

Cabarrus Quilters' Guild Newsletter February 2015

From the President's Desk:

February – the month of love. As I write this article my thoughts turn to love and the people and things that mean the most to me. Of course, at the top of the list are my husband and family. With no children of my own, my nephews have become mine plus I now have great nieces and nephews to take the place of grandchildren. At one time I would have listed my career as something that I loved. Now that I have retired, guilting has become a major love of my life. Since you are a member of the quilters' guild, I expect that quilting is a love of yours, too. It may be looking for a pattern while you read quilting magazines or skim through books that you most enjoy. For me, selecting fabrics that I think go together is the most fun part of making a guilt. For others it may be the precision piecing, appliqueing, or intricate quilting. Maybe you most like the feeling of completion when a guilt is finished. Whatever the part you enjoy the most, recognize that we quilt because we love it. Carolyn Sweet, President

IMPORTANT NOTICE – Membership Renewals

Membership renewals were due in January so if you haven't paid yet, bring it to the February meeting. The annual charge is \$30 (cash or checks made payable to "Cabarrus Quilters Guild"). If you need a membership badge, there is an additional \$5 charge for it. Please see Barbara Orr to renew your membership and update your contact information.

2015 Guild Officers:

President – Carolyn Sweet Vice President – Sharon Smith Secretary – Nancy Miller Treasurer – Barbara Bruce

REGULAR MEETING DATE & STARTING TIME

The Cabarrus Quilters Guild meets on the second Monday of each month in the basement fellowship hall at Forest Hill United Methodist Church, 265 Union St., N., Concord, NC (Directions). VISITORS WELCOME! The building will be opened at 6 o'clock and refreshments will be available from 6:15 until 6:45. This is a time to greet your friends, sign up for upcoming activities, check out program displays, and sign up for workshops, etc. The meeting will begin at 6:45 and have a short break.

February Birthdays

Chris Bowen	February 6
Janie Dempster	February 7
Libby Toler	February 7
Nancy Miller	February 17
Peggy Overcash	February 17
Carlotta Doran	February 23
Sara Bemus	February 23

January 2015 - Minutes

The doors opened at 6:00 p.m. President Carolyn Sweet opened the meeting at 6:45 by welcoming visitors and new members. Greeters were Ona Phillips, Sharon Smith and Melba Mick. Refreshments were provided by Kathleen Fritz, Linda Brimanson and June Dale.

A moment of silence was held to honor long time member Maver Ford, who recently passed away.

The raffle quilt was unveiled by Debbie Morse and her committee and they were given a round of applause. Pat Arndt introduced Lorraine Covington. Lorraine, a certified judge and long-time quilter gave tips on piecing, binding, borders, and applique, as well as sharing her thoughts on our categories and quilt show rules. She stated her motto is "Progress not Perfection".

A motion was made by Melba Mick and seconded by Carol Harris to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Carolyn recognized members with January birthdays. Ten members participated in show and tell with various projects for the members to enjoy viewing. Bears, quilts, blocks, and baskets were displayed. A short break was held during which time members were able to pay dues and socialize.

After break Barb Bruce led us through the 2015 budget, which was reviewed in detail. Renee Hoagland made a motion to accept, with multiple members seconding. Motion passed.

Pat Arndt outlined the upcoming meetings: February will be Barbara Kaylor from We're Sew Creative who will be speaking to us about how we can utilize our sergers in quilting. March will be Susan Brubaker Knapp with a workshop by Renee Hoagland who then showed examples of the embellishment technique she'll be teaching in a workshop.

Candy McManaway and Debbie Robb presented the activities that will be offered to the guild. There is a sign up for a Mystery quilt or a Row by Row to see if there is enough interest. During 2015, in addition to the challenge, there will be MMG's (mini-monthly games) that will be held. The first one will be in February. It is entitled "Sing Along" and all members who want to participate should bring a plastic grocery bag, 1 yard (full yard, not fat quarters) and 1 pair of scissors. You can choose to participate in none, any, or all of the MMG's and those who participate in all 6 will be recognized at the end of the year.

<u>Announcements</u>: Sew Saturday will be this Saturday and they will make bowl potholders. Next month, they will make Victory Junction bears. QOV retreat is this weekend. Ona Phillips and Barbara Orr will be attending and are accepting donations of blocks, pillow cases, and quilt tops. Donna Johns talked about how to find our Facebook page and passed out instructions.

The door prize winner was Debbie Morse. Reminder the next meeting is February 9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Miller - Secretary

Refreshments and Greeters

NOTE: New signups sheets are available now to sign up for 2015 meetings. As you plan which months you will help with refreshments and greeting, we ask that you do not sign up for both volunteer jobs in the same month. The signup sheets will be available at each meeting for you to sign up until full.

February Greeters:

Cecilia Estey Joan Martinkovic February Refreshments:

Mildred Lamb Phyllis Grass Cathey Hooper Susie Mosier LaVerne Kidd

GUILD HISTORY PROJECT

Phares Sechler and Sonja Simmons are going to work on something for the guild's history using photos of guild activities. They have already received some disks from Lisa Edwards as well as some other If you have any photos that would be suitable to be included in this project, please contact Phares directly.

RETREAT INFO

JUNE 12-14, 2015

St. Christopher's Camp and Conference Center Seabrook Island, SC - On the beach! **This is about a 4-hour drive from Concord.**

http://www.stchristopher.org/

NOTE: Final payment is due March 15 - \$60

For maps of the center, go to http://www.stchristopher.org/index.php?Map

Guild Activities:

Candy McManaway and Debbie Robb presented the activities that will be offered to the guild during 2015. There is a sign up to see if there is any interest in doing a Mystery quilt or a Row by Row. In addition to the August Picnic challenge, there will be six MMG's (mini-monthly games) that will be held. The first one will be in February and is entitled "Sing Along". Any members who want to participate should bring the following to the February meeting:

- 1. Plastic grocery bag
- 2. 1 yard of <u>100% cotton</u> (a full yard, not fat quarters)
- 3. 1 pair of scissors.

You can choose to participate in any, all or none of the MMG's and those who participate in all six will be recognized at the end of the year.

2015 – PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

Remember it is important to sign up early for workshops and pay the workshop fee by the <u>month prior</u> to the workshop. NOTE: Kit fees for workshops are payable to the instructors on the day of the workshop.

FEBRUARY 9, 2015 – Speaker – Barbara Kaylor Barbara Kaylor from "We're Sew Creative" quilt shop at Concord Mills will be speaking to us about how we can better utilize our sergers in quilting. **NOTE:** There is no workshop scheduled for February at this time.

MARCH 9, 2015 – Speaker - Susan Brubaker Knapp http://www.bluemoonriver.com/

Susan Brubaker Knapp, host of Quilting Arts TV, will be our March speaker. Susan is from Mooresville, NC and is an expert quilter and teacher. She is also a fabulous artist and photographer who is inspired by her daily walks, capturing nature and creating from this exposure works of art in thread and paint onto fabric. Her trunk show is awe inspiring.

Workshop – March 10, 2015 Buttons Beads and Stitching Fun! Instructor: Renee Hoagland

<u>Class fee</u>: \$20.00 (payable to Cabarrus Quilters Guild)

Kit fee: \$15.00 (payable to Renee Hoagland)

Have you ever wanted to add a few unique embellishments to your quilts? What about a decorative edging to give distinction to your quilt! In this class you will learn fun embellishment techniques which will add details that will bring your quilts to a whole new level. Renee will show you beading techniques, unique decorative hand stitching patterns and unusual uses for buttons. All of these techniques can be used on both Traditional and Art Quilts. You will leave class with clear directions which you can reference for future projects and a finished example book of your work completed in class.

APRIL 13, 2015 – Speaker – The Quilters Gallery APRIL 14, 2015 – Workshop – Small Wall Hanging <u>www.quiltersgallery.net</u>

Workshop Fee: \$30 (payable to Cabarrus Quilters Guild)

<u>Kit Fee</u>: \$20 includes fabric for small wall hanging (payable to The Quilters Gallery)

The "Pizza Girls" from Quilters Gallery are returning due to popular demand with a trunk show and sale of fabulous fabrics and tools, as well as presenting a workshop featuring the 15 Degrees ruler. Barbara Bruce, one of our members, is volunteering her handiwork to display so we can see what we will be inspired to do.

MAY 11, 2015 – Speaker – Jane Hall

MAY 12, 2015 – Workshop "Strips on Foundation" <u>www.janehallquilts.com</u>

Jane Hall will be doing a lecture, "Firm Foundations, Past and Present" and a half day workshop, "Strips on Foundation" which offers us a couple of choices with the direction we can go.

JUNE 8, 2015 – Speaker – Flavin Glover JUNE 9, 2015 – Workshop "Log Cabin Landscapes" www.flavinglover.com

Renowned quilt artist, Flavin Glover will be gracing us with her presence! A resident of Pittsburgh a few years ago and her work is timeless. Her lecture will be "Color, The Design Element with Punch", and her workshop, "Log Cabin Landscapes" looks like loads of fun and possibilities. Ask Marguerite Klaiber for a reference on her work!

JULY 13, 2015 – Speaker – Scott Murkin JULY 14, 2015 – Workshop "Finish Finesse" <u>https://www.flickr.com/photos/scottmurkin/</u>

Scott Murkin will be our guest artist. His lecture is on "Quilt As Desired" and his workshop is "Finish Finesse". A great artist and teacher! **AUGUST 10, 2015 – Annual Picnic** (Committee Needed) and **Guild Challenge** (more details to come)

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SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 – Speaker – Karen Lee Carter SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 – Workshop "Contemporary Crazy Quilt by Machine" <u>www.KarenLeeCarter.com</u> Karen Lee Carter's topic for the lecture is "Express Yourself - Originality and Creativity in Quilting" and the workshop is "Contemporary Crazy Quilt by Machine".

OCTOBER 12, 2015 – Speaker – Eileen Williams OCTOBER 13, 2015 – Workshop "Beginning Art Quilt"

www.eileenfiberartquilts.com

Eileen Williams' lecture will be her journey as an art quilter with slideshow. The topic "Beginning Art Quilt" and focusing on under the sea will probably be the workshop, with emphasis on design principles.

NOVEMBER 9, 2015 – To Be Announced

Watching the year and looking for new or old ideas, or just whatever the guild wants!

DECEMBER 14, 2015 – Christmas Party

Guild Library:

New books have been added, stop by and take a look at what is available! A list of library books is also available on the guild website. If you see a book you would like to request, please let Debbie Robb know via her email address or call her (contact information available in your Guild Directory), and she will bring the book to the next meeting.

Community Outreach

A letter was received from Pat Greene of the Hospice & Palliative Care of Cabarrus County thanking our guild for the donation of 14 quilts for their Hospice patients on December 18, 2014. The donated items will be of great use to the patients and families at the Bob & Carolyn Tucker Hospice House as well as their home patients. They thanked us for our unwavering commitment and support to their organization.



Marguerite Klaiber noticed the photo above in a recent article in the Charlotte Observer. The Victory Junction Camp bear in the corner of the picture wasn't mentioned in the article (not sure if it is one of ours) but we know he must have been to camp.

SEWING ITEMS FOR SALE BY MEMBERS

Sewing related items that are for sale or trade by members may be listed in this new section of the newsletter. Send any pertinent information and photos to Barbara Orr.

ITEM FOR SALE:

Studio Accuquilt 1-1/4" die cut for circles. Still in package - bought in error. Will sell for \$25.00 or best offer. Contact Pat Arndt (contact info in guild directory).

Sew Tuesdays:

Sew Tuesdays are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Cabarrus County Senior Center, 331 Corban Ave., SE, Concord, NC. Hours are 9 am until 3 pm on the first Tuesday and the third Tuesday of each month. You may bring anything to work on. If you need help with a technique or project, someone will be able to help you. If you need information contact Mildred Lamb.

Sew Saturday

Sew Saturdays are held in the Training Room at Bonitz Flooring located at 4539 Enterprise Drive, Concord, NC, (Directions) and begin at 9:30 am. -\$3 charge.

January 17th - Microwave bowl potholders February 14th - Victory Junction Bears

NOTE: Please contact Carol Harris to let her know if you have an interest in a particular project and/or if you are willing to teach a particular technique or pattern.

2015 UPCOMING QUILT EVENTS

If you know of any other shows not listed, please contact Barbara Orr to include them in the newsletters.

February 21, 2015

9th Annual One Stop Shop Hop; USC Lancaster Campus Hubbard Drive, Lancaster, SC 29720. Admission: \$3.00 One day event, over 25 vendors, free parking

March 13-14, 2015

"Timeless Treasures Now & Then" Charlotte Quilters Guild Quilt Show 2015 Metrolina Tradeshow Expo 7100 Statesville Rd., Charlotte, NC

April 17-18, 2015

Heart of the Triad Quilt Guild presents Nothing Could Be Finer Quilt Show C3Church Greensboro 300 NC Hwy 68 South, Greensboro, NC 27409 www.hottgg.com

April 17-18, 2015

Colonial Quilt Lovers Biennial Show Knobbs Creek Recreation Center 200 East Ward Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909 www.cqlguild.org April 22 - June 21, 2015 ARTQUILTSreminisce Page-Walker Arts & History Center 119 Ambassador Loop, Cary, NC 27513 www.paga-south.org

May 15-16, 2015

"Southern Hospitality" Quilt Show and Exhibition Sponsored by Crystal Coast Quilters Guild Crystal Coast Civic Center 3505 Arendell Street, Highway 70, Morehead City, NC 28557 www.crystalcoastquiltersguild.org/2015guiltshow.html

May 28-31, 2015

North Carolina Quilt Symposium Boneclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC (See attached flyer) www.westernncquilters.org

August 15, 2015 (9a-4p) High Point Quilt and Vendor Show YMCA 150 W Hartley Dr, High Point, NC 27265

September 2015 TBD

13th Annual Quilt Fair: Quilts in the Attic sponsored by Ashe County Piecemakers Quilt Guild Jefferson Station, 20 E Ashe St, W Jefferson, NC For info www.ashequilters.org

September 25 & 26, 2015

Annual Fiber Art & Quilt Show presented by Cabarrus Quilters Guild sponsored by Quilters Loft of Mooresville Cabarrus Arena & Event Center 4751 Hwy 49 N, Concord, NC 28025 www.cabarrusquiltersguild.org/Quilt_Show.htm

October 2 & 3, 2015

33rd Annual Asheville Quilt Show Quilts: From Inspiration to Creation WNC Agriculture Center 1301 Fanning Bridge Rd, Fletcher, NC 28732 <u>www.ashevillequiltguild.org/show.html</u> Fri and Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4:30

October 2015 TBD

Foothills Quilters Guild Biennial Show Shelby, NC 28152 www.foothillsquiltersguild.org

October 2015 TBD (10am-4pm)

High Country Quilters Annual Quilt Show Maggie Valley Town Hall 3987 Soco Rd, Maggie Valley, NC Free admission, Free Parking

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Occasionally our members are asked if we know anyone who does antique quilt repair. This would be good information for us to keep on file for future requests. Please share with the guild any contact information you may have for anyone who does this type of work. You may send the information to any member of the board.

The following was recently submitted: Diane Plunkett, at the Q-Bee Quilt Shop at 10729 S Tryon St, Charlotte (near Steele Creek and Carowinds), repairs antique quilts. Phone is 704-588-2225, <u>http://www.thequiltingbee.net</u> and her e-mail is<u>info@thequiltingbee.net</u>.

SEWING TIPS AND TRICKS

- Make a small design board by using a piece of foam core board, spray adhesive and 100% batting. Ideal for moving block pieces from ironing surface to sewing machine.
- 2. On thread cones that have a slot for securing the thread tail, mark the slot with an arrow to find it more easily.
- 3. Use small strip of "Press'n Seal" to secure the thread tail on spools that don't have a slot for securing the tail.

The following is a tip that was a Facebook post from Aunti JoJo:



"I would like to share this idea with other quilters. I had to clean my quilting/guest room for Holiday guests. I was working on a quilt using strips 2.5" & 1.5" wide that were spread out on one of my tables. I didn't want to pack them up in a box so I used some of my 'fuzzy' hangers [the kind you use for clothes so they don't slip off] to hang them. I arranged them by colors and spread them out so I could see the patterns. It has been easy to move them around without them slipping off and saves space on my table. Now that I am back to making the blocks, I hang them in front of my machine and can pick and choose them as I need. It works great! Hope others can use this idea too!"

Sew Funny

HEY DEB, HAVE YOU FINISHED RE-THREADING YOUR SERGER YET?



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Sew What's for Dinner?



Pull Apart Pizza Bread

Ingredients:

2 cans of pizza dough or biscuits

2 cups mozzarella cheese (or your favorite cheese)

2 tablespoons of Italian seasoning or parsley flakes 1/3 cup olive oil

1 - 8 oz package of pepperoni

1 cup Parmesan cheese

Optional: Add a 1/2 teaspoon of fresh garlic or garlic powder

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Cut pizza dough or biscuits into quarters Cut the pepperoni into smaller pieces. Mix all the ingredients in a bowl and toss so that the oil is spread evenly on each piece of dough. Bake for about 30 minutes (or until the top is brown and the center is thoroughly cooked)

TIP: Be sure to check it in the middle before you pull it out. If the middle is still not cooked thoroughly be sure to leave it in another 5 minutes at a time until it's done. Flip over on to a plate while it's still hot.

Serve with a side sauce and enjoy!

2015 Committee Chairpersons

2015 Programs/Workshops – Pat Arndt, Candy McManaway 2015 Quilt Show – JoAnna Cupp (Chair) & Melba Mick (Co-Chair) 2015 Raffle Quilt – Debbie Morse & Committee 2016 Raffle Quilt – Committee Needed **Community Outreach** – Tom & Connie Richardson **Historians** – Phares Sechler & Sonja Simmons Humanitarian/Hospitality - Sharon Smith Librarian – Debbie Robb Membership/Newsletter – Barbara Orr Guild Activities – Candy McManaway, Debbie Robb 2015 August Guild Challenge – Adrienne Phelan, Candy McManaway, Debbie Robb 2015 Christmas Committee – Joan Martinkovic & Donna Johns Sew Tuesday – Mildred Lamb **Sew Saturday** – Carol Harris **Retreat Liaison** – Nancy Miller BJ's Membership – Pat Stedwell Webmaster – Terry Patterson Visitor Welcome – Adrienne Phelan Audit Committee - Debbie Morse, Charlotte Doyle, Donna Johns Publicity (Guild & Quilt Show)- Donna Johns Facebook (Business Page) – Donna Johns

Newsletter Information:

Every paid member will receive the newsletter in an e-mail early in the month. If you wish to have your newsletter mailed, there will be an annual \$10.00 charge to help defray the cost of paper and postage. It will also be available on the guild website for everyone. If you have anything you would like included in the next newsletter, contact Barbara Orr.

NOTE: All guild member addresses and phone numbers are available in the most recent pictorial

Guild Directory as well as in the Membership Roster that is sent out periodically to the members.

Quilting Classes (all levels)

Looking to expand your quilting skills? There are classes available at most of the local quilting stores. Take advantage of them and you will unlock a lot of possibilities.

Dawn's Sewing & Embroidery – Albemarle, NC www.dawnsfabrics.com

We're Sew Creative – Concord, NC https://www.weresewcreative.com/classes/sign -up/

The King's Threads (formerly Circle Sewing Studio) – Concord, NC http://www.circlesewingstudiosnc.com/

Anderson's Sew & So – Rockwell, NC http://www.ansewso.net/

Judy Lea's Quilt Studio – Concord, NC http://judyleasquiltstudio.com/classes.php

Sew Much Fun – Lowell, NC http://www.sewmuchfun4you.com/classes.htm

QUILT OF VALOR RETREAT



Barbara Orr, Pat Ott, Trudy Pollard, Cindy Palazzo, Ona Phillips

A group from our guild spent four days at the 2015 Quilts of Valor Retreat in Toccoa, GA. It was a fun time of sewing and getting to know each other better. At this retreat you can work on your own projects or team up with others. It is amazing how much sewing you can get done in such a short time.



Some of the recipients of quilts presented during the retreat displayed big smiles of appreciation.

We came away with a renewed purpose of sewing more quilts to honor our service men and women who have given so much for our country. We invite you to participate in this worthy endeavor as well. Volunteers are always welcome. Contact Barbara Orr if you are interested in learning more about getting involved.



Three of the guilts finished at the retreat.



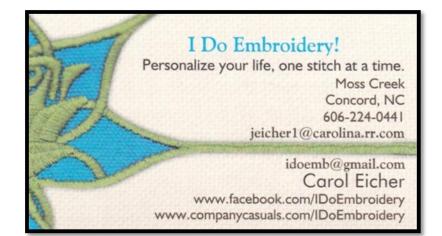


A quilt for someone special to Cindy!

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(If you have a business that you would like to advertise be sure to give Barbara Orr a business card so you can be included in this feature – free of charge to members).







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