



From the President's Desk:

Dear Guild Members,

I cannot begin this year without thanking Carol Harris and the other officers for their dedication and hard work during the past two years. Being an officer of the Cabarrus Quilters Guild is a privilege but also requires a real dedication of time and effort. I thank you, the guild members, for your confidence in me and pledge to do my best to lead our guild in a way that will make each of us better quilters.

The board and I have met and discussed some changes in our meetings that we hope you will like. Beginning in January, the building will be opened at 6 o'clock. As you arrive, the first table will be the *Visitor Table* where visitors will be greeted, sign in and get a red ribbon to wear. I hope members will speak to and welcome everyone they see who wears a red ribbon. The second table will be for members. 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. We hope this change of schedule will work well and you will be pleased with it.

As I think about the new year and all we have planned for the guild, I can't help but be excited. Pat Arndt, program director, has lined up some wonderful speakers for us. There is indeed, something for everyone. We just need to support Pat and sign up for the workshops so the speakers don't have to be canceled. As you probably know, the speakers usually come only if they can also teach a workshop for us. The price for having them give just a guild lecture is cost prohibitive. We don't want to have to cancel our programs this year due to lack of participation in workshops.

At our January meeting we will be adopting the budget for the year. Because some of our members have questioned our guild responsibilities as a nonprofit organization, I consulted my husband who is an enrolled agent income tax accountant. According to The Tax Book Manual, a resource book for tax accountants, the guild is a charitable organization that conducts activities that promote the advancement of education. According to the Guild By-Laws our primary purpose is education. We meet this through our programs, workshops, and member activities. Although the guild has chosen to support CVAN with cuddle quilts and money raised with our raffle quilt, this is not a requirement of the Internal Revenue Service. There is nothing, however, that prohibits the guild from assisting charitable organizations as long as the primary purpose of the guild remains as education. I hope this explanation helps in understanding the mandated responsibilities of our guild as we prepare our budget.

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!

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2014 Guild Officers:

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE – Membership Renewals

Membership renewals will be due at the January 13th 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.

Birthdays



Marguerite Klaiber	January 5
Patty DeMarsh	January 13
Janice Brewington	January 19
Sharon Smith	January 30

December Meeting - Minutes

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

President Carolyn Sweet opened the meeting by welcoming two visitors (one of whom indicated she would be joining the Guild next month). Carolyn also announced that the January meeting would be the annual business meeting and there will also be a speaker for the evening. Susan Brooks is a quilt historian and she will be presenting a bed turning of antique quilts. The December Birthdays were then acknowledged with distribution of fat quarters. Carolyn mentioned the member survey and had a box at the sign-up table with additional blank surveys. She told the group they could place

the surveys there if they brought them along or pick up a copy to fill out or bring back to the meeting in January.

Ona Phillips spoke briefly about the Quilt of Valor blocks that would be collected tonight and again at the January meeting. She also indicated that there is a pattern available for the presentation cases for Quilts of Valor if anyone is interested in making them. She also had some 12-1/2 inch muslin squares cut and available for use by anyone who wants to make more of the blue, red or gold blocks. A bottle of wine was presented to Carol Harris in appreciation by the Guild for her past two years of hard work as the outgoing President. The drawing was held for the raffle quilt and surprisingly Mary McKnight, one of our guild members, won the quilt.

Barbara Bruce offered the prayer before dinner and then the feasting began! Everyone brought a wide assortment of appetizers, salads, side dishes, entrees and desserts that were extremely delicious.

The meeting was adjourned following the “Dirty Santa” gift exchange.

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 sign-up sheets will be available at each meeting for you to sign up until full.

January Greeters:

Rosie Stein
Cecelia Etsey

January Refreshments:

Art Quilt Group

2014 SPEAKERS & WORKSHOPS:

January 13 - Annual Business Meeting

Just a reminder, Susan Brooks, a great quilt historian will be our lecturer on January 13 for a bed turning of her vast collection of quilts and their history. I think it will prove to be very informative and interesting.

Also, I do need your money for the next month for the infamous Dottie Moore workshop! At this moment, I have 7 signed up and need 3 more. But it will be a great time. The workshop is 30.00, due at this next meeting in January. The supply of art tools (\$30.00) is due on the day of the workshop to Dottie. Have a great Holiday and can't wait for our new year of inspiration, good health, and gathering of a great group of quilters.

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

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
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 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

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

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

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 – January 18th

Dawn Hopkins will facilitate our January Sew Saturday with her Diamond Ruler table runner. Batik fabrics perform best. You will need 4 layers of fabric the width of fabric and as wide as you desire. If you are not going to use batting only 3 layers will be needed. Please come with 2 fabrics fused together. This project should only take the morning to complete. We will start at 9:30 am

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

February 15, 2014 (9am-4pm)

8th Annual Carolina One Stop Shop Hop
University of South Carolina, 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

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Cabarrus Arena & Event Center

www.cabarrusquiltersguild.org

2014 Committee Chairpersons

2014 Program – Pat Arndt

2014 Quilt Show Chair – 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

Sew Tuesday – Mildred Lamb

Sew Saturday – Carol Harris

Retreat Liaison – **POSITION OPEN**

BJ's Membership – Pat Stedwell

Webmaster – Terry Patterson

Visitor Welcoming–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. This month is we are featuring President Carolyn Sweet and Vice-President Sharon Smith.



Carolyn Sweet

I was born and have lived most of my life in North Carolina, attending elementary school in La Grange and high school in Smithfield before going to Wake Forest University where I met my husband, Steve. After a few years, we moved to Concord where we have remained. I always enjoyed many types of crafts, especially knitting, basket making and all kinds of needlework. Quilting was something I wanted to do, but with a busy work schedule, I did not have the time. About the time I retired I started quilting and it quickly became my passion. Most other crafts lost interest for me as I wanted to spend all my time quilting. I began as a traditional quilter making bed quilts but quickly became even more interested in art quilts. I consider myself a quilter who enjoys it all and who wants to learn everything. The programs and workshops provided by the guild are a real source of inspiration for me.

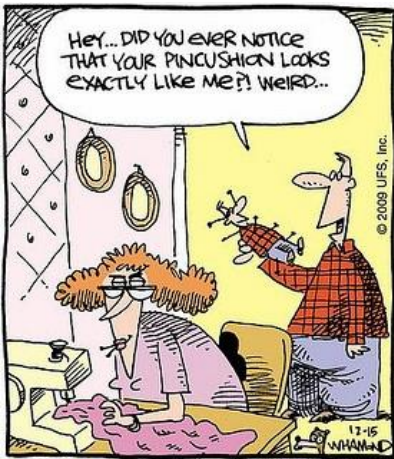


Sharon Smith

We moved to Concord eighteen years ago from our home state of Kentucky. I have taught Home Economics and Special Education. I have always

loved fabric, the colors and the feel of so many textures is relaxing to me. On a trip to a craft show I bought a potholder that was made in the log cabin pattern. This was thirty-five years ago and knew I would quilt at some point in my life. I signed up for a night class through the parks department and met Peggy Fox who nudged me along in my journey. She strongly suggested I join the guild so that I could take part in the programs and to be inspired by other quilters.

Sew Funny



Sew Helpful Hints & Tricks

- Before starting a new project, clean your ironing board and cutting mat with a self-adhesive lint remover. This picks up any hard-to-wipe-off fuzz from previous quilts or garments that may transfer to your new project (and as Murphy's Law states, "It will always be a bright red thread that you accidentally quilt into a white quilt.")
- Here's another clever "thread grabber". We are all familiar with the idea of wrapping a piece of tape around our hand with the sticky side out. This gives you a homemade version of the lint roller. But here's an idea that takes the concept up a notch. Cut an 8-inch strip of Velcro from the "hook" portion of the Velcro. Sew the ends together to form a circle. Make sure the "hook" portion faces out from your hand, and then slip the circle around

your palm. Rub your hand across any surface with loose threads to grab them. Simply "clean" the grabber between uses.

- To keep your thimble from coming off your finger as you sew, blow into it just before you place it on your finger. The hot moisture in your breath helps provide just enough "grabbing" power to create suction. Who knew?

Sew What's For Dinner?



Crockpot Tortellini

Ingredients:

- 1 (19oz) bag of frozen cheese tortellini
- 1 small bag of fresh spinach (about half of a 5 oz. bag but more is better!)
- 2 (14.5 oz) cans of Italian style diced tomatoes, drained
- 1 block (8 oz) of cream cheese
- 1 lb. of ground sausage or chicken/turkey sausage (sauté before adding to the crockpot)
- 4 cups of chicken broth

Brown the sausage and put all ingredients in crockpot, chunking up the cream cheese. Cook on low for 4-6 hrs. Serves 4-6

*Keep an eye on your tortellini, it may be done sooner.

*If still soupy, leave lid off for the last half hour or so of cooking.

*For a vegetarian version, omit sausage and use vegetable broth instead.

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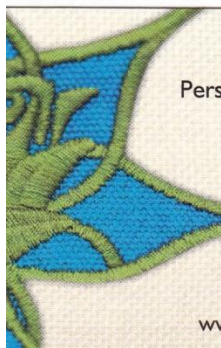
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