Bulloch Hall Quilt Guild

House Calls

Bulloch Hall Quilt Guild Newsletter 2026-2027

October 2026 Edition

Guild Leadership

President Maureen Ostien

Vice President Nancy LaPonzina

Treasurer Kim Ahner

Secretary Ellen Lott

From the President's desk…

"Creativity is intelligence having fun." — Albert Einstein

Was Albert Einstein a quilter? We're certainly creative, intelligent—and we have fun! I admit that when quilting calculations get tricky, I sometimes need a genius. Fortunately, we have AI!

It was so good to see all of you at the September meeting. I hope that I will see many of your smiling faces at our October meeting and our workshop with Geri Beam. Be sure to check out her website (https://geribeam.com); she is very accomplished in mixed media and quilt art design.

From the committee reports at our September meeting, we have a year packed with very talented speakers and workshops, along with the 2027 quilt show. It's not too early to be working on your quilts for entry in the show. Deadline for entries is January 17, 2027; It will be here before we know it.

I have started on the Block of the Month, and I am still trying to decide on my plan for the challenge. Debbie and Holly accomplished the task for the challenge; I am finding the challenge a challenge! I am looking forward to seeing all your talent on display.

Fall is my favorite time of year. While anytime is good for quilting, I feel less guilty about huddling up in my sewing room in the fall and winter. Like every good quilter, I am trying to use up the fabric I have—some will be in the Block of the Month and possibly the challenge.

If you have not signed up for a committee, please be sure to do that. We need full participation from each member for our guild to be successful and achieve the goals we have for the coming year. Be sure to check your email for any e-blasts and our website for important information.

Get cracking on those quilts. See you all October 1st!

— Maureen / Moe

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to our October Birthdays

Ardie Sudduth October 9
Jackie Collopy October 15
Nancy Routh October 24

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QUILT SHOW

Important quilt show dates:

October 9	Quilt Entry Opens
January 7	Quilt Entry Deadline
February 28	Quilt drop off
March 1 and 2	Hanging of the Quilts
March 3	Preview Party
March 4, 5, 6 and 7	Show open to public
March 11, 12, 13, and 14	Show open to public
March 15	Take Down of the Quilts

It's time to begin thinking about which of your quilts you will entering. And it's time to begin signing up for volunteer roles

"From the Show Volunteer Coordinator. Helga will have the volunteer sign-up sheets starting at the October meeting. Please bring your calendar so you can sign up for your choice of dates. We have 34 active members and 77 slots to fill, so be prepared to sign up for at least two. "

Also, attached is the draft of the sign up forms (see end of the newsletter).

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SEWCATION (formerly Day Camp)

Winter Sewcation is on the books for January 12-14, 2027. A great way to recover from the holiday buzz and join your friends for 3 days of fun, fabric, and food!

Holly Anderson

quiltholly@bellsouth.net

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E-BLAST COMMUNICATIONS

Please continue to send guild communications intended for all members to Ellen Lott (lottede2u@gmail.com) for distribution. For the fastest service, it would be helpful to send a text that you have sent an email (703-283-2184). The article and attachments should be written and ready for me to copy and paste into the body of an email. This can be written into the email itself or in a Word document.

As email restrictions continue to tighten I have found it would be helpful to enter my info in your contacts list. The email accounts of a number of members have rejected these emails or sent to spam, for this reason. I will do what I can to work with you to resolve the issue. Please email and/or text me if you feel you are not getting communications. As this is our main avenue of communicating we wouldn't want anyone to be left out.

Thank you, Ellen L

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SHOW AND TELL

A big thank you to everyone who took part in September's Show & Tell! It's always so much fun to see what everyone has been creating, and we often find ourselves saying, "Oh… I want to make one like that!" Your beautiful projects and creativity are such an inspiration to us all!

Congratulations to Kimberly, our lucky Show & Tell drawing winner! She took home a fun summertime Sunflowers & Bees–themed prize!

We're looking forward to seeing all the wonderful projects you've been working on at our October meeting! Whether it's a finished quilt, a work in progress, or something new you're trying, we'd love for you to share it!

Be sure to sign up at the Show & Tell desk when you arrive at the meeting!

And, of course, October's Show & Tell drawing prize will have a Halloween theme!

Happy Quilting and see you at Show & Tell!

Kathleen MacAvoy

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2026 - 2027 CHALLENGE

We have an exciting theme for this year's challenge which will use your monogram.
Theme: Initially Yours
Due: February meeting
Size: At least 18 inch square and max circumference of 144 inches. It must be quilted and bound
Details/requirements: Your initials will determine pattern and focus color and quilting motif. A detail instruction sheet with examples can be found on the guild's website
Awards: There will awards for first, second and third places

Challenge Committee: Debbie Risberg and Holly Anderson

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SECRET QUILTER

The "Secret Quilter" information sheet and questionnaire is separate attachments to newsletter email. If you have not filed out a questionnaire yet and want to participate, please bring the questionnaire to the October meeting and see a committee member for a numbered envelope.
Participants will be picking a number envelope at the October meeting break to find out who they will be giving goodies to throughout the year. At the June meeting participants will find out who their "Secret Quilter" has been.

Secret Quilter committee: Debbie Risberg and Linda Wirtz

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thanks to all for supporting Quilts for Kids. Seventeen quilts were delivered last month. A local group has been suggested to support as well. This is Moms in Need. They will only take baby quilts (approximately 27 X 36). If you are interested in supporting this group, please drop your quilts off with Cynthia McFadden. Nancy Routh will continue to collect Quilts For Kids.

Please bring canned goods to continue to help support Prince of Peace church.

Nancy Routh

FABRIC SCRAPES

I will be collecting fabric scrapes again this year. Please try not to include pins, kleenex, or paper from a stabilizer or paper piecing. PLEASE keep your scrapes to cotton fabric – NO jeans, t-shirt collars or arm bands.

Weather permitting leave your bag of scrapes by my car (dark blue, VW, Tiguan with frog on the dash) or at the bottom of the steps going into the church. Any questions, contact me.

Thanks, Berber Berberdebolt@yahoo.com or 770-880-8188

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HELP DECORATE Bulloch Hall for The Holidays

The BHQG has once again been asked by Friends of Bulloch to help decorate the house for the holidays. We will once again be decorating Irvine's bedroom (my favorite room in the house). The theme for this year is 250 years of Heroes and Heroines. As soon as I heard this I thought or Betsy Ross- so that will be our theme. We will be adorning a small tree with ornaments, the bed two beds with quilts, and perhaps one over the fireplace and the mantel with greenery. In addition, we will add any period items as we might find appropriate.

The decorating will take place on Monday, November 9th at 10am. The decorating is early so the house is prepared for the FOB Tea and for the Kris Kringle Fair.
If you would like to help please let Debbie Scarimbolo know- 470-295-3080. I am hoping to have a quick meeting at 9:15, before our regular guild meeting on September 3rd.
Thanks!
Debbie S

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH 2026

2026 Block (Border) of the Month- October In the Garden-by Corey Yoder
Hope you have enjoyed sewing the first part of our BOM! Looking forward to seeing the progress at our October Meeting- be sure to include them in your bag so you can share them and encourage other to join us.
Attached are the instructions for October. We will be completing Border 2 and Border 3.
If you are looking for the instructions/video on Corey's website or print them from this Newsletter.

- Go to corianderquilts.com.
- Once you are on the homepage scroll down on the left until you see Archives
- For Border 2, click on May 2026
- You will see 2026 BOM Border 2 Pattern- Click on that
- From there you can print the directions for Border 2 and if you scroll to the bottom you can click on "You can watch here" to watch her weekly video that includes that portion of the quilt
- Return to the Archives
- For Border 3, click on June 2026
- You will see 2026 BOM Border 3 Pattern- Click on that
- From there you can print the directions for Border 3 and if you scroll to the bottom you can click on "You can watch here" to watch her weekly video that includes that portion of the quilt

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out!
Debbie and Berber

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2026/2027 PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Oct. 1 Geri Beam Lecture + Workshop
Nov. 5 Muriel Pfaff Lecture + Workshop
Dec. 3 Holiday Party
Jan. 7 Mystery Member Spotlight
Jan. 8 Linda DeMaris & Nancy Routh Quilted Coat Workshop
Feb. 4–5 Julianne Rivera Trunk Show + Camden Bag Workshop
Mar. 4 NO MEETING Quilt Show
Apr. 1 Patty Murphy Lecture + Workshop
May 6–7 Sandy Fitzpatrick Lecture + Project Workshop

Workshops Register early: dates, fees, deadlines below.

Date	Instructor	Workshop Fee	Deadline
Oct. 1, 2026	Geri Beam Stamp & Saturated	$40 incl. kit	Sept. 16, 2026
Nov. 5, 2026	Muriel Pfaff Make Chatelaine	$35	Nov. 1, 2026
Jan. 8, 2027	Linda DeMaris & Nancy Routh Quilted Coat	$40 incl. pattern	Nov. 5, 2026
Feb. 4–5, 2027	Julianne Rivera Camden Bag	$50 + $55 kit	Jan. 7, 2027
Apr. 1, 2027	Patty Murphy The Little Lone Star	$40	Mar. 31, 2027

May 7, 2027	Sandy Fitzpatrick You Pick Your Project	$40	TBD

Watch guild updates for registration details

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IN OUR COMMUNITY

Received from Nifty Fifty Quilters below. If you are interested in becoming the point of contact for our guild please let Maureen know.

Dear Quilt Guild Members,

In 1995, I began a 50-state quilt block exchange that grew into Nifty Fifty Quilters, a quilting community that completed thirty exchanges connecting quilters across the United States and around the world through friendship, creativity, and shared stories.
Back then, my co-organizer Wendy Cooper and I contacted quilt guilds the old-fashioned way—through letters mailed across the country. Those letters helped create quilting friendships and connections that have lasted for decades.
After a fifteen-year pause, my son and I have brought Nifty Fifty Quilters back in a new way. We created Nifty Fifty Quilting, a free online quilting platform for individual quilters, guilds, quilting groups, and quilt shops. The site preserves the history of our exchanges—including more than 70,000 quilt blocks—while also providing tools and resources for today's quilting community.
Guilds and quilting groups can use the platform to create and manage their own:

- quilt block swaps and exchanges
- quilting bees
- quilt-alongs
- quilt shop hops
- quilt block designs and projects
- other quilting activities and collaborations

There is no cost to join or use the platform.
You can explore Nifty Fifty Quilting here:
https://www.niftyfiftyquilting.com
We are also inviting quilters to join our newest exchange:
NF31 — Journey Into the Light
https://niftyfiftyquilting.com/swaps/nf-31-journey-into-the-light
This project focuses on friendship, encouragement, healing, and charitable outreach through quilting. Participants will also help create charity quilts supporting breast cancer awareness, suicide prevention, and domestic violence awareness.
https://niftyfiftyquilting.com/charity
If you would like to learn more about the history of Nifty Fifty Quilters and how our exchanges grew into a nationwide and international quilting community, you can read our story here:

https://niftyfiftyquilting.com/press/0371a245-97b5-4b00-9af3-560f0e7db57f
Warm regards,
Teresa Drummond
Founder, Nifty Fifty Quilters
540-845-9856
Teresajoy77@yahoo.com
https://www.niftyfiftyquilting.com

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Congratulations and Thank You for reading all the way to the end.

…and Thank You for your contributions and support of our guild newsletter throughout the year.

Becky rywindle@att.net

ATTACHMENTS

Secret Quilter Questionaire.pdf

2026 BOM- October Newsletter attachme

In the Garden Mystery BOM Border 2

Block tutorial videos are available each month on the Coriander Quilts YouTube channel.

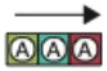
Fabrics Needed:

(48) print squares, 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" **(A)**

(32) print rectangles, 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" **(B)**

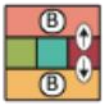
Piecing Instructions
RST = right sides together
use a 1/4" seam allowance
press as illustrated

1. Sew 3 **(A)** squares together. Press in one direction. This unit will r
total of 16 units.



Make 16

2. Sew **(B)** rectangles to the top/bottom of the units made in step 1
will measure 6 1/2" x 6 1/2". Make 16 blocks.



Make 16

3. Sew 3 blocks together to create a side border measuring 6 1/2" x
Press as shown. Make 2 side borders.

The In the Garden mystery border of the month is brought to

youtube.com/corianderquilts @coriande

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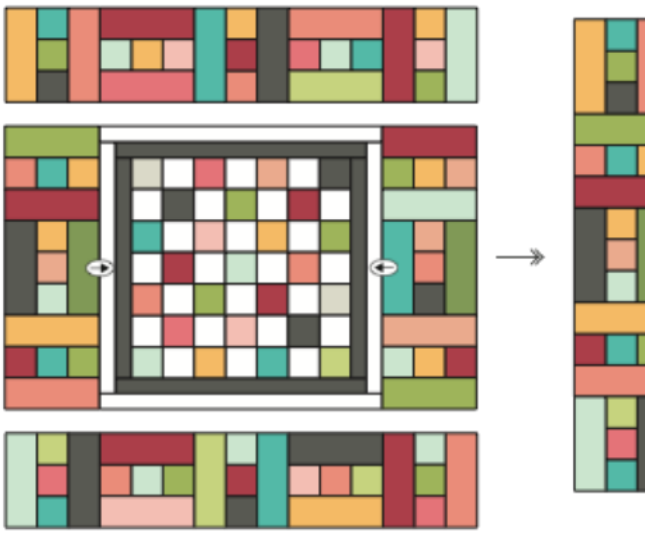
4. Sew 5 blocks together to create a top border measuring 6 1/2" x
Press as shown. Create a second border for the bottom border.

5. Sew the side borders to the sides of the quilt center. Press towar
to the top/bottom of the quilt center. Press toward the center.

The quilt center now measures 30 1/2" x 30 1/2".



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In the Garden Mystery BOM
Border 3

Block tutorial videos are available each month on the Coriander Quilts YouTube channel.

Cutting Instructions:

From the white fabric (29231-31) cut:

(2) side borders, 1 1/2" x 30 1/2" **(A)**
(2) top/bottom borders, 1 1/2" x 32 1/2" **(B)**
(2) side borders, 1 1/2" x 34 1/2" **(C)**
(2 top/bottom borders, 1 1/2" x 36 1/2" **(D)**

From the dark gray fabric (9900-170) cut:

(2) side borders, 1 1/2" x 32 1/2" **(E)**
(2) top/bottom borders, 1 1/2" x 34 1/2" **(F)**

Piecing Instructions
RST = right sides together
use a 1/4" seam allowance
press as illustrated

See the illustration on the following page.

1. Sew **(A)** borders to the sides of the quilt center. Press toward **(A)**. Sew **(B)** borders to the top/bottom of the quilt center. Press toward **(B)**. [Diagram 1]

2. Sew **(E)** borders to the sides of the quilt. Press toward **(E)**. Sew **(F)** borders to the top/bottom of the quilt center. Press toward **(F)**. [Diagram 2]

3. Sew **(C)** borders to the sides of the quilt. Press toward **(C)**. Sew **(D)** borders to the top/bottom of the quilt center. Press toward **(D)**. The quilt center now measures 36 1/2" x 36 1/2".

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BHQG 2027 Show Volunteer Schedule:

Feb 28 - Quilt drop off

March 1 and 2 - Hanging

March 3 - Preview Party

March 4 to 7th - Show open to public

March 11 to 14th - Show open to public

March 15 - Take Down

Sunday, February 28 - Quilt drop off at Bulloch Hall.

4.30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

	Name	Phone	@ table (3)	Runner (4)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				

Monday, March 1 - Hang quilts.

10:00 a.m.

	Name	Phone	Stairs OK?
1			
2			

3			
4			
5			
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7			
8			
9			

Tuesday, March 2 – Hang quilts

9:30 a.m.

	Name	Phone	Stairs OK?
1			
2			
3			

Wednesday, March 3 - Preview Party, gift shop porch

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

	Name	Phone
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

Thursday, March 4 - Work Show

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

	Name	Phone	
1			Sales table
2			White glove 1st floor
3			White Glove 2nd floor

Thursday, March 4 - Work Show

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

	Name	Phone	
1			Sales table
2			White glove 1st floor
3			White Glove 2nd floor

Friday, March 5- Work Show

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

	Name	Phone	
1			Sales table
2			White glove 1st floor
3			White Glove 2nd floor

Friday, March 5- Work Show

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

	Name	Phone	
1			Sales table
2			White glove 1st floor
3			White Glove 2nd floor

Saturday, March 6 - Work Show

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

	Name	Phone	
1			Sales table
2			White glove 1st floor
3			White Glove 2nd floor

Saturday, March 6 - Work Show

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

	Name	Phone	
1			Sales table
2			White glove 1st floor
3			White Glove 2nd floor

Sunday, March 7 - Work Show

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

	Name	Phone	
1			Sales table
2			White glove 1st floor
3			White Glove 2nd floor

Thursday, March 11 - Work Show

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

	Name	Phone	
1			Sales table
2			White glove 1st floor
3			White Glove 2nd floor

Thursday, March 11 - Work Show

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

	Name	Phone	
1			Sales table
2			White glove 1st floor
3			White Glove 2nd floor

Friday, March 12 - Work Show

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

	Name	Phone	
1			Sales table
2			White glove 1st floor
3			White Glove 2nd floor

Friday, March 12 - Work Show

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

	Name	Phone	
1			Sales table
2			White glove 1st floor
3			White Glove 2nd floor

Saturday, March 13 - Work Show

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

	Name	Phone	
1			Sales table
2			White glove 1st floor
3			White Glove 2nd floor

Saturday, March 13 - Work Show

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

	Name	Phone	
1			Sales table
2			White glove 1st floor
3			White Glove 2nd floor

Sunday, March 14 - Work Show

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

	Name	Phone	
1			Sales table
2			White glove 1st floor
3			White Glove 2nd floor

Monday, March 15 – Take Down

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

	Name	Phone	
1			Sales table
2			White glove 1st floor
3			White Glove 2nd floor
4			
5			
6			
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Monday, March 15 – Pick Up

3:00 p.m. – 6 p.m.

	Name	Phone	
1			@ desk
2			Runner
3			Runner