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- "Our lives are like quilts—bits and pieces, joy and sorrow, stitched with love."

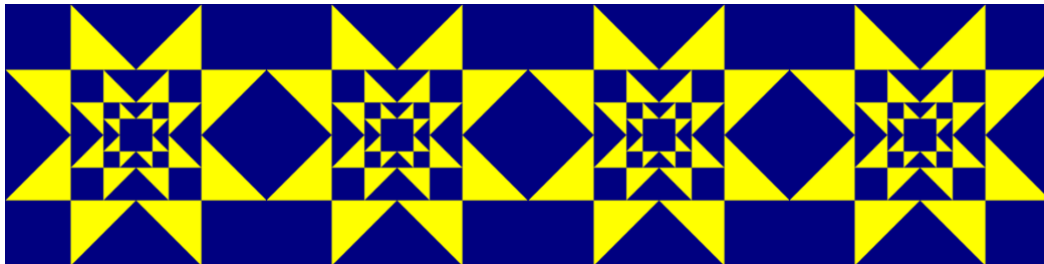
Welcome

Welcome to our newest members! Klothilde Luna, Columbus Ga, Katherine Swiontek, Columbus Ga, and Monika Walker, Phenix City Al. Be sure to introduce yourself to them! If I omitted anyone, please accept my apologies, !

What's Happening???

First let me say a big THANK YOU to everyone that made our March Tea such a success. We had such a good time visiting with one another and trying some new teas! The tables were beautiful and the foods were so tasty! If you missed it, go ahead and put it on your calendar for next year! Its always during the March guild meeting.

Our guild continues to grow! Be sure to print out the roster provided by our wonderful membership leader Carol Bradshaw. This will provide you with names, phone numbers, emails and even birthdates of our members.



April Program

We will be hosting Meredith Duke from Sew Senoia during our April meeting. Here's some information about her! She may have a pop-up store with her!



Meredith Duke

Owner

Favorite Blender: Grunge, grunge and more grunge!

Favorite Designer: BasicGrey

I love to sew: Half Square Triangles – they are so versatile and fun

to make!

When I'm not sewing, my favorite thing to do is ... Read, listen to Murder Mystery Podcasts, and binge Netflix true-crime documentaries.

Our April Workshop will be making an ironing board with cover. Agnes Grimes will be teaching this. The supplies you will need to bring are:

Aluminum foil to cover the board

2 layers of batting

Enough to fit around to the backside of the board on all four sides
Heat Resistant Thermal Silver Fabric (insulated material for ironing board cover). This needs to cover and fit around all four sides to the back

1 Cotton piece of material to cover and wrap around all four sides to the back.

For example, if you are making a 24 x 40 board you will need 36 x 45 of aluminum, batting, reflective material and covering material. If you have any further questions, please contact Agnes Grimes via text at 334 614-4281

Remember that the times for the workshop are 12:30 – 2:00 EST.

Please help clean up after the workshop.

Presidents Challenge

Please continue to work on baby and children's items for donations. If you need backing or batting let Glenna know. If you happen to be out of scrap fabrics for making donation items, let Glenna know. She can meet you at the church to get these items.

Pioneer Days Quilt Display

The Pioneer Days Quilt Display will be April 25, 2026. This is only a display this year. With the theme of Patriotic Quilts. Quilts need to be in a cloth bag with forms completed and dropped off at the April 18 guild meeting. If you need to drop off at a different time, please contact Glenna Shephard at 334 728-7927. Glenna will be at the church on Friday, April 24, from 9-11 to pack items that will be needed at Ft. Mitchell. (Banners, extension cords, etc.). If you would like to come help pack up things that would be great. She will leave there and head to the fort, in order to hang quilts, and set things up. If you have a quilt for the bed hanging please be sure to have a written short story/history of the quilt.



Our guild has rented a bus to take us to the Georgia Celebrates Quilt (Cobb Quilt Show) on Thursday June 4, 2026. The cost is

\$20.00 for guild members. The cost includes bus, tip for the driver, and **ADMISSION** to the show. If you have not paid, please be sure to do so by May 1, 2026. After that point we will be opening seats for non-guild members at a cost of \$25.00. The bus will leave the front of the church parking lot at 8:30 am EST PROMPTLY!!



Classes

On July 25, 2026, we will have a class with Sherry Mozley. There is a required \$50.00 kit, but the guild will pay \$25.00 so your cost is only \$25.00! What a deal. Lunch will be provided.



We also just paid a deposit for Elaine Poplin (messygoat.com). We will provide more information as the date approaches. Date of class will be in September.



My name is Elaine Wick Poplin. I'm a retired high school mathematics and yearbook teacher, a wife to a wonderful man, and a mom to two great young adults. I love multiple styles and techniques in quilting and sewing. I'm just getting started as a quilting instructor and lecturer and have traveled around a little for that, and hopefully I'll be able to do that more in the future. I love traditional quilting, art quilting, modern quilting, and improv quilting. I have a big stash of batiks (LOVE THEM), a stash of modern fabrics (LOVE THEM), a lot of Cherrywood hand-dyes (LOVE THEM), and more ideas than hours in the day to sew. I try to find some time every single day to putter around in my sewing room.

2026 Quilt Trends

Do you consider yourself up-to-date with current trends? Do you like to be the "first" to try something new? Here are some of the trends for 2026. Which ones are you going to try?

Key 2026 Quilt Trends:

- **Large-Scale Piecing:** A major shift towards bigger blocks that reduce construction time, allowing for faster finishes, fewer seams, and dramatic visual impact.

- **High-Energy Color Palettes:** While earthy, muted tones like terracotta and taupe remain popular for comfort, they are frequently accented with vibrant, saturated colors such as "Electric Fuchsia" and "Lime Cream".
- **Modernizing Tradition:** Classic patterns like Log Cabin and Flying Geese are being reinterpreted with bold, high-contrast colors (e.g., mixing black-and-white prints with bright colors).
- **Maximalist & Pictorial Themes:** Increased popularity of whimsical, large-scale prints, abstract shapes, and "digital-inspired" graphics.
- **Simplified Sewing Projects:** A trend toward "scrappy," manageable, and fast projects, including layer cake (10-inch square) sew-alongs.
- **Sustainable & Textured Fabrics:** Increased use of varied, sustainable fabric substrates for added texture.
- **Stash Reduction & Purposeful Making:** Many quilters are focusing on using up existing fabric stashes to make meaningful, intentional projects rather than buying new materials.

New Fabric Releases!!

- **FreeSpirit Fabrics (Jan 2026):** *Azul* (Adam Trest), *Birds of a Feather* (Helen Godden), *Chiswick Grove* (Sanderson), *Cute Forest* (Mia Charro), *Golden Harvest* (Martha Negley), and new Kaffe Fassett Collective prints.
- **Art Gallery Fabrics:** *Summer Homestead* (March 2026), *Bumble & Bloom* (Feb 2026), and *Minimo* by Amy Sinibaldi.
- **Moda Fabrics:**
 - Fruit Salad* by Corey Yoder (April 2026), featuring gingham, plaids, and vibrant fruit prints.
- **Dear Stella:** *Enchanted*, *Game Over*, and *Birds of a Feather* collections.
- **Windham Fabrics:** *Silencio* (white-on-white) and *Stardust* (metallic sparkle).
- **Tula Pink:** *Floral Reef* April 2026

I hope to see everyone at the next guild meeting on April 18, 2026. If you have information you would like included in a future newsletter please contact me! May your bobbins always be full!!!

Glenna Shephard

GALA Guild President