

November 2025

# Savannah Quilt Guild News

## President's Column

Michael Sengstack

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Dear Savannah Quilt Members,

As the year winds down and the days grow shorter, I'm reminded how thankful I am for the creativity and community that fill our Guild. Every meeting, every quilt shared, every stitch—it all reflects the spirit that makes Savannah Quilt Guild so special.

This month, we'll celebrate that spirit by sharing our **President's Challenge: Savannah Squares!** Bring your completed 16" block to show at the meeting—or, if it's still a work in progress, bring it anyway! We'd love to see how your ideas are coming together and cheer you on. Each square tells a story, and together they capture the beauty of our quilting community.

We'll also continue sign-ups for the **Fall 2026 Retreat**. We're still aiming for 30 participants, and we're about halfway there. If we don't reach our goal by the November meeting, we'll need to explore smaller alternatives for a fall event. If you've been thinking about it, now is the perfect time to register and secure your spot for this creative getaway!

After our November meeting, don't miss **Lanette's Tips & Tricks Workshop**—a hands-on session packed with useful techniques and a resource guide you'll reach for again and again. Be sure to sign up to join her; it's a wonderful opportunity to learn and share.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I hope you find time to reflect, rest, and reconnect—with your projects, your loved ones, and your passion for creating. Thank you for making this Guild a place where inspiration, friendship, and generosity always flourish.

See you at the meeting, and happy stitching,

**Michael Sengstack**

President, Savannah Quilt Guild

RETREAT



Join us for our next meeting:

November 8th, 2025

**Southside Baptist Church**

5502 Skidaway Road

9:30 – 10:00 am - Sewcial Time

10:00 am – Meeting

Find it here:

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Remember to bring to our meeting:

- \* Wear your name tag
- \* Your Show and Share

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President's Challenge 2025

## Savannah Squares

### A Piece of Savannah Through Your Eyes

Inspired by the cherished tradition of the Baltimore Album quilts from my home state of Maryland—which brought together deeply personal symbols and imagery into expressive, story-filled blocks—this year's President's Challenge invites you to create your own Savannah Square.

Your challenge: design and complete a 16 in. x 16 in. quilt that reflects what Savannah means to you. It could be inspired by your favorite square, a blooming tree in your neighborhood, marsh birds on a morning walk, a bit of historic ironwork, or simply the way the sunlight hits your porch. This is your opportunity to share a personal connection to Savannah—through color, texture, shape, and stitch.

Whether you work in appliqué, piecing, embroidery, or mixed media techniques, all approaches are welcome. This is a space for creativity, not convention—so let your materials and methods speak as freely as your inspiration.

Guidelines:

- \* Create one finished 16" x 16" square quilt sandwich
- \* It should be an original design, inspired by something personal and Savannah-based
- \* Any technique—or combination of techniques—is welcome
- \* Be ready to share a brief reflection at the November meeting: what inspired your square, what you challenged yourself to try, or what you learned.

All completed "Savannah Squares" will be shared at the November meeting where you can tell your story and a give glimpse of Savannah through a quilter's eye.

We can't wait to see your piece of the story.



## Needling News



Judy Lindsey	Nov 6th
Marcelle Jones	Nov 7th
Betty Binion	Nov 10th
Cindy Stuart	Nov 21st
Deborah Brown	Nov 23rd
Caroline Bartlett	Nov 29th

### Programs and Upcoming Events

#### Greetings!

Novembers program will be... (insert drum roll)... YOU!

We will be sharing your Presidents Challenge Savannah Square and their inspiration with the guild. I can't wait to see all of the interpretations and creativity. This will be in addition to our show & tell so don't forget to bring your Georgia National Fair entries, too!

There will be no program for December, we will be enjoying the holiday festivities instead.

Jennifer Farago

Vice President

### After Meeting Workshops and Sew-Ons

Teri Duncan, Mitzi Crow, work-  
shops@savannahquiltguild.com



Contact Terry Duncan

210-863-1126

with any questions or information

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## Holiday Luncheon

Our luncheon in December will be catered by Olive Garden. If you haven't already done so, please sign up at the November meeting so that your happy holiday team can get an accurate head count. If you won't be at the meeting to sign up please contact Cheryl Dingledine or Theresa Sapp. We are asking that you bring a dessert. The charge for guests will be \$20.

Theresa

## Snacks for Meetings-

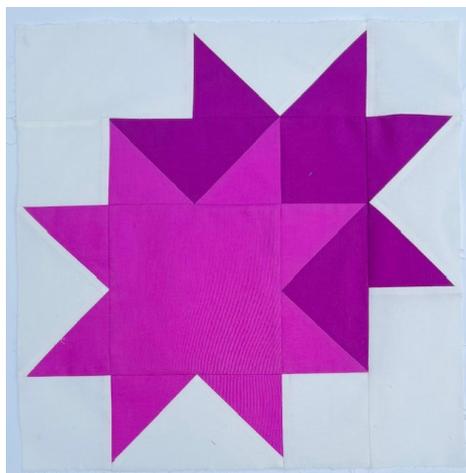
Thank you to those who have been providing yummy snacks for our guild meetings. When the blue sign up sheet is passed around you have generously volunteered. We do have need of someone who would be willing to set up the refreshment table by 9:15 (set out napkins, cups, coffee maker, water pitcher, etc...). If you would be willing to assist please contact Theresa Sapp (theresasapp@aol.com).



## BOM

### Pinwheels and Stars

Click here for link: [BOM](#)



## Things to do this month...



### ◆ Friday Bee

Friday bee is four hours of sewing fun with ladies that love to quilt. The Sew Bee meets from 10 :00 am to 2:00 pm at Talahi Island Community Center. Contact Renee Christensen at [rip-pinrenee@gmail.com](mailto:rip-pinrenee@gmail.com) to join in the fun!

### ◆ Zoom

Several quilt guild members meet each Monday at 11am for the Monday Quilting Zoom group. If you would like to join us please let me know and I will add you to the email list. We would love to see you on Monday mornings at 11 am.

Mary C. Bass : [mbcromartie@gmail.com](mailto:mbcromartie@gmail.com) or 912-604-7781

### ◆ Handwork Bee

This month will be a sit and sew of your handwork project. Bring your lunch and stay all day or stop in for a few hours.

November 25th  
10-3  
Center Parc Credit Union community room  
5698-A Ogeechee Rd Savannah

Judy Lindsey  
[judithalindsey@gmail.com](mailto:judithalindsey@gmail.com)  
352-263-6865



### ◆ Sew it Seams, Weekend Warriors

Members employed full or part-time meet the 3rd Saturday of each month from noon to 4 p.m. at Epiphony Church on the corner of Waters and Washington across from Daffin Park. Please contact Regina Harris for further information and with any questions: [harrisrgm@yahoo.com](mailto:harrisrgm@yahoo.com) or 203-837-0322.

### ◆ Modern Bee

The Guild's Modern bee is a monthly gathering of everyone interested in modern quilting. It meets on the third Wednesday of the month at the Talahi Island Community Center (532 Quarterman Dr.) 1-4 in the afternoon. Bring your sewing machine and participate in a workshop on a technique used in modern quilting. Specific topics are regularly posted on the website and sent to members.

## Tool Talk

By Cat Allard

### Online Teachers

Where do you go online to learn? Scrolling around on the internet can be a waste of time, especially when you go down that internet rabbit hole. You should be “doing something else but...” It is called avoidance and I’m an expert at it. BUT and this is a big BUT, I have some favorite places that have taught me a great deal about all things quilting.

Yes, you can look up how to do almost anything on YouTube, a whole other topic, but I have a few favorites teachers that I check in on regularly and I bet you do too. One of the first quilters I “met” online is Karen Brown of “Just Get It Done” Quilts. Karen is great for beginning quilters and is also famous for her “stash busting” quilts. She has helpful tips and tricks for almost every level quilter, and I love her videos. She includes a free download of almost every quilt she demos. And she also has interesting interviews with other quilters. Her friendly delivery and easy-going style fit my sensibilities to a T. If you want to feel like you’re having a friendly conversation with another quilter, click on her website.

[JustGetItDoneQuilts.com](http://JustGetItDoneQuilts.com).

Tiffany’s Quilting Life is on every Sunday morning. Tiffany has a devoted following! She invites you into her quilting space with a smile and chats about what she is sewing and what is going on in her life. She’s an amazing quilter and the projects she leads you though range from simple to complex. Her videos are live and you get to enjoy her process, her goofs, and her sense of humor. Although it is never made a point of, Tiffany has secondary progressive multiple sclerosis.

Speaking of inviting! The Last Homely House is my favorite to watch in an easy chair with a cup of tea. If you can have a cat on your lap it’s even better. Kate introduces herself by saying “Welcome to my little corner of the world. Here is where I will share my home, my cats/poultry/bees/garden and all the things I love to do here in the North of England. A glorious celebration of my simple life.” The Last Homely House is a reference from Tolkien’s Lord of the Rings trilogy, one of my favorite reads of all time. Kate does a little bit of everything from machine sewing and hand sewing to showing you around her garden. Spend a half hour with Kate and you’ll be inspired and refreshed by her wonderful place.

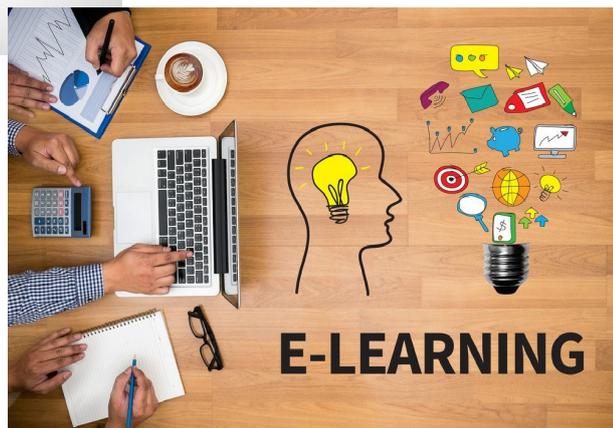
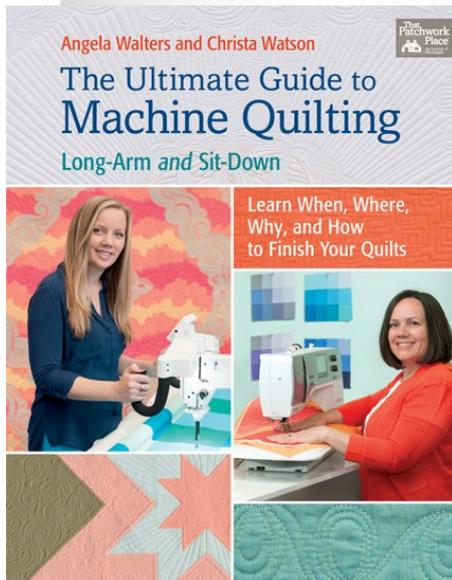
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Tool Talk continued....

Quilting is my Therapy with Angela Walters! What can I say? She quilts all of Tula Pink's quilts and they are amazing. She started with a show "The Midnight Quilters" where she drinks some wine and makes quilts after her kids are in bed. She moved on to doing classes online that are free, but you can buy panels from her and quilt along on the same quilt she's doing. I think there are seven or eight of them now and I've done almost every one. I started with her "quilting with rulers" video and was hooked. Curves and swirls, fillers and borders, geometric and dot to dot, simple patterns and complex, learn it all with Angela Walters.

These are my favorites. Tell me some of yours. We'll make a list.

Contact me, Cat Allard, at [zencatart@gmail.com](mailto:zencatart@gmail.com)



## New Members

By Deb Brown

We are still growing! Please welcome Linda Namdi, Cornelia Brown and Jacqueline Smart to the guild. Learn more about them below.

Linda Namdi was born in Newark, New Jersey but was raised in Ocala, Florida. She moved to Savannah 22 years ago after visiting the city for her birthday and decided to make it her permanent residence. She is a retired middle school teacher and her last position was at Myers Middle School in Savannah. Linda's quilting journey began when she decided to make a quilt as a way of filling her free time while on a trip to Alaska (a 2 week workshop that ended up lasting nearly 2 months). She had cut all the pieces ahead of time but never touched the project the entire time of her trip. The same quilt pieces traveled with her for about 15 years with the same results. "I don't know what happened to them, I think I lost them or finally threw them away." Linda has admired quilts for many years. Both of her grandparents made quilts to keep the family warm during the winter. About 3 years ago, Linda made her first quilt for her son that took 1 1/2 years to come to fruition. "I didn't know what I was doing but I'm proud of it." Her second quilt is in process for her daughter, she just needs to add a few more ties and then tackle the binding. Linda is excited about learning to quilt. She watches a lot of YouTube videos with Donna Jordan of Jordan Fabrics as her favorite YouTube personality. Linda also collects lots of photos of quilts with hopes of using them as inspiration for future quilts. She has converted the garage of her home into her crafting space with a walk-in closet. Linda owns 3 sewing machines. The newest addition is a computerized Brother sewing machine that has lots of bells and whistles. She describes her fabric stash as "lots of this and that with no rhyme or reason." Most of the fabric was chosen by her sister and daughter. None of it is organized, just in plastic bags. Her current quilting project is a blue and white string star quilt that she plans to keep for herself. She is finally putting the scraps to use that she has collected for years. Linda is also a very talented photographer. You can find her taking pictures at the events held at the Pennsylvania Ave Resource Center. Linda's goal is to improve her quilting process and to have something for the guild's Show N Tell. Her unfulfilled bucket list item is to take a horse drawn carriage ride through downtown Savannah. Takers, anyone?



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New Members con't.

Cornelia Brown is a native of Savannah GA. She lived in Atlanta for over 35 years before deciding to move back home 4 years ago. Cornelia has had a wide range of job experiences over the span of her life. Her greatest accomplishment was being the owner of "Acts of God Thrift Shop" in Atlanta. Cornelia was also co-owner of the "Baby Calf" Leather Shop in Savannah where she handcrafted leather purses and belts.

While in Atlanta, she was employed in a factory that made clothing for race car drivers using a serger to add collars and sleeves to the outfits. Cornelia started her quilting journey early in life while assisting her mother and grandmother to make quilts as a way of keeping her busy and out of trouble. She also learned to knit, crochet and hand embroidery at a young age. Cornelia made her first quilt, "The Underground Railroad Quilt", as taught by Mrs. Eunice Faegan at the Pennsylvania Avenue Resource Center (PARC) in 2022. This quilt was entered into the 2025 Georgia National Fair quilt competition. Since her first quilt, she has made 9 more quilts and several other crafted projects. Cornelia has given most of her quilts away to family and close friends. Owning 3 sewing machines and lots of fabric, she will be able to make quilts for many years to come.

When she is not sewing at PARC, Cornelia sews at home on her kitchen table. She finds solace in sewing. "It gives me peace of mind and it's good for my mental health." Her current project is a scrap quilt made with strings and strips. Cornelia has a goal of learning to read quilt patterns and to learn to make the invisible stitch. "I am so happy to be introduced to the guild. I enjoy the people and the comradery. It's a keeper!"



## Savannah Quilt Guild News

New members con't.

Jaqueline Smart moved to Savannah from Los Angeles, California to be close to family in 2000. She retired from teaching several years ago with her last assignment being at Coastal Middle School. Jackie is brand new to quilting so be gentle with her. She has not even made her first quilt. She has no fabric stash and no sewing machine but she is so excited to learn quilting. She was inspired to become a quilter by a beautiful vintage quilt that was made by her grandmother for her parents. She is currently in the process of repairing and restoring it. She has always wanted to sew but never found time in her busy career schedule. Since joining the sewing classes at the Pennsylvania Avenue Resource Center in June 2025, she was thrilled to have finished 2 sewing projects: a pillowcase and a "Ying-Yang" bag. "I like to finish things and see the completed product." Jackie came to the guild meeting as a guest and was so inspired by all the quilts she saw that she immediately decided to become a member. Her quilting goals are to complete the repairs on her grandmother's quilt, bring it to the guild meeting for Show N Tell and enter it in the 2026 Georgia National Fair.



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## Community Outreach - Brighten the world of a sick child

Jan Howard, [sunfish2@att.net](mailto:sunfish2@att.net) Debbie Whiteway, [wahoo@gmail.com](mailto:wahoo@gmail.com)  
Francis Stockton, [francis.stockton@att.net](mailto:francis.stockton@att.net)



Summer has passed quickly, and you are continuing to bring us beautiful pillowcases for the children admitted to Willets Children's Hospital. It is so appreciated. Jan Howard delivered 11 caps and one blanket...thank you Karen!

Please pick up kits at the November guild meeting. You will also find a new instruction sheet for completing a pillowcase from a single yard of fabric. This is another option, very quick and easy!

If you have questions call Debbie Whiteway at 804-513-9658 or Frances Stockton at 912-658-6507.



## Project Linus

Savannah, GA /  
Hilton Head, SC Chapter

Project Linus is a non-profit organization that provides handmade blankets to children ages 0-18 in the U.S. who are seriously ill, traumatized or in need. The Project Linus website offers patterns, links, information about volunteering and donating, and how to join a monthly Zoom meeting.

Questions? Email [elliegrix@gmail.com](mailto:elliegrix@gmail.com)

If you would like to participate, you may contact Ellie Grix, who is the local chapter coordinator. Ellie is a member of the guild and can be reached at (573) 631-2571.

## Everyone Loves the Take-It Table!

Do you have an over abundance of sewing/crafting supplies? Are you downsizing, clearing the clutter, or making room for new items? Bring your unwanted items (crafting/sewing **only**, please) to put on the Take It Table. Your item might be someone's treasure! **At the end of the meeting please reclaim any of your items that remain on the table.**

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## Meeting Minutes



Meeting Minutes for October: [Click here to view](#)

## Treasurer's Report

Jan Howard, [treasurer@savannahquiltguild.com](mailto:treasurer@savannahquiltguild.com)



**Full Treasurer's Report:** [Click here to view](#)

### Guild Operating Fund

<b>Beginning balance</b>	<b>5,189.67</b>
Dues for 2025	45.00
Service Charge	(.15)
Lanette Edens transporting items to GA National Fair	(220.00)
Checks not cashed from 2023 and 2024	132.00
<b>Balance on hand 09/20/2025</b>	<b>5,146.52</b>

**Note:** If you are making payments using Venmo, our name for Venmo payments is sqgpay@savannahquiltguild.com. The treasurer's name (Jan Howard) may show up during the transaction but rest assured that the money goes directly to the guild bank account.

## Retreat News

Our March 19-22, 2026 retreat is full and Lanette is maintaining a waiting list.

Signups for the October 22-25, 2026 retreat began at our September meeting. There are 30 slots for this retreat. In order for this event to become a reality we still need around **15 more folks** to sign up. Contact Lanette Edens or sign up at our November (2025) meeting. We will keep you posted on the status of the second retreat.

### *SQG Website News*

If anyone has issues logging on to the website, please contact  
Theresa Sapp at [theresasapp@aol.com](mailto:theresasapp@aol.com)  
We hope you enjoy exploring your website!

## **The Nominating Committee Presents!**

This year we are announcing the nominees for our two open positions in the newsletter and through a post. This way it gets to everyone to view ahead of the meeting. Then, we can vote on the nominees at the November 8th meeting.

We have two nominees who have agreed to fill the Vice President and Treasurer positions.

**Vice President is Velinda Burnsed**

**Treasurer is Jennifer Mullins**

Thank you ladies for volunteering to support our very active Savannah Quilt Guild. We couldn't be more excited about you two ladies in those important positions.

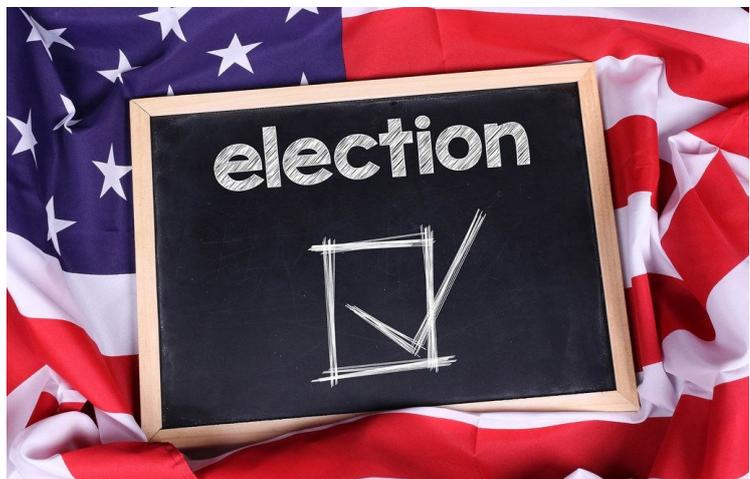
If anyone else would like to volunteer to be a nominee we will keep the floor open for nominations until the day before the November 8th meeting. You can contact me at [rippinrenee@gmail.com](mailto:rippinrenee@gmail.com) or text 912-755-9407.

SQG Nominating Committee,

Deb Brown

Mary Bass

Renee Christensen



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## Officers and Committee Chairs - January through December 2025

President - Micheal Sengstack

Sewcial - Cindy Ochoa

Vice President - Jennifer Farago

Retreat - Lanette Edens

Secretary - Stephanie Murphy

Newsletter - Joanne Simpson

Treasurer - Jan Howard

Website - Theresa Sapp &

Renee Christensen

Membership - Lisa Sims-Stevens

Friday Bee - Renee Christensen

Classes - Cindy Ochoa, Theresa Sapp, Mary Bell Fuller

Community Outreach

- Caps/Blankets - Jan Howard

Workshops - Teri Duncan, Mitzi Crow

Community Outreach

- Pillowcases - Debbie Whiteway

Sunshine Chairman - Bonnie Manley

Frances Stockton

To contact Officers and Committee Chairs

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**The deadline for the Newsletter is the 20th of the month.  
Please email your info to: [simpsonj536@gmail.com](mailto:simpsonj536@gmail.com) (Joanne Simpson)**