

March 2026

Savannah Quilt Guild News

President's Column

Michael Sengstack

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Dear Savannah Quilt Guild Members,

March always brings a little spark of energy—longer days, fresh inspiration, and maybe even a bit of luck as we head toward St. Patrick's Day. I hope you're finding time to stitch, create, and enjoy the rhythm of quilting as we move into spring.

A quick reminder to continue bringing your Brown Paper Bag Challenge projects for Show & Tell. It's been wonderful seeing these mystery projects transformed, and we look forward to more surprises and stories this month.

We're also excited to kick off our Round Robin Quilt Project in March! Teams will be assigned from those who signed up, and the fun will begin. A big thank-you to Terry Duncan for this creative and engaging idea—it's sure to be a wonderful way to collaborate and inspire one another.

And for those heading to St. Christopher's at the end of the month for our retreat—I can't wait to see you there. This will be my second retreat with the Guild, and I'm really looking forward to the creativity, connection, and a few uninterrupted hours at the sewing table together.

Wishing you a lucky and joyful March, filled with inspiration and good stitches.

Binding Us Together,
Michael Sengstack
President, Savannah Quilt Guild



Join us for our next meeting:

March 14th, 2026

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

Needling News



Teresa Callaway	Mar 2nd	Velinda Burnsed	Mar 13th
Sherry Cope	Mar 4th	Kathryn Finney	Mar 13th
Cornelia Brown	Mar 6th	Judy Davis	Mar 16th
Marth Weston	Mar 8th	Regina Ashton	Mar 21st
Elaine Rhyne	Mar 10th	Terry Duncan	Mar 26th

Programs and Upcoming Events **Velinda Burnsed, Vice President**

Our March meeting will have a round robin on paper piecing techniques.

The April meeting is favorite tools, tips and tricks. Everyone can get their ideas ready.

Velinda Burnsed



After Meeting Workshops and Sew-Ons

**Terry Duncan, Mitzi Crow, work-
shops@savannahquiltguild.com**



Contact Terry Duncan for questions: 210-863-1126 or terryduncan53@gmail.com.



****Yard Sale****

The forms needed for the June Yard Sale are now on our website along with instructions and information. Go to the Guild Operations page and then click on Resources- Handouts and Links.

Your items need to be quilt/sewing/craft related please. You may bring guests to the sale just as you can to any of our meetings. Just note that if they have visited twice they will need to become a member.

Snacks for Meetings-

Thank you to the following people who have signed up to provide snacks for our next meeting. We appreciate your willingness to share with the group!

Judy Saucerman, Poppy Richards, Joni Shortt, Pat Sullivan, Rosie Schuster and Keidi Kulik

There are 7 **Savannah Quilt Guild mugs** left!! They will be available for purchase at our March meeting and the cost is \$12.



BOM

Scrappy Heart

Click here for the link: [Instructions](#)

Click here for template: [Scrappy Heart](#)



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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 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 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.

March 24th
10-3
Center Parc Credit Union community room
5698-A Ogeechee Rd Savannah

Judy Lindsey
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 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.

NEW MEMBERS

By Deb Brown

We are still growing!!! Please give a warm welcome to our 5 new members: Joanne Austin, Dianne Merrick, Cathy Dale, Jencie Parks, and Barb Pennington. Keep reading to find out more about Diane and Cathy.

Dianne Merrick was born in Miami, Florida, moved around the east coast and finally settled in Bluffton, SC 56 years ago. Diane is a retired Special Education Supervisor. Her love and passion was in the classroom with the middle school children. Diane started her quilting journey in the 1980's by "almost making a quilt." The quilt remained unfinished until her daughter learned to quilt, and her daughter finally finished it! Diane picked up sewing and quilting again after retirement. Since then, she has made 11-12 quilts which have been given to family members.

Diane considers herself to be a traditional quilter who enjoys making the quilt tops but admits that she is not a fan of the quilting or the binding process. Her favorite aspect of quilting is "buying the fabric." With a massive fabric stash consisting of pre-cuts, and yards and yards of fabric, Diane jokes: "I have enough fabric to clothe all of Beaufort County". For Christmas, she gifted her daughter 2 large bags of quilting fabric. Although Diane has a dedicated sewing space, she prefers sewing on the dining table with her vintage Brother sewing machine to be close to family. Both of Diane's grandmothers were quilters and she has inherited 2 of their hand sewn patchwork quilts that were tied. They are fragile and being stored for safe-keeping.

In addition to quilting, Diane loves to crochet, knit and paint using watercolors. Diane is currently working on a quilt for her niece made with an easy, simple pattern of patchwork squares. Her ultimate quilting goal is to make something for her daughter that she could be proud of. Diane was inspired to join the guild by her longtime friend, Molly Sauls.



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New members con't....

Cathy Dale is a native of Toronto, Canada but has lived all over the United States. The last four years were spent in Bluffton, SC to be close to her children. She advises, " Never follow your children". In December 2025, Cathy moved to Savannah (to be close to her children). Cathy retired several years ago as an Administrator of a property management company.

Cathy's quilting journey began 33 years ago when she was advised by her co-worker to take a class on making a quilted placemat. While the majority of the students purchased quilt shop fabric at \$2.99/yard, Cathy decided to purchase her fabric from Walmart at \$.59 per yard. "My first quilt was ugly. It was a sampler quilt with different blocks and none of the fabric matched. My teacher said I did a horrible job." Not being the least bit discouraged, Cathy kept quilting and has made hundreds of quilts since then.

Being a traditional quilter who is inspired by people and nature, Cathy makes at least 60 quilts a year. She enjoys scrappy quilts with scrappy backgrounds. Her favorite aspect of quilting is the satisfaction of seeing the points come together on the blocks. She does not like cutting fabric and has invested in the Accuquilt cutting system. Cathy has an incredible sewing space that includes a bonus room where she does her main sewing and a spare bedroom that houses her well organized fabric collection. She has multiple sewing machines: a Featherweight, a vintage Singer, and 2 Bernina sewing machines. Cathy LOVES to buy fabric: "If I like it, I'll buy 3-5 yards; if I love it, I'll buy 5-6 yards."

Cathy won 2nd place in the Charleston quilt show for a Bonnie Hunter Mystery quilt. In addition to quilting, she also crochets, knits and hand appliques. Cathy is currently working on the Judy Niemeyer Double Wedding Ring Quilt. She has a lofty goal of using all of her fabric in her lifetime. Cathy was a previous member of the May River Quilt Guild in South Carolina. When she moved to Savannah, she found the guild by an internet search. We are so happy that she did.



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Community Outreach - Brighten the world of a sick child

Jan Howard, sunfish2@att.net Debbie Whiteway, wahoo@gmail.com
Francis Stockton, francis.stockton@att.net



Hello lovely quilters! Spring will be here before we know it, the azaleas are beginning to bloom! Thank you to all who brought pillowcases to the February guild meeting. We took in about 55 pillowcases since the last meeting and will soon make another delivery to the hospital. I hope you remembered to put your name in the jar for the drawing in April. If you are attending the retreat, don't forget to bring two pillowcases and put your name in the jar at the retreat. See you at the March meeting. Debbie Whiteway

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

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 February: [Click here to view](#)

Treasurer's Report

Jan Howard, treasurer@savannahquiltguild.com



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

Guild Operating Fund

Beginning balance	4,509.11	
Petty Cash Kitty	(50.00)	
Dues for 2026	455.00	
Service Charge	(8.45)	
Mugs Purchased (Vista Print Theresa Sapp)	(288.71)	
Mugs Sold	263.65	
Insurance	438.00	

Balance on hand 11/20/2025 **4,442.60**

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

Retreat News

Both of our retreats are full with one person on each waiting list. How exciting that we are adding this second opportunity for our members!! Those dates again are March 19-22, 2026 and October 22-25, 2026.

For those attending the Spring Retreat you are asked to please bring 2 pillowcases for the Children's Hospital. You will be receiving an email very soon with details about what to expect, packing suggestions and directions to St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center.

SQG Website News

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



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Officers and Committee Chairs - January through December 2026

President - Micheal Sengstack

Sewcial - Cindy Ochoa

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Renee Christensen

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Friday Bee - Renee Christensen

Classes - Cindy Ochoa, Theresa Sapp

Community Outreach

- Caps/Blankets - Jan Howard

Workshops- Terry Duncan, Mitzi Crow

Community Outreach

- Pillowcases - Debbie Whiteway

Sunshine Chairman - Bonnie Manley

Frances Stockton

To contact Officers and Committee Chairs

Click here



[Contact Us](#)

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