



Cabarrus Quilters' Guild Newsletter March 2015

From the President's Desk:

There are times when I just want the companionship of other quilters. It doesn't matter if we are working on the same thing or if we each have a different project. Just being with someone who shares my interest can be enough. There are other times when I want to talk with someone else about a quilt I am making. Do you ever wish someone was available to give you advice or you just had someone you could bounce your ideas off? Do you wonder what someone else thinks about what you have already done? Do you need encouragement or are you in a rut? Maybe you aren't sure the colors work together. How should you quilt it? Do you need to add something else? (Buttons? Yoyos? Ribbon? Anything? Nothing?) Should it have another border? If so, how large should it be? What color? Pieced or appliqued?

There are so many decisions to be made when we make a quilt. Some of those decisions we will want to make by ourselves. Other times we may wish for input from other quilters even though we will make the final decisions. My husband will smile and tell me that what I am working on looks "good" but that is not helpful when I am trying to make decisions concerning what I need to do to improve my project.

To meet the needs of the members of our guild, I encourage each of you to consider forming or joining a small group of like-minded quilters. You may be interested in only traditional quilts. You may want to applique, embroider, or do some other technique. You may just want to get together and sew. You may have to meet at a specific time – AM, PM, weekends. Regardless of the needs or interests you have, there may be others in our guild who would like the same things.

In order to find others who share your interests, at our guild meeting you can put a sign-up sheet on the Member's Table to see who is interested. You can make an announcement at the meeting or place a note in the newsletter. Or, you can just talk with your friends to find out if they are interested in forming a group. I believe you will find being a member of a group to be a rewarding experience.

Carolyn Sweet, President

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.

2015 Guild Officers:

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

March Birthdays

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| Janet Bailey | 3/1 |
| Carolyn Sweet | 3/1 |
| Mattie Johnson | 3/5 |
| Kathy Lock | 3/6 |
| Delores Matney | 3/7 |
| Debbie Morse | 3/14 |
| Susan Coan | 3/18 |
| Donna Johnson | 3/23 |
| Marilyn McKinney | 3/23 |
| Natalie Swilley | 3/25 |
| June Dale | 3/30 |

February 9, 2015 - Minutes

The doors opened at 6:15 p.m. President Carolyn Sweet opened the meeting at 6:47 by welcoming visitors and new members. Greeters were Cecilia Estey, Joan Martinkovic and Adrienne Phalen. Refreshments were provided by Mildred Lamb, Phyllis Grass, Cathey Hooper, Susie Mosier, and LaVerne Kidd.

Carolyn read a thank you note from Will & Judy Ford for the contribution made by the guild in memory of member Maver Ford. Carolyn named all the committee chairs for 2015 and had them stand to thank them for participating this year in the guild leadership. Still needed is a Raffle Quilt committee for 2015.

Pat Arndt introduced Barb Kaylor from We're Sew Creative who gave a demo of the Babylock Ovation serger.

Pat Arndt outlined the upcoming meetings: 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. Workshop is \$20/kit \$15. April will be the Pizza Girls with the "Fifteen Degrees" quilt workshop. Workshop is \$30/kit \$20.

Activities: The sing along game tested cutting, tearing, and rhythm skills. Participants are to bring something back next month from their fabric bag. No rules. Need not be finished.

A break was taken from 7:55-8:05

Joanna Cupp talked about quilt show changes for this year:

1. Categories will be unchanged except to separate the lap and baby quilts into two categories and to add an applique quilt category.

2. Judging will be Sept. 12 at Bonitz. The quilts will be turned in Sept. 9, same church as we have been using. Forms will be due in August. No entries will be allowed by email.
3. Contracts have been sent to the judges. (Marcel Miller/Lorraine Covington)
4. Program books will need to be preprinted when forms are turned in. We will have the Awards printed as an insert that can be tucked in the programs.

Carolyn recognized members with February birthdays. Ten members participated in show and tell with various projects for the members to enjoy viewing. Bears, quilts, blocks, and baskets were displayed.

Announcements:

- Debbie Morse announced we will have the raffle quilt at the Salisbury Show at Trinity Oaks Nursing home on Feb. 22.
- Debbie is also handling Silent auction and is looking for items, and has some panels and such if someone wants to complete them.
- Carol Harris announced Sew Saturday will be this Saturday and they will make Victory Junction bears.
- Marguerite Klaiber announced the Charlotte show will be March 13 & 14. She has flyers if anyone is interested
- Candy McManaway announced that for March's activity you need bring nothing. We are going fishing.
- Barbara Orr announced (during Show and Tell) to let her know if you are interested in sewing for QOV.

Twelve members displayed various projects they have completed. The door prize winner was Alice Suchanoff.

Reminder the next meeting is March 9th. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Miller - Secretary

Refreshments and Greeters

NOTE: 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.

March Greeters:

JoAnna Cupp
Marguerite Klaiber

March Refreshments:

Ann Ashworth
Debbie Morse
Sylvia Stancil
Melba Mick
Bonnie Labadie

SPLASH OF COLOR QUILT SHOW UPDATE

Jo Anna Cupp, Quilt Show Chair, shared the following information regarding important dates for the 2015 Splash of Color Quilt Show:

Final date to submit quilt show entry forms:

Monday, August 10, 2015 – no submissions will be accepted by email. Forms will be available shortly on our website.

Quilt(s) due for submission for judging:

Wednesday, September 9, 2015 (collection will be at Bonitz Flooring located at 4539 Enterprise Drive, Concord, NC, ([Directions](#)) – time to be announced

Quilt Judging: Saturday, September 12, 2015 – Bonitz Flooring located at 4539 Enterprise Drive, Concord, NC, ([Directions](#)) – time to be announced

Splash of Color Quilt Show: (Times to be announced)

Setup day – Thursday, 9/24

Quilt Show – Friday 9/25 and Saturday 9/26

JoAnna also indicated that the majority of categories will remain the same with a few additional changes such as an Applique Quilt Category and separate categories for Lap and Baby Quilts.

2015 – PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

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

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

The March program will be a trunk show and lecture by Susan Brubaker Knapp. She will show us her new creations, and will speak on her artistic journey and her hosting of the Quilting Arts Show.

Workshop – March 10, 2015

Buttons Beads and Stitching Fun!

Instructor: Renee Hoagland

Class fee: \$20.00 (payable to Cabarrus Quilters Guild)

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

Our workshop, the next day will be with our very own Renee Hoagland teaching us stitch and bead embellishments to add excitement to our quilts.

APRIL 13, 2015 – Speaker – The Quilters Gallery

APRIL 14, 2015 – Workshop – Small Wall Hanging

www.quiltersgallery.net

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

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

April will be the return of the Quilters Gallery (better known as the Pizza Girls!) with a trunk show, great shopping and a workshop. We will be making a wall hanging for Christmas with the 15 degree ruler and pattern.

MAY 11, 2015 – Speaker – Jane Hall

MAY 12, 2015 – Workshop “Strips on Foundation”

www.janehallquilts.com

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.

A more detailed description of the workshop and a supply list can be printed directly from her website (click on: [Strips on Foundation](#)).

Workshop Fee: \$20 (payable to Cabarrus Quilters Guild).

JUNE 8, 2015 – Speaker – Flavin Glover

JUNE 9, 2015 – Workshop “Log Cabin Landscapes”
www.flavinglover.com

Renowned quilt artist, Flavin Glover will be our speaker for June. Her lecture will be “Color, The Design Element with Punch”, and her workshop will be “Patchwork Houses”. If you have never seen her work, please visit her web site, and see why we are excited to get this national acclaimed winner and teacher!

Cost and supply list TBD.

JULY 13, 2015 – Speaker – Scott Murkin

JULY 14, 2015 – Workshop “Finish Finesse”
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/scottmurkin/>

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)

SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 – Speaker – Karen Lee Carter

SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 – Workshop “Contemporary Crazy Quilt by Machine”

www.KarenLeeCarter.com

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

Community Outreach

We want to thank all the people who have worked or are working on bears for Victory Junction. Would everyone please turn in either completed bears or partial bears at the March meeting so we can see how many we have. So far we have about 60 bears to give Victory Junction. We know that there are more bears in progress. We would like to get a count.

We received a very nice thank you card from a family that was given one of our hospice quilts. It was such a comfort to the family and the person involved. Thanks to all of you who contributed quilts to hospice.

Guild Activities:

February’s MMG had participants testing their rhythm skills by taking a one yard piece of cotton fabric and then ripping it in half. Music was played as one piece was placed back in the bag and the other half was passed around a circle. When the music stopped, the piece you received was again ripped in half. One half was placed in the bag and the other half passed around again. This continued two more times and finally the original half piece of fabric from the bag was passed around so that everyone ended up with fabrics not their own. Participants are to bring something back made from the fabric collected next month.

As a reminder that if you participated in the February Sing Along your block/project is due in March (**remember there are no rules and it does not need to be completed**). So get busy and get a block/project made. Remember you will only get credit if you create something to show. There will be an MM Sign In sheet at the library table.

You do not need to bring anything to participate in March's MM, those interested will be "Going Fishing". It should be another fun event!

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.

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.

There is no Sew Saturday scheduled for March because that is one of the days for the Charlotte Guild's annual Quilt Show at Metrolina.

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.

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.

RETREAT – FINAL PAYMENT DUE MARCH 9TH

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 9th - \$60
If you aren't sure of your amount, contact Nancy Miller.

For maps of the center, go to

<http://www.stchristopher.org/index.php?Map>

2015 UPCOMING QUILT EVENTS

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

March 13-14, 2015

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.hottqg.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/2015-quiltshow.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
www.ashevillequiltguild.org/show.html
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

Sew Funny



Sew What's for Dinner?



Chicken Mozzarella with Sun-Dried Tomatoes

Ingredients:

3 large garlic cloves, minced
1 small jar (3-4 oz) sun-dried tomatoes in oil, or use
1 lb chicken breast tenders
Salt
Paprika (just a little bit)
1 cup half and half
1 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded
8 oz. Penne pasta
1 tablespoon dried basil
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (at least,
add more to taste)
1/2 cup reserved cooked pasta water (or more)

Instructions:

Note: if using sun-dried tomatoes in oil (in a jar), make sure to drain sun-dried tomatoes from oil, before using them. Reserve 2 tablespoons of this drained oil for sauteing as described below:
In a large pan, on high heat, sautee garlic and sun-dried tomatoes (drained from oil) in 2 tablespoons of oil (reserved from the sun-dried tomatoes jar - see note above) for 1 minute until garlic is fragrant. Remove sun-dried tomatoes from the pan, leaving the oil, and add chicken tenders, salted and lightly covered in paprika (for color) and cook on high heat for 1 minute on each side. Remove from heat.

Cook pasta according to package instructions. Reserve some cooked pasta water. Drain and rinse the pasta with cold water (to stop cooking). Slice sun-dried tomatoes into smaller bits and add them back to the skillet with chicken. Add half and half and cheese to the skillet, too, and bring to a gentle boil. Immediately reduce to simmer and cook, constantly stirring, until all cheese melts and creamy sauce forms. If the sauce is too thick - don't worry - you'll be adding some cooked pasta water soon. Add cooked pasta to the skillet with the creamy sauce, and stir to combine. Add 1 tablespoon of basil, and at least 1/4 teaspoon of red pepper flakes. Stir to combine. Add about 1/2 cup reserved cooked pasta water because the creamy sauce will be too thick (do not add all water at once - you might need less or more of it). This will water down the thickness of the cheese sauce and make it creamier. Immediately, season the pasta with salt and more red pepper flakes, to taste, if needed. Let it simmer for a couple of minutes for flavors to combine.
Note: Make sure to salt the dish just enough to bring out of the flavors of basil and sun-dried tomatoes.

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.anewso.net/>

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

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

SEWING TIPS AND TRICKS

ACRONYMS FOR QUILTING:

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| FQ | Fat quarter |
| HST | Half square triangle |
| LA | Long Arm (quilter) |
| NESTY | Not even started yet |
| PFC | Professional fabric collector |
| PHD | Projects half done |
| PIGS | Projects in grocery sacks |
| RST | Right sides together |
| STABLE | Stash accumulated beyond life expectancy |
| TIH | There is hope |
| UFO | Unfinished object |
| WIP | Work in progress |
| WITHWIT | What in the heck was I thinking |
| WOF | Width of fabric |
| WOFQ | Width of fat quarter |
| WOMBAT | Waste of material, batting and time |
| WST | Wrong sides together |

1. When sewing binding on by hand, tie a knot about every 10 stitches so if the stitches come loose, the entire binding is not at risk.
2. Instead of discarding large used mailing envelopes, punch holes along one edge to fit a three-ring binder. Use the envelopes to store patterns and templates. Attach a photocopy or sketch of the block or project to the outside of the envelope so you can quickly identify the contents.
3. For every quilt you make, consider also creating a repair kit. Just place pieces of the quilt fabric, binding, and a square of batting in a plastic bag and give it to the person receiving the quilt.

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

2016 August Guild Challenge – Adrienne Phelan, Candy McManaway, Debbie Robb

2016 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

Guild Retreat - Nancy Miller

Visitor Welcome – Adrienne Phelan

Audit Committee - Debbie Morse, Charlotte Doyle, Donna Johns

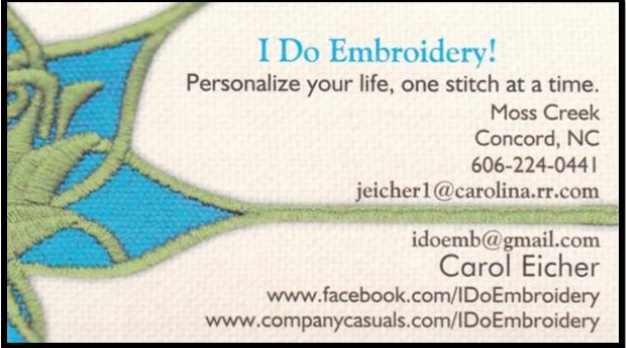
Publicity (Guild & Quilt Show)- Donna Johns, Cecilia Estey

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 a small \$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.



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Newsletter Advertisement Space

Business card size \$7.00 per issue
Half page size \$15.00 per issue
Business card size is free for guild members

(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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