could produce perfect rolling circles with free motion quilting? What about achieving evenly spaced scallops or orange peel designs along the border?

The secret to achieving these beautiful results is by using quilting rulers, not having super powers. Amanda also has Facebook and Instagram pages. It appears that she also has online classes.

Tools she suggests you need to do rulerwork: a ruler foot, for thread she likes Aurfil Cotton 50-weight thread, and of course the rulers. The chapters include directions on different shapes that can be created.

- Straight-line ruler designs: diamonds, piano keys, echoes, and zig-zags to name a few.
- Arc ruler designs: connecting corners, petals, centers and ocean waves.
- Circle ruler designs: puddles, radiating circles, pebbles or clamshells.
- Oval ruler designs: cathedral windows, oval clamshells or oval connecting corners.
- Squiggles and Wave designs: echoed waves, offset waves or waving crosshatching.
- S-curves and spines designs: traditional feathers, ropes or brackets.



GCQG Open Stitch Groups

Name	Contact	Phone	Email	Days/Times	Location
Liberty Quilters - Quilts of Valor	Peggy Evans Karen Hughes	918-397-1730 918-398-3785	fierymaple@gmail.com blackbeltkaren@yahoo.com	Second Thursday through Saturday 9-4	St. James Presbyterian 11907 S Elm Jenks
Piece Makers	Kathy Klaassen Elke Meyer	918-344-5687 918-688-9700		Second Thursday 12:30 – 6:00	Fellowship Lutheran 6727 S Sheridan, Tulsa
Loose Threads	Janell McCormick	918-607-6027		Every Thursday 11:00 – 4:00	LaFortune Recreation Center, 53 rd & Hudson, Tulsa
Thread Tales	Linda Frazier	918-671-7415	lfrazierquilts@gmail.com	Every Tuesday 10:00 - until?	First Tues: at Sew Much More Fabrics in BA; other Tuesdays at the Park Church 10600 E 96 th St S, Tulsa



A fun, new guild challenge is starting in January!!

A fresh look at trading "blocks" - a more relaxed time frame - be as adventurous as you like!

Details Below!

Between now and the January 2026 guild meeting, participants will make their first row, 42½" wide. In January they bring to the guild meeting their first row, made by them out of their own fabrics, plus their collection of **three to four half-yards** (maybe some coordinating fat quarters) of their desired fabrics to be used for the following rows.

Each participant will go home from the January meeting with a special magic Rows and Rose tote bag (numbered for ease of use) - containing another participant's fabric. They will make a new row using the fabrics in that bag.

To give everyone plenty of time, we will **switch bags every two months**. They bring their completed row, rows already made and leftover fabric (**without sewing the rows**

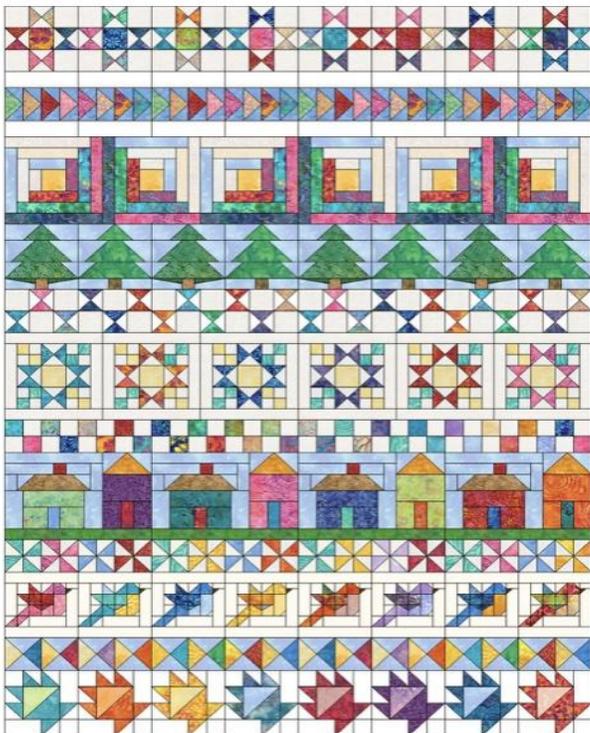
together) in that same bag back to the **March** meeting - get a different bag, then bring it back in **May** - then **July** - then **September** - then **November as the final month**, when the bags go back to the original owner (containing a total of six separate rows and leftover fabric).

Rows can be any technique you choose (as simple or as complex as the stitcher wants to stitch) 42½" wide with a depth of 2½" to 6½" - unfinished measurements.

Your rows DO NOT need to be complicated, intricate, involved, over-the-top, super difficult or mind-bending!! A lot of times, "less is more" and easier and more sane!

PLEASE attach your name to each row you make!

Questions? Contact: Paula Klaassen / paulinesgirllok@gmail.com / 3804 E 36 - Tulsa



These row ideas are interesting and a bit more involved from **Tuning My Heart Quilts** - link to purchase the pattern: <https://payhip.com/b/ILqx>



Or, you might check out this Pinterest link - <https://www.pinterest.com/chantily17/row-quilts/> - with over 230 row quilt ideas.



Hearts and Hands January 2026

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 over 20 agencies, who serve children, youth and adults in our local area. In December 63 quilts and 20 receiving blankets were delivered to 4 agencies.

For 2025 we gave 705 Quilts and 401 baby receiving blankets, bibs, burp cloths and changing pads and 204 pillowcases and bags, for a total of 1,310 items. 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 and receiving blankets, 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 upcoming H & H workdays are Saturday January 3rd and Monday January 19th from 9-2 pm at Spirit Life 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. 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 one of our workdays and the next guild meeting!

Ann and Lynessa

Join us on Facebook: "GCQG Hearts and Hands Group"



Ann

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Lynessa

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Wagons Loaded and ready to go!



Delivery to Habitat for Humanity- 16 quilts!

Boutique Table

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The Boutique Table is an extension of Hearts and Hands and helps us buy batting and supplies. 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. A bunch of wonderful stuff has already come in so we will have a couple full tables for sure at the January meeting!

If you are cleaning out things from your sewing space, fill a bag or two for the table and we will put it to use. As quilters, we are multi-crafters sometimes too, so all craft type supplies are welcome. You can bring it to the Guild meeting or if you need it out of your way sooner, just contact **Ann Olson at 918-606-6344**.

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



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Quilting Trends for 2026

1. Rich, Earth-Rooted Color Palettes

Fabric trend forecasts for 2026 highlight warm, grounded colors such as:

- Mocha browns
- Burnt clay
- Muted greens
- Deep blues

These palettes create quilts that feel calming, organic, and timeless.

2. Textures Take Center Stage

Quilters will see more tactile fabrics entering the mainstream:

- Bouclé
- Matte velvet
- Softened hemp
- Other natural-feeling weaves

These add dimension and luxury to both modern and traditional quilt designs.

3. Sustainability Becomes Standard

Fabric designers are leaning heavily into:

- Recycled fibers
- Low-impact dyes
- Organic cottons
- Eco-friendly production methods

This aligns with a broader shift toward mindful making and quilts with a story behind the materials.

4. Hand-Drawn & Organic Prints

Expect prints that feel artistic and imperfect:

- Hand-drawn lines
- Sketchy florals
- Loose geometrics

- Nature-inspired motifs

These give quilts a human, expressive quality that pairs beautifully with modern piecing.

5. Retro Revival — Especially the '70s

Designers are forecasting a resurgence of:

- Retro 70s florals
- Warm vintage palettes
- Soft geometrics

This trend blends nostalgia with modern minimalism for a fresh, cozy aesthetic.

6. Mixed-Technique Quilting

While not explicitly stated in the sources, the rise of textured fabrics and organic prints naturally supports:

- Collage-style quilting
- Improv piecing
- Mixed-media embellishment
- Visible mending and hand-stitching

These approaches complement the tactile, expressive direction of 2026 fabrics.

7. Slow Craft & Meaningful Projects

Quilters are increasingly planning intentional, long-term projects—a trend echoed in quilting blogs preparing for 2026.

Think:

- Hand-quilting
- Heirloom pieces
- Seasonal collections
- Scrap-based projects with personal history

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 9-10, 2026:

Tulsa Modern Guild Exhibit

Southwood Garden Center

Tulsa, OK

[\(4\) A 2026 Modern Quilt Exhibit | Facebook](#)



Feb 13-14, 2026:

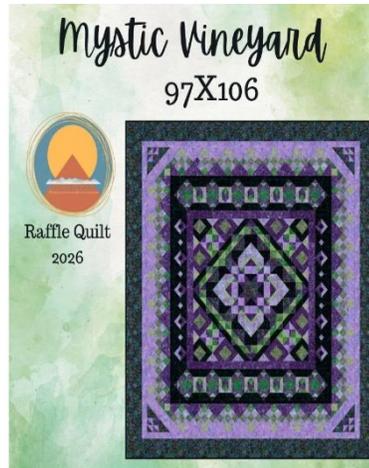
"Quilting thru the Generations"

The Wichita Mountain Quilt Show

Great Plains Coliseum

Lawton, Oklahoma

[Quilt Shows](#)



April 24-25, 2026:

"Coming Up Roses"

Norman Area Quilters Guild

Calvary Church

3730 N Porter Ave

Norman, Oklahoma

Norman Area Quilters Guild



***Coming Up Roses* Quilt Show**

April 24-25, 2026

FRIDAY 10am to 5pm, SATURDAY 10am to 4pm

Calvary Church, 3730 N Porter Ave, Norman, Oklahon