



FABRICATIONS

Colonial Piecemakers Quilt Guild



February 2025

March's Guild Meeting—

March's meeting will be held on Saturday, March 1st at 9:30am in person at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 4897 Longhill Rd, Williamsburg VA

March Program— Paula Golden, “With a Judge’s Eye”

Learn the “Ins and Outs” of entering a quilt competition and the criteria considered when judging a quilt.



She is a co-author of the book, *The Quilts of Virginia – the Birth of America Through the Eye of A Needle*, sponsored by the Virginia Consortium on Quilters; Past-President of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Quilt Museum; founder of Cabin Branch Quilters, Prince William County, VA; Teacher of the Year, The Professional Quilter Magazine; on Jinny Beyer’s teaching staff for 20 years; co-organizer of Along the Spice Route with Ann Reardon, a exhibit that toured the US for three years. Paula is passionate about quilts, quilters, their stories, and the techniques. She teaches nationally and internationally, has had patterns and quilts in a variety of publications and quilts in private and public collections. She has vast experience as a quilt judge and will share her insights.

March Workshop—An Open Afternoon to go to the Mid Atlantic Quilt Festival

Be sure to invite your guests that are in town for the Mancuso show!
There will be no workshop so you & your guests can head on down to the show!

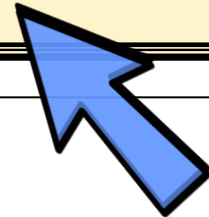




—Upcoming 2025 Calendar—

Get up to date events and expanded information
on our website's calendar

<https://colonialpiecemakers.com/calendar/>



February—

*****February 27th—March 2nd*****

*Mid Atlantic Quilt Festival
Hampton Convention Center*

March—

3/1 Program— Paula Golden, “With a Judge’s Eye”

3/6 Charity Sew Day at the Firehall at 3135 Forge Rd
9:30 to 3pm ****THURSDAY****

April—

4/6 Program— Julie Graves, “Machine Quilting”
Workshop— Julie Graves, “Machine Quilting Lecture”

4/10 Charity Sew Day at the Firehall at 3135 Forge Rd

Details for programs and payment link can be found at:

<https://colonialpiecemakers.com/programs/>

****Email the program chair if
you have questions****

programs@colonialpiecemakers.com





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*April Program— Julia Graves, “Quilter, Longarmer,
Teacher and Artist”*



Julia Graves started her quilting business, Special Occasion Quilts LLC, in 2007 and teaches, lectures, designs patterns, makes commission quilts, longarms for others, sells & services APQS longarm machines and writes for the APQS Blog. She won Best Longarm Machine Workmanship Wall Quilt Category at the 2016 Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, has had quilts published in books by Gloria Loughman, Katie Pasquini-Masupust and MJ Kinman, was an Artist in Residence at Empty Spools in 2019, and is now a regular instructor at Empty Spools Seminars.

Julia has been sewing since she was ten and always loved fabric, needle arts and the entire creative process. She did her apprenticeship as a quilter by making a quilt for each of her nieces and nephews (and thinks she should have counted them before making this promise – there were 32!). She has since made more quilts than she can count, many for charity, and is partial to scrap quilts and working with color to achieve amazing results. Visit her gallery on her website at <http://www.soquilts.com>. You can also find her on Instagram at #juliagraves82, or Facebook at soquilts. Julia lives in Leesburg Virginia.

“Machine Quilting Lecture”

“This informative lecture covers the basics of machine quilting whether the quilter is doing the quilting, or hiring a longarmer. Learn to speak the language and know what your options are. What’s a pantograph or all over quilting and how does it differ from custom? How do I pick the quilting design, thread and batting? Julia will demystify the process and give you guidelines to bring out the beauty of your quilt with lots of quilt examples.”



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April Workshop— Open/ Charity Sew



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Once again it is time to consider who will lead CPQG into the next year. The past two years have been challenging and wonderful. Your guild is strong and ready for the next adventure and will need new leadership in June.

Here is a summary of the different Board positions that are open for the 2025-2026 year. Please know that a more complete explanation of each office is in the Policy and Procedures and Bylaws on the Member's Only page on our website. People in the current positions will be happy to help with the transition to our new leaders.

The President sets the tone and energy for the guild. This is why her role is so important. She must be able to clearly conduct the business of our public monthly meetings as well as set the pace for the day. There are lots of background tasks relating to the meeting itself. This includes securing a meeting site, responsibility for the key and facilities, room set up and take down. She also sets the agenda, sets Board meetings, appoints committees as needed, oversees the storage facility, and stays in contact with her other board members.

The Vice President has four primary tasks. She fills in for the President as needed. Coordinates the challenge quilt effort for the MidAtlantic Quilt Festival. Reviews the quarterly bank statements supplied by the treasurer. And leads the nominating committee to fill vacant board and committee positions.

The Secretary records the proceedings at Board and monthly Guild meetings, is responsible for all correspondence, retrieves the mail from the post office and coordinates with the Treasurer and website manager. Use of a computer is important in this role.



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The Treasurer manages all the Guild money and keeps accurate records of expenditure and disbursements. She establishes and presents the budget both to the Board and at Guild meetings. Retrieves the mail. Being able to use Excel is helpful, but other programs can be used.

The Program is the heart of the monthly meeting. The Program Chair and her committee are critical to the success and fun of the Guild. By tradition there are monthly presenters and workshops every other month, but this is not mandated. Thinking outside the box is encouraged. It is their responsibility to plan programs for the calendar year within the allotted budget.

Program contracts must be presented to the board for approval and ensure that invoices are presented to the Treasurer. This committee also collects and tracks monies collected for program attendees, ensures there is a representative at the program table each Guild meeting and present for any workshop. Workshops may include set up and take-down and retrieval/return of supplies from the storage facility.

The Website Manger is to keep the Guild webpage current and make it the primary vehicle for communicating with Guild members along with our Facebook page. Keeping it timely, accurate and robust is vital to maintaining a lively relationship with members.

Please reach out with any question you have about these positions. We appreciate all those continuing in their current roles and know that the right people will come forward to fill these open positions. Please contact Paula Snell, VP, to express your interest in serving your Guild. Texting is the easiest way to initiate a conversation at 804-514-8505.



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2025 Quilt Challenge —

*To be displayed at the Mid-Atlantic
Quilt Festival*

February 27th—March 2nd, 2025

Theme: A Quilt About Me

A smaller, wall-size quilt no larger than 24” x 24”



This is one unknown person's very fun and literal interpretation of the theme. However, there are so many ways to tell the story of who you are. Have fun!

Details

- Quilts will be returned the April 2025 meeting unless other arrangements are made
- Attach a 4” sleeve at the top for display purposes

Guild Coordinator

Paula Snell, Vice-President 804-514-8505 text or call!



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Membership—

Membership is up to 191

Renewals will begin in April for the fiscal year 2025/2026, which begins in August and ends in July.

Dues to renew your membership will be \$30. Membership dues will be collected April-September.

Please review the roster in the website to make sure your information is correct.

Submit any changes to membership@colonialpiecemakers.com

****Pay via PayPal on website (www.colonialpiecemakers.com)***

*Pay with Check or Cash at meeting

*Pay with Check and Mail to:

Colonial Piecemakers Quilt Guild (CPQG)

P.O. Box 672

Norge, VA 23127

Your dues allow you to participate in club programs, workshops and other events. Our club relies on dues to fund our activities.

Prompt payment is appreciated!

Please pick up your new CPQG membership cards at the table.

Show your card at Halo Inspirations quilt store in Norge and receive a discount.

Other fabric stores may also give a discount.



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Service Projects—

February saw 38 completed blankets and 16 pillowcases.

We are at an acute shortage of twin size quilts. All sizes are requested, but we are short on filling the need for twin size.

Thank you in advance for any donations.

Our next workshop is Thursday 6 March at the Firehall in Toano 9:30-3:30, 3135 Forge Rd.

Future sew days:

- *No February*
- *No May*
- March 6th
- June 12th
- April 10th
- July 10th



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Sunshine Report—



Get Well notes were sent to Connie Thompson and Joan Johnson.
If you know of anyone who needs a card, please let Peggy Natoli Duffy know.



Birthday Raffle—

If you have a birthday in **March**, please bring your donations for the table at the February guild meeting.



Library—

Library is OPEN! Bring your checked out books to the **March** meeting.



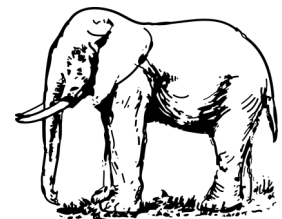
Monthly Minis—

Small, handmade, beautiful creations are always welcome at the Monthly Minis table!
The more well crafted items are donated, the more funds we can raise for our guild programs.



White Elephant—

Any white elephant donations left at the end of the guild meeting will be donated to a local thrift shop.





***Block of the Month— “Arabesque”
Due at March’s Guild Meeting, unfinished 15.5”***

Special Note: These directions were taken from Moda’s Bake Shop in a design created by Allison Jensen titled “Arabesque.”

Supplies and Cutting	
Layer Cake <i>Any color you want</i>	(1) 10in Square
Background/Neutral	(1) 10in square (4) 4.25in square (2) 4.25in X 8in Rectangle

Put one of layer cake square right side together with a background square. Mark diagonal lines, as shown in black, and sew 1/4" along each side of both lines, as shown in white. Give them a good press after that to make cutting easier.



Cut along your marked lines, as well as half way (at the 5" mark) horizontally and vertically.



When you open them up you should have 8 half square triangles.

Trim your HSTs to 4.25" and stack them by print. I highly recommend a Bloc Loc ruler and rotating cutting mat for the trimming. It makes this step so much faster, and even a little bit fun :)



Block of the Month— Due at March's Guild Meeting

Begin to lay out your stars in this manner, with background rectangles on the upper left and lower right. As you lay them out the stars will interlock with one another. Be sure not to place any background rectangles vertically, or you won't be able to sew your rows together.



Each finished block entered equals one raffle ticket!



—Around Town—

44th Annual Smoky Mountain Quilters Show

Call For Quilts

Deadline
To Enter:
April 12, 2025

Show Dates:
Friday, June 20, 2025
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sat. June 21, 2025
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Knoxville Expo Center
5441 Clinton Hwy
Knoxville, TN

New in 2025!
More than
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Information &
Entry Forms
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**ENTER YOUR QUILTS IN THE 2025
SMOKY MOUNTAIN QUILTERS SHOW**

It is a special thrill to share a quilt you've made with other people who love quilts, and we hope you'll share yours in The Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee 44th Annual Quilt Show June 20-21, 2025 at Knoxville Expo Center in Tennessee. This year we are happy to announce that we will have over \$7800 in prize money to award to the winners. We offer 14 categories to enter, including one for juniors (ages 16 and under) and an additional 14 special awards. Deadline for entries is April 12, 2025, but entries may close early if we reach capacity before that date. Please visit www.smokymtnquilters.com for more information and for entry forms.



CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

EVENT: Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee 44th Quilt Show & Competition

LOCATION: Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Highway, Knoxville, TN 37912

DATE/TIMES: Friday, June 20, 2025, 9am-5pm; Saturday, June 21, 2025, 9am-4pm

COST: Daily admission, \$10; 2-day pass, \$15; Children 12 and under, free

CALL FOR ENTRIES: Now offering more than \$7,800 in prize money, 14 categories, including one for

Juniors (age 16 and under), and 14 special awards. Deadline to enter is April 12, 2025, or sooner if

capacity is reached. See website for entry forms and rules.

DESCRIPTION: More than 200 quilts on display. On Friday, Merikay Waldvogel, a nationally known quilt researcher and writer, and Cindy Stuart, a certified quilt appraiser, will present an antique quilt turning at 11 am and 1 pm. Show attendees are invited to bring a favorite quilt and record a brief story in free

video recording sessions that will be archived in the Quilt Alliance "Go Tell It!" project. Shop the vendors and a boutique of unique items handcrafted by guild members. Scavenger hunts for the young ones.

Quilt appraisals by appointment.

Free parking.

CONTACT: For more information, email info@smokymtnquilters.com.

WEBSITE: www.smokymtnquilters.com or find us on Facebook: Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee.



—*Guild News & Updates*—

If you have a submission for the newsletter email Shannon at editor@colonialpiecemakers.com
Submissions for the newsletter should be emailed within 5 days after the Guild Meeting.

For the 2024/2025 guild year, Fabrications will be published on the website the 3rd weekend of the month.

Colonial Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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**** If unsure who to email ****
board@colonialpiecemakers.com
is an excellent “go to”



Sewing Bees & Clubs—

The following Bees & Clubs have affiliates in CPQG:

- Loose Threads — Coordinated by Kaye McWhirter
- Quilt Study Group— Coordinated by Anne Hardister
- Sewcial Club— Coordinated by Stacy Bergert, Rachel Fischer, Taylor Potts
- Material Girls— Coordinated by Ann Philbeck



“We meet [once] a month [on the second Wednesday] at the James City Recreation center on Longhill Rd. We meet, talk, and work on our own projects. Any ideas are welcome. Outlets are there too for sewing machines. I send out emails. If you want to join our FB page let me know.” —Ann

- Peninsula Patriots— Coordinated by Kathleen Decker

“Peninsula Patriots is a 'bee' of friendly quilters that meets for sew days monthly. We stitch custom quilts for veterans. Our sew days vary, but are on a Saturday. Kathleen Decker leads it, and provides fabric, patterns, ideas for new quilts (and Duck donuts!)

We will teach you if you'd like to learn about quilting. We welcome quilters of all skill levels. Below are a couple of pictures of recent awardees.” —Kathleen

***To find out if a “Bee/Club” is a good fit for you,
find the coordinators’ contact information in the
Members’ Only section under “Membership Roster”***



Thanks for reading!
Find Show-and-Tell pictures, meeting minutes,
and other information on the website!

