

Cabarrus Quilters' Guild Newsletter March 2018

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

March has come at us like a lamb. (Sure hope it does not go out like a lion). We have enjoyed some very welcomed warm weather in the last few days, and I for one am so glad. We had a great meeting in February. The trunk show was so exciting. Thanks to programs for setting this up. The things that everyone made with quilt scraps were wonderful. I know it took a little time, but I think it was worth it to see all the thoughtful gifts. Thanks to our activities girls for that event.

Connie Richardson has come forward to be the chairperson for the Community Outreach Committee. This is an important job. The main function of our guild is service, and I can not think of anyone better for the job than Connie, thank you.

So much has happened in the last few weeks that made our hearts sad; from the lost lives of so many young people, to the homegoing of my favorite pastor, Billy Graham. Let's go into the upcoming spring by changing those sad feelings to happy ones. Send a smile to people you passs, not just the ones you know (they will love it too). It does not cost anything to be kind and smile. It's hard sometimes when the day is too long and everything is going wrong. Not only will you possibly make someone's day a little better, but you will be blessed also, so share the smile.

See you all at the March 12 meeting and don't forget to bring your tips. Thank you.

Barbara Hinson









IMPORTANT GUILD ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUILD T-SHIRT AND BAG SALE

Orders for Guild T-shirts and Embroidered Canvas Bags will be taken at the March and April Guild Meetings. The T-shirts (Heather Caribbean Blue or Heather Purple) are \$15.00 (2X & 3X - \$18.00) and the Embroidered Canvas Bags are \$20.00.

NEW MEMBERS

Ann Bolick joined us in February. She has 3 children and 6 grandsons. She moved from Lenoir in 2013 for her job in Charlotte. She is retired from Wells Fargo after 30 years. She is a past member of the guild and originally was told about the guild years ago when a friend was presenting a program at a meeting. She is pretty much a self-taught quilter and has been quilting since 1977. She likes pieced quilts and loves any star pattern. Lately she has become interested in more modern quilts. She has made up to a thousand quilts. She makes hospice quilts thru her church. Ann loves to read and recently read The Tattered Quilt, an Amish quilt story.

Reba Bryan joined us in December. She is the sister of Sylvia Stancil. She has two children and three grandchildren. Reba retired from the court system in St. Lucie County and was previously a director at the YMCA in Fort Pierce for 8 years. She was born and raised in Cabarrus County and just moved back this past summer. She took quilting classes after her retirement in 1999 and has been quilting ever since. She likes traditional quilts such as log cabin, pineapple, etc. She would love to be able to quilt like Sylvia! She likes to spend her time quilting and working in the yard.

Beverly Cook joined us in February. Her husband was born and raised in the area and their children were born here. Beverly and her husband moved around a lot for his work at construction jobs. She is now retired from various office jobs. They have had a home here for over 50 years. Beverly has been quilting for 10-15 years. Please welcome her back as she was a guild member years ago when

Florence (from Hancock's) got her interested in the guild.

REGULAR MEETING DATE AND STARTING TIME

MONDAY, MARCH 12

We meet on the second Monday of each month in the basement fellowship hall at Forest Hill United Methodist Church, 265 Union St., N., Concord, NC. VISITORS WELCOME!

The building opens at 6 o'clock. From 6:15 to 6:30, enjoy refreshments, greet friends, sign up for upcoming activities, workshops, check out program displays, get a book from our library, etc. The meeting will begin at 6:30 and have a short break.

2018 GUILD OFFICERS

President - Barbara Hinson Vice President - Melba Mick Secretary - Claudia Hoerner Treasurer - Genevieve Van Loan

LAST MEETING MINUTES

Cabarrus Quilters Guild Minutes of General Membership Meeting Monday, February 12, 2018

President Barbara Hinson began the meeting at 6:30 and thanked everyone for coming out. She said there were free books and magazines for the members to take if they wanted to. There was a correction in the last minutes of the board meeting, the workshops are on Tuesdays not Saturdays. A copy of the minutes was passed out for everyone to go over and a vote would be taken at the end of the meeting. Sandy Winter has a quilt frame, if anyone is interested please let her know.

Natalie Swilley introduced the new members, Beverly Cook and Ann Bolick. The visitors were Candace Strovd, Bethany Strange, Jim Lemons, Sissy McRorie, Mary Ann McEachern, Megan and Margaret Clifford, Gail Pankas and Donna Leamy. Barbara Hinson talked about the Missouri Star trip. We have twenty-eight people signed up but still need to have thirty-two to be able to get all the discounts. She asked everyone to talk to everyone they knew who might be interested in going. Barbara's husband printed up the directory for everyone. The directory helps the members to learn everyone's name. Janie MacGown thanked all the February birthday members for bringing the refreshments. She also reminded them to pick up their fat quarters. Barbara Hinson asked everyone to use the humanitarian box. Connie Richardson reminded members about the sew day at Fire Station #9 on Friday the 16th. Connie said we have almost 100 bears for Victory Junction. This is the first year Victory Junction has asked for guilts. Connie said they have twelve done and about twelve to finish. The size needed for those quilts is 45 x 70. There was a sign-up sheet for anyone who wanted to go to Victory Junction and what day would be good. A date will then be determined. Carol Eicher said she got \$250. from her non-profit organization at work, that money was spent on batting for charitable quilts. Carol will be at the Fire Station on Friday to take pictures. Melba Mick introduced Anita Black for the 2019 raffle guilt chairperson.

Darlene Woodham introduced Merle Clifford who gave a trunk show. She started making quilts in 1983. She retired in 2000 and now does very little sewing except for quilts. She won third place for a quilt put in the Ashville guilt show. Each of her quilts had a story behind them and were beautiful quilts. Barbara Hinson spoke about the memories and the passing down the quilts to family and friends.

Karen Knapp spoke about the new activity, it will be a UFO challenge. She passed out a sheet to put up to eleven ufo's that you need to complete and bring that back at our next meeting. She recommended we take pictures to record our quilts. There will be extra stickers given for any donated item given to the activity committee. The project for March is to bring in a tip that would be helpful

to the members. The projects that were made for this meeting were passed out.

There was a reminder to pick up your raffle tickets and a picture of the 2018 raffle quilt. We can sell tickets at the Salisbury quilt show May 4th. Ona Phillips showed a quilt block for everyone to make and give back to her for the Quilts of Valor. Janneke Bahamon will email the pattern to everyone.

Stephanie Mayes made a motion to accept the 2018 budget and Melba Mick second it. The budget was passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted, Claudia Hoerner, Secretary 02, 13, 2018

REFRESHMENTS/GREETERS-MARCH

GREETER: Connie Richardson
REFRESHMENTS: Carolyn Sweet, Genevieve Van
Loan, Mattie Johnson, Kathy Lock, Maria
McGinnis, Debbie Morse, Barbara Hinson, Cynthia
Belton, Natalie Swilley, Karen Swart

Please remember to sign up to be a greeter for our guild meetings!

Don't forget to bring refreshments next month if your birthday is in April!

2018 & 2019 RAFFLE QUILT

If you haven't picked up your 2018 Raffle Quilt tickets, please do so at the next meeting. Also, if anyone has suggestions for places to sell tickets please contact Darlene Woodham

The Salisbury-Rowan Guild has allowed us one day at their show to hang our raffle quilt and sell tickets. The date is Friday, May 4th. Set up begins at 9:30. The address is 223 N Fulton St Salisbury (First Baptist Church Ministries Center). They will provide a table and 2 chairs and free admission for 2 of our members to man the table for each shift.

Please contact Darlene if you are interested in selling tickets at this show.



2018 – PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

You can sign up for the March and April Workshops. The cost for all workshops this year is \$35, plus the cost for kits/patterns/etc. that the instructor may charge. Workshops will be at Epworth United Methodist Church (1030 Burrage Rd NE Concord, NC) and are fro 9:30am-3:30pm.

March - Amy Stewart Winsor, Lecture and trunk show "Confessions of a Precision Impaired Quilter" Workshop, "Log Cabins in a Modern Setting" April - Michelle May, Lecture and trunk show - "Folk Art Fusion and my adventures down the rabbit hole". Workshop - "Beekeeper" Pincushion Class with the Crazy Bunny Lady.

May- To be arranged

June- Susan D Pierce- Missusiequilts- Patriotic Pinwheel

July- To be arranged

August - Guild Picnic

September- Lisa Alley- Bear Hug Quilts-

Brickyard Quilt Pattern

October - To be arranged

November - CVAN program

December - Christmas Party

ACTIVITIES

The activities committee would like to remind you of the next few months' activities.

FAVORITE QUILT TIP

For MARCH please bring in one of your favorite quilting/sewing tips. Al a Fons and Porter's tip section. If the tip is something that you can show please bring in the actual object. If not, write it up as clearly as possible. We will also vote on our favorite tips. Bring in quarters, and you will put in a quarter to vote for your favorite tip. Of course, this is voluntary, but all proceeds will go into our treasury. The top 3 vote getters will win a prize.

UFO PROJECT

The UFO project is an **ongoing** thing. The committee wants to encourage you to finish some of those UFOs. They might make great hospice, CVAN or Victory Junction quilts! Please bring your sheet back in **MARCH**, so we can document what you have for UFOs. This sheet is attached in the newsletter email. Then anytime in the next 2 years you can bring in a completed UFO and get a sticker. The committee will probably give a prize at the end of our term for the most completed UFOs, but that hasn't been firmed up yet. So this project is just a little nudge to help you clean out your sewing room, and hopefully get a few more donation quilts, or just give you a good feeling that you finished that lingering project!

If you have questions you may call or email Karen Knapp.

HAPPY SEWING!!!

DONATIONS FOR THE QUILT STAMP STORE

Any unwanted/unneeded sewing notions, patterns, books, anything related to sewing, quilting, or needlework of any type would be greatly appreciated. Every monthly donation earns an entry for a prize at year's end. An unwanted item can find a loving and useful home.

SEW DAYS

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. 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.

Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at First Wesleyan Church at 301 Bethpage Road in Kannapolis from 10-4pm. This location is open to everyone to work on any items. A donation of \$5 per month from those that can contribute goes towards the church's expenses for utilities. Contact Debbie Morse if you have questions.

The first and third Saturdays from 9am to 3pm at Crescent Heights located at 240 Branchview Dr NE, Concord, NC 28025. Contact Cecilia Estey.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND UPCOMING CHARITY EVENTS

VICTORY JUNCTION BEARS: We had a very successful workshop on the 16th at Fire Station #9, and many helped with the Victory Junction bears. We have 40 completed bears, about 50 bears ready to be stuffed and closed and several bear kits out being worked on at this time. We also have over a dozen completed quilts for VJ and many tops that will keep Tom busy for awhile. Carol Eicher gave out T shirts, a gift from Thrivent Financial who also donated \$250 to be used for charity quilts. This was also arranged by Carol Eicher. Thank you to all of you who have shown such enthusiasm in supporting both Victory Junction and Hospice either by working on the bears or making quilt tops.





We have the next two dates scheduled for the Fire Station #9 thanks to Charlotte Doyle. They are March 16th and April 27 from 9 to 4. The next two meeting will allow us to finish stuffing and closing the bears. We need plenty of "stuffers" so please put these two dates on your calendar.

VISITING VICTORY JUNCTION: I am still open to suggestions for days to visit Victory Junction. At this time, I have a call into the Director of Special Events and am leaning toward the third Monday (May 21) the week after the May meeting or Saturday (May 19.) I am not sure we can get the tour on Saturday but am thinking about those of you might work during the week. We are also working on a Victory Junction presentation for the May meeting and do some quality control of looking over the bears to make sure every bear is complete.

QUILTS FOR VICTORY JUNCTION: Many of you have been asking about the size of quilts for VJ. I have said "twin size" but this can be misleading.

They want the quilt to go over the top of the "bunk beds" but does not necessarily need to drape over the bed. If you think about 40 inches wide, you can use regular material that will fit for backing. However, we do have some backing material for wider quilts. As long as you keep the width 46 or less, Tom can cut batting for two quilts at the same time and have little to no waste of batting. A good length is approximately 65 to 70 but we have a couple that are less than this and should work fine for smaller children or those who might use them in wheel chairs or in times that they go for treatment. Sometimes a particular pattern dictates the size of a quilt so feel free to express yourself without limitations. The guild has batting for these guilts, and Tom will do the quilting for you if you wish. Your backing is appreciated but not necessary. Make sure the backing is 3 to 4 inches bigger than the top all away around. Remember, the idea is to have fun in creating and that your creation will bring such comfort to a child who needs to be wrapped in comfort. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

Tom and Connie Richardson.

HOSPICE QUILTS

Hospice would prefer quilts with widths of 30-44 inches and no longer than 60 inches. However, all contributions are appreciated.

Tom Richardson will quilt tops for Hospice and Victory Junction. Donations of material are accepted for backing.

QUILTS OF VALOR: The "Creative Piecers" Quilt of Valor Group will collect the 2018 Quilt of Valor blocks at Guild meetings in March, April, and May. The instructions are attached in the newsletter email. Please DO NOT square up the blocks. The QOV group will do that as we use them. All blocks will be put into quilts for veterans. Thanks to all who contribute a block for our veterans. Your efforts are very much appreciated.



NOTE: the guild will provide batting for Hospice quilts, Quilts of Valor quilts, and black and white check cotton fabric for arms and legs for Victory Junction Bears.

<u>ALL COMMUNITY OUTREACH CONTACT</u> <u>INFORMATION:</u>

- QOV: Colleen Sain
- Port pillows for cancer patients: Martha Austin
- <u>Hospice quilts:</u> Debbie Morse
- Victory Junction Bears: Tom & Connie Richardson

2018 UPCOMING QUILT EVENTS

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

Quilt Retreat

Join Lisa Edwards with quilting friends on a retreat at the Caraway Conference Center in Sophia, NC from Sunday, June 3rd to Thursday, June 7th. Check in as early as 9am, and check out by 5pm. The cost is \$440 for a single room and three meals a day are included. Please contact Lisa for more information.

Charlotte Quilt Show

Mar 9-10 9-4 \$5 admission Union County Agricultural Center 3230 Presson Road Monroe, NC

Quilting from the Heart Quilt Show

Sponsored by The Capital Quilters Guild March 16-18 Kerr Scott Building NC State Fairgrounds Raleigh, NC www.capitalquilters.org

86th Annual Uncle Eli's Quilting Party

April 6, 2018 – 1st Thursday in April Eli Whitney Recreation Center 4110 E. Greensboro Chapel Hill Road Burlington, NC 27215

Take a dish for Pot Luck lunch & bring a quilt to display 8:30 to 1pm

Call 336-376-6376 for more information or 919-259-8510 & 919-595-6224 to volunteer
Burlington Carousel Quilters Guild will draw for their raffle quilt at this event
Contact Debbie Morse for a road trip

Carolina Longarm Association is sponsoring a special event featuring Kelly Cline, Vintage Quilting at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Concord April 13-14, 2018. There is a limited amount of seats available for the April 13th event which is an all day 6-hour Domestic Machine class. There is also availability for the two Saturday April 14th both morning and afternoon Lecture/Trunk/ Demonstration. Please look at the attached flyer.

Salisbury Quilt Show

The Salisbury Rowan Quilter's Guild will host its biannual quilt show May 4-5, 2018 at the First Baptist Church Ministries Center 223 N Fulton St Salisbury NC. With nearly 200 quilts, the show will feature a tea room decorated in a wedding theme with vintage linens, tea pots and china tea cup and will offer lunch and dessert. On Saturday afternoon at 2:30 pm there will be a special presentation of quilts to area veterans. The vendor mall will offer a wide variety of items for quilters, sewers and knitters. The boutique area will feature a display of lovely handmade, gift items including hand bags, tote bags, table runners, place mats and many other gift items. There will also be a Grandma's Attic with fabric, notions, books, tools, trims, buttons and dozens of other items at bargain prices. Show hours

are Friday 10am-5:30 pm and Saturday 10am to 4pm. Admission \$7

NC Quilt Symposium

Co-hosted by Asheville Quilt Guild May 31-June 3 University of North Carolina @ Asheville Campus www.ncqsi.org and www.ashevillequiltguild.org

FACEBOOK PAGE

Remember to visit the page as often as you cannot just the day after our meeting. <u>LIKE</u>, <u>COMMENT</u>, and <u>SHARE</u> things. Look for our monthly meeting EVENT on Facebook. Start doing this now to increase the interest in our quilt show! Mark that you will be attending the quilt show and forward the event to friends!

GUILD LIBRARY

Welcome to JoAnn Hahn as our new librarian. If you have any request for books please email her.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Newsletter: Janneke Bahamon

Program Committee: Johnnie McCallum and

Darlene Woodham

Quilt Show 2018 Chairperson: Stephanie Mayes

Raffle Quilt 2018: Darlene Woodham

Raffle Quilt 2019: Anita Black Guild Publicity: Cecilia Estey

Facebook: Cynthia Belton and Colleen Sain **Activity Committee:** Valerie McGarity, JoAnne

Fisher, Gail Toliver, and Karen Knapp **Community Outreach:** Connie Richardson

Humanitarian/Hospitality: Karen Swart and Janie

MacGown

Librarian: Jo Ann Hahn Membership: Natalie Swilley Website/Directory: Terry Patterson

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. For the next starting date, contact Carolyn at 704 782-3052.

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

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

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

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

DAYS OF THE MONTH TO REMEMBER:

22ND—articles that need writing, contact Janneke Bahamon

25TH—completed articles, send to cabarrus.quilters@gmail.com

1st--newsletter will be sent by email.

Paid members receive the newsletter by email. For US mail, there is a \$10.00 charge to 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 periodically emailed to members.

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

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Cabarrus Quilters Guild Quilts of Valor Creative Piecers Group efforts:





