

GALA Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2025, 10 AM EDT

President's Welcome: Glenna Shephard, president, called the monthly meeting to order and had an icebreaker of a few quilting questions

Today's Program: Annual Ice Cream Social

Today's Workshop: Lisa Romans and Becky Hooper shared information about upcoming workshops:

August meeting homework: the block pattern will be sent - bring a block completed with whites, reds, and greens

10/25/2025 - 9 AM – 4:30 PM – Trinity Methodist – Barn Quilt on Metal - \$75 – deadline - September meeting

10/2025 - English Paper Piecing

Treasurer's Report: Audrey Bergeron, treasurer, provided: Balance - \$8296.00

Vice President's Report: Lisa Romans, Becky Hooper

1. Members who had July birthdays received recognition
2. Mystery Box – winner was Beth Hickman
3. Reward Challenge: Eligibility dates - 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025. Earned charms were presented
4. The Tara Miller Workshop held July 12, 2025, was enjoyed by those who attended
5. Upcoming programs and Workshops
 - a. August Program: Adee Nehm
 - b. August Workshop: Lil Twisted Quilt – Karen Clemmons
 - c. August 1: 9:30 AM at Trinity United Methodist Church – Sit-n-Sew Orphan Blocks with Linda Hayes – come sew even if not on orphan blocks – bring your own lunch – Audrey Bergeron shared examples of orphan block quilts

Old Business:

1. President's Challenge – Glenna Shephard (lap quilts for Dialysis Patients):
 - a. Suggested size: Max – 55" x 60", Min – 40" x 50"
 - b. Over 40 quilts collected to date, goal of 80
 - c. There is fabric and batting in storage – please check with a board member to get the fabric/batting needed for the challenge
 - d. Quilts due in December 2025
2. Leftover items from the quilt show sales table should be picked up by the owner
3. Save 4" and 5" squares (25 light colors, 25 dark colors) for future exchange
4. Digitized GALA logo owner is Carol Bradshaw, it is in PES format, Carol indicates it is shareable
5. T-shirts are still available - \$17

New Business:

1. April 2026 Quilt Show
 - a. Meeting with committee to determine dates
 - b. The special quilt category will be the 'one block' quilt
 - c. Please share any known quilt guilds or shops within a 2-hour drive so we can advertise more
2. Blocks for Texas Flood victims are being collected – Poppy pattern shown at meeting will be provided in an email – make as many as you want
3. Rebecca Chester shared that the September workshop will be 8 1/2" blocks – note: coordinating fabric has been cut and can be purchased for \$5 a bag
4. Please share things to learn as a guild in 2026 with Lisa Romans and Becky Hooper
5. Audrey Bergeron shared about making QOV quilts for the homeless women veteran's home
6. Special awards for service were given to Beth Hickman and Pat Mistretta

Quilt related opportunities:

1. Airing of the Quilts Festival – Gee's Bend Welcome Center – Boykin, AL- October 4, 2025
2. AQS QuiltWeek – Daytona, FL – February 18-21, 2026
3. Heritage Quilters of Huntsville (HQH) Fanfare 2026 Quilt Show in Huntsville, AL Von Braun Center, February 20-21, 2026
4. Quilter's Anonymous Quilt Show, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe WA March 13-15, 2026
5. West Alabama 2026 Quilt Show in Tuscaloosa, AL March 6-7, 2026
6. Original Sewing & Quilt Expo (Atlanta-Duluth) March 12 - 14, 2026
7. Georgia Celebrates Quilts in Marietta, GA, June 4 - 6, 2026

DRAWINGS:

Mystery Box: Beth Hickman

Sign In: Bettyanne McGlinchey

Name Tag: Cathy Poyner

QOV: Pam Peterson

BOM: Pam Peterson

Show and Tell: There were many beautiful quilts – check Facebook for pictures

Meeting was adjourned

Minutes taken by Peggy Little, secretary, submitted to the board for review and approval 7/23/2025.