



Cabarrus Quilters' Guild Newsletter February 2014

From the President's Desk:

Dear Guild Members,

I am excited to say that we are off to a great start this year. Those in attendance at the January meeting saw Susan Brooks who delighted us all with her collection of antique quilts and quilt tops. Several people expressed a desire to have Susan come again and share more of her wonderful collection. Hopefully we will be able to do that. Renee Hoagland presented the activities for the coming year since our activities chairman, Candy McManaway, was sick. The response has been wonderful. Many of you have contacted Candy to sign up for either the Block of the Month, the Mystery Quilt, or both. It is not too late to sign up so if you haven't already done so, contact Candy. One of the things many of you may like about the activities this year is that you don't have to work on anyone's project but your own.

At our February meeting we will again have the privilege of hearing Dottie Moore. Dottie has been to our guild before and delighted us with her excitement, talent, and love for quilting. Her quilts have been exhibited at the Old Courthouse and are on permanent display at our hospital. Also in February we will have a special drawing for anyone wearing red. Since our meeting is just a few days before Valentine's Day, I decided it would be fun to dress in the traditional Valentine's color. So, wear your red and maybe you will win a prize!

I look forward to seeing all of you in February – wearing red.

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

VISITORS WELCOME!

Beginning in January, the building will be opened at 6 o'clock. 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

IMPORTANT NOTICE – Membership Renewals

Membership renewals were due in January so if you haven't paid yet, bring it to the February meeting. The annual charge is \$30 (cash or checks made payable to "Cabarrus Quilters Guild"). If you need a membership badge, there is an additional \$5 charge for it. Please see Barbara Orr to renew your membership and update your contact information.

Correspondence

Thank you for your gift of \$500 for battered women and their children and for your support all year long. Your commitment to women and

children in our community helps us bring change in their lives.

In the space of a 45 minute call on our hotline the tide can turn. After a morning in the courtroom, or an hour in support group trading stories, she can see a glimmer of hope.

Your kindness and support for women and children in our community does make that difference. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Sylvia Wagoner, President Board of Directors
Mary Margaret Flynn, Executive Director

Birthdays



Barbara Horgan	2/6
Janie Dempster	2/7
Libby Toler	2/7
Nancy Miller	2/17
Jim Whalen	2/23
Carlotta Doran	2/23
Sara Bemis	2/23
Mary McKnight	2/27
Nena Husted	2/28

January Meeting - Minutes

The meeting began at 6:45 p.m. The social period was open from 6:15 to 6:45 during which refreshments were served, visitors welcomed, sign ups (workshops, greeters, refreshments) occurred and members paid dues.

President Carolyn Sweet opened the meeting by welcoming visitors. She introduced the incoming board and the committee chairpersons. She shared her vision for the guild: For all members to be enthusiastic in both quilting and guild, to foster a desire to attend meetings, to gain from the meetings, to feel welcome and to feel part of the guild.

The January meeting had both a program and a business meeting. Program was Susan Brooks, introduced by Pat Arndt. Susan shared quilts from the 1700's through the 20th century, discussing the history and the times that inspired the patterns and fabrics of the quilts displayed.

A special presentation was given by Stephanie Newbrough (past president from 2 years ago) to Carol Harris, the outgoing president. Gifts were also given to the other members of the outgoing board.

Eight members displayed show and tell including quilts, bags, bears, and other items. The 2014 Raffle Quilt was unveiled by the members of the Art Quilt group. Tickets will be available soon.

The annual budget was presented in detail by Barbara Bruce. Motion to accept was made by Tom Richardson and second by Charlotte Doyle and several others.

Renee Hoagland (for Candy McManaway) presented the guild activities for the coming year. There will be a block of the month at two levels (beginner and more advanced) and a mystery quilt. Sign up by contacting Candy. These activities were determined from tallying the December survey

The January Birthdays were then acknowledged with distribution of fat quarters. The door prize was won by Ona Phillips.

Sew Saturday will be a double diamond table runner. Barbara Orr will send a reminder and

additional information via email. In February, Sew Saturday will be the bears for Victory Junction.

Thanks to the Art Quilt Group for providing January refreshments. Joanna Cupp is the only one signed up for February refreshments. Contact her if you would like to help.

Joanna Cupp presented a mini quilt for the person who sold the most raffle tickets for the 2013 quilt: Cathy Bridges. Pat Arndt announced that the Dottie Moore workshop for February is now full.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Miller, Secretary

Refreshments and Greeters

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.

February Greeters:

Debbie Morse
Juanita Williams

February Refreshments:

LaVerne Kidd
Phyllis Grass
Mildred Lamb
Carol Yandle
JoAnna Cupp

2014 SPEAKERS & WORKSHOPS

February 13 & 14 - Guest Speaker - Dottie Moore
Workshop Fee/\$30 (payable to Cabarrus Quilters Guild) – Kit Fee/\$30 (payable to Dottie Moore)

www.dottimoore.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 – Workshop Fee/\$30 (payable to Cabarrus Quilters Guild) – Supplies Fee/\$6 (payable to Quilters Gallery)

Guest Speaker - The Quilters Gallery, "The Pizza Girls" – website: 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". Workshop fee is due at February guild meeting.

April 3 – Thursday (Special Program)

Pat Knoechlel – 7 to 9 pm in the training room at Bonitz Flooring at 4539 Enterprise Blvd., Concord, NC. (More information to come). No cost.

April 14 & 15

Guest Speaker - Karen Combs
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. **NOTE:** Workshop fee will be \$45 for this one. Need to sign up as soon as possible.

May 12 & 13

Guest Speaker - Plain Jane Threads
Website: 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 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

August 11

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

November 10 & 11 - CVAN Cuddle Quilts due.

Guest Speaker – Karen Ponischil.

Karen will present a machine quilting workshop.

www.karenponischil.com

December 8

Annual Christmas Party & Pot Luck Supper

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

Sew Saturdays are held in the Training Room at Bonitz Flooring located at 4539 Enterprise Drive, Concord, NC, and begin at 9:30 am.

2/15/14 Victory Junction Bears

We will be sewing bears for Victory Junction (www.victoryjunction.org), a charity that supports seriously ill children with various illnesses. Victory Junction offers a week long camping experience for these children at NO charge to the children (it costs

approximately \$2,500 per child for a week's camping experience - all paid by sponsors and donations). Every year they need 1,500 bears and 1,500 afghans to give to each camper. Last year the Cabarrus Quilter's Guild made 107 bears for Victory Junction. We would like to make enough bears to finish our goal of 100 for this year.

At Sew Saturday you can do what you want with bears. You can just stuff the finished bears we have which would only require a needle and thread to sew the bears closed. You can bring your sewing machine and take a pre-cut kit from Connie and make a bear. You can also bring your machine and some juvenile themed fabric and cut out the pieces to make a bear (the Guild will provide the black and white checked fabric arms and legs) and then assemble the bear.

This project is doing something nice for some children who need some comfort in their lives. We hope to see everyone here.

- 3/22/14** Carolyn Sweet will lead a session on paper-piecing.
- 4/26/14** Barbara Bruce will lead a session on making a tote bag. This is a 4-6 hour session, so bring a lunch.

**** NOTE: THESE DATES NOT ON OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED SEW SATURDAY**

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 Activities:

This year we are offering 3 activities which we hope will satisfy not only your individual skill level but your spirit of adventure.

The first is a Mystery Quilt and it is exactly that.....a mystery. You will be using your own fabric and only you will be working on this quilt. This is a 6 month project you will do at home. In March Nancy Miller will send out instructions on how much fabric to purchase and suggestions on purchasing so many lights, darks, med., and any prints you will need. You will also receive each month instructions on what to make that month. For example, you might need to make 100 half square triangles or maybe 120 four patches. Instructions will be included each month on how to make the specified parts. By the time you get to the 5th and 6th months your instructions will be on how to assemble the individual parts to make blocks and then how to sew the blocks into a beautiful lap size quilt. It is absolutely amazing to see how different Mystery Quilts look when they are revealed. Everyone uses the same pattern and all that is different is the fabric! WOW!

Second is a Block of the Month for the beginning quilter. This is a 9 month project which will begin in February. You will receive instructions each month on how to make one 12 ½ inch block. Many of the patterns will be from my own "Beginning Sampler Quilt". For example you will be making a log cabin, sawtooth star, house block, etc. You will be selecting your own fabric and like the Mystery Quilt only you will be working on this quilt. After all 9 blocks are made it will be up to you to assemble them as you like, although, for those wishing to have more instruction on how to assemble your quilt top I will be more than happy to arrange a day to meet and work together on this project.

Third is an intermediate Block of the Month for the more seasoned quilter. This is also a 9 month

project which will begin in February. You will receive instructions each month on how to make one 12 ½ inch block. These patterns will be more challenging, there will be several stars, a New York Beauty which will be paper pieced and the 54/40 or Fight block where you will need to use a template, (template will be provided). And like the beginner BOM you will select your own fabric and only you will be working on this quilt.

Both Candy and Nancy will be sending the monthly instructions out via e-mail the Sunday before our meeting. This way you will be able to look them over and if you have any questions Nancy and Candy will be able to answer them before the meeting or during the break.

We are already on our way to a fun year as 15 members have already signed up for the Mystery Quilt with many wanting to do both the Mystery and BOM. Please call or e-mail Candy McManaway if you wish to sign up for any of these activities. Also please specify which BOM you are interested in and don't forget they start in Feb. so you need to sign up soon. Only those signing up will receive monthly instructions.

Guild Library:

Each month at the Guild meeting, Debbie Robb will feature different library books at the library table. This month books will highlight "Quilts Around the House" including table runners and other quick projects to give a fresh look for the new year.

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.

RETREAT NEWS:



(Left to right: Trudy Pollard, Cindy Palazzo, Barbara Orr, Ona Phillips, Phares Sechler)

Five of our guild members traveled to Toccoa, GA in January to take part in the annual Quilts of Valor Foundation Retreat. It was a truly rewarding experience to take part in something so meaningful. Our guild donated 87 strip squares (12-1/2 inch) and 8 presentation cases and the five members worked on additional squares and quilts during the retreat. There were approximately 85 quilters in attendance for the 3 day retreat and an amazing number of quilt tops were completed. A long-arm quilting machine was on site and ran continuously during the retreat.



While we were there, a group from the Christian Motorcyclists Association was also holding a conference at the retreat center. At dinner on Friday evening, the QOV Foundation presented

quilts to six of their members who were Veterans in a very moving ceremony. Each of the recipients was wrapped in their quilt by the woman who made it. There were very few dry eyes!



These are quilts completed by Trudy Pollard, Cindy Palazzo, and her friend Esta Wanamaker.



This quilt top was completed by Barbara Orr.

Here is the link to the QOV Foundation website for anyone interested in additional information on this organization. <http://www.qovf.org/index.html>

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

February 15, 2014 (9am-4pm)

8th Annual Carolina One Stop Shop Hop
USC Lancaster's Starr Hall and Carol Ray Dowling Center on University Drive across from WalMart on Hwy 9 Bypass, Lancaster, SC.

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

May 16-17, 2014 (9am – 5pm)

Merry Quilts of May Quilt Show
www.forsythquilters.org

June 26-28, 2014

Original Sewing & Quilt Festival - Raleigh
www.sewingexpo.com



Introducing AQS QuiltWeek®

Charlotte, North Carolina

July 30 – August 2, 2014

Charlotte Convention Center
501 S College St., Charlotte, NC 28202

September 20, 2014 – 9 am to 5 pm

South Carolina QOV Fundraising Event
Featuring **Marianne and Mary Fons**

Held at the SC National Guard Armory
1255 Bluff Rd., Columbia, SC. **LIMITED TICKETS**
To purchase tickets, send check payable to
“Custom Creative Quilting” for \$60 (without lunch)
or \$70 (with lunch), along with your name, address,
phone number and email address to: Custom
Creative Quilting, 525 Richland Ave., St. Matthews,
SC 29135. For additional info: anne.mixon@gov.org

October 3-4, 2014

Cabarrus Quilters Guild
“Splash of Color” Annual Fiber Art & Quilt Show
Cabarrus Arena & Event Center
www.cabarrusquiltersguild.org

Sew Get To Know Someone This Month!



Barbara Bruce, Treasurer

I learned to sew from my mother and grandmother, seems like I have always done it. I did a lot of garment sewing in the past but gave that up when nothing ever fit! I tried a little quilting but really didn't have enough time. About ten years ago I started quilting more seriously. My first quilt at that time was an heirloom pattern from Martha Pullen, probably not a good choice. Once I retired and we moved to Salisbury, I had the time and the patience to really start quilting. And I haven't looked back. I started doing more traditional pieces and perfecting my technical skills. I still like taking classes just to improve my technique. My taste in fabric has moved to brighter colors and my choice of pattern is more modern. As a member of the Art Tarts, I am enjoying the chance to stretch my imagination and do more creative pieces. My motto today – stretch yourself beyond the comfortable, you might really like it!



Nancy Miller, Secretary

Originally from Indiana, Nancy didn't learn to quilt until 1997 when living in South Carolina. In addition to serving as secretary for the Cabarrus Quilters Guild, she served on the board of her local guild in Charleston, on the quilt show committee, on the board of South Carolina Quilts of Valor, and on the Quilters of South Carolina board. She has been publishing mystery quilts for Quilts of Valor since 2004. She prefers traditional quilting. She has two children who live in Louisiana and South Carolina. She and her husband Dennis have been married for 30 years and live in Laurel Park.

2014 Committee Chairpersons

- 2014 Programs/Workshops** – Pat Arndt
- 2014 Quilt Show** – JoAnna Cupp
- Audit Commit 2013** – Juanita Williams, Bonnie Labadie and Becky Knauer
- 2014 Raffle Quilt** – Art Quilt Group
- Community Outreach** – Tom & Connie Richardson
- Historian** – Phares Sechler
- Humanitarian/Hospitality** – Bonnie Labadie
- Librarian** – Debbie Robb
- Membership/Newsletter** – Barbara Orr
- Guild Activities** – Candy McManaway
- Sew Tuesday** – Mildred Lamb
- Sew Saturday** – Carol Harris
- Retreat Liaison** – **POSITION OPEN**
- BJ's Membership** – Pat Stedwell
- Webmaster** – Terry Patterson
- Visitor Welcome** – Joan Martinkovic & Melba Mick

Sew What's Cooking?



Chicken Crescent Rolls

- 2 cans of low fat refrigerator crescents
- 1 can of Healthy low sodium cream of chicken soup (26oz)
- 1 cup fat free cheddar cheese
- 2 boneless skinless chicken breasts

Boil chicken breasts then shred, roll out each individual crescent, place about a tablespoon of shredded chicken in center and roll it up.

Bake on 350 degrees for about 5 minutes until just starting to turn golden. Pour Cream of Chicken soup over the top; bake an additional 10 minutes. Top with cheddar cheese and bake for 10 more minutes.

Sew Funny



Sew Helpful Hints & Tricks

Hot Fusing Tips from Experts

One of the easiest ways to make a quilt top is to fuse the fabric pieces in place to create the design. Fabric fusing is the perfect method for

contemporary quilt artists who like to improvise in their quilt making. To make fused quilt projects even easier, experienced artists fuse a stash of fabrics ahead of time so they can just cut and place their fabrics when they make a quilt.

Once they have an arrangement they like, they fuse the pieces into place with an iron. No seam ripping involved!

There are many types and brands of fusible, and every quilt artist has preferences. When fusing fabric, you should always read the manufacturer's instructions before beginning to help insure success.

But there are a few general tricks for fusing and using fused fabrics for quilt making, and Laura Wasilowski and Frieda Anderson, members of The Chicago School of Fusing, know pretty much all of them.

Here is some of their best advice:

1. If you're using a paper-backed fusible, the rough side is the side with the glue. Lay the rough side onto the back of your fabric.
2. Use a hot, dry iron (cotton setting) and cover the fusible with a piece of the release paper that comes with your fusible, or, use a piece of baking parchment. This will protect your iron from glue.
3. Don't over-fuse; the excessive heat will cause the

glue to harden and make the fabric stiff.

4. After the fusible has cooled, use a rotary cutter to trim off any excess fabric that hasn't been covered with fusible. This way, you won't end up with any partially fused piece of fabric.

5. To separate the backing sheet from the fused fabric, use what Laura calls the squirrel and swipe method. With your hand flat, burrow your fingertips forward between the fabric and the backing sheet (this is the squirrel part). Go a little way in, then swipe your hand side to side once each way quickly to release the outer edges of the paper. Squirrel in a little more, then swipe again. This will help release the paper whole, so you can use it again for protecting your iron, transferring motif shapes, etc.

Once you have your fabric fused and ready to go, you're ready to cut, play, and design.

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 me a business card so you can be included in the feature – free of charge to members).



The Quilters Station

Where Quilts Get Finished!

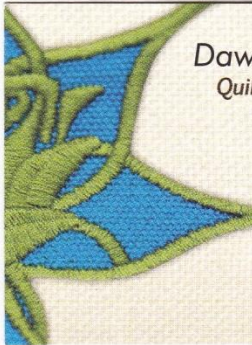
Rebecca Verrier-Watt

International Award Winning
Professional Long Arm Quilter

8401 Live Oak Road
Harrisburg, NC 28075

704-455-5236

thequiltersstation@yahoo.com
www.thequiltersstation.com



Dawn's Sewing & Embroidery

Quilting, Embroidery, Fabrics & Classes

810 Smith Street
Albemarle, NC 28001

704-985-3501 or
704-982-9681

Dawn B. Hopkins

www.dawnsfabrics.com
dawnsfabrics@gmail.com



*Free Estimates
*Smoke Free Studio
*Quick Delivery

Just For You Creations

Longarm Quilting Service

Carol Davis

cdavis99@carolina.rr.com

Justforyoucreations.com

704-608-1967



I Do Embroidery!

Personalize your life, one stitch at a time.

Moss Creek
Concord, NC

606-224-0441

jeicher1@carolina.rr.com

idoemb@gmail.com

Carol Eicher

www.facebook.com/IDoEmbroidery
www.companycasuals.com/IDoEmbroidery