



### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

When Scott Murkin was a guest speaker at one of our recent guild meetings, Carolyn Sweet, the president at the time, announced that there was still a need for a nomination of president. Scott then stated that of all the guild positions he had done, being president was the easiest. After careful consideration getting Tom to support me with the technology part, I said I would accept the nomination. My first big commitment was getting the committees together. This not only allowed me to get to know guild members, I quickly learned that we have so many talented members. I can't tell you how pleased I am to have such a strong support system in the board and the committee members. For this, Scott was right. The hardest task was to announce unpleasant news: Sonja Simmons, one of the committee members was diagnosed with stage four lung cancer. Phyllis Grass had lost her husband to cancer the week before. Scott did not prepare me for this part of my job. My hope for both Sonja and Phyllis is that they can feel strength in the love and prayers that so many of you have given them. Please continue. May they feel the strength of such a strong bond as shown in our guild as both members and as friends.

Connie Richardson, President

### REGULAR MEETING DATE & STARTING TIME

**Monday, February 8th @ 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

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Libby Toler	Feb. 7
Nancy Miller	Feb. 17
Peggy Overcash	Feb. 17
Louise Lewis	Feb. 22
Sara Bemus	Feb. 23
Carlota Doran	Feb. 23
Sana Moulder	Feb. 23

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Karen Knapp  
Johnnie McCallum

### FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE

It is February, the month of love. ❤️ There are so many ways we do this, for our families and our friends. This is also true in our commitment as guild members. We not only show love to each other, we work together in our projects for others, many who we will never meet. Even though we do these projects to help others, we also feel satisfaction and love in our own heart. Some of the projects are making CVAN quilts for youngsters

who come into the CVAN program for various reasons, a shelter for moms and their children. We also support *Quilts of Valor, Hospice, and Victory Junction*. Can you feel the warmth your quilt gives to a young child facing a new place, often scared of the unknown? Can you picture him or her wrapped in your love? What about the soldier that is facing a new life back home often with insecurity? That quilt can give comfort much in the same way as one given to a child. For one who has entered *Hospice*, that quilt can be a cocoon, a place for one to take comfort in knowing that someone cared and wanted to help. The bears for *Victory Junction* have a special place in a child's away from home experience. The bears help them face the pleasant and the unpleasant, the unpleasant being chemotherapy treatment, shots, dialysis, or helping them go to sleep at night. There are many ways we can help all of these organizations, even if you don't want to make a quilt or a bear. *Quilts of Valor volunteers* need red, white and blue material, or any patriotic prints. You can also just make the quilt tops. Batting and quilting are available. Just see Ona Phillips. This service is also available in making *Hospice* quilts. See Carol Graham for details. Tom and I like to be able to donate 100 bears to *Victory Junction* before camp starts in May and June. There are many ways to help here. We can always use donated children's prints or bright color cotton materials. We have kits made up ready to stitch with directions, or if you want to use your own material, we will give you the black and white fabric to make the arms and legs. We will set a date later to stuff and close the bears, if you don't want to sew them. We already have enough stuffing for the year. There are many ways to show love. February is a good month to start these projects. May the cold days in February warm your hearts with love.

I love that my husband quilts with me. He never complains about my stash!

Connie Richardson, President

## SEE BUDGET AS AN ATTACHED PAGE

President Connie Richardson welcomed everyone to the January meeting at 6:45pm. Six visitors were introduced and Connie checked to be sure they all had a complimentary door prize ticket. Birthdays were announced and C.C. gave fat quarters to those present. Connie reminded everyone that 2016 dues of \$30 are due and can be paid to Linda Brimanson, Membership Chair. Connie She asked members to sign up for Greeters and Refreshments for future months.

Connie told members the December minutes were printed in the newsletter. Some members indicated they did not receive the newsletter. Debbie Morse noted names and will forward the newsletter. Mildred Lamb made a motion to approve, Carolyn Sweet seconded and after a vote, the minutes were approved.

Announcements: 1) Debbie received a Thank You letter from Hospice for 13 quilts donated for Hospice patients. Carol Graham, Community Outreach Chair, was able to present a quilt to Phyllis Grass and her husband, James, on Wednesday, before he passed away. 2) Rosey Stein announced she will now provide nametags for new members and asked members that have not received a name tag to contact her. 3) Connie asked members to keep Phyllis and her family in our prayers. 4) She also announced that Sonja Simmons has been diagnosed with lung cancer and has resigned the Newsletter position. Sonja offered to prepare the February newsletter and Connie told her Tom will prepare February and asked for a volunteer to take over after February. Sonja has many tests in her future and we were asked to keep her in our prayers.

Connie asked the board members to come forward, along with the "old" board. Current board members then presented their predecessors with a gift card and Connie thanked them for their help during the transition. A gift card was then presented to Jo Anna Cupp for her efforts on the past three quilt shows. Connie also presented a Signature Quilt

from Carol Harris, prior outgoing President, to Carolyn Sweet.

Colleen began the Budget presentation by showing the guild purpose and how we meet that purpose. She displayed a summary of 2015 results showing profit of \$ 2,472.13. The Ticket Out the Door after the quilt show included positives and suggestions for Improvement that has been passed on to Melba Mick for future show. She then presented the 2016 Proposed Budget, with an estimated shortfall of \$4,285 and indicated the board is dedicated to reduce this shortfall. She asked anyone with suggestions to email her at [colleen.sain63@gmail.com](mailto:colleen.sain63@gmail.com). All suggestions are welcome.

Connie told members the budget will be included in the newsletter and asked if there were any questions. She asked that anyone with newsletter information use her email – [clrich39@gmail.com](mailto:clrich39@gmail.com) and not Tom's. Barb Bruce made a motion to approve the budget as shown, Carolyn Sweet seconded, and the budget was approved after a member vote.

Melba will give a Quilt Show update in February.

Pat Arndt started our program by asking former board members to tell how their quilting journey began and where they are now. Barb Bruce, Nancy Miller, Sharon Smith and Carolyn Sweet gave a trunk show with examples of earlier works and their most recent and expected future works.

Charlotte Doyle and Ona Phillips presented information for upcoming programs: Susan Edmondson will speak at our February meeting and sign-ups and payment for her workshop Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> are due tonight. At least 10 must register to avoid cancelling the workshop. Ann Bolick will present a Trunk Show in March. Ann is a former guild member and has taught workshops for our guild. The March workshop will be delayed until Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> when Karen Kay Buckley will present a hour lecture for our guild in advance of

her two day workshop at a Greensboro quilt shop. Charlotte & Ona made displays and had signup sheets ready for members and are working hard to schedule great speakers and workshops.

After a short break, Sara Bemus, Becky Knauer and Diane Thayer of the Guild Activities Committee, asked everyone to be sure to turn in a fat quarter in exchange for a guild activity pin. Those that forgot can turn in a fat quarter next month. We played "Getting to Know You" Bingo using envelopes with guild officers and committee chairs pictured and buttons, with fat quarters as prizes. Each envelope had a piece of card stock inside and members picked a bag of embellishments for our February activity –make a Valentine card.

Nancy Miller "revealed" the 2016 Raffle Quilt, Bejeweled, made with the 50 batik fat quarter s donated by guild members to help reduce cost. A picture will be posted on the website, and can be copied to your phone to show ticket purchasers. See Nancy at break or after meeting to pick up your tickets. She will advise of future opportunities to sell tickets.

Trudy Pollard won the door prize. Charlotte announced that 3 more people are needed to sign up for the February workshop. Five members had show and tell items, and quilt tops made with fabrics from white elephant fabrics were donated to make hospice quilts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Morse, 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.

**Greeters:** Melba Mick and Lisa Edwards

**Refreshments:** Carol Graham, Louise Lewis, and Becky Knauer

## OPEN POSITIONS FOR 2016 & 2017

Notice for smooth sailing into 2016 for the Cabarrus Quilt Guild - these are the positions that still need to be filled for 2016. Most of these could be shared with a partner if someone is interested but doesn't want the full responsibility.

Connie Richardson, President

We need:

Newsletter Editor

Christmas Party committee for 2016

Raffle quilt committee for 2017

2016 Guild Retreat Liaison

## 2016 – PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

Our February workshop is by Susan Edmonson. You still have time to sign up!

**Workshop by Susan Edmonson**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2016**

**“Artful Postcards”**

**Cost \$30.00**

**Sign up:** [charlottedoyle@carolina.rr.com](mailto:charlottedoyle@carolina.rr.com)

These little pieces of art are quite unique! There is a bit of painting for a background, a bit of hand embroidery & then embellish with beads, yarn and trims to your hearts desire! You do not have to know anything about quilting for this class you just have to enjoy the art of stitching & beading! You can't make just one! After the stitching is done they are attached to a hand dyed piece of burlap for a rustic edge. These little gems are not necessarily intended for mailing, they are just postcard size pieces of art!

See Charlotte's email for list of materials for this workshop.

**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 7. Trunk Show by Ann Bollick

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 Bowens/Galaxy Stars

May 10. Lecture by Wendy Buttler Burns

May 11. Workshop by Wendy Buttler Burns

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JUNE – OPEN

JULY – OPEN

AUGUST – Guild Picnic

SEPTEMBER – OPEN

OCTOBER – OPEN

NOVEMBER – CVAN Cuddle Quilts due

DECEMBER – Christmas Party

## GUILD ACTIVITIES

Please bring your finished valentine card in the unsealed envelope provided. Also it is not too late to bring your fat quarter. **The activity committee has requested we wear our nametags.** They did such a good job in getting to know the board and the committee members with their Bingo Game. The nametags will help us all to know each other and will help our guest and new members feel connected.

## 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.

## 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 Nancy Miller at the February meeting if you have not already done so. 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. Upcoming quilt shows are listed in the February newsletter.

## 2016 QUILT SHOW NEWS

Melba Mick will give a brief quilt show report at the next meeting.

## SEWING TIPS AND TRICKS

These tips are from Tips for Quilting by the staff of the “Old Country Store”.

I always look at the back of the fabric where you can more easily see the quality of the dye and the weave of the fabric.

I want my fabric to be of good quality, for I think anything that I make will be around for my grandchildren and beyond. It is my legacy.

## 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](http://www.quilttrailswnc.org)

Feb. 27, 2016  
9am – 4pm  
University of SC, Lancaster, SC  
476 E. Hubbard Drive, Lancaster, SC

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](http://www.rutherfordquiltguild.org)

April 8-9, 2016  
(8<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 – 4:30) (9<sup>th</sup> – 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](http://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  
(29<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 – 5:30) (30<sup>th</sup> – 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:mountaintainpiecemakers@blogspot.com)  
[www.mountainpiecemakers.blogspot.com](http://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](http://www.cabarrusquiltersguild.org/Quilt_Show.html)

September 2016 TBD  
Quilt! Carolina Quilt Tour  
Triangle to the Triad & Beyond  
[www.quiltcarolina.com](http://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](mailto:raholbrook@wilkes.net)  
[www.ashequilters.org](http://www.ashequilters.org)

October 2016 TBD  
Biennial Smoky Mountain Quilt Show  
Ramsey Center Coliseum, Western Carolina University  
Cullowhee, NC 28723  
[www.smokymtnquilters.org](http://www.smokymtnquilters.org)

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

Quilts of Valor - If you have red, white, blue fabric, or gold fabric that you are not going to use, please donate this fabric to the Quilts of Valor team. It doesn't have to be patriotic. It can be plain or printed. The only requirement is that it is cotton fabric. Thank you in advance for donating to our team. You can bring it to our monthly meeting or contact Colleen Sain for other options.

#### 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](http://www.dawnsfabrics.com)

Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Concord, taught by Carolyn Sweet. 9-12 Tuesdays. 8 week session begins February 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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(S) OPEN

Historians – Phares Sechler & Sonja Simmons

Humanitarian/Hospitality – Sharon Smith

Librarian – June Dale

Newsletter - **Anyone available?**

Membership – Linda Brimanson

Name Badges – Rosey Stein, Paulette Lundy

Nomination Committee – Bonnie Labadie (we need 2 more)

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

## MEMBER NEWS

Jim Smith and Andy Brunhammer report that three of their quilts -*Cosmo's Moon 2.5; Betwixt and Between; and Apollo 1, The Beginning* were submitted, judged, and accepted into the "Fly Me To The Moon" challenge/competition. This exhibit is to be a celebration of the upcoming anniversary of the Landing on the Moon. All quilts - wall hangings are all measured at 18" wide and 30" long.

Here is a link to the list of the quilts that will be included in the shows and exhibits that will be travelling and on display until 2018.

<http://www.susannemjones.com/2016/01/fly-me-to-the-moon-collection-announced/>



## 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. **Any news for the next newsletter must be submitted by February 26<sup>th</sup>. The March newsletter will be sent by March 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**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 Sonja Simmons a business card so you can be included in this feature – free of charge to members).



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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*  
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**SEWING MACHINE FOR SALE**

*Janome 6600 that has been used very little. Includes extension table and carrying case. Was purchased in the summer of 2012 for \$1400. Asking \$900. Pat Ott. [704 727 0487](tel:7047270487)*



## Budget Projections for 2016

This is a shortened version of the power point presented at our January Quilt Guild Meeting.

### Summary of Income Projections

Membership	\$2,750.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00
Quilt Show	\$23,100.00
Raffle Quilt	\$2,000.00
Workshop Fees	\$2,500.00
Total	\$30,450.00

### Detail Quilt Show Income

### Summary of Expense Projections

Summary Expenses	
Charitable Contribution	\$600.00
Humanitarian	\$200.00
Library	\$300.00
Meeting	\$1,250.00
Operating	\$3,460.00
Outreach	\$500.00
Program	\$10,000.00
Quilt Show	\$17,900.00
Equipment	\$500.00
Raffle Quilt 2016	\$165.00
Raffle Quilt 2017	\$325.00
Total	\$35,200.00