

ECQG BASKET BULLETIN

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR MARCH GUEST SPEAKER



MARGARET BREWSTER WILLINGHAM

The founder and creative force of **Eye of the Beholder Quilt Design**, Margaret is a retired professional dancer, teacher and choreographer. "I used to choreograph dances. Now I choreograph quilts."

She specializes in appliqué and will be coming to us via Zoom from beautiful Colorado. Please join us for one or both of her lectures and sign up for her virtual workshop. Visit her website **HERE**.

Thursday Evening: March 25, 7 pm "Quilting: A Creative Act of Hope"

Quilters take the scraps of their lives and make something new out of them. They daily stir up hope within as they put together color, pattern and design.

NOTE: Guild meeting begins at 6:45 pm.

Friday Morning: March 26, 11 am "Reverse Appliqué: Revealing Beauty"

What is the difference between appliqué and reverse appliqué? When was it developed and by whom? How do you quilt reverse appliqué? What is hidden will be revealed!

NOTE: Guild meeting begins at 10 am.

Saturday Afternoon: March 27, 1 pm - 4 pm Virtual Workshop:

"Reverse Appliqué is FUN"

Be empowered with her fun and easy four-step method by hand. There might be a few openings left. Margaret is also hosting a follow-up session April 3 for help or critiques. Register HERE.





Zoom with ECQG March 25th and 26th

ZOOM LINKS FOR THE MEETINGS
WILL BE E-MAILED IN MARCH
OR SIGN UP HERE















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THE PRESIDENT'S BLOCK



"Don't forget to send in your Show and Tell quilts to Carolyn Powers. It is wonderful to see what everyone has been working on, and it is a favorite part of our meetings."

Spring is in the Air

Wow! Our February guild meetings were amazing with two different lectures from Maria Shell and a record attendance from our guild. Even with the virus still in the air, we are carrying on!

Another First Friday on March 5th. Spring was in the air. The weather was perfect. Thank you to everyone who came by to drop off donations and postcards, visit the library, purchase Raffle Quilt tickets and buy medallion kits or patterns. There will not be a First Friday in April, but it will be back in May. Keep working on community quilts, placemats and pillowcases.

Our March artist, Margaret
Willingham, will have two
different lectures for our guild.
Her talk for the evening meeting
will be "Quilting: A Creative Act
of Hope" and the Friday
morning talk will be "Reverse
Appliqué: Revealing Beauty."

Margaret will be our guild's first workshop for 2021. It is entitled "Reverse Appliqué is Fun." Remember to sign up for both meetings so you can enjoy everything Margaret has to share.

Don't forget to send in your Show and Tell quilts to Carolyn Powers. It is wonderful to see what everyone has been working on, and it is a favorite part of our meetings.

Lastly, as much as I would like to meet in person, I am thankful for technology and how it is allowing our guild to continue and carry on the art of quilting.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Zoom!

– Judy Weathers, President

LOOKING

AHEAD

APRIL

MAY

KATHY DOUGHTY

MICHELLE BANTON

We are excited to welcome **Kathy Doughty**, a true "Rock Star" in the global quilting world, zooming all the way from Australia. (materialobsession.com.au) Kathy is co-owner of the wonderful "Material Obsession." Kathy offers us a fresh, colorful and exciting new look at quilting.

Only **ONE** virtual lecture will be presented:

LECTURE: Thursday, April 29 7 pm "Then to Now – How Did We Get Here?"

It will be zoomed to the combined Evening and Day Guild groups (members meet at the usual 6:45). The presentation will be her personal story and a slide show of some of her amazing quilts. Members can attend the lecture for free.

Non-members can attend by signing up and paying a \$10 guest fee beginning March 5. HERE

Kathy will also teach a four-hour virtual workshop.

WORKSHOP: Saturday, May 1 2-6 pm EST "Taking Shapes – Modern Wedge"

Registration for members began on February 5th and for non-members on February 22nd. Her workshop is limited to 35 participants and there is only one slot available. Sorry the date for ordering her optional kit has expired.

For workshop participants, the session will be recorded and can be viewed for one week. Kathy will be available to answer questions and critique participants' work.

Here is the **REGISTRATION FORM.**

Michelle Banton (www.Little PupDesigns.com) from Lunenburg, Massachusetts will be our May guest. Michelle will invite us to look at our FABRIC from two different angles – how fabric is created and how fabric is marketed.

Michelle will present two different virtual lectures.

EVENING LECTURE: Thursday, May 27 7 pm "Cotton to Consumer – Journey of a Cotton Boll from Field to Your Local Quilt Store"

DAY LECTURE: Friday, May 28 11 am "Secrets of the International Quilt Market – What Happens in Houston Doesn't Necessarily Stay There"

Members can attend lectures for free. Meetings will begin at their usual time (6:45 pm and 10:00 am). Non-members can sign up beginning April 5th and pay a \$10 guest fee for either lecture at https://ecqg.com/meetings-programs/

Michelle will not be offering workshops, but please don't miss her interesting lectures!



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

TREASURER'S REPORT



Cash Balances	2/28/21	
Guild Checking Account	11,911.84	
Petty Cash	100.00	
Show Account	5,457.15	
Savings Account	46,461.04	
	63,930.03	

– Diana Quinn, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We will be emailing the 2021 electronic directory to everyone in mid-March. New members and renewals are welcome, but the sooner the better.

We have lots of great programs ahead! Go to website, click on JOIN US, and either join or renew online or print out form and mail it in with check.

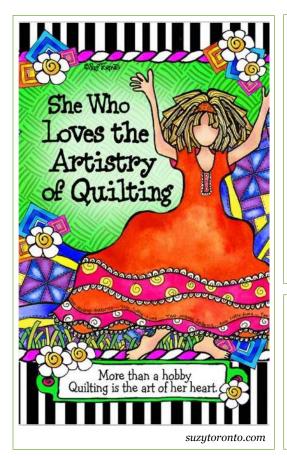
Welcome to New Members and to former members who have come back!

- Diane Berdis
- Rose Pelfrey
- Merle Anderson
- Laurie McLaughlin
- Cindy Richards
- Chris Ison

Attendance at last meeting: Day 100 Evening 82

Current 2021 Membership: 210

- Carolyn Powers, Membership Chairperson



COMMUNITY SERVICE

I would like to remind guild members to donate your pillowcases for Ryan's Cases through Community Service and not by dropping off at Tiny Stitches. This helps us keep a count of how many are donated and makes it easier for the contact person to know where they came from.

Also, please don't pick up any pillowcases from Tiny Stitches to bring to Guild as this causes confusion with our contact at Ryan's Cases. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

– Meridith Mask, Community Service Chairperson

SUNSHINE

Contact sunshine@ecqg.com if you know of a guild member who needs a little sunshine.



– Beau Palmer, Sunshine Chairperson

RAFFLE QUILT UPDATE

Just 3 months until we draw the winner of this wonderful quilt! Do you have your tickets? If not, let's make that happen!



Members' access to Raffle Quilt tickets is different now that we are not meeting in person – but actually, it's easier!

The drawing will be held on June 12, 2021



OPTION #1 - Pick them up at one of our First Friday events (more coming in May and June).

OPTION #2 - Go to our <u>website's "special"</u> <u>members</u> only page (scroll to the bottom) and purchase tickets. The Guild will pay the service fees for members. Contact Liz at <u>raffletickets@ecqg.com</u> and let her know the names you want entered on the tickets if different than your own.

OPTION #3 - You can contact Liz and send her a check and she will send you the number of tickets you order.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS

Tell your friends, family, co-workers and others to go to the public-facing portion of our website and purchase their tickets there. They can order in bundles of 6 for \$5. The tickets will then go into our hopper and wait for the big day.

One last request – share this <u>FB post</u> to your timeline. With a couple of clicks, you can tell hundreds of people around the world about our quilt – and give them a chance to own it!

FIRST FRIDAY

POSTCARD PROJECT

The March First Friday was a great success for the postcard project. We received many artistic and beautiful cards, making our current inventory at 212. We distributed more backings so that number will likely skyrocket! We even sold a few cards to those who "knew a good thing when they saw it." Thank you to everyone participating. See you in May.

Postcard 101: Size

Currently the designated size for our postcards is 4" x 6". This is the size of the preprinted backs being distributed. We have also happily received some "other sized" postcards and they will be included in the show sale.



Robin Meyer displays some of the postcards that were received at our March 5th First Friday.



QUILTGATING

One of our Bee Groups got together for a safe share session at First Friday. While they have been meeting twice a month on Zoom, this was the first time they had gotten together in a year. Showing quilts in person is much better – even distanced!

GARDEN OF STARS KITS

There is still time to order a kit or pattern for the Center Medallion and Appliqué Corner for the Garden of Stars Quilt.

The cost of the kit is \$25 - \$28 if shipped. Patterns only are \$5 + \$2 if shipped. You can order your kit online **HERE**. Log in with your new password and click Buy Medallion Kit.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The donation count from First Friday for March is:

58 Quilts

58 Pillowcases

75 Placemats

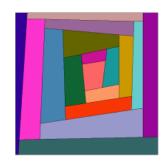
Next donation date is May 7th.

2022 CHALLENGE: CABIN FEVER

The guild Challenge Quilt theme for 2022 is Cabin Fever.

Making a quilt for the challenge is a way to reflect on your experience in 2020 of sheltering in place and to celebrate the Log Cabin block.







Your quilt must contain at least one pieced Log Cabin block and can be traditional, wonky, a sampler, improvisational, and/or an original design. All qualified entries will be shown at the January 2022 guild meetings.

Rules for making your quilt are shown below. The quilts also will be featured in a **Cabin Fever** gallery exhibition during May 2022 at the Cobb County Sewell Mill Library and Cultural Center.

RULES FOR CREATING YOUR CABIN FEVER 2022 CHALLENGE QUILT

- Your quilt must contain at least one pieced log cabin block.
- Your quilt may be made in any manner: pieced, appliqué, embellished, traditional, modern, or art quilt.
- ∞ It must have three quilted layers.
- Minimum size is 30" on each side, and maximum size is 60"
 on each side.
- ∞ It must be made between January 2021 and January 2022.
- You must be a current guild member (as of January 2022) to participate in the challenge.
- Participation in the May 2022 Sewell Mill Cultural Center gallery show is optional. Information on this opportunity will be sent to Challenge participants



If you have questions, please contact Challenge Advisor Stella Lang at sslang@pobox.com



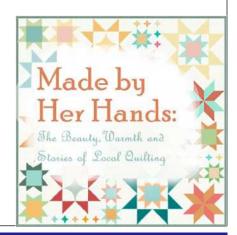
ONGOING EVENTS

What When Where

Made by Her Hands: The Beauty, Warmth and Stories of Local Quilting. February 27 - September, 2021 Tues-Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm Closed Sunday Marietta Museum of History
1 Depot Street
Marietta, GA 30060
Included with Museum Admission

This special exhibit highlights quilts made locally in Cobb County and the women who made them. These quilt makers proudly left their marks on history in signatures and patterns, stitching and fabric choices – leaving hints as to who they were. As pieces of art, the quilts show individual creativity. Some even represent activism within the community as heirlooms auctioned off for charity.

Imagine who made the quilts, why they were made and what these women's lives were like, what impact they had on our history and what kind of stories we could tell if documented history had also been *herstory.*

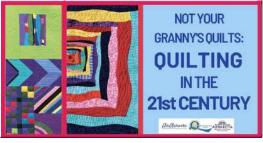


What When Where

Not Your Granny's Quilts: Quilting in the 21st Century January 25 - March 26, 2021 Mon-Thurs, 8:30 am - 5 pm Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Saturday, 9 am - 4:30 pm Closed Sunday Alpharetta Arts Center 238 Canton Street Alpharetta, GA 30009 Free Admission

The Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild opens their new exhibit, "Not Your Granny's Quilts: Quilting in the 21st Century."

Come see these master fiber works!



What ENDING SOON Where

Sandy Teepen Quilted Collages January 14 - March 20, 2021 Thursday-Friday, 10 am - 4 pm Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm Wednesday by appointment <u>Southeastern Quilt</u> <u>& Textile Museum</u> 306 Bradley Street - Suite C Carrollton, GA. 30117

We congratulate guild member Sandy Teepen, whose artistry is on exhibit in "Quilted Collages" through March 20 at the Southeastern Quilt & Textile Museum in Carrollton, GA.

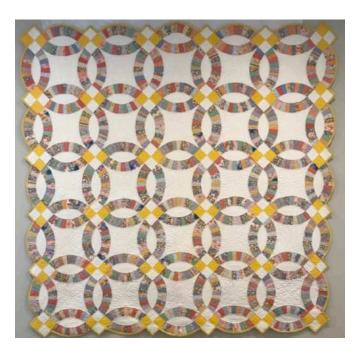
Don't miss Sandy's quilted chairs. They are one-of-a-kind and simply incredible!



Do you like to see pictures of your friends' quilts? So do we. Please send a picture of your latest project, along with a brief description to membership@ecqg.com. Carolyn will respond to you with glee when she receives it. Then look for your guilt in the upcoming Show and Tell.



DIANA QUINN – Mary Gee's Block Made from block exchange with Reproduction Study Group that met at Little Quilts in Marietta.



JUDY WEATHERS – Double Wedding Ring Quilt It took about 10 years, but she finally finished her great grandmother's double wedding ring quilt.



DIANA QUINN— Spring Fever by Buggy Barn Quilts Inspired by best friend Jeanine's quilt.



MARY ELLEN VAN HOLT – Crib Quilt Quick crib quilt with panel in the center and a minky type backing. Taggie quilt with with leftover backing and ribbons.



TWYLA WHITMER – Little House on the Prairie Quilt Hand pieced, except the sashing. Some embroidery.



TWYLA WHITMER - Inauguration Quilt 2021





JENNIFER DIGIOVANNI

Jennifer quilted these quilts which were pieced by the shop owner of a new quilt shop, Mountain Quilts, which recently opened in Hiawassee, Georgia.



CINDY CHRISTENSON – Horse Quilt For 11 year old granddaughter. Minky backed.



JUDI MORATH – How About Kaffe? Quilt kit from AQS. Due to a technical glitch was not received in time for the Yipes, Stripes! Challenge.



CARLA GRACEN – Giant Star Quilt
Half Square triangle pattern by Daniela Stout.
Quilted by Diana Quinn.

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PAT DEACON – Pinwheel Quilts from last year's scraps.



CAROLINE BENEFIELD – Wake Forest Quilt Christmas gift for oldest grandson, who is a freshman there.



LINDA AGNELLO – Bag for Granddaughter



DEVON PFEIF – A Day at Royal Ascot Diana in big fuchsia hat.



BEN HOLLINGSWORTH – Like a Candle in the Wind Inspired by Elton John and Bernie Taupin's song.



NANCY HUTCHISON – Shi Di Inspired by photo son took of wild arctic fox. Beautiful, shy, misunderstood like Princess Di.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHERRYWOOD CHALLENGE FINALISTS FROM OUR GUILD!

This year's challenge was Diana.

All the quilted works are the same size - 20" square, the same theme, the same color, and the same fabric. There are no restrictions to the techniques used.

For more information about this challenge see the <u>Cherrywood Website</u>.

ECQG FEBRUARY MORNING MEETING (1)

ECQG Meeting February 26, 2021

Judy Weathers, President, welcomed members to the February Zoom meeting at 10:00 a.m. The motion (Taylor/Bausch) to accept the minutes as posted in the newsletter was passed.

Announcements:

- 1. Quilt Con 2023 will be held in Atlanta.
- 2. Diana Quinn was recognized as Volunteer of the Year by the Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance.
- 3. Members were reminded it was time to renew guild membership for 2021.
- 4. The Marietta History Museum has an exhibit by older Marietta quilters, "Made by Her Hands: The Beauty, Warmth and Stories of Local Quilters", which will run through September, 2021.
- 5. The Southeastern Quilt Museum is presenting Sandy Teepen "Quilted Collages", through March 20.
- 6. Alpharetta Art Center is presenting "Not Your Granny's Quilt" running until March 26.
- 7. Quilt Expo will be March 11-13.

Carolyn Powers, Membership Chair, said that the guild now has 210 members. She will send an electronic membership list in mid March.

Jan Cunningham, Program Chair, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the programs for 2021. Programs will continue virtually for the next few months.

Margaret Willingham will do the virtual March programs on handwork and reverse appliqué. She will present a half-day workshop on Saturday, March 27 on reverse appliqué. Kits for the workshop will be required and must be ordered by March 5. The class will be limited to 20 people.

In April there will be a virtual evening meeting at 7:00 p.m, Thursday, April 29, featuring Kathy Doughty from Australia. She will lead a virtual workshop on Saturday, May 1, on the Modern Wedge. The workshop will be limited to 30 people. The last day to order the optional kits is February 27.

Thursday, May 27, and Friday, May 28, Michelle Banton of Massachusetts will do a presentation on *The Journey of Cotton Boll from the Field to Your Local Quilt Shop*. June 24, 25 programs will feature Maria Naito, who lived in Japan for many years. Kathy McNeil will present the July program, Melinda Bula will speak in August, and Katie Pasquini Masopust will be the September presenter.

A decision about meeting in person for July, August, and September needs to be made. Members' input about comfort levels is needed to help make the decision. St. Ann's may be available for meetings by September.

First Friday in February had lots of participation. The next First Friday will be on March 5, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Members were asked to wear name tags since it is difficult to recognize members with face masks on.

ECQG FEBRUARY MORNING MEETING (2)

Devon Pfeif, Library Co-chair, said that the February First Friday was very successful, with lots of books donated, books returned, and many books picked up. Requests for books from the library can be made online and picked up on the next First Friday. The library has Margaret Willingham's book on reverse appliqué and two books by Kathy Doughty.

Terri Taylor, Quilt Show Chair, said that Liz Laxson, raffle quilt ticket chair, is recovering at home from Covid and is much better. She will be at First Friday for members to turn in money and pick up tickets. Members were reminded that they are responsible for \$20 worth of tickets which helps pay for our speakers. At the current time only 50 members have bought tickets. Tickets can be purchased online. Liz Laxson will print labels for your tickets and put them in the box for the drawing. The drawing will be on June 12. Jan Cunningham will take the guilt to Carrollton to the Quilt Museum and Mary Ellen Van Holt will take it to several other guild meetings. Members were reminded that the \$2 PayPal processing fee is being waived for members.

Linda Bailey, Postcard Chair, said that completed postcards can be turned in on First Friday. Backs will also be available. Completed postcards can be purchased for \$5.

Meredith Mask, Community Service Chair, said that 55 quilts, 62 pillowcases, and 97 placemats were turned in on the February First Friday. There will be donated fabric at the March First Friday for members to pick up. Mary Ellen Holt, Raffle Quilt Design Chair, will have the "Garden of Stars" medallion kits available for purchase for \$25 at First Friday (\$28 if mailed). Information for ordering the kits is in the member section of the newsletter and the order form will be available on the website. Patterns for the center medallion can be purchased for \$5.

Stella Lang, 2022 Challenge Quilt Chair, talked about the theme, "Cabin Fever" and showed examples of log cabin quilts. Details for the challenge can be found online.

Carolyn Powers presented the **February Show & Tell.** Quilts from the Guild's three finalists in the Cherrywood Challenge were shown. The theme was Princess Diana. Nancy Hutchison used a design with roses and an image of Diana, Devon Pfeif's entry was Diana in a pink hat at the races, and Ben Hollingsworth's entry was about Elton John's tribute song to Diana.

Maria Shell presented a program on her journey as a quilter in Alaska. She blends traditional, modern, and art quilts into her unique style.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

- Caroline Benefield, Secretary

ECQG FEBRUARY EVENING MEETING

The evening meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm on February 25, 2021.

Announcements - Judy Weathers

- QuiltCon 2023 will be here in Atlanta
- Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance named
 Diana Quinn Volunteer of the Year
- Marietta Museum of History has extended the Made by Her Hands: The Beauty, Warmth and Stories of Local Quilting exhibit through September
- Southeast Quilt and Textile Museum –
 Sandy Teepen's Quilted Collages are on display through March 20th
- Alpharetta Arts Center Not Your Granny's Quilts exhibit is on display through March 26th

Membership - Carolyn Powers

- 206 members
- 4 new members
- Please "like" our Facebook and Instagram pages

Programs - Jan Cunningham

- March: Margaret Willingham
- April: Kathy Doughty. Reminder, there will be no Friday morning meeting in April
- May: Michelle Banton
- June: Maria Naito

Guest Speaker – Maria Shell: Traditional Art Modern – Notes from the Field

- Maria begin sewing at age 4 and started her quilting journey in 2001.
- She defined each of the quilting styles: traditional, art, and modern and shared how her quilts fit into each category.
- She shared many amazing quilts, including her QuiltCon rejects, during her lecture.

First Friday – Terri Taylor/Liz Laxson/ Mary Ellen Von Holt

- Three more chances to connect in March, May, and June
- Purchase kits for the center medallion of the raffle quilt or buy the pattern
- Drop off community service projects
- Drop off completed postcards and pick up postcard backs

Community Service – Meredith Mask

- 55 guilts have been donated
- 62 pillowcases
- 97 placemats

Challenge Quilt 2022 - Stella Lang

 Stella reminded us of the challenge rules and shared examples of quilts using log cabin blocks

Show & Tell - Carolyn Powers

• Carolyn shared a slide show of quilts submitted by fellow guild members. Those in attendance were able to tell us about their quilts

Chat Groups

Due to time, the group opted not to break into chat groups

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm Respectfully submitted,

- Christina Collins

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ABOUT ECQG



East Cobb Quilters' Guild

- ECQG has Zoom meetings monthly (except November) on the last Friday of the month at 10:00 am.
- The evening group Zooms on the Thursday prior to the regular Friday meeting 6:45 pm.
- Register for the meeting you wish to join from the Member Only area of the ECQG website or from the e-mail you will receive with the registration links a few days before the meeting.
- The day of the meeting click the link "click here to join" in your Zoom confirmation email.
- We look forward to meeting in person again, when it is safe for everyone.

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