

GALA Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2026, 10 AM EDT

President's Welcome: Glenna Shepherd called the meeting to order, and greeted members, 1 new member (Jennifer Irwin), and welcomed 4 visitors (Carol, Teresa, Katy, Valerie)

Today's Program: Linda Hayes shared some information on this year's guild Mystery Quilt. This is optional participation. A Mystery Quilt document will accompany the minutes.

Today's Workshop: Linda Hayes, Borders

Treasurer's Report: Audrey Bergeron - No balance was provided. Fabric sales were \$8,449.50. Currently, we have 36 paid members.

Vice President's Report: Lisa Romans

1. January birthdays received recognition
2. Mystery Box – winner was Carla Stickles
3. Reward Challenge for 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025 many awards distributed.
4. Bag Swag award challenge for 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026 was reviewed. The challenge document will accompany the minutes.

Old Business:

1. President's Challenge – 2025 - Glenna Shephard (lap quilts for Dialysis Patients): Suggested size: Max – 55" x 60", Min – 40" x 50" - Quilts due in January 2026 – 75 quilts collected that will need help to add labels – a time will be scheduled and shared.
2. Pat Mistretta shared that there is one spot open for the GALA Red Rooster Quilt Retreat on April 8-11, 2026 – any balance due is to be paid by the March meeting.
3. The GroupMe app is a good way to share information without using email. Contact Cathy Poyner if you need access.
4. Audrey Bergeron and Lisa Romans will co-chair the May 2, 2026, Pioneer Days Quilt Show - the special quilt category is USA 250 Anniversary and is not a judged category. The guild would like to see each member enter one quilt in the show. Also, consider how you can participate by leading a committee, volunteering your time, making crafts for sales table, etc.
5. The 2026 Winter Mini Retreat will be held January 30-31, 2026, 9:30-4:00, at Trinity Methodist Church, \$15, bring your own lunch, bring your own projects, classes on sewing a quilt jacket and casserole dish carrier will be offered –

supply lists for these projects will be sent separately. Please contact Glenna if you plan to attend – space is limited.

6. If you bring free items to the Guild Meeting that are not taken, please take the items back home with you!

New Business:

1. 2026 President's Challenge will be baby and children's items – burp cloths, blankets, lap quilt with tote. Organizations to receive the items are under consideration. If you know of an organization, please provide information to Glenna Shephard.
2. There will be another Fabric Sale – possibly in February.
3. Quilt kits will be built from some of the fabric given to the guild. These charity quilts will have a label in memory of the fabric donor - Jeanie Adams
4. A day trip is being considered to take a group by bus to the Georgia Celebrates Quilts in Marietta, GA, June 4 - 6, 2026 – more information to come.

Quilt related opportunities:

1. Middle Georgia Shop Hop February 9-16, 2026
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: Carla Stickles

Sign In: Bettyanne McGlinchey

Name Tag: Beth Hickman, Suzan Denson

QOV: N/A

BOM: Pat Carlson

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 1/18/2026.