



# Cabarrus Quilters' Guild Newsletter

December 2013

## From the President's Desk:

Dear Guild Members,

As I sit here writing to you for the last time I reflect on the past two years. I am grateful for being allowed to be your president. Sitting with everyone and meeting new members is the one thing I have missed. Now is my chance to catch up. Will you save me a chair? The holidays are upon us. We can pick our friends but not our family. Time to enjoy the in-laws and out-laws. If nothing else you have something to laugh over in the coming year. Maybe you can make a quilt for Cousin Mel that matches his goofy sweaters. Then there are the children. So nice to see them taking a nap wrapped in a quilt you made them when they were born. To me there is no better compliment than to see my quilts being used. Now I will have the time to catch up on my baby quilt list. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Carol Harris, Outgoing President

Dear Guild Members:

As I write this, Thanksgiving is here, Christmas will be soon, and a new year for our guild is right around the corner. Your new board and I have been busy working to get everything in place as we make exciting plans which we will share with you at our January meeting. I hope all of you can be there. Regardless of whether you are a traditional quilter, an art quilter, or just like it all, we want next year to be an exciting and creative one for you.

Carolyn Sweet, Incoming President

## 2014 Guild Officers:

The following Board of Officers for 2014 was elected at the November meeting:

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

## IMPORTANT NOTICE



*This is a no-no!*

Please park in the paved areas around the church building and not in the grass.

## Birthdays



Joan Martinkovic	12/3
Pat Hite	12/17
Ona Phillips	12/23

## November Meeting - Minutes

The Cabarrus Quilt Guild monthly meeting was held November, 11, 2013 at Forest Hills United Methodist fellowship hall. President Carol Harris

opened the meeting at 6:30 PM by introducing three guests; she also acknowledged eight member's birthdays for the month.

This Thursday, Friday and Saturday is the Springs Industry Fall Sale at 220 West White Street, Rock Hill, SC. Thurs and Fri the sale hours are 7 - 3:30. Saturdays hours are 8 - 2.

The nominees for the 2014 Guild Slate of Officers was read aloud and each nominee was asked to stand. Ballots were handed out to members to vote or write-in candidates for the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The election results were as follows: Carolyn Sweet, President; Sharon Smith, Vice-President; Nancy Miller, Secretary; Barbara Bruce, Treasurer. The voting was unanimous with one write-in vote for the secretary position. The new officers assume their roles immediately.

Memberships to BJ's Warehouse can be obtained from Pat Stedwell. It is time for renewal or new memberships. The joining fee is \$25.

November's Sew Saturday will be to complete the Quilt of Valor. The blocks will be put together and the border attached.

If you would like to create a block to be taken to the Quilt of Valor Retreat in January, there is still time. The block is created using a 12.5 inch muslin foundation square using a color family of red, blue or gold. Blocks can be brought through the January meeting and Ona Phillips, Phares Sechler and Barbara Orr will take them to the retreat.

Suggestions for Sew Saturdays in 2014 include holding on alternate Saturdays; Paper-piecing; Dawn Hopkins will teach "Double Diamond"; Bears for Victory Junction; Large Tote taught by Barbara Bruce. Carol Harris indicated she would be willing to teach "Day and Night Quilt" by Eleanor Burns;

Circle curves demo; Square in a Square and applique techniques (hand or machine).

An invitation was extended to the husbands who helped at our recent quilt show, to join us next month at the Christmas Party. The meal is Pot Luck and we will again do the Dirty Santa gift exchange (\$20 limit - quilting related - wrapped) - participation is optional.

The Alderson Quilters Retreat flyer will be emailed to members. It is about the same distance from here as Lynchburg and will be held April, 2014 in West Virginia.

Tips and Tricks from the President: create binding samples - audition different sample widths of binding and use them to finalize the binding width for a quilt. Use 'sew-in interfacing' in foundation piecing - put interfacing on freezer paper and run it through your printer, remove freezer paper. Use water soluble stabilizer for foundation and remove with water when finished.

Show -n-Tell: Five members presented six items.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Petraske, Secretary

## Correspondence

The following email was received from Deb Triece from CVAN:

Thank you for inviting me to visit your caring and creative group. I love seeing all the wonderful quilts that are made with such love. Please know your quilts will make a difference in the lives of the women and children of Cabarrus County. Again, thank you for your beautiful donations to CVAN. Sincerely, Deb Triece

## Refreshments and Greeters

The December meeting is our annual Christmas Party and there are no Greeters assigned – everyone is asked to welcome any guests who may attend. Likewise because this is a Potluck Supper, there is no need for a Refreshment Committee for December. That being said please be prepared to sign up for both of these duties for the coming year. Sheets will be available at the sign-in table.

*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.*

January Greeters:            January Refreshments:

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – PLEASE SIGN UP FOR 2014**

## 2014 SPEAKERS & WORKSHOPS:

**December 9 – Annual Guild Christmas Party & Pot Luck Supper – Dirty Santa Gift Exchange**  
Committee members are Sara Bemus, Becky Knauer, and Diane Thayer.

**The following is a basic outline of programs and workshops for the coming year. More details will be available as they become available.**

**January 13** - Annual Business Meeting  
Guest Speaker – Susan Brooks, known as “The Collector”. Susan lives in Albemarle, where she moved after a 25 year career as a nurse. A quilt historian and lecturer, she now utilizes new technologies to create her own quilts and works as a sales rep for APQS Long arm, a handmade quilting machine. Susan will present antique quilts and give a history of quilt making through the centuries.

### **February 13 & 14**

Guest Speaker - Dottie Moore  
[www.dottiemoore.com](http://www.dottiemoore.com) Dottie will have a very interactive session with audience discussion on the creative process. Her workshop will be titled "The Rabbit Hole" and to those that took it last time, it will be a continuation of creative process including fabric painting.

### **March 10 & 11**

Guest Speaker - The Quilters Gallery, "The Pizza Girls" – website: [quiltgallery@bellsouth.net](mailto:quiltgallery@bellsouth.net)  
Fun, products, techniques to getting great results!! They had demonstrations at our quilt show that were very informative and made points and curves look simple. Workshop will be “Dresden Divas”.

### **April 14 & 15**

Guest Speaker - Karen Combs  
[www.karencombs.com](http://www.karencombs.com) Karen will present a trunk show on Quilts of Illusion and workshop is a sew-free one with tricks to create the illusion of transparency.

### **May 12 & 13**

Guest Speaker - Plain Jane Threads  
Website: [plainjanethreads@me.com](mailto:plainjanethreads@me.com)  
A different take on foundation paper piecing. Actually, foundation-less piecing with the same results - wonderful tools, wonderful time!

### **June 9 & 10**

Guest Speaker - Susan Sorrel  
Susan is all about surface design. Go to her website: [www.creativechick.com](http://www.creativechick.com) and see many examples of her work.

### **July 14 & 15**

Guest Speaker - Mickey Dupre  
Mickey will present a program on hexies or color forms (more details later). [www.mdquilts.com](http://www.mdquilts.com)

### **August 11**

Annual Guild Picnic (Potluck Supper & Games TBD)

## **September 8 & 9**

Guest Speaker - Amy Stewart Winsor

<http://winsorartquilts.com> Amy's work is about "when you can't precision piece and hate math, what do you do"? Looking at a crooked log cabin is the subject for her workshop.

## **October 13 & 14**

Guest Speaker - Sharyn Cole

Sharyn will teach us how to applique the easy needle turn way and using your machine, a most definitely easier way. [www.tuffetsource.com](http://www.tuffetsource.com)

## **November 10 & 11** - CVAN Cuddle Quilts due.

Guest Speaker – Karen Ponischil.

Karen will present a machine quilting workshop. [www.karenponischil.com](http://www.karenponischil.com)

## **December 8**

Annual Christmas Party & Pot Luck Supper

### **Membership Directory and Updates**

**Updates to member contact information will be sent to you periodically by email. Please contact Barbara Orr if you have any changes in your contact information.**

### **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.

### **Sew Saturday**

December Sew Saturday – No project scheduled due to holidays

The following suggestions have been made for future Sew Saturdays:

Double Diamond Ruler Technique – Dawn Hopkins  
Paper Piecing – **Need an instructor**  
Curved Piecing Technique – Carol Harris  
Square in a Square Technique – **Need an instructor**  
Night & Day (Eleanor Burns) – Carol Harris

If you have any requests or ideas, or if you would be willing to instruct or lead the group, please contact Carol Harris.

### **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 12 noon the first Tuesday and 9 am until 3 pm the third Tuesday. 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.

### **Guild Library:**

The Guild maintains an extensive quilting library list on our website. If you see any books that you would like to "check out", contact Debbie Robb and request that she bring the book to the next meeting.

### **RETREATS:**

Since we no longer have an annual retreat scheduled due to the closing of the Tabor Retreat Center, we will need to find another way to handle

this activity. Please let Carolyn Sweet know if you are interested in coordinating smaller groups that are interested in going on quilting retreats. This would basically be acting as a liaison between those interested in finding a group and groups looking for additional attendees. Each group would be responsible for making their own arrangements for the retreat.

**2014 UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS – If you know of any other shows not listed, please contact Barbara Orr to include them in the newsletters.**

**January 31-February 1, 2014**

The Quilting and Needle Art Extravaganza  
Statesville Civic Center  
300 South Center St., Statesville, NC  
[www.quiltersgallery.net/quilting-and-needle-art-extravaganza-vendor-info](http://www.quiltersgallery.net/quilting-and-needle-art-extravaganza-vendor-info)

**February 15, 2014 (9am-4pm)**

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Carolina One Stop Shop Hop  
University of South Carolina, Lancaster, SC  
[www.onestopshophop.wordpress.com](http://www.onestopshophop.wordpress.com)



**Charlotte Quilters' Guild Presents:**

**A QUILT SHOW AND VENDOR MALL**

**March 7-8, 2014**  
**Show Hours: 9am to 4pm**

**Show Location:**  
**Metrolina Tradeshow Expo**  
**7100 Statesville Road**  
**Charlotte, NC 29269**

**April 18-19, 2014**

Springtime in the Carolinas  
Rutherford Quilt Guild's Biennial Quilt Show  
[www.rutherfordquiltguild.org](http://www.rutherfordquiltguild.org)

**May 16-17, 2014 (9am – 5pm)**

Merry Quilts of May Quilt Show  
[www.forsythquilters.org](http://www.forsythquilters.org)

**June 26-28, 2014**

Original Sewing & Quilt Festival - Raleigh  
[www.sewingexpo.com](http://www.sewingexpo.com)



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**October 3-4, 2014**

Cabarrus Quilters Guild  
“Splash of Color” Annual Fiber Art & Quilt Show  
Cabarrus Arena & Event Center  
[www.cabarrusquiltersguild.org](http://www.cabarrusquiltersguild.org)

**2014 Committee Chairpersons**

**2014 Program Co-Chairs** – Pat Arndt and Renee Hoagland

**2014 Quilt Show Chair** – JoAnna Cupp

**Audit Commit 2013** – Juanita Williams, Bonnie Labadie and Becky Knauer

**2014 Raffle Quilt** – Art Quilt Small Group

**Community Outreach Co-Chairs** – Tom & Connie Richardson

**Historian** – Phares Sechler

**Humanitarian/Hospitality** – Bonnie Labadie

**Librarian** – Debbie Robb

**Membership/Newsletter** – Barbara Orr

**Sew Tuesday** – Mildred Lamb

**Sew Saturday** – Carol Harris

**Retreat Liaison** – **POSITION OPEN**

**BJ's Membership** – Pat Stedwell

**Webmaster** – Terry Patterson

**Visitor Welcoming Committee** – Joan Martinkovic & Melba Mick

### ***Sew Get To Know Someone This Month!***

Each month a member or two will be featured so we can get to know each other a little better this year.



Pat Arndt – Program Co-Chair

My quilting journey started in Pittsburgh, Pa in 1985, when for the first time in my adult life I took a break from working when my husband was transferred from Albany NY. Taking a class from a very traditional quilter, I tried very hard to follow her directions but found a creative streak coming through. I think the rebel thing incited it. Attempting other mediums, my mind kept going back to fabric. Putting together fibers, textures and color overtook. I am hooked. The only competition comes from two very delicious grandchildren, ages 10 and 7. Oh, and my husband!!



Renee Hoagland – Program Co-Chair

I am originally from Albany NY. My husband and I moved to Concord in 2000. I work as a Buyer for Newell Rubbermaid by day and by night – I quilt! My background is in Studio Art and Textile design. For years I was a weaver, papermaker and printmaker. One Sunday afternoon I took a trip to the book store and discovered a quilting book on the sales table! Took it home, read it from cover to cover and one month later made my first quilt! For the most part, I am a self-taught quilter. It wasn't until I worked up the courage to join our guild, did I

start to learn from the experts! My work ranges from Modern-Traditional to Art Quilts. I believe in lifelong learning, so I am always open to new ideas and techniques. I love anything which will help me add breadth and depth to my work. For me Quilting is Life! It is about taking the bits and pieces given to us and putting them together to make a treasure which will warm our bodies and energize our souls.

### ***Sew Helpful Hints & Tricks***

#### **Math for those tricky Half Square Triangles (HST):**

If you knew the size you needed your HST to be, but wanted to find out how big to cut your beginning squares, you would use this equation instead:  $HST / 0.64 = \text{Beginning Square Size}$ .

Of course it's always a good idea to make a test square before beginning a project, as all of our sewing and cutting varies. Not every size is exactly 64%, but it's a good place to start without getting too involved in the math. Below is a table that gives you the starting square size and the final HST size for sizes that have actually been tested. You may find as you make these that you can get  $1/8"$  to  $1/4"$  more from each size, but you may want to play it safe. So many times when I've made HST in the past I find that I don't have enough to trim away and get the size stated in the pattern, so I would rather play it safe. Good luck and have fun creating!

$12\frac{1}{2}"$	→	$8"$
$8\frac{1}{2}"$	→	$5\frac{1}{2}"$
$6\frac{1}{2}"$	→	$4"$
$7"$	→	$4\frac{1}{2}"$
$7\frac{1}{2}"$	→	$5"$
$5\frac{1}{2}"$	→	$3\frac{1}{4}"$
$4\frac{1}{2}"$	→	$2\frac{3}{4}"$
$4\frac{1}{4}"$	→	$2\frac{1}{2}"$
$4"$	→	$2\frac{1}{4}"$



## Sew What's For Dessert?



### **CINNAMON ROLL SWIRL CAKE**

#### BATTER:

3 cup flour  
1/4 tsp salt  
1 cup sugar  
4 tsp baking powder  
1 1/2 cup milk  
2 eggs  
2 tsp vanilla  
1/2 cup butter, melted

#### Topping:

1 cup butter, soft to the point of almost melted\*  
1 cup brown sugar  
2 Tbsp flour  
2 Tbsp cinnamon

In a large bowl, mix all the ingredients together except for the butter. Once mixed; slowly pour in the butter. Stir into batter. Pour into a greased 9x13 pan.

For the topping, mix all the ingredients together until well combined.

Drop evenly over the batter and swirl with a knife. Bake at 350 for 30-40 minutes.

#### Glaze:

2 cup powdered sugar  
5 Tbsp milk  
1 tsp vanilla

While the cake is warm ~ drizzle the glaze over the cake.

## Sew That's How She Made Them!



### Chocolate Dips – Ona Phillips' Recipe

(Several members asked for this recipe after last month's meeting)

2 boxes	Powered Sugar
1 can	Eagle Brand Condensed Milk
1 stick	Butter
1 lb	chopped nuts (I used walnuts)
1 lb	coconut
1 tsp	vanilla
1 lb	chocolate chips
¼ lb	parafin wax

Mix all ingredients together except chocolate chips and parafin wax. This mixture is hard to get mixed and will seem very dry.

Roll into 1-inch balls and put one toothpick in each one. Set on waxed paper in refrigerator overnight.

Melt parafin and chocolate chips in a double boiler and dip balls until completely covered with chocolate mixture. Place on wax paper to cool. These freeze very well and can be eaten as soon as removed from freezer – no need to thaw.

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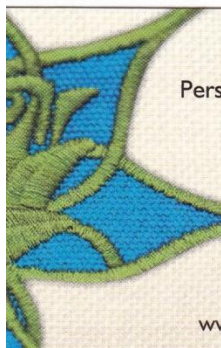
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