



Cabarrus Quilters' Guild Newsletter July 2014

From the President's Desk:

For the past few days I have been doing something I put off for a long time. From the time I started quilting I saved every quilting magazine I bought. After all, there were interesting articles and beautiful patterns in every book. I knew that one day I might want to go back to that book and make a quilt using that pattern. The fact that I would have to go through a mountain of books to find the vaguely remembered pattern didn't seem to matter. Besides, as the new books came in there were always new techniques and patterns to interest me. The pile of books mounted and I never seemed to go back through them when I was looking for a pattern. After all, there were new books and magazines to choose patterns from. One day I realized that the books were just taking precious space I could use for other quilting items. I bit the bullet and started going through the magazines one by one looking for patterns I wanted to tear out and keep and articles that gave me instructions that I might need. Many magazines went into a stack to be sent to the quilt show's White Elephant. Others were torn apart with me keeping parts of them and the remainder added to our recycle bin.

In all of this process I realized something. The fabrics and patterns that interested me as when I began quilting are not the ones I am interested in now. I know that fabric makers learned long ago to change their patterns and choices of color every year. After all, why would we buy new fabric if the pieces in our stash looked the same as the new ones? The first quilt I made was very traditional and was primarily brown. If you checked my stash now, you would find very little brown fabric. My quilts are more likely to be colorful art quilts than traditional ones although I

appreciate both styles. My taste has changed along with the fabric I collect.

What I realize is that just like many other aspects of life, quilting is a process. Where I started is not where I am now nor is it where I expect to be in the future. I can appreciate the quilts I was interested in making 10 years ago although they are not what I want to make now. The quilts I might choose to make would probably be different from those you would choose. We don't need our quilts to be the same. What I believe to be important is that we each are growing in our art.

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

Correspondence

Dear Cabarrus Quilters Guild:

Thank you so much for your most generous gift of 112 awesome bears!

Victory Junction

July Birthdays

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| Rosey Stein | July 7 |
| Trudy Pollard | July 10 |
| Barbara Petraske | July 16 |
| Linda Leano | July 20 |
| Linda Brimanson | July 23 |
| Susie Mosier | July 23 |
| Candy McManaway | July 24 |
| Martha Jackson | July 25 |
| Maver Ford | July 29 |
| Lisa Verrier-Christy | July 27 |
| Nikki Yandle | July 31 |

June 2014 - 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 greeted, sign ups (workshops, greeters, refreshments) occurred and members paid dues. Refreshments were provided by: Jane Dempster, Cathy Hooper, and Dee Matney. Greeters were June Dale and Linda Brimanson.

President Carolyn Sweet opened the meeting by welcoming visitors and new members. She also thanked the guild for the lovely card and gift she received while recuperating from surgery. Pat Arndt welcomed speaker Nancy G. Cook, who shared her nature-inspired quilts. Nancy discussed her stamping, inking, and quilting techniques and how she creates her designs and templates. Pat gave a brief run-down of July, August, and September's programs. July is Mickey DePre (rescheduled workshop) and August will be the picnic and guild challenge, September is a wonky log cabin. More sign-ups are needed for July and September. A reminder was given to pay for workshops by the meeting the month before the program. Seven members who participated in the Plain Jane workshop showed their projects.

Candy McManaway discussed activities. She invited members to show the blocks they have been working on for block of the month. Magazines are still available if you want to participate in the challenge. Nancy Miller advised that everyone should have Clue 4 for the mystery quilt. Clue 5 will be sent to all participants before next meeting. If you still want to join the mystery, contact Nancy. Eleven members showed quilts and projects they had completed. Several quilts and projects were shown.

Nancy Miller has offered to investigate holding a retreat at St. Christopher's Camp and Conference Center on Seabrook Island, SC. She has attended previous retreats there with the cost under \$200 and asked members who are interested to let her know so she can determine the approximate number of rooms to book, as well as the size of workroom needed. More information to come.

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

Announcements: Carolyn read a thank you from Victory Junction for the bears delivered in May. We need greeters for upcoming meetings. Sew Saturday will be working on a paper piecing this Saturday, July will be a large tote bag taught by Barb Bruce—your fabric will need to be pre-quilted. Joanna Cupp reminded everyone the entry form for the quilt show is on the guild website and entries are due in August. She also has tickets for a sewing machine that members can sell. This helps fund quilt show prizes. Silent auction committee is looking for projects to be made/finished for silent auction. Ona Phillips gave a QOV report—they are collecting QOV blocks using the new pattern through the next meeting (July). White elephant committee is looking for items for the White Elephant Booth.

The door prize was drawn. A reminder that the next meeting is July 14. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 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.

July Greeters:

Sue Mosier

July Refreshments:

Ann Ashworth
Debbie Morse

2014 SPLASH OF COLOR QUILT SHOW NEWS

Silent Auction: This is a weak spot in the Quilt show at this moment. We need some donations. Are you aware the finished quilts that you donate to the auction are tax deductible? We will give you a statement of what they sell for after the show and you will be able to count it as one of your charitable contributions for the year.

Entry Forms: For those that do not have internet access, we will have entry forms at the July meeting you to use.

Bed Turning: We are still looking for vintage and antique quilts for the Bed Turning. Please contact Debbie Robb for further information. As an added highlight, we are featuring old quilt tops that have been finished by a modern quilter. If you have an old top that you had finished by hand quilting, machine or long-arm, or repurposed in some other fashion, please contact Debbie directly. Your quilts will be safely exhibited at the show, and returned to you at the end of the show. Check your closets and trunks, the show will be here before we know it!

2014 SPEAKERS & WORKSHOPS

Tuesday Workshops - Unless indication 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](#))

July 14th and 15th

Guest Speaker: Mickey DePre

www.mdquilts.com

Mickey's lecture and trunk show is entitled "Me, Myself, and I". Her workshop is "Pieced Hexies Buffet". Learn how to take the Hexie to a whole new level.

6hr. Workshop--10:30 to 4:30pm (bring your own lunch).

Cost--\$30 Workshop fee---- There is NO kit fee but a book purchase is required. **The book "Pieced Hexies" will be offered during the workshop at a discount price of \$22 which includes tax. Orig. price \$25. This book is also for sale at Mickey DePre 's on-line shop for \$19 but you need to add tax and S&H.**

August 11th

Guild Magazine Challenge and Annual Picnic

This is a covered dish event. The board will provide a spiral ham and drinks.

Sept.8th and 9th

Guest Speaker: Amy Stewart Winsor

www.amystewartwinsor.com

Amy's lecture is about "When you can't precision piece and hate math, what do you do"? Her workshop is entitled Crooked Log Cabin for the precision impaired. You will sew like crazy and create most of a wall hanging quilt top. Please check out this website.

6hr. Workshop—10am to 4pm (bring your own lunch)

Cost--\$30 Workshop fee---- No kit fee

October 13th and 14th

Guest Speaker: Sharyn Cole

Sharyn will delight us with a lecture entitled "A Quilter's Trunk from A to Z." Her workshop will teach us how to applique the easy needle turn way using your machine, a most definitely easier way.

6hr. Workshop-- 10am to 4pm (bring your own lunch)

Cost--\$30 Workshop fee----- Kit Fee TBA

November 10th and 11th

(CVAN Cuddle Quilts are due)

Guest Speaker: Karen Ponischil

www.karenponishil.com

Karen will present a lecture on "I'll never be a Quilter/ trunk show." Her machine quilting workshop is geared for all levels. Learn the basics of free motion quilting.

6hr. Workshop—10am to 4pm

Cost \$30

December 8th

Annual Christmas Party and Pot Luck Dinner - Melba Mick will chair the committee handling this event.

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.

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.

July 19th: Barbara Bruce will lead a session on constructing a large tote bag. This is a 4-6 hour session, so bring a lunch.

Guild Activities:

BOMs

Both the beginner and intermediate Blocks of the Month are underway. Please bring block(s) from June so that we can all watch your quilt top grow. The link to your 5th block will be sent to you July 13th. If you have any questions please contact Candy McManaway.

Mystery Quilt

Nancy Miller will be sending out your 4th clue on July 13th. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Miller.

2014 Guild Challenge

Don't forget to work on the 2014 Guild Challenge. Projects will be due for judging at the August picnic meeting. See Candy McManaway and Debbie Robb with any questions regarding the challenge.

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.

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/>

All meals from Friday lunch through Sunday lunch will be included. Rooms are double occupancy (two double beds). We will have a large workroom which will be available Friday morning from 9 am. until Sunday 2 p.m. There will be a limit of 24 persons on this retreat, but we can create a waiting list.

Cost is \$200 and payments will be:

July meeting - \$70

November 15 - \$70

March 15 - \$60

Please come ready to sign up and bring your deposit (made payable to "Cabarrus Quilters Guild"). Deposit will be due to St. Christopher's immediately after the meeting. If we do not have enough people sign up, we will have to cancel this arrangement and look for a smaller facility—we can't add people later.

Guild Library:

Exciting changes are in store for the Guild Library this year! 25 books that have never been checked out of the library have been weeded out to make

room for some newer books, CDs and DVDs. These 25 books will be available for purchase at the White Elephant sale during the Quilt Show. New offerings include a T-Shirt Quilt book, Pre-Cut Combo book, and a Quilt Directory for travelers. DVDs include the complete 2nd and 3rd season of Alex Anderson and Ricky Timms "The Quilt Show", and Carol Doak's Paper Piecing DVD. Also added is a Periodical/Magazine section with NOA's "Quilting Quarterly" and a Machine Quilting Magazine. 34 new items in total were added; thanks to all who donated to our library! Just a few reminders: checkout time remains 1 month, and a reminder email is sent before the next meeting. Email or call Debbie Robb directly with your requests and also if you have any questions. The library is not set up at the August picnic or the December Christmas party due to space limitations, but if you have an item due back those months, Debbie will be there to check the item back in.

A list of library books is available on the guild website. If you see a book you would like to request, please let Debbie 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 QUILT SHOWS – If you know of any other shows not listed, please contact Barbara Orr to include them in the newsletters.

July 25-26, 2014 10-4 pm

ALLEGHANY QUILTERS 18TH ANNUAL QUILT SHOW
Emerson Black Exhibition Building, HWY 21 North
Sparta, NC

July 30 – August 2, 2014

AQS QuiltWeek® Charlotte, North Carolina



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

September 20, 214 – 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

October 10-11, 2014 9 to 5 pm

Mooresville Centerpiece Quilters Guild
"HANDMADE IN AMERICA" QUILT SHOW
Talbert Recreation Center
210 Talbert Point Drive
Mooresville, NC

Sew Get To Know Someone This Month!



Pat Stedwell

My sewing interest starts with my good friend, Kitsie. She encourage me to knit, learn to cross stitch and start sewing in my spare time with 4 children. I knitted a few sweaters for the boys, tried some cross stitch and bought my first sewing machine with green stamps. I moved from up-state

New York to Michigan and finally ended up in North Carolina in 1980 and received my BS in Education from East Carolina University in 1986. I continued to stayed in touch with my friend and she was now quilting and told me to buy this book called "Quilt in a Day" by Eleanor Burns. I made some blocks but was not very good at the 1/4 inch seam. I knew by then I needed some classes but put quilting on the back burner because my career in teaching was my main focus. After 17 years in education and learning about technology along the way, I was ready to retire and start something new. The computer and quilting came together but I missed the learning and social interaction from being in education. I signed up for a quilting class and met Peggy Fox. She continued me on the path to quilting and moved me beyond my comfort zone of blocks to a completed quilt. Peggy put the social and educational part back in my life and it didn't take long before I joined the Cabarrus Quilters Guild. Being part of a guild, taking classes, buying fabric, and attending shows is what makes life good.



Charlotte Doyle

For 25 years I was the proud owner of Newsstand International. When I sold the store 12 years ago, I did a lot of volunteer work. While working out at the YMCA I met 2 ladies. June Wright who loved collecting fabrics and Pat Peterson who loved Quilting. I took a class from Pat at the Y and was hooked. I have made over 100 quilts for family and friends . I was one of the featured artists at the opening of the Old Courthouse Gallery where I had my own Quilt Show.

I sold most of the quilts in the show and had several commission quilts.

My proudest moment was when one of my quilts was chosen Best of Show in the Cabarrus Quilt Show. I still love going to my studio to quilt, it is great therapy for me.

Sew What's Cooking?



Crabmeat Appetizers

- 1 lb. Back fin Crabmeat
- 1 Egg, beaten
- 1 cup Ritz Crackers, crushed
- 1 tsp. Yellow Mustard
- 2 tbsp. Fresh Lemon Juice
- 2 tbsp. Fresh Parsley, chopped
- 1 tsp. Old Bay Seasoning
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce

Place crabmeat in a mixing bowl, picking any stray shell fragments out. Add crushed crackers, Old Bay Seasoning & parsley to the crab. In a separate bowl, combine egg, mustard, lemon juice and Worcestershire sauce. Whip with a whisk until smooth. Pour egg mixture over the crabmeat and crackers and gently mix careful not to break up large lumps of crabmeat. Mold into golfball sized balls and place on a cookie sheet. Bake @ 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Drizzle w/ melted butter and allow to cool.

Sew Helpful Hints & Tricks

1. The next time you're giving a quilt as a gift, why add a quilt pouch to the back? When you give a quilt as a gift, make a small muslin envelope, 4 x 4 inches, and mark on the outside that it contains fabrics from the quilt for any needed repairs. Put 3 x 3 inch squares of all the fabrics inside and then stitch the envelope closed. Slipstitch it onto the quilt backing in the corner opposite the label. The envelope can easily be removed if desired, but encourage the recipient to keep it attached as the swatches will be laundered the same as the quilt, and will be a closer match (if they're needed) than if they were stored in a drawer."
2. Divided Needle Storage - A small embroidery floss container is perfect for storing sewing machine needles. You can store a different size in each compartment so it's easy to find the one you need.
3. Gum containers with snap-shut lids make perfect dispensers for ribbon and trims. Roll up the ribbon, place it in the container, and thread the end through the opening. You can pull out only what you need and the rest stays neatly in the container.
4. Can't find the time to read and quilt? Listen to books on tape while you stitch.

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.

2014 Committee Chairpersons

2014 Programs/Workshops – Pat Arndt, Candy McManaway

2014 Quilt Show – JoAnna Cupp

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

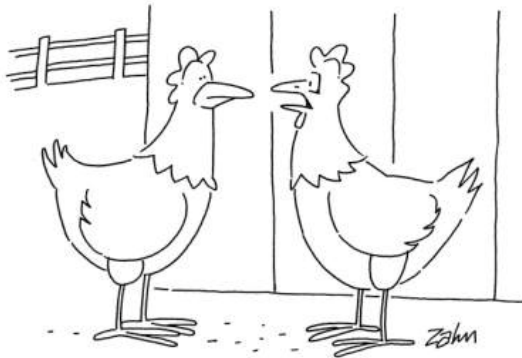
Retreat Liaison – Nancy Miller

BJ's Membership – Pat Stedwell

Webmaster – Terry Patterson

Visitor Welcome – Melba Mick

Sew Funny



"I think I'm possessed! I've been laying deviled eggs."


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.

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



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