GALA Minutes for February 21, 2026

President's Welcome: Becky Hooper called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 37 members, 1 visitor and 1 presenter in attendance.
Today's Program: Sherry Watkins, Art Quilter displayed several of her art quilts and embellished clothing items as she discussed some of the various techniques she uses.
Today's Workshop: Lisa Romans provided instruction on Jilly Lilly Applique

Treasurer's Report: Audrey Bergeron reported we now have 51 paid members. Reminder: Your dues must be paid by March 1 in order to participate in the Red Rooster Retreat and June bus trip (see New Business) at the member rate.

Vice President's Report: Lisa Romans
1. February Birthdays received recognition
2. Mystery Box - winner was Karen Boyd
3. Bag Swag - forms were distributed; fill in name and fill in qualifying activities dates as they are completed. Forms were returned to Lisa Romans.

Old Business:
1. President's Challenge: If you need batting for baby blankets or labels, please see a board member.
2. See or contact Cathy Poyner for help with the GALA Facebook page and/or GroupMe app
3. Red Rooster Retreat: Pat Mistretta has sent out information via email to those registered for the Retreat. Any outstanding balance is now due.
4. Free Table: if you bring items for the Free Table and no one takes them, please take them back home with you. Do not leave them for others to have to deal with.
5. Fort Mitchell has changed dates for Pioneer Day from the first Saturday in May to the last Saturday in April. This has caused GALA to change plans for the Quilt Show which will now be on October 31, 2026 (see New Business.) On April 26, 2026, GALA will have a Quilt Display of Patriotic Quilts at Fort Mitchell. No sales table. Audrey Bergeron has forms that should be filled out for each quilt you will loan GALA for the display. Patriotic quilts for the display will be picked up from the church on April 16, 2026. Display quilts will need to have a sleeve for hanging and a label, and be in a closable fabric bag (not plastic.)
6. New information cards have been printed. See Audrey Bergeron
7. Becca Chester has Block of the Month patterns from previous years available for purchase starting at the March meeting. Costs will be $0.50 and up. Some also have fabric to go with the pattern.
8. Our next fabric sale will be scheduled for May or later.

New Business:
1. Fall Quilt Show at Fort Mitchell on October 31, 2026. Audrey Bergeron and Lisa Romans will still Co-chair the event. If you had agreed to take on responsibilities for the show in May and cannot fulfill them in October, please contact Audrey and/or Lisa. More information is still to come.
    a. We will have a Sales Table on October 31, 2026
    b. Our next big Quilt Show will be April of 2028/
    c. Fort Mitchell has decided that the last Saturday in October is permanently the date for their Fall event.
2. Day Trip to Georgia Celebrates Quilts presented by The East Cobb Quilters
    a. June 4, 2026 Marietta, Georgia (show runs June 4-6)
    b. $20 for members; $25 for non-members due by May 1st.
    c. Includes bus transportation (with bathroom) and show admission

Quilt related opportunities:
1. There is still time to enter a quilt in the East Cobb Quilters show. Online entry deadline is March 27. Find details at www.georgiacelebratesquilts.com/enter-a-quilt
2. West Alabama Quilters Guild Biennial QUilt Show: Quilty Pleasures Tuscaloosa, AL March 6-7, 2026
3. Original Sewing & Quilt Expo Atlanta-Duluth March 12-14, 2026
4. Bulloch Hall Quilt Show
5. Wiregrass QUilters Guild Showcase of Quilts: The American Legacy Quilt Show Tifton, GA April 3-4, 2026
6. Heart of Georgia Quilt Guild Biennial Quilt Show Macon, GA April 10-11, 2026
7. International Quilt Festival (IQF) Houston, TX November 12-15, 2026
8. QuiltCon February 2027 in Atlanta, GA dates will be announced in May

Drawings: I FORGOT TO WRITE THESE DOWN! SORRY!!
1. Quilt of Valor
2. Block of the Month - Audrey Bergeron (I think)
3. Name Tag
4. Sign In

Show and Tell

Meeting Adjourned