



Cabarrus Quilters' Guild Newsletter December 2014

From the President's Desk:

As I sit in my family room looking out the window at the falling leaves I am reminded of how lucky we are to have the changing seasons here. Leaves in shades of yellow, orange, brown, and red are spread all across my yard. Soon browns and maybe even an occasional dusting of white will be what I see. Next spring and summer the scene will change to a smorgasbord of colors on a background of green. Every season has its own special look. Each one is beautiful in its own distinct way.

The quilts made by members of our guild remind me of the seasons. Many of us have a certain palette of colors we prefer and often use in our quilts. We may make traditional quilts, art quilts, landscapes, or other styles. Just like the different seasons, there is a place for every quilt. What is important is that we enjoy what we do and that we appreciate the work by others even if it is not in the colors or style we prefer to use.

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.

2014 Guild Officers:

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

December Birthdays

Joan Martinkovic	12/3
Jim Smith	12/10
Ona Phillips	12/23

November 2014 - Minutes

The doors opened at 6:00 p.m. Vice President Sharon Smith opened the meeting portion at 6:45 by welcoming visitors and new members.

Pat Arndt introduced Karen Ponischill who shared a trunk show/lecture on her journey into applique and free-motion quilting. Karen provided two patterns for some extra door prizes.

Pat Arndt and Candy McManaway gave a brief run-down of November and December's programs. November is Karen Ponischill with free motion quilting. A couple of spots are still available. December will be the annual Christmas party.

Seven members showed their projects from last month and two people showed their finished mystery quilts. Pat Arndt informed those that ordered Amy Windsor books that they have not shipped yet. There has been a hold up, but they are coming. Five members showed projects in Show and Tell. A ten minute break was taken from 7:35 to 7:45.

Joanna Cupp gave some info on the quilt show. Asheville Guild has changed their show next year to our date. If we switch weekends to Asheville's former weekend (last weekend in September), we cannot rent the same venue, but can rent the Gold Halls 1 & 2 for about the same space. Cost is similar, but she didn't have exact figures. We are also looking into switching to March or April of the following (2016) year. Not enough information was available to make any decision. Joanna will be sending information to the board.

Melba Mick, Chairman for the Christmas party announced that each member is asked to bring a gift of groceries for the CCMA food pantry, instead of the gift exchange. She brought \$20 worth of groceries to show members what \$20 will buy (same amount our gift exchange is). The dinner will be a potluck. All types of dishes will be needed (entrees, sides, and deserts).

Candy McManaway and Debbie Robb announced that we will be playing a game at the Christmas party. They asked each member to bring a "Christmas Spirit bag" (lunch bag size) with some decorative items in it, such as garland, wrapping paper, buttons, icicles, bows (nothing breakable). **And bring a pair of scissors.**

November birthdays were recognized with a fat quarter for the members present.

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.

December Greeters:

Juanita Williams
Mattie Johnson

December Refreshments:

COVERED DISH SUPPER

2014 SPEAKERS & WORKSHOPS

Tuesday Workshops - Unless indicated otherwise, all Tuesday workshops are held at the Epworth United Methodist Church at 1030 Burrage Road Northeast, Concord, NC in the Widenhouse Building (behind the church) - ([Directions](#))



December 8th

Annual Christmas Party and Pot Luck Dinner - Melba Mick will chair the committee handling this event. The committee is planning games and lots of fun.

NOTE: This year we will be doing a food drive event in place of the usual "Dirty Santa" gift exchange. The committee decided that we all have so much that it would be more in keeping with the spirit of the season to give to those in need. Mr. Barry Porter and the Cooperative Christian Ministries serve a great many families in our area and are very appreciative of our Christmas Spirit. The truck will be near the sidewalk on the way down to the meeting from 6 to 7 pm so just leave your offering with Mr. Porter and Rosie Stein.

REMINDER: Bring your Christmas Spirit bag to the December Christmas Party. Your Spirit bag is either a lunch bag or plastic bag filled with Christmas

trims. Suggestions would be garland, icicles, ribbons, buttons, bows, wrapping paper, yarns, and things that sparkle. Please do not bring breakable ornaments or anything you want back. If you are bringing a guest please ask them to bring a Spirit bag also, and don't forget **you will need a pair of scissors for cutting paper, but do not put these in your Spirit bag.** These items will all be used for a game.

2015 - PROGRAMS (TENTATIVE SCHEDULE)

NOTE: It is important to remember that you need to sign up early for the workshops and to pay the registration fee no later than the month prior to the scheduled workshop. Kit fees will be payable to the speakers on the day of the workshop. This will be a big help to the program committee in scheduling, etc.

JANUARY – Annual Business Meeting

2014 Quilt Judge Lorraine Covington was asked after our last quilt judging to give us some tips and ideas on what a judge looks for before our next quilt show.

FEBRUARY

We are planning something "homespun" for the meeting night, to be announced later!

The workshop on the Tuesday following the meeting will be on "Embroidery and Beading - Embellishing Our Quilts" from one of our own, Renee Hoagland! Embellishing - an Art to itself!

MARCH

Susan Brubaker Knapp will give us a lecture involving her work (trunk show) and including info on how it is to be host of Quilting Arts TV.

APRIL

Quilters Gallery is coming back strong with a great project for Christmas. This one will be a kit, thus more time sewing, less time getting ready! The

theme is 15 Degrees and we might have one or two examples in our guild already.

MAY

Jane Hall (www.janehallquilts.com) 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

Renowned quilt artist, Flavin Glover (www.flavinglover.com) 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

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 – Annual Picnic (Committee Needed) and **Guild Challenge** (Candy McManaway and Debbie Robb)

SEPTEMBER

Karen Lee Carter, (www.KarenLeeCarter.com). The topic for the lecture is "Express Yourself - Originality and Creativity in Quilting" and the workshop is "Contemporary Crazy Quilt by Machine".

OCTOBER

Eileen Williams, (www.eileenfiberartquilts.com/landscape.htm). The 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....TBA...watching the year and looking for new or old ideas, or just whatever the guild wants!

DECEMBER – Christmas Party (Committee Needed)

Community Outreach

Hospice Quilts: We can also use more quilts for Hospice. If you have UFOs or tops that you don't want to finish, please donate them as quilts for Hospice. Tom and Connie Richardson will add batting and backing and finish the quilt for Hospice. The guild will supply the batting and the backing and make the donation in your name. Call Connie and Tom and they will come to pick-up your donation (contact information is in your 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.

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 Activities:

NOTE: Please contact Candy McManaway to let her know if you have an interest in a particular activity (i.e., Row by Row, Block of Month, Mystery Quilt, etc.). We are looking for new ideas so please share your thoughts.

RETREAT INFO

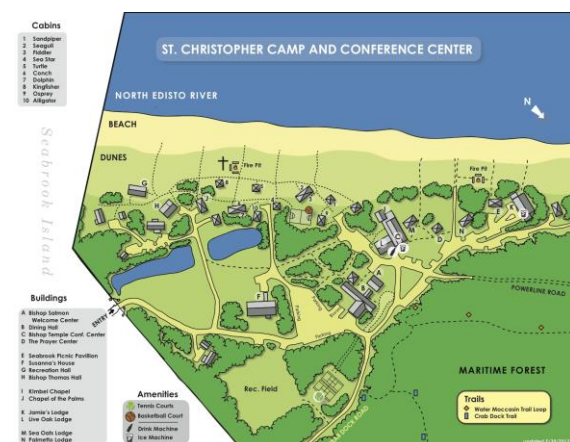


JUNE 12-14, 2015
St. Christopher's Camp and Conference Center
Seabrook Island, SC - On the beach! **This is about a 4-hour drive from Concord.**

<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 Library:

A list of library books is 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.

2014 UPCOMING QUILTING EVENT

JINGLE BELL SHOP HOP

December 5 & 6, 2014

**10AM TO CLOSING.....REGULAR
SHOP HOURS**

PARTICIPATING SHOPS:

Judy Lea's Quilt Studio – 95 McGill Avenue, NW
Concord, NC 28025

704-763-3709

QBee Quilts – 10720 S. Tryon Street #K
Charlotte, NC 28273
704-588-2225

Quilt Patch – 1017 Stallings Road
Matthews, NC 28104
704-821-7556

Sew Much Fun !- 831 S. Church Street
Lowell, NC 28098
704-824-1961

The Quilter's Haven – 4732 N. Hwy 16th
Denver, NC 28037
704-483-5999

**PASSPORT COST ----- BRING IN AT LEAST TWO
NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AND A PAIR OF
SOCKS FOR AN ADULT OR CHILD TO HELP THOSE
IN NEED.**

**ENTER TO WIN DOOR PRIZES FROM EACH SHOP
ENTER TO WIN A GRAND PRIZE IF YOU COMPLETE
THE HOP! TASTY TREATS! JINGLE, JUST FOR FUN!**

2015 UPCOMING QUILT EVENTS

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

January 31-February 1, 2015 – 9 am to 5 pm

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

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

May 28-31, 2015

North Carolina Quilt Symposium

Boneclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC

Additional info will be available soon at

www.westernncquilters.org

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).

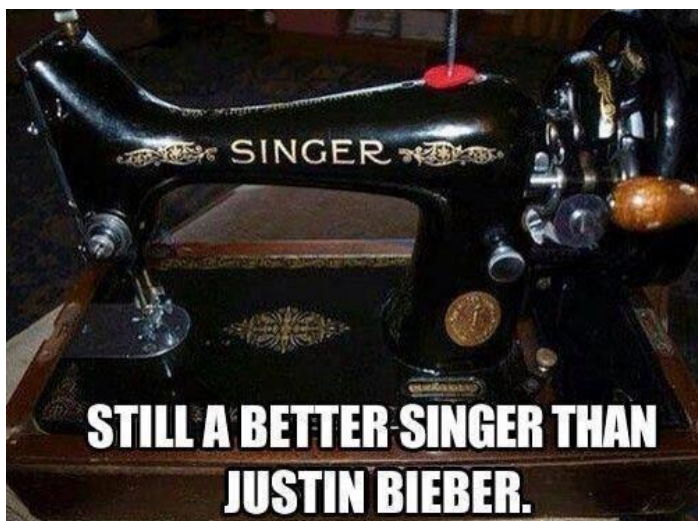
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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, <http://www.thequiltingbee.net> and her e-mail is info@thequiltingbee.net.

Sew Funny



Sew Get To Know Someone This Month!



Diane Thayer

Growing up on a farm in Northwestern, Ohio, I started sewing when I was 7 or 8, with feed sack fabric (of which I still have some) on an old sewing machine. Because my mother didn't sew at all, I taught myself to sew my clothes getting ideas and patterns from the newspaper. It was then that I discovered 5" penny squares at the Five and Dime store, which I sewed together, making my first quilt. By the time I was in high school, I was making most of my clothes. I did odd jobs and used my allowance money to buy fabric whenever I could--an obsession began.

I went to college/nursing school and didn't sew or make any more quilts until 1978, when I got married. My husband Michael, bought me my very own sewing machine and has been supportive of my hobbies and interests ever since. In the 80's I took Eleanor Burns Log Cabin in Day, and made my second quilt. I sewed for my kids in between moving nine times and doing home décor. I watched quilting shows and became inspired. When I became an empty-nester about seven years ago I started quilt number three.

What I like to do most is to learn new quilting techniques, therefore I have many UFOs. Besides quilting, I enjoy knitting, crocheting, weaving.... I am currently teaching three of my grandchildren how to sew. My daughter Laura surprised me by making a quilt and entering it in this year's

Cabarrus quilt show as her five young children “helped” her.

We’ve lived in Charlotte for 20 years. I have two girls, Julie and Laura, and a boy, Alan, who has two children and lives in Cary, NC. Julie and her husband and their six children, live with my husband and myself, in our semi-divided home. Grandma has her space so she can makes quilts for her thirteen grandchildren.



Sara Bemus

I have always enjoyed sewing and made my first dress in 8th grade 4H. I entered it in the local fair and received a ribbon. My mother was a professional seamstress and made wedding dresses.

I was introduced to quilting by a long time friend in 1996 and was hooked. I joined my local guild in California and was actively involved till moving to Charlotte in 2000. I enjoyed traditional quilting and appliqué and have made mostly bed size quilts. Once in Charlotte I met Donna, a good friend and mentor, who plugged into a small group of quilters that meet a couple times a month.

My husband, Darryl worked for IBM and retired in 2003. We will celebrate our 50th anniversary next year in March. We have two children and four grandchildren ranging in age from 9 to 21 years

old. Our grandchildren’s activities keep us very busy.

I try to get up to my newly renovated sewing room as much as possible. I truly have a blessed life.

SEWING TIPS AND TRICKS

With the holiday season just around the corner you’ll have to be even more efficient with your quilting time to accomplish your “to do’s” without creating more “UFOs.” Use these tips to whip out your quilts in no time flat!

1. Duct tape to the rescue

If you are cutting pieces of fabric that are longer than your cutting mat, borrow a mat from a friend and tape it to yours. Lay both mats face down and slide the edges together until they meet evenly. Join them together with a strip of duct tape and then turn the mats over and cut the long strips without having to shift your fabric.

2. Tape your rulers

Even if the measurement you need for your cutting strips is on your ruler, it can be helpful to place a piece of masking tape on the underside of the ruler at whichever line you are using. The edge becomes an important visual guide that keeps you on target and speeds up your cutting.

3. Stagger your strips

After cutting strips to the correct width, you can make additional sub-cuts by staggering each strip across your cutting mat with one long edge aligned with the long marks on your mat. Place the next strip next to the next long mark, overlapping your first strip. Keep the long fabric edges even with the mat markings. Place your ruler across all the strips, and then make your sub-cuts all at once.

4. Spin your mat

Limited studio space leaves little room for cutting. If you have lots of cutting to do, move to your

kitchen or dining room table. When you have to sub-cut your fabric, position it on the mat and make your first cut. But instead of shifting the fabric and risking misaligning its edges, spin your cutting mat to make the sub-cuts easier to do.

5. Let your tool do the work

Many quilters mistakenly keep their blade guard nut so tight that the cutter "slices" the fabric like a knife. However, the rotary cutting blade should actually ROTATE like a pizza cutting wheel. Loosen the nut holding your blade in place so that the blade spins as you slide it along the ruler.

6. Give your cutter a tune-up

It doesn't take much lint build-up between your cutting blade and the guard to impact your cutter's performance. Carefully remove the cutting blade and wipe it clean. Put a single drop of clear sewing machine oil on the blade guard, then reinsert the blade. Wipe up excess.

7. Sharpen your scissors

Blades that chew up your fabric or don't cut near the tip are frustrating. Invest in a quality pair of scissors and make sure you only use it for fabric, not for paper or other materials.

8. Mate fabrics for sewing

If you will be sewing two different fabrics together from the same cut unit, place the fabrics right sides together and press them together. Then cut your strips from both fabrics at the same time. They will already be in place for piecing.

9. Cut triangles from squares

Determine whether your squares will need one diagonal cut or two. For extra stability, use a cutting ruler that will completely cover the square's tip when you cut the diagonal. This helps to stop the cutting blade from pushing the fabric and stretching the bias.

10. Mark your mat

If you are using reference lines on your cutting mat, but you can't see the line markings or reference numbers along all four edges, place a length of masking tape along the unmarked edges, then add your reference numbers so that you can see what each line represents in inches without sliding your fabric or moving your ruler.

Sew What's for Dinner?



BEEF BARLEY VEGETABLE SOUP

INGREDIENTS:

1 (3 pound) beef chuck roast	4 cups water
	4 cubes beef bouillon cube
1/2 cup barley	
1 bay leaf	1 tablespoon white sugar
2 tablespoons oil	1/4 tsp. black pepper
3 carrots, chopped	1 (28 ounce) can
3 stalks celery, chopped	chopped
1 onion, chopped	stewed tomatoes
1 (16 ounce) package frozen mixed vegetables	salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a slow cooker, cook chuck roast until very tender (usually 4 to 5 hours on High, but can vary with different slow cookers). Add barley and bay leaf during the last hour of cooking. Remove meat, and chop into bite-size pieces.

Discard bay leaf. Set beef, broth, and barley aside.

2. Heat oil in a large stock pot over medium-high heat. Sauté carrots, celery, onion, and frozen mixed vegetables until tender. Add water, beef bouillon cubes, sugar, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, chopped stewed tomatoes, and beef/barley mixture. Bring to boil, reduce heat, and simmer 10 to 20 minutes. Season with additional salt and pepper to taste.

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/>

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

Circle Sewing Studio – Concord, NC
<http://www.circlesewingstudiosnc.com/>

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

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

2014 Committee Chairpersons

2014 Programs/Workshops –
Pat Arndt, Candy McManaway

2014 Quilt Show – JoAnna Cupp

2014 Raffle Quilt – Art Quilt Group

2015 Raffle Quilt – Debbie Morse & Committee

Community Outreach – Tom & Connie Richardson
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Webmaster – Terry Patterson
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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.

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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