

June 2026

Savannah Quilt Guild News

President's Column

Michael Sengstack

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Dear Savannah Quilt Guild Members,

June is all about making space—both creatively and literally!

As we continue our “Space to Create” President’s Challenge, I hope you’re beginning to look at your sewing space a little differently. What inspires you? What gets in the way? And what can you clear out to make room for new ideas?

That makes our upcoming Guild Yard Sale the perfect opportunity to clean out those shelves, drawers, bins, and mystery piles. Pass along fabrics, tools, books, rulers, patterns, and supplies that are no longer serving you—and let them inspire someone else’s creativity instead. And who knows... you might even make a little extra money to put toward something that does inspire you. Maybe it’s a tool that makes your sewing easier, better lighting, a storage solution, or simply a fabric bundle that sparks a new idea waiting to come to life.

One of the things I love most about quilting is how creativity gets recycled and shared within a community. A ruler you no longer use might become someone else’s favorite tool. Fabric hiding in a closet might become someone’s next treasured quilt.

Since June also brings Father’s Day, consider bringing quilts to Show & Tell that were made for the men in your life—or perhaps inspired by them. Masculine quilts, memory quilts, or favorite gifts would make a fun addition to our sharing this month.

As always, thank you for continuing to support one another, share ideas, and help make this Guild such an encouraging and creative place to belong.

Binding Us Together,
Michael Sengstack



Join us for our next meeting:

June 13th, 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



Emily Robertson Hood	June 6th	June Alston	June 20th
Cheryl Dingleline	June 9th	Barbara Ann Blaylock	June 26th
Linda Nmandi	June 10th	Rita Richey	June 27th
Donna Nicol	June 11th	Jencie Parks	June 30th
Theresa Sapp	June 15th		
Cheryl Slusser	June 15th		

Programs and Upcoming Events *Velinda Burnsed, Vice President*

A Sit & Sew will be held in Pooler at Velinda's home/shop each Wednesday from 10-3. Address is 10 Browning Dr, Pooler, GA 31322. Velinda's phone # 912-210-2422

Please have all your yard sale items ready for the June meeting. The drop off will be on Friday, June 12th.

Our July Program is the Luncheon which will be a Pot Luck. This is a wonderful opportunity to relax while getting to know your fellow guild members. A sign up sheet of what to bring will be circulated at our June meeting. We will also have Show and Tell time before the meal.

After Meeting Workshops and Sew-Ons

Terry Duncan, Mitzi Crow, workshops@savannahquiltguild.com



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

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****Yard Sale****

It's almost time!!! Get ready to Shop 'Til You Drop at our June 9th Guild Meeting. It will be so much fun to see what everyone buys and sells! The fun will begin after the business portion of our meeting and Show and Tell. If you are bringing items to sell you can drop them off at Southside Baptist Church Friday, June 8 between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. If this is not convenient for you please contact Theresa Sapp to make other arrangements. Thank you in advance to everyone who is participating!! This would not happen without you.

Theresa Sapp 912-656-3605

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!

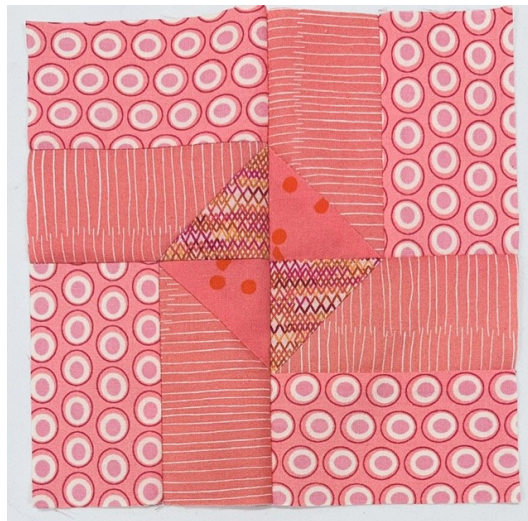
Velinda Burnsed, Karen Sachs and Sabrina Wright.



BOM

Intersection Block

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



New Members

By Deb Btown

Please join me in welcoming our newest member, Janet O'Hara, to the Savannah Quilt Guild.

Janet moved to Savannah from Beaufort, South Carolina, in 1989 when her husband was stationed at Fort Stewart. A professional Family Nurse Practitioner who worked in the ER at both Candler and St. Joseph hospitals, she is currently on a leave of absence and considering early retirement. Janet's quilting journey began in 2022 with a beginner's class at the Sew Suite Quilt Shop in Bluffton. Despite her extensive experience in garment making—including sewing her own wedding dress—she quickly discovered the unique challenges of quilting. Her first project, a throw-sized sampler, taught her essential techniques like cutting fabric, making half-square triangles, and adding borders. Since then, Janet has fully embraced the craft. She has already completed nearly 20 quilts, many of which are decorative embroidered art pieces that adorn her home. Her passion has led to the purchase of four sewing machines (most recently, the Babylock Radiance), a serger, and a longarm machine. She now maintains two dedicated sewing spaces in her home to accommodate all of her sewing machines, her tools, quilt kits, fabric and her meticulously organized scrap fabric collection. In addition to quilting, Janet enjoys watercolor painting. While she loves learning new techniques and connecting with fellow quilters, she admits that cutting fabric is her least favorite part of the process. She is currently working on an embroidery project by Kimberbell and hopes to focus on finishing several quilt kits in her stash. Janet found our guild through an internet search after meeting other quilters at a retreat in Utah. Please make her feel welcome!



A Bit of Quilting History

Jane Blakely

By Mary Cromartie Bass

Jane Blakely was born in Shaftesbury, Vermont on April 8, 1817. She married Walter P Stickle, a farmer, around 1850. She is best known for a quilt she made during the Civil War which is now housed in the Bennington Museum in Vermont. In September 1863 Jane entered her quilt in the Bennington County Agricultural Fair. She won a prize of two dollars for best patched quilt. The quilt was donated to the museum in the late 1930s by a niece of Jane's. In 1991 Jane's quilt was featured in the book *Plain and Fancy, Vermont's People and Their Quilts As a Reflection of America* written by Richard Cleveland and Donna Bister. It was seen by Brenda Papadakis who went to the museum to view the quilt. She says the quilt captured her heart and as a math teacher, with a love of geometry, she was immediately hypnotized by the geometric designs in Jane's blocks. She describes it as being nontraditional, creative, and avant-garde. The arrangement was pure melody for her. Brenda was inspired to write the book, *Dear Jane*, which includes patterns for each of the 169 blocks in the quilt and the border pieces. It also includes pictures of many quilts that Jane's original quilt has inspired. There are members of our guild who have worked on "Dear Jane" quilts. Are you one of them?



Retreat News



October 22-25, 2026, St. Christopher Camp, Johns Island, South Carolina

See Jenny Mullins at our June Meeting to check your status, sign up and/or make a payment.

February 18-21, 2027, St. Christopher Camp, Johns Island, South Carolina

Save The Date!!!! Sign ups for this retreat will begin at the July 2026 Guild Meeting.

October 21-24, 2027, Hotel Tybee, Tybee Island, Georgia

This is a new location! Sign ups for the Fall, 2027 retreat will begin at the October 2026 Guild Meeting.

Fun With Free Motion Quilting Class

Have you ever wanted to learn more about free motion quilting using your domestic sewing machine? Maybe you want to quilt your own projects? Or maybe you just want to enjoy a fun afternoon learning a new skill with friends. Please join us on August 8th for this exciting learning opportunity! The Class will begin after our Guild Meeting and a short break for lunch.

In this class you will learn how to set your machine up for successful free motion quilting. You will practice the five basic shapes in a relaxing, sew at your own pace environment. All you need is your sewing machine, a few quilt sandwiches and a spirit of adventure!! The cost is only \$25!!! Sign up at the June Meeting. A supply List will be provided.

See Theresa Sapp or Cindy Ochoa for further information.



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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.

June 23rd
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.

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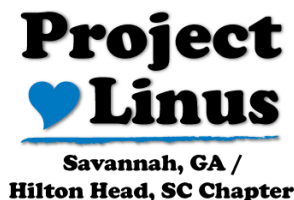
Community Outreach - Brighten the world of a sick child

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



Jan delivered 25 caps to Memorial Hospital this month. Others are waiting to be washed for her next delivery. Thanks to our faithful contributors!

Debbie Whiteway and Frances Stockton



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 May: [Click here to view](#)

Treasurer's Report

Jenny Mullins, treasurer@savannahquiltguild.com



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

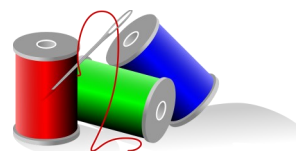
Guild Operating Fund

Beginning balance	5,377.20
Dues for 2026	40.00
Service Charge	(2.70)
Mugs	48.00

Balance on hand 4/20/2026 **5,462.50**

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.

Class News



Our class offering this year will be a different type of format. At the August Guild Meeting our program will be "Fun With Free Motion Quilting-a video presentation by Leah Day". After the meeting (from 1:00-4:00) Cindy Ochoa and Theresa Sapp will guide Class participants as we go step by step through the free motion quilting process together. Using your sewing machine along with the instruction and tips from Leah Day's video you can begin your own journey of free motion quilting! More details to follow. In the meantime you can learn more about Leah Day at www.leahday.com

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!



Officers and Committee Chairs - January through December 2026

President - Micheal Sengstack

Sewcial - Cindy Ochoa

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Renee Christensen

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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)**