



President's Message

By Sue Lawrence

Happy New Year 2024!

Another trip around the sun, and the clock keeps ticking forward. What will unfold in the year ahead? Do you have travel, family or sewing projects planned? When my neighbors invited me to dinner this past January, they posed a question, asking each person to answer in one word: "What do you wish for in the year ahead?"

Our answers were as varied as the friends around the table. It takes thoughtful editing to condense thoughts into one word. The surprise for me is that in the second half of this year, I got my wish. Spoiler alert: it wasn't to be CPQ president, even though I enjoy this guild so much! By stating what was on my mind and in my heart, I created a goal. I held it with intention and actively worked to do what I could to make it happen.

Maybe we don't need a list of resolutions, maybe just one word will be key in the year ahead.

December Potluck

We gathered to share food, friendship and inspiration for next year's quilting projects.



Twice a year we get to take a moment to enjoy treats and dishes brought by the guild members and enjoy viewing the submitted challenge quilts. This year's gathering was well attended. Sarah

McKinney, President, Athens Area Community Foundation was our speaker that came to let us know about the support nonprofits get in the Athens area. She spoke about giving and how the resources are distributed. Ms. McKinney discussed her role in the AACF and how the foundation supports many people in many ways throughout the local area. She suggested we check out the website to see all of the ways they help support others. "We all share our time and love, but we need to increase our philanthropy." Check out their website to learn more. <https://athensareacf.org/>



In the Spotlight

Pretty in Pink Challenge



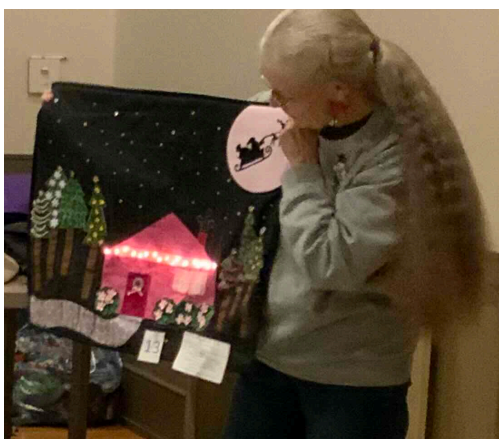
The Pretty in Pink Challenge was a terrific success, in spite of the number of members expressing “they hate pink!” So many techniques, great designs and bravo to all that met the challenge! Looking forward to the next challenge in January.



Pretty in Pink Challenge







Quilter's New Year's Resolutions



Searching the web for inspiration I found these ideas to make some promises to our creative selves in the new year. Maybe, just maybe one of these will resonate with you. Sue Lawrence approached it this way: Last January, I wrote down my resolutions, edited them, took a chunky marker, copied them on an oversized sheet of paper, and put them on the wall where I could remind myself whenever I got ridiculously distracted. Resolutions don't have to be serious. They don't have to declare you won't eat your favorite foods, or you won't buy more fabric until you've reduced your stash either. Some resolutions should allow us to give ourselves grace to make mistakes and to live in this complicated world as best as we can.

One word Inspiration:

Organize your stash or workspace

Finish Up those UFOs

Learn a New Technique

Practice to get better - quilting, stitching, binding and embellishing

Join a quilting class

Use fabric you have

Venture out of your comfort zone



Accept all sewing compliments, say thank you and do not point out mistakes

Sew and quilt how you want, not always how someone else does it!

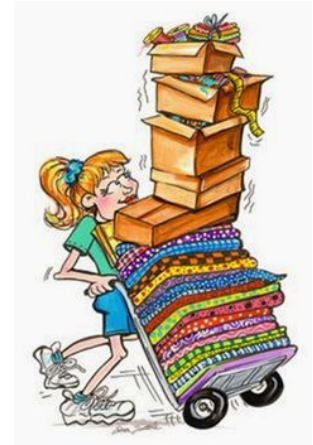


Be honest with yourself. If you really don't want to complete that quilt that's been in your closet for the past five years - you no longer like it, or it no longer suits your home décor - get rid of it. Give it to a friend to finish, or donate it to your guild. And don't feel guilty about it. Someone else will love it, and you are contributing to the good of quilting!



Love what you sew and eliminate "Quilt Envy" from your life.

I RESOLVE not to feel guilty when I buy fabric with absolutely no future use in mind. It makes me immensely happy to buy it, fondle it and just look at it and that makes it worth it!



I RESOLVE that next year when I look at that same fabric and wonder why the heck I bought it, I still won't feel guilty but simply pass it on to a friend, the Goodwill, a retirement facility, or donate it to charity bee.



I RESOLVE that I will continue to guard carefully my sewing and quilting time. This keeps me happy.



I RESOLVE to surround myself as much as possible with friends who love quilting and fabric collecting as much as I do

And lastly, **I REFUSE** to put limits on my creative spirit.





Cotton Patch Quilters Monthly Statement

1/2 Year 2023-2024		2022-2023	2023-2024	Final	Preliminary
		BUDGET	DEC YTD	2023	2023
			Preliminary	November	December
INCOME					
Community Service Income	\$ 1,200.00	233.00			\$ 183.00
Door Prizes	\$ 500.00	404.00	\$ 210.00		
Fundraising	\$ 100.00	-			
Member Education	\$ 500.00	90.00	\$ 90.00		
Membership Dues	\$ 2,400.00	2,225.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 35.00	
Retailer Rewards	\$ 100.00	28.54			
Raffle Quilt Tickets	\$ 1,600.00	-			
2023 Net Quilt Show Income	\$ -	-			
Transfer from Money Market	\$ -	-			
Total Income	\$ 6,400.00	2,980.54	\$ 545.00	\$ 218.00	
EXPENSES					
Challenges	\$ 75.00	-			
Community Service Expense	\$ 1,200.00	1,097.09		\$ 1,026.90	
Raffle Quilt Expenses	\$ 500.00	-			
Door Prizes	\$ 200.00	107.83	\$ 75.00		
Internet & Historian	\$ 1,000.00	359.00			
Library	\$ 350.00	-			
Membership	\$ 350.00	5.00			
Member Education	\$ 5,000.00	2,151.86		\$ 1,316.79	
Newsletter	\$ -	-			
President's Expenses	\$ 150.00	150.00		\$ 150.00	
Social	\$ 200.00	45.23			
Sunshine	\$ 25.00	-			
Officers Exp/Mailbox	\$ 300.00	176.00			
Transfer to Money Market	\$ -	-			
Total Expenses	\$ 9,350.00	\$ 4,092.01	\$ 75.00	\$ 2,493.69	
BALANCE	\$ (2,950.00)	(1,111.47)	\$ 470.00	\$ (2,275.69)	
OPERATING ACCOUNT					
Balance on hand of operating account/first day of period		\$ 7,113.05	\$ 7,807.27	\$ 8,277.27	
Income		\$ 2,980.54	\$ 545.00	\$ 218.00	
Withdrawals		\$ 4,092.01	\$ 75.00	\$ 2,493.69	
Balance on hand of operating account /last day of period		\$ 6,001.58	\$ 8,277.27	\$ 6,001.58	
Bank account balances/last day of month					
Checking	\$ 6,001.58	\$ 8,277.27	\$ 4,049.57		
Money Market	\$ 20,734.88	\$ 20,736.73	\$ 20,737.52		
Interest Income	\$ 5.14	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.79		

Door Prizes



Exciting news from door prize cochairmen!

We have PRISMA D-Y-E-S in layer cake of squares by Robert Kaufman. This is just one of our door prizes for the January meeting.

We promise you will find the other two door prizes will be wonderful!!!

So come to the table next to door where you enter to get refreshments and buy some tickets!

Five tickets for \$2.00 or \$ 0.50 each ticket.

Take a Chance and support the quilt guild.

Carol Ann Burns and Susan Herda Cochairs door prize committee.

New Show Chair Steps Forward !

As the new **2025 Show Chair**, I will be looking for people to be on committees soon. If you are interested in a position, please let me know. More information will be in future issues. Thank you. Sharon Rockholt

discover sewing

Greetings all,

Upon celebrating my 38th year of business and turning 70, I have decided to retire. I want to spend time with my family and friends and explore the next chapter of my life. After 48 years of marriage, we want to check off things on our bucket list. This was a quick decision, I had planned to stay for a few years but family things have happened that made me decide to retire now.

This was not an easy decision, and I spent many sleepless nights making it but I think it is the right one.

It's hard to put into words how much your friendship and support have meant to me. We have had fun together growing this industry! I know we will miss this gathering place for friends. You are our heart and soul and I will miss you.

I know how much you will miss my staff. I could never have done it without them!

Details:

- Our closing date will be the end of January 2024.

If you would like to take over Discover Sewing and create your own journey, please call the store. [\(770\)-497-2973](tel:(770)497-2973)

- Repairs: If you want to have your machines serviced, please bring them in by the end of December, 2023.
- Classes: We are scheduling lots of group new owners classes in January. If you have purchased your machine this year and want a class, please call to sign up.
- Linda's clubs are already online.
- Gift cards: All gift cards must be used by December 31, 2023. They can only be used at regular priced merchandise.
- Machines: We have good stock of machines and will re-order if needed by December 31.
- We will start sales on notions and fabrics on Monday. Each week will be a different sale. Shop early for best selection. We will be re-ordering and special ordering Brother, Janome, Pfaff, and Viking feet and accessories.
- Fixtures and tables: Yes, if I don't sell the store, these will be sold. I don't have them priced yet. Once they are, we will tag them and they must be paid, no holds. After we no longer need them, you can pick up.

There are still some things that haven't been worked out yet so please be patient as I work through this.

Thank you for 38 amazing years!

Bonnie

Retreat

Our next retreat is April 29 to May 3, Monday afternoon to Friday noon. The Cost will be \$245.00, double occupancy in hotel like rooms. These rooms have 2 double beds, flat screen tv's individual thermostats, private bathrooms. **BUT we are already filled up.** I can take names and notify you if we have a cancellation. We usually get one or two just before retreats. Some information on our retreat and the FFA camp. We are served breakfast, lunch, and dinner Tuesday through Thursday. On Monday we enjoy dinner and Friday we enjoy breakfast. More food than anyone would want. Our sewing room is huge, there are 4 thermostats to cool or heat the room. Everyone gets a 5-foot table to sew on. I bring iron boards, irons and cutting mats. Please give me a call or email me if you want to come. I can put your name on the "wait" list. My email and phone # is in the member roster.

Joan Garland

Library



Maybe you have some extra time after the holidays. Now would be a good time to explore some design books from the **library**. We have Elizabeth

Barton's two books about design. We have some about using color. We have several about designing or making your own quilts or more complicated ones. There are books about dyeing and surface design. Go by Lyndon House and take a few minutes to peruse our library for inspiration. Check out by signing your name and the month and year on the book card and place it in the metal recipe box. I can't wait to see your new projects!

Sharon Rockholt

Past Guild Member Reaches Out

A message for the guild from an past member.....Janet Wickes. She currently lives in Sandhurst, England. She hasn't done much piecing for the last few years but has hand-quilted several whole cloth quilts.

I was a member in CPQ in the early 1990's and have a wonderful friendship quilt that was made with blocks given to me by CPQ members before I left Georgia to return to the UK.





CALL FOR ARTISTS



48th Juried Exhibition

Online Application Goes Live:
January 4, 10 am
 (link will be available [HERE](#))

Deadline to Apply:
January 20, 5 pm

Submit up to 3 works, \$35
[RULES & GUIDELINES](#)

Lyndon House Arts Center Announces 48th Juried Exhibition Call for Artists Submission Days January 4 - 20, 2023

(Athens, GA) The Lyndon House Arts Center is pleased to announce the online call for artwork submissions for the 48th Juried Exhibition. The 48th Juried Exhibition will be selected by Juror, Maria Elena Ortiz, Curator at The Modern, Fort Worth, Texas.

Submissions for the 48th Juried Exhibition will be received only online at [ArtCall.org](https://artcall.org). The call for art submissions will be live from January 4 at 10:00 am – January 20, at 5:00 pm 2023. The opportunity to enter artworks for the exhibition will end on January 20 at 5:00 pm.

Athens area visual artists, 18 years and older, are welcome to submit up to 3 entries for consideration. An entry fee of \$35.00 is required. Athens area includes the following counties: Clarke, Oconee, Barrow, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Hall, Banks, Franklin, Hart, Elbert, Wilkes, Morgan, Walton and Oglethorpe. [RULES & GUIDELINES](#)

Notification of all artist entries is January 27, 2023 at noon. Artworks selected for the exhibition need to be delivered to the Lyndon House Arts Center on Thursday, February 2, 10 – 7 pm, Friday February 3 and Saturday, February 4 from 10 – 4 pm.

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Cotton Patch Quilter Bees

Charity Bee: Every Wednesday 10:00 to Noon, Lyndon House Fiber room. Shop the stash to make a quilt top donation. Fabric scraps collected for dog beds, Orphan blocks and UFOs accepted. Sewing machines and supplies available for use.

Stitch and Bitch Bee: First Saturday of the month 10:00 to 3:00, Lyndon House Fiber Room. Bring a lunch and your project to work on. Friendship, expert advice and creativity

The Night Owl Sewing Bee is held on the first Monday of the month at Sue Lawrence's home from 6 to 8pm.

The January Night Owls Bee will be on Monday, January 8 from 6-8 pm. Our format is to start with a pot luck dinner; also bring sewing, binding, or any project you'd like to work on. Please RSVP to Sue Lawrence, [706-207-2633](tel:706-207-2633). Thank you.



QOV Blocks

The Membership Committee thanks those that make a block for QOV. You can keep making blocks throughout the year and turn them in at the meetings.

Make a block or two from your stash or come to the fiber room and get red, white, blue or patriotic patterned fabric at no cost to you. Make your favorite block or make that block you always wanted to try! All blocks are appreciated. Remember 10 1/2 inch finished block.



MEMBER EDUCATION

January 2024



Elizabeth from Quilter's Candy will be speaking to us through zoom! She has been in business for 7 years and is a fabric Designer for Art Gallery Fabrics. She also has quilt patterns that she has designed available on her website. She is the podcast host of Craft to Career, and educator for quilterpeneurs! She also writes a weekly blog that you can find on her website that has lots of tips and tutorials. She is originally from Minnesota but currently lives in Texas with her husband and three children. She will be talking to us about how to become a quilt pattern designer. We will learn about opportunities in our industry to become a pattern designer, different ways to earn money, how to get started and

how to stand out in a crowd. Elizabeth is a nationally recognized company in the quilt world and has a great presence on Instagram. You won't want to miss this meeting!

Be ready for a new challenge due in June!

February 2024



Nancy Hutchison will be speaking to us! She is an accomplished quilter, certified instructor for Fiberworks and a trained quilt judge. She will be giving us a lecture and trunk show about collage quilts specifically related to the collage patterns by Laura Heine. Here are some examples...



March 2024



There has been a change for the March meeting. We will be meeting on March 5th instead of March 12th, due to a conflict with the Lyndon house. We will also have a change in speakers. Muriel Pfaff will be joining us. She has a fascinating background in history relating to quilting. She will talk about a famous historical woman (to be determined as to which one!) and how she influenced quilting in the world. Which character will be announced shortly. Muriel has spoken to us several years ago and she is always informative and very interesting. This meeting is one you won't want to miss!

MEMBER EDUCATION

April 2024



Dawn Filzen will be speaking to us about Bags by Annie. She learned to quilt in grade school from her Mom. She's been quilting for about 30 years now. She loves all things quilting: pieced, collage, art quilts, paper piecing, bags, applique, free motion and she longarm quilts! She enjoys bright, fun, and creative fabrics. Her favorite designers include Riley Blake (Lori Holt), Moda, McKenna Ryan, Buttermilk Basin, By Annie, Sallie Tomato, and Angela Walters.

May 2024



Our own Charles Nicolosi will be speaking to us. He joined our guild many years ago and has supported our IT needs of the guild for many years. He became interested in quilting because of his Grandmother. His quilting has become very modern over the years and has developed some very interesting techniques. He lives locally in Athens and works for UGA with their IT department. He also owns his own company called Geek in Stitches and sells his work in local venues in Athens.

June 2024

We will celebrate the new board positions of President, Past President, President Elect, VP of Membership, VP of Education, Secretary, and Treasurer. We will also present the challenge quilts, and vote on them. Please bring a meal and enjoy the fellowship with one another. We will also have show and tell for anyone that has something to share.

Wear your name tag
so new and old
members can get to know you!

December Show and Tell







December 2023

By Mai Whigham

December 12, 2023 Minutes

5:30-6:30 pm Pot Luck dinner. Thank you to everyone for bringing such delicious food to share. Everything was delicious!

DiDi Dunphy shared information regarding the 49th Annual Juried Exhibit at the Lyndon House. This exhibit will open March 12, 2024. Jen Sudull Edwards Chief Curator and Curator of Contemporary Art from the Mint Museum in Charlotte, North Carolina will be the guest curator of the exhibit. For more information, please contact the Lyndon House or check out their website: <https://www.accgov.com/lyndonhouse>

Tonight's meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Sue Lawrence. There were 31 members present. There were two guests, Barbara Watson and Diana Dyer, and one new member, Holly Hasenauer. Welcome to our guests and new member.

CPQG Business:

- By unanimous consent, the November Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved as written.
 - Sharon Rockholt has graciously accepted the position of 2025 Show President! Thank you so much for accepting this responsibility. We look forward to working with Sharon on the 2025 show!
 - Are you interested in having a daytime Bee on the east side of Athens? We will be surveying members to see if this is something we would like to do and will check with the Lyndon House to see if there is available space for this to occur. More information will be forthcoming.
 - A motion to present a Judge's Award for Fiber Arts at the 49th Annual Juried Exhibit at the Lyndon House was presented by Carol Ann Burns. Several members seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was passed by unanimous consent. Cotton Patch will gift The Lyndon House \$150.00 for the ***Judge's Award in Fiber Arts***.
 - Our Guest Speaker tonight was Sarah McKinney, President, Athens Area Community Foundation. Ms. McKinney discussed her role in the AACF and how the foundation supports many people in many ways throughout the local area. She suggested we check out the website to see all of the ways they help support others. "We all share our time and love, but we need to increase our philanthropy." Check out their website to learn more. <https://athensareacf.org/>
 - Discover Sewing in Duluth will be closing in January. They are having a clearance sale. 6003 Sugarloaf Parkway.
 - The Cotton Patch Challenge was titled, "Pretty In Pink" and the entries did not disappoint! Many thanks for all of the beautiful entries. Winners are as follows:
 - Best Use of Color: Pat Schroder "My Big Fat Pink Flower"
 - Most Innovative: Sharon Rockholt "Double Dash Pink"
 - Favorite Overall Design: Rosie Crockett "Australian Gum Tree" (Eucalyptus)
- Participants for tonight's Show and Tell were:
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| ○ Sue Brassard | ○ Sherry Johnson |
| ○ Pat Schroder | ○ Mai Whigham |
| ○ Frances Arnold | ○ Kyle Howington |
| ○ Betsy Vonk | ○ Laura Leiden |

See you January 9th for our January 2024 meeting. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE – CONSUMER NOTIFICATION

Recall Announcement December 14, 2023

New recall information

Dear Steamfast Customer:

Our records indicate that you may have purchased a Steamfast brand Home and Away Steam Iron (Model Nos. SF-717, SF-720, or SF-727) sold between January 2009 and September 2023.

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission ("CPSC") and Health Canada, Vornado is voluntarily recalling all Steamfast brand Home and Away Steam Irons (Model Nos. SF-717, SF-720, or SF-727), because the power cord can become damaged near the cord bushing, which can lead to overheating of the cord, posing fire and burn hazards. In addition, cord damage near the bushing can result in exposed copper wires, posing a shock hazard. If you have a recalled Steamfast iron, please stop use immediately and follow the steps described below to participate in the recall.

Please note this is an expansion of the recall originally announced on April 27, 2023. If you previously determined that your Steamfast iron model SF-717, SF-720 or SF-727 was not part of the recall, be advised that it is now recalled. Please participate in the recall by registering at www.steamfast.com/recalls/travelirons.

The brand, model number, production date code, and ETL mark are printed on a rating label on the bottom of the unit, as shown below. The model number and production date code locations are shown in the red boxes on the rating labels below.



The recalled steam irons were sold at stores nationwide and online between January 2009 and September 2023, including at Amazon.com, Steamfast.com, Kohl's.com, QVC.com, Bed Bath & Beyond, Walmart.

Please participate in the recall by registering online at www.steamfast.com/recalls/travelirons to receive your choice of either a refund (based on average purchase price or valid proof of purchase), or a free replacement steam iron (Steamfast Model SF-707). Refunds based on average retail price by model are shown below.

SF-717	SF-720	SF-727 Single Voltage*
\$19.99	\$24.99	\$13.44

*The refund for SF-727 Dual Voltage model produced in 2017 is \$19.99.

Please participate in the recall by registering at www.steamfast.com/recalls/travelirons.

If you have any questions, please call the Vornado Recall Team toll-free at 866-827-3362, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday; or email us at travelironrecall@steamfast.com.

The Vornado team is dedicated to ensuring that we can stand behind each and every product that comes into your home, and we strive to earn your total satisfaction.

Thank you for your loyalty, patience, and cooperation.

Randy Brillhart
President and CEO, Vornado Air, LLC

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REMEDY: Please immediately stop use and register to participate in the recall at www.steamfast.com/recalls/travelirons to receive a refund or free replacement.

Please do not return your product to the store.

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or call Vornado Recall Team toll-free at 866-827-3362 8:00am – 5:00pm ET, Monday through Friday
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Cotton Patch Quilters 2023 - 2024

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Additional Committees

Challenges: Jan Goddard

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Show & Tell: Sandee Eaton-Heter

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Member's items for sale

If you have quilt related items you wish to sell and are a member in good standing, (paid your dues) you can place an ad in the newsletter at no cost. The newsletter deadline is the 24th of each month. Send your photos and description with your contact information to the newsletter chair.

Rosie Crockett heybede@yahoo.com