



2026 OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for 2026.

Voting will take place at the Annual Meetings on December 9th and 10th.

PRESIDENT - Chris Ison



Chris fell in love with needles and thread as a girl and began quilting in 2002; her comfort zone is playing with scrappy reproduction prints. After a 30-year career in corporate aviation, she's happy to now have more time to devote to her husband, cats, and sewing machine! Chris has been involved with ECQG on and off over the years and has been an active member since 2021. She has served on the Program, Quilt Show and Community Service Committees, and she is a member of both the Zoom-bees and Yard Birds bee groups. Chris is thrilled to be a part of this dynamic Guild.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT / PRESIDENT-ELECT - Evelyn Kennedy



Evelyn has been quilting in her spare time for about 40 years. Now retired, quilting time has become more frequent. She is self-taught, teacher taught, friend taught, book taught, video taught... you get the idea. East Cobb Quilters' Guild has been a wonderful source of new friends and exciting opportunities to grow her quilting passion. Together we do amazing things!

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT/PROGRAM CHAIR - Janet Schwerzel



Quilting is Janet's happy place. She finds joy in spending time with quilting friends, taking classes to learn new techniques, and extended hours in her sewing room. Thirty years ago, Janet and her husband, Bob, moved from Columbus, Ohio, to Johns Creek, where they built their current home. Their lives are happily full with three children, two grandchildren, and two energetic Golden Retrievers. Outside of quilting, Janet is an avid reader, an enthusiastic cook, and a curious traveler. She has thoroughly enjoyed serving as the Programs Committee Chairperson in 2025 and looks forward to continuing to support the guild in 2026.



THIRD VICE PRESIDENT / MEMBERSHIP - Denise Cornett

Denise's love of quilting is from her maternal grandparents who both quilted, hand pieced and hand quilted all of their quilts. Denise's quilts, though, have always been pieced by machine and then longarm quilted, from the start of her quilt journey almost 20 years ago. She began long-arming for others shortly thereafter and has been ever since. She has long-armed hundreds of quilts in her career, and these days loves the creativity of custom quilting the most. She is a recent empty nester living in Cumming with her husband.

SECRETARY - Laura Rose



Laura grew up in Gainesville, Florida but moved several times with her husband, Seth, before settling in Decatur in 1987. She has been sewing and crafting since her teen years but didn't learn to quilt until her two children were teens. She worked as a microbiologist and researcher in private industry, Georgia State University, and then at the CDC for 22 years. Quilting was a good way to unwind after a stressful day's work. She retired in 2021 and immediately joined the ECQG. Laura loves her bee group (The Sisterhood of the Traveling Quilters), going on retreats, taking classes, working on community service projects and doing workshops. She has dabbled in many techniques and especially loves modern quilting designs. Laura served as Admissions co-chair for the 2024 quilt show, and again (currently) for the 2026 quilt show, and is honored to be nominated for the position of Secretary for the Guild in 2026.

TREASURER - Abbi Rabeneck



Abbi is a traditional quilter, preferring handwork to a machine. She enjoys English paper piecing, needle-turn applique, hand piecing, and hand quilting. She began quilting over 30 years ago with a Leisure Arts book called "Teach Yourself to Quilt". Abbi is a founding member of the Sisterhood of the Traveling Quilters bee and has made great friends through her involvement with the Guild. She served as the Admissions Chair for the 2022 quilt show, Volunteer Chair for the 2024 show and has served as past Community Service Co-Chair. Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Abbi holds a BS Degree in Accounting from Robert Morris University. She has 20+ years' experience as an accountant in both profit and non-profit corporations including international commodities trading and public television. When her husband transferred to Atlanta in 2013, she decided to retire and quilt full time. She currently resides in Cartersville with her husband, Dale.