



To instill in future generations the love and art of quilt making.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

From the President:

After Tom and I started quilting in 2005, we looked for a quilt guild near where we lived. Attending the first meeting, we felt out of place and disconnected from the group. Being new quilters we were intimidated and did not feel we belonged. Needless to say, we did not go back. While we were in the process of moving here, someone recommended Rebecca Verier-Watt to do the quilting on a quilt Tom and I had done together. She recommended that we come to the Cabarrus Quilt Guild. We thought we would give it a try and here we are! We felt welcomed from the start and realized we had much to learn from the group, plus a chance to get to know our new community we called home.

Since January, we have five new members. We as a guild must be doing something right. When I called to welcome them, they all said they felt welcomed and were ready to be part of such a giving group not only for each other but to the community. This was the response from the new visitors also. Thank you for your involvement in making them feel welcomed. Please continue wearing your name tags as this is another way to help new members and old members who have momentary relapses. (This saves embarrassment.) We now have over 100 members which could also explain the need for these nametags.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about the new members. This will give you an idea of what they are looking for in our guild and how they have much to offer us.

Anita Black has lived in the Charlotte area for over twenty years. Over time she has met people who are guild members and has had good experiences with

them. She is looking for fellowship and a chance to learn. She did a couple of cuddle quilts for us last year. She has a Facebook page, Quilting for Preemies, part of an organization out of South Carolina, (Binkie Patrol .org) and a Facebook page on Quilting for the Homeless. She would like to learn to do more free motion quilting. She has quite a passion for quilting and quilts every day.

Carla Garceau came from Decatur, Illinois but has been here for five years. Three of her children are still there and one is in Ft. Lauderdale. She has a granddaughter in Huntersville. She has attended our quilt show for the past four years. She took some classes from We're Sew Creative and learned about us through them. She has a son that was in The Air Force in The Gulf War and is working with The Quilts of Valor in making a quilt for him that will be presented to him in Decatur later this year. She is looking for friendship and a chance to help her community and learn new skills

Barbara Hinson has been around quilting all of her life. Her Grandmother lived in a log cabin with no electricity in the mountains when Barbara was growing up. Because she had 18 children, there were needs for warm quilts and her grandmother was always working on them. These were hand pieced and hand quilted. Barbara learned her quilting from her and has continued hand quilting and some hand piecing. She wants to learn new techniques, invest in a new sewing machine, meet new people and give back to the community. She has been working on a Hospice Quilt. She has already jumped in with both feet by volunteering to organize the 2016 Christmas party and helping Melba with the vendors for the quilt show.

Karen Knapp divides her time between here and New Mexico as she has a son in each place. She will be going to New Mexico in March to welcome

in a new grandson and will be back in September to be with her other son and two young grandchildren. She wants to get involved when she is here, attending classes, learning new techniques and contributing to the community. She likes bright colors, applique and paper piecing. She has attended classes at the Senior Center and likes working in groups.

Johnnie McCallum: As of writing this newsletter, I was not able to get in touch with Johnnie.

She became a new member in January. I will feature her in the next newsletter.

I want to thank Lisa Schreck, a new member last fall, for doing the Comfort Squares for Sonja Simmons and for Phyllis Grass at the February meeting. The following is the information that Lisa gave to us about the squares: The Comfort Squares is a completed 12 inch quilt block which has not been quilted, but has been pre-strung and is ready to be tied. When presented, all members will be encouraged to tie a knot as they say a silent prayer or words of comfort/encouragement. The tied squares will then be delivered to the intended recipient. The Comfort Square represents the guild coming together in friendship.

You know you are a quilter IF . . . “Fat Quarters” are not the heaviest part of your body!

Connie Richardson, President

REGULAR MEETING DATE & STARTING TIME

Monday, March 14 @ 6:15 pm

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.

2016 GUILD OFFICERS

President – Connie Richardson
Vice President – Cecilia Estey
Secretary – Debbie Morse
Treasurer – Colleen Sain

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn Sweet	March 1
Kathy Lock	March 6
Pat Bochey	March 7
Delores Matney	March 7
Debbie Morse	March 14
Barbara Hinson	March 17
Susan Coan	March 18
Donna Johns	March 23
Marilyn McKinley	March 23
Natalie Swilley	March 25
June Dale	March 30

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Anita Black
Carla Garceau
Barbara Hinson

FEBRUARY 8, 2016 - MINUTES

Cabarrus Quilter's Guild
Minutes of General Membership Meeting
February 8, 2016

President Connie Richardson welcomed everyone to the January meeting at 6:45pm. Many visitors were introduced along with new members, including Carla Garceau, winner of the 2015 Raffle quilt. Visitors and new members were reminded to complete a form. C.C. Estey passed out fat quarters for February birthdays. Colleen told members they can now pay member dues with a credit card with a processing fee of \$2.

Connie recognized Lifetime guild members Phyllis Grass, Mildred Lamb, Bessie Ketner and Fay West who was one of the founders of the Cabarrus Quilters Guild. Greeters were Melba Mick & Lisa Edwards. Carol Graham provided refreshments with help from Ona Phillips, Carolyn Sweet, Louise Lewis and others. Debbie Morse announced she will store the supplies box between meetings. Connie reminded members to sign up for future meetings.

Nancy Miller made a motion to approve the January minutes printed in the newsletter. Tom Richardson & Marguerite Klaiber seconded and members voted to approve.

Connie asked members to be sure to wear their nametags to meetings. She gave an update on Sonja Simmons who will start chemo Thursday and is going to Duke for a 2nd opinion. Lisa Schreck presented Prayer Squares for Sonja and Phyllis after they were passed around to members. Connie advised fabric for Quilts of Valor, Victory Junction Bears and Hospice quilts are available for members at the back of the room. Connie showed one of the 7 quilts completed for Hospice from the tops donated in January by Merle Clifford. Carol read a thank you card from a Hospice quilt recipient and will bring some simple patterns for quilts to future meetings.

Melba Mick gave an update on the quilt show. Ten vendors are signed up, manufacture donation are coming in and Jane Hall will be the judge. Melba asked members to write any ideas on suggestion cards.

Nancy asked members to go to the guild's Facebook business page and Like, Share & Add Comments to increase our following. Monthly meetings will be entered as events.

Connie asked for volunteers for the 2016 raffle quilt, Christmas party and newsletter. For now Nancy will format the information Connie provides. Any information for the newsletter should be sent to Connie.

Charlotte Doyle gave members the schedule for future months and described the Quilts of Valor presentation of 18 quilts at the West Cabarrus YMCA. She introduced Susan Edmondson to present a program on Embellishments, and to discuss the workshop Artful Postcards.

After a short break, the activities committee described next month's activity, grid quilts, and reminded members to sign up and pick up fabric and pellaon grid. They presented Valentines to guests who were not at the January meeting and then members exchanged Valentines made with materials provided.

Dawn Hopkins won the door prize. Members displayed show & tell items. Linda Brimanson asked members to pick up their membership cards if they paid tonight.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Morse, Secretary

REFRESHMENTS AND GREETERS - MARCH

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.

Greeters: Cindy Palazzo, Esta Wannamaker
Refreshments: Mildred Lamb, Phyllis Grass, Susie Mosier, Cathey Hooper, and Mattie Johnson

OPEN POSITIONS FOR 2016 & 2017

Open Positions: It is important to have a committee to do the 2017 Raffle Quilt. This is part of the budget plan and our commitment to CVAN. This project should start as soon as possible.

Newsletter: Nancy Miller and Connie Richardson will co-chair the newsletter. If any information needs to be written for the newsletter, please send to

Connie at clrich39@gmail.com at least two days before the 25th. Submit all other information that goes into the newsletter by the 25th of the month to cabarrus.quilters@gmail.com The newsletter will be sent by email around the first.

2016 – PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

Our March speaker will be Ann Bolick who will present a trunk show.

Reminder: Sign up early for workshops. Pay workshop fees by the month prior to the workshop. Pay kit fees for workshops to the instructor on the day of the workshop.

March 14	Trunk Show by Ann Bolick
April 1	Lecture by Karen Kay Buckley/Machine and Hand Applique
April 11	Lecture by Anita Bowen/Jumpstart your Creativity
April 12	Workshop by Anita Bowen Galaxy Stars
May 10	Lecture by Wendy Buttler Burns
May 11	Workshop by Wendy Buttler Burns Textured Tweety
June 13	Deb Heatherly/ Deb's Cats N Quilts Lecture: Everything you ever wanted to know about Creative Grids@Rulers and Tools
June 14	Deb Heatherly/Deb's Cats N Quilts - "Sampler B" Workshop
July 11	Quilts of Valor Presentation
July 16	Saturday Workshop /Quilts of Valor
August	Guild Picnic
September	OPEN
October	OPEN
November	CVAN Cuddle Quilts due
December	Christmas Party

ACTIVITIES

Bring your Tiny Quilt to this month's meeting to display and get your charm. Remember: it does

NOT have to be completed, bring as is. I hope you have all had fun experimenting with this. These tiny quilts can be made 2", 1.5" or 1". The 1" sewn quilt qualifies under the Miniature Quilts category for the quilt show.

We have several reminders:

- You can still bring in your fat quarter to get your incentive pin.
- You can still bring in your completed valentine for a charm.
- Please make sure you have filled out your activities survey.
- For those of you that are making Tiny Quilts, if you have any extra 2" squares you would like to share, bring them to the meeting
- Please remember to wear your name tag with your incentive pin and charms.

Be ready for a new project for April.

Becky Knauer
Activities Committee

FACEBOOK PAGE

After last month's meeting, our Facebook page showed a 1000% increase in page interest—**for a week**. Then it fell back to a little above its previous levels.

Try to remember to visit the page weekly—not just the day after our meeting. **LIKE, COMMENT,** and **SHARE** things. Commenting and including a picture is also a great way to rouse more interest! If you have questions or something you want posted email nancymiller217@yahoo.com.

GUILD LIBRARY

A list of library books is available on the Guild website. If you see a book you would like to request, please let June Dale know via her e-mail or call her (contact information available in the Guild Directory) and she will bring the book to the next meeting. If you have suggestions for new books, please let her know.

A new book has been added to the library. **The New Hexagon** by Katja Marek.

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.

RAFFLE QUILT – 2016

Please pick up your raffle quilt (2016) tickets from or turn in money to Nancy Miller at the monthly meeting if you have not already done so. About half our members have not picked up their raffle tickets! Please contact Nancy if you would like to sell your raffle quilt tickets at an upcoming Quilt Show, or if you have contacts for a venue to sell tickets.

Sell your raffle tickets: We have some upcoming dates for selling raffle tickets:

- **March 5** @ We're Sew Creative 9-1 (inside)
- **March 12** @ Mary Jo's 9-1 (outside)
- **April 29-30, 2016** Salisbury-Rowan Quilters Guild Spring Quilt Show (Fri 10-5:30, Sat 10-4)
- At present, Charlotte has not committed to letting us sell at their show

To volunteer: contact nancymiller217@yahoo.com

2016 QUILT SHOW NEWS

Barbara Hinson is working with Melba on quilt show vendors.

SEWING TIPS AND TRICKS

Instead of using your finger to finger press when piecing, try using a wallpaper steam roller. It works great!

Anyone who wants to submit a sewing tip or trick for this section, send to cabarrus.quilters@gmail.com and title it Sewing Tips.

2016 UPCOMING QUILT EVENTS

If you know of any other shows not listed, please contact the Newsletter Chairman to include them in future newsletters.

Ongoing
Quilt Trails of Western North Carolina
www.quilttrailswnc.org

March 4-5, 2016
10am – 5pm
A Celebration of Quilts 2016
Cobblestone Quilters Guild “Low Country Threads”
Omar Shrine Temple
176 Patriots Point St., Mt. Pleasant, SC
March 11 and 12, 2016
9am – 4pm

“Just Spoolin Around”
The Charlotte Quilter’s Guild
Metrolina Trade Show Expo, Charlotte

April 2016 TBD
Biennial Quilt Show
Rutherford Quilt Guild's
Isothermal Community College, Student Union
286 ICC Loop Road (off Route 74 Alt), Spindale, NC
www.rutherfordquiltguild.org

April 8-9, 2016
(8th – 9:30 – 4:30) (9th – 9:30 – 4:00)
Threaded Memories
Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild

Pelham Road Baptist Church
1108 Pelham Road, Greenville, SC

April 15-17, 2016
Warrenton Quilts
www.warrentonquiltdays.com

April 2016 TBD
5th Annual Scenic Route Shop Hop
Ladybug's Cottage - Wendell, NC 27591
Quilt Lizzy - Warrenton, NC 27589

April 29 & 30, 2016
Sunny Days and Starry Nights Quilt Show
(29th - 10:00 - 5:30) (30th - 10:00 - 4:00)
First Baptist Church Ministries Center
223 N. Fulton St., Salisbury

May 2016 TBD
Annual Crystal Coast Quilt Show
Crystal Coast Civic Center
3503 Arendell St, Hwy 70, Morehead, NC
www.crystalcoastquiltersguild.org

June 2-5, 2016
North Carolina Quilt Symposium "Quilting with the Stars" hosted by Capital Quilters at William Peace University, Raleigh

June - September 2016 TBD
Row By Row Experience
www.rowbyrowexperience.com

August 2016 TBD
The Mountain Piecemakers Annual Quilt Show
Burnsville Town Center
6 South Main Street, Burnsville, NC 28714
Contact Dorothy at 828-678-0221
mountaintainpiecemakers@blogspot.com
www.mountainpiecemakers.blogspot.com

September 30 & October 1, 2016
Cabarrus Quilt Show
Cabarrus Arena & Events Center
4751 Hwy. 49
North Concord, NC 28025

http://www.cabarrusquiltersguild.org/Quilt_Show.html

September 2016 TBD
Quilt! Carolina Quilt Tour
Triangle to the Triad & Beyond
www.quiltcarolina.com

September 2016 TBD
Quilting in the Pines V Biennial Quilt Show
Historic Fair Barn, 200 Beulah Hill Road S,
Pinehurst, NC

September 2016 TBD
Ashe County Piecemakers Quilt Guild Annual Quilt Fair
Jefferson Station, 20 E Ashe St, W Jefferson, NC
For info raholbrook@wilkes.net
www.ashequilters.org

October 2016 TBD
Biennial Smoky Mountain Quilt Show
Ramsey Center Coliseum, Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, NC 28723
www.smokymtnquilters.org

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Cabarrus Hospice - If you have quilts for Cabarrus Hospice call Carol Graham - 980-781-4170.

Any material that you feel might be useful to others who are making quilts for Quilts of Valor, Hospice or Victory Junction bears can be put on the back table to be used for that purpose. Any material not claimed by members of the guild will be put in the White Elephant collection.

QUILTING CLASSES (All Levels)

Looking to expand your quilting skills? There are classes available at most of the local quilting stores. Dawn's Sewing & Embroidery - Albemarle, NC
www.dawnsfabrics.com

Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Concord, taught by Carolyn Sweet. 9-12 Tuesdays. 8 week session began February 2nd. All skill levels are welcome. Anyone who is interested in more information can call Carolyn at [704 782-3052](tel:704782-3052).

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/>

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

2016 Christmas Committee – COMMITTEE NEEDED

2016 Quilt Show - Melba Mick, Chair
2016 Raffle Quilt – Nancy Miller & Committee
2017 Raffle Quilt – COMMITTEE NEEDED

Audit Committee – Nancy Miller, Tom Richardson, Bonnie Labadie
BJ's Membership – Pat Stedwell
Community Outreach – Carol Graham
Facebook (Business Page) - Nancy Miller
Guild Activities – Sara Bemus, Becky Knauer & Diane Thayer

Guild Retreat – POSITION OPEN
Historians – Phares Sechler & Sonja Simmons
Humanitarian/Hospitality – Sharon Smith
Librarian – June Dale
Newsletter - Nancy Miller
Membership – Linda Brimanson
Name Badges – Rosey Stein, Paulette Lundy
Nomination Committee – Bonnie Labadie and
COMMITTEE NEEDED

Programs/Workshops – Charlotte Doyle, Ona Phillips

Publicity (Guild/Quilt Show) – Cecilia Estey
Sew Tuesday – Mildred Lamb
Visitor Welcome – Adrienne Phelan
Visual Aids for Meetings – Tom Richardson
Webmaster – Terry Patterson

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Every paid member will receive the newsletter in an email 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.

NOTE: All guild member addresses and phone numbers are available in the most recent pictorial Guild Directory as well as the Membership Roster that is sent out periodically to the members.

Days of the month to remember:
Newsletter submissions due: 25th
Newsletter sent: 1st

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 Nancy Miller a business card so you can be included in this feature – free of charge to members).





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www.weresewcreative.com

The following businesses have donated long-arm quilting services and/or workspace to the Cabarrus Quilters Guild Quilts of Valor Creative Piecers Group efforts:

Anderson's Sew & So LLC
10104 Old Beatty Ford Road
 PO BOX 219
Rockwell, NC 28138-0219
704 - 279- 3647

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