



Cabarrus Quilters' Guild Newsletter January 2015

From the President's Desk:

I hope each of you had a Merry Christmas and are ready for the New Year. As January begins, this is the time that many of us make New Year's Resolutions. You know those things that I mean – lose weight, eat healthier, etc. I hope you will add some special things to your list of resolutions for 2015. As guild members we need to think of things we can do to make ourselves better quilters and our guild a better organization. If you haven't entered a quilt in our quilt show, consider making a resolution to have one ready for the show this year. This is just January so you have plenty of time to start a new quilt or to finish one that is not completed. If you have already been entering quilts in the show, maybe your resolution should be to increase the number of quilts you enter or to perfect your workmanship. Look at the judge's comments from past years and decide what you need to work on. For everyone, I challenge us to learn at least one new skill this year. It can be something you have wanted to do for a long time but have not taken the time to learn. It can be something new you saw at a guild meeting, in a magazine, or at a quilt show. Mildred Lamb on Sew Tuesdays and Carol Harris on Sew Saturday would welcome new topics for programs. Let them know what you want to learn.

When we meet in January, Quilt Judge, Lorraine Covington, will present an informative program of tips and ideas to let us know what a quilt judge looks for. Since she judged our quilts last year, she knows what we need to work on. This is a program you won't want to miss. The January meeting is also our official business meeting for the year. The budget will be presented and you will also have an opportunity to hear plans of activities that have

been made for 2015. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

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.

2015 Guild Officers:

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

January Birthdays

Marguerite Klaiber	January 5 th
Patty Hicks	January 13 th
Linda Graham	January 14 th
Stephanie Mayes	January 18 th
Janice Brewington	January 19 th
Sharon Smith	January 30 th

December 2014 - Minutes

The doors opened at 5:45 p.m. Melba Mick and her committee had set up the dining area and arranged the foods. Carolyn Sweet gave a welcome at to all visitors and new members. Melba Mick gave instructions on the serving line, and Barbara Orr offered a blessing.

A potluck dinner was then enjoyed by all.

Carolyn Sweet called the business portion of the meeting to order and offered a thank you to all the people who have made this year a success and asked each committee leader to stand as she recognized them. Members with December birthdays were recognized and presented a fat quarter.

Joanna Cupp announced that she had been informed that our rental rate on the two Gold Rooms at the Cabarrus Arena and Event Center for the quilt show will be the same as we paid for the other hall, which was welcome news.

Pat Stedwell brought the vote of the slate of officers to the floor. This was inadvertently postponed from the November meeting. Nominees were Carolyn Sweet, President, Sharon Smith, Vice President, Nancy Miller, Secretary, and Barb Bruce, Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor, and the slate of officers was unanimously approved by the membership.

Pat Arndt said the January meeting would host Lorraine Covington who will talk about what judges look for when judging quilts. There will be no workshop in January.

Carolyn asked Melba and each of her committee members to stand so we could give them a hand. It was reported that tonight the food bank received an estimated \$100 or more in cash donations and several hundred pounds of food. They will have a more complete report later.

Carolyn urged members to sign up for refreshments and as greeters for January meeting. The group then played 3 games: one on the contents of our purses, one on the quilting trivia, and "Trim a Tree" game, where each group trimmed a living Christmas tree. The winners were Rosita Blackwelder, Lisa Edwards, Mildred Lamb, Mattie Johnson, and Phares Sechler, with Laverne

Kidd as their tree. The holiday committee also gave out several dozen door prizes to members. Eight members participated in show and tell with various projects for the members to enjoy viewing. The drawing was held for the raffle quilt and the winner was Dee Matney, a guild member, who was present at the meeting.

Reminder the next meeting is January 12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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.

January Greeters:

Ona Phillips
Bonnie Labadie

January Refreshments:

Kathleen Fritz
Linda Brimanson
June Dale

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>

2014 CHRISTMAS PARTY MEMORIES

Many thanks to Melba Mick and her band of merry helpers who all did a great job with this year's Christmas party. We collected over 700 lbs. of canned goods and more than \$100 in cash donations for the food pantry. As always, the buffet tables were groaning with all the goodies everyone brought for the covered dish supper.

And once again Candy and Debbie provided yet another fun filled game for us.

Works in progress:



And behind the trees....



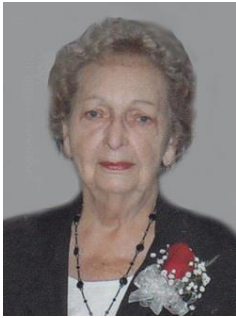
And the winning team is:



Trees from the front....

Mattie Johnson, Mildred Lamb, LaVerne Kidd (Tree)
Rosita Blackwelder, Lisa Edwards and Phares
Sechler.

IN MEMORY



We are saddened by the recent death of one of our guild members, Maver Ford. Maver, as well as her daughter Judy and son-in-law Will, have been faithful members of our guild for quite a few years. During our last quilt show, a number of Maver's quilts were exhibited in the Bed Turning feature and were a delight to those present. A donation has been made to the Arlington Baptist Church Quilting Ministry in her memory.

2015 - PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

Program Co-Chairs Pat Arndt and Candy McManaway are excited to begin the programs for the year 2015. They have a lot planned and are doing their best to promote learning and fun for our guild. 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.

JANUARY 12, 2015 – Annual Business Meeting

Our first guest speaker is a familiar face to those who came to the judging for our 2014 Quilt Show. Her name is Lorraine Covington and she was one of our judges. Immediately, we felt this would be a good way to start our year by hearing from an expert on what we need to look at when entering shows. Her talk will be called "The Judges' Eye". Lorraine has been an avid quilter for over 40 years, having been exposed to this art by two grandmothers. She is NQA certified and earned that title in 2001. Having judged across the

country, Lorraine also writes a column called "A Matter of Judgment" for NQA's publication, The Quilters' Quarterly.

NOTE: There is no workshop scheduled for January

FEBRUARY 9, 2015

We are working on a program for February introducing the idea of how forming individual small groups have increased creativity and hopefully will inspire others to form small groups. If you are already in a small group and would like to share some projects your group has made, please contact Pat Arndt or Candy McManaway before the meeting date so your group can be added to the schedule.

NOTE: There is no workshop scheduled for February at this time.

MARCH 9, 2015 – Speaker - Susan Brubaker Knapp

<http://www.bluemoonriver.com/>

Susan Brubaker Knapp, host of Quilting Arts TV, will be our March speaker. Susan is from Mooresville, NC and is an expert quilter and teacher. She is also a fabulous artist and photographer who is inspired by her daily walks, capturing nature and creating from this exposure works of art in thread and paint onto fabric. Her trunk show is awe inspiring.

Workshop – March 10, 2015

Buttons Beads and Stitching Fun!

Instructor: Renee Hoagland

Class fee: \$20.00 (payable to Cabarrus Quilters Guild)

Kit fee: \$15.00 (payable to Renee Hoagland)

Have you ever wanted to add a few unique embellishments to your quilts? What about a decorative edging to give distinction to your quilt! In this class you will learn fun embellishment techniques which will add details that will bring your quilts to a whole new level. Renee will show you beading techniques, unique decorative hand stitching patterns and unusual uses for buttons. All

of these techniques can be used on both Traditional and Art Quilts. You will leave class with clear directions which you can reference for future projects and a finished example book of your work completed in class.

APRIL 13, 2015 – Speaker – The Quilters Gallery

APRIL 14, 2015 – Workshop – Small Wall Hanging

www.quiltersgallery.net

Workshop Fee: \$30 (payable to Cabarrus Quilters Guild)

Kit Fee: \$20 includes fabric for small wall hanging (payable to The Quilters Gallery)

The “Pizza Girls” from Quilters Gallery are returning due to popular demand with a trunk show and sale of fabulous fabrics and tools, as well as presenting a workshop featuring the 15 Degrees ruler.

Barbara Bruce, one of our members, is volunteering her handiwork to display so we can see what we will be inspired to do.

MAY 11, 2015 – Speaker – Jane Hall

MAY 12, 2015 – Workshop “Strips on Foundation”

www.janehallquilts.com

Jane Hall 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 8, 2015 – Speaker – Flavin Glover

JUNE 9, 2015 – Workshop “Log Cabin Landscapes”

www.flavinglover.com

Renowned quilt artist, Flavin Glover 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 13, 2015 – Speaker – Scott Murkin

JULY 14, 2015 – Workshop “Finish Finesse”

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/scottmurkin/>

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 10, 2015 – Annual Picnic (Committee Needed) and **Guild Challenge** (more details to come)

SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 – Speaker – Karen Lee Carter

SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 – Workshop “Contemporary Crazy Quilt by Machine”

www.KarenLeeCarter.com

Karen Lee Carter’s topic for the lecture is “Express Yourself - Originality and Creativity in Quilting” and the workshop is “Contemporary Crazy Quilt by Machine”.

OCTOBER 12, 2015 – Speaker – Eileen Williams

OCTOBER 13, 2015 – Workshop “Beginning Art Quilt”

www.eileenfiberartquilts.com

Eileen Williams’ 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 9, 2015 – To Be Announced

Watching the year and looking for new or old ideas, or just whatever the guild wants!

DECEMBER 14, 2015 – Christmas Party

(Committee Needed)

GUILD HISTORY PROJECT

Phares Sechler and Sonja Simmons are going to work on something for the guild's history using photos of guild activities. They have already received some disks from Lisa Edwards as well as some other photos. If you have any photos that would be suitable to be included in this project, please contact Phares directly. They plan to begin in January.

Guild Activities:

Candy McManaway and Debbie Robb have come up with something new for 2015 and we are calling them "Mini Monthlies" or MMs. These MMs will be optional for you to pick and choose any or all throughout the year. We will explain them in more detail in January, but the main idea is something simple and fun.

Along with the MMs, Nancy Miller has offered to lead another Mystery Quilt if we have enough members interested in participating. There will be a sign up sheet in January.

Several members are interested in doing a Row by Row or Medallion but with a twist and we'll tell you more about that in January also.

Community Outreach (See attached report)

Hospice Quilts (led by Tom & Connie Richardson)

We can always 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).

NICU Unstuffed Bears (led by Nancy Miller)

We will continue making unstuffed bears this year.

Ways you can participate:

1. Make bears and topstitch them.
2. Sew the bears, turn and close them, but don't topstitch them.
3. Sew and turn the bears, but don't close them.
4. Sew the bears, but don't turn them.
5. Cut out the bears, but don't sew them.
6. Donate fleece.

Nancy Miller is very flexible on this and will take all the help she can get! P.S. It is easiest to do groups of bears, instead of just one at a time.

NOTE: Pattern is attached to the newsletter for anyone who lost it.

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.

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 TIPS AND TRICKS

Avoid cuts from rotary cutters by:

1. Wearing rubber finger tips from an office supply store when changing the blade.
2. When throwing used blades away, tape the blade to a small piece of cardboard before throwing in the trash.
3. Always store rotary cutters with blade in closed position.

NOTE: If you have a great sewing tip or trick, send it to Barbara Orr to share in the next newsletter.

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 Get To Know Someone This Month!



Kathy Lock

The years have rolled by so fast, it's almost embarrassing to say I've been quilting for over 30 years.

My first class consisted of going to a shop and hand quilting for two hours on the shop owner's quilt. It was good for her, but didn't feel like Quilting 101 to me. Needless to say, I didn't stick with it.

My next plan was to buy a book and teach myself. I was so excited to get started; but I had to empty my cereal box first, so I could make templates. My tools consisted of a foot long wooden ruler that I used in grammar school (I also have my dictionary from that era.) and a pair of scissors; but I was happy and on my way. Many quilts and years later, quilting still makes me happy.

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).

Sew What's for Dinner?



Parmesan Baked Pork Chops

- 4 boneless pork chops
- 1 T. olive oil
- 1 C. parmesan cheese (I used Kraft)
- 1 C. Italian bread crumbs
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. garlic powder

On a plate combine the last 4 ingredients. Rub the pork chops with olive oil and then dip (coat) each one in the cheese mixture. Press the mixture over the pork chops to make sure they are well covered in it. Line a pan with tin foil and spray with cooking spray. Place the pork chops on the pan and bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes.



Cashew Nut Salad (Candy McManaway's Recipe)

- 1 head of iceberg lettuce cut into bit size pieces
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 1 cup of cashews

Dressing

- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 1/4 cup plus 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 2-3/4 tsp. white vinegar
- 1/2 tsp. yellow mustard

- 1/2 tsp. grated or finely minced onion
- 1/2 Tbsp. poppy seeds

Heat oil, sugar, and vinegar to dissolve sugar. Let cool and add remaining ingredients. Add dressing to salad mixture just before serving. This salad does not hold over well so you may need to adjust the measurements for the amount you want.

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.

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/>

The King's Threads (formerly Circle Sewing Studio) – Concord, NC
<http://www.circlesewingstudiosnc.com/>

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

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

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

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.

Sew Funny



2015 Committee Chairpersons

2015 Programs/Workshops –

Pat Arndt, Candy McManaway

2015 Quilt Show – JoAnna Cupp

2015 Raffle Quilt – Debbie Morse & Committee

Community Outreach – Tom & Connie Richardson

Historian – Phares Sechler

Humanitarian/Hospitality – Sharon Smith

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Membership/Newsletter – Barbara Orr

Guild Activities – Candy McManaway, Debbie Robb

Sew Tuesday – Mildred Lamb

Sew Saturday – Carol Harris

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BJ's Membership – Pat Stedwell

Webmaster – Terry Patterson

Visitor Welcome – Melba Mick

Audit Committee - Debbie Morse, Charlotte Doyle,
Donna Johns

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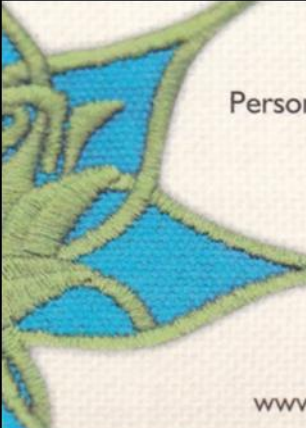
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(If you have a business that you would like to advertise be sure to give Barbara Orr a business card so you can be included in this feature – free of charge to members).



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