



## Cabarrus Quilters' Guild Newsletter June 2014

### From the President's Desk:



I understand that you had an interesting May guild meeting and that Sharon did a great job conducting it. I hated to miss the meeting but am glad to have my surgery behind me. Thank you to Sharon and everyone else who carried on in my absence.

For the first time in many years, quilting has not been at or near the top of my list of priorities. Now that I am feeling better my thoughts are returning to the many projects I have started or have plans to begin in the near future. The guild challenge, mystery quilt, and workshop projects, in addition to the patterns we choose ourselves, are enough to keep us all actively quilting. Let's make a large variety of quilts for our show.

It is time to seriously think about what we need to do and to have ready for our quilt show. Even though the show is months away, now is the time to prepare. I keep saying I am going to go through the things I have packed away in my sewing room. It is time to get rid of those items I have collected but still have no idea how I will use. The Quilt Show White Elephant would welcome those things. Maybe someone else will buy them and use them, not just pack them away like I have done. In a bonus for me, once those items are out of my way, I'll have room for other things that catch my fancy and that I might actually use. We can all bring our White Elephant items to any guild meeting where they will be collected and organized for the quilt show.

I hope to see each of you at the meeting on June 9th.

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 Bonnie and all members of the Guild: Thanks to everyone for the beautiful gardenia bush. It will be planted in a prominent spot as a living memorial to my husband Cal.

Pat Cevaal

### Birthdays

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| Mildred Lamb         | 6/4  |
| Robbi Banks          | 6/7  |
| Carol Diaz           | 6/8  |
| Carol Yandle         | 6/8  |
| Cindy Palazzo        | 6/11 |
| Becky Knauer         | 6/11 |
| Jo Anna Cupp         | 6/22 |
| Rebecca Verrier-Watt | 6/23 |

## April 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: Sharron Brown, Martha Austin, Cathy Gordon-Hallman.

Vice President Sharon Smith opened the meeting by welcoming visitors and new members.

Pat Arndt welcomed speaker Jane Godshall of Plain Jane Threads. Jane demonstrated English paper piecing using hexagons and diamonds and demonstrated paper-less piecing as well as gave an overview of new tools for making the Lemoyne Star and Hunter Star.

Candy gave a brief run-down of June, July and August's programs. In June we will only have a speaker, not a workshop. July is Micki Dupree (rescheduled) and August will be the picnic and guild challenge. More sign-ups are needed and members were reminded to pay for workshops by the meeting the month before the program. Six members who participated in the Karen Combs workshop showed their projects.

Candy McManaway discussed guild activities. She invited members to show the blocks they have been working on for block of the month. Nancy Miller advised that everyone should have Clue 3 for the mystery quilt. Clue 4 will be sent to all participants before next meeting. If you still want to join the mystery, contact Nancy.

Fourteen members showed quilts and projects they had completed. Several quilts and projects were shown as well as an antique quilt. Several members draped their projects over benches and tables for members to inspect at break.

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

Announcements: We need greeters for next month's meeting. Debbie Morse is coordinating the sale of raffle quilt tickets with the Kannapolis Art Festival on May 31<sup>st</sup>, September 27<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Sew Saturday will be working on a string quilt block this Saturday. Traditional paper-piecing will be taught in June and Barbara Bruce will teach making a large tote bag in July.

Silent auction committee is looking for projects to be made/finished for silent auction. White elephant committee is looking for items for the White Elephant booth. Ona Phillips gave a QOV report. There is a new block pattern this year they will be collecting in July. Community outreach delivered 112 teddy bears to Victory Junction on May 3. Black & white check fabric will be available later this summer/fall so we can make bears again, and they will make kits too. Community Outreach also delivered 25 mini bears to CMC-Northeast NICU on May 10. Patterns were distributed for the NICU bears. Nancy Miller showed the remake of a large quilt brought in—it was made for a Hospice quilt. If you have unfinished projects, contact Community Outreach to get them completed for a hospice quilt. Batting, quilting, and labels are available for hospice quilts. Pat Stedwell announced that BJs memberships are available. They renew later in the year, but if you join now, membership would be prorated. Marguerite announced that Raffle tickets will be sold on race weekend at the Depot on McGill. Sharon thanked the refreshment committee for providing refreshments. The door prize was drawn. A reminder that the next meeting is June 9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 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.*

### June Greeters:

Linda Brimanson  
June Dale

### June Refreshments:

Janie Dempster  
Dee Matney  
Cathey Hooper

## 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.

## 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](#))

*Those of you who took Plain Jane Threads workshop "Foundation-less Piecing", please bring your blocks to our June meeting to show everyone.*

### June 9<sup>th</sup> – **NEW SPEAKER – LECTURE ONLY**

Guest Speaker: Nancy G. Cook  
[www.nancygcook.com](http://www.nancygcook.com)

We are very fortunate to have this incredible artist in our city. Nancy G. Cook creates realistic, enlarged images of nature. Her art work combines tradition of quilting and botanical illustrating with passions for nature, texture, color, and women's

work as art. DO NOT MISS her trunk show and lecture June 9, 2014.

If you would like to meet Nancy, we have dinner at O'Charley's by the Carolina Mall at 4:15pm before our doors open for our meeting at 6pm on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact Pat Arndt.

### July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

Guest Speaker: Mickey Dupre

[www.mdquilts.com](http://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. The on-line price is good until April 15<sup>th</sup> or while supplies lasts.**

### August 11<sup>th</sup>

Guild Magazine Challenge and Annual Picnic

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

### Sept.8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

Guest Speaker: Amy Stewart Winsor

[www.amystewartwinsor.com](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>**

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 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> (CVAN Cuddle Quilts are due)**

Guest Speaker: Karen Ponischil

[www.karenponishil.com](http://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 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **RETREAT INFO**



Nancy Miller is collecting names of those who might be interested in a guild retreat at St.

Christopher Conference Center in Seabrook Island, SC – website: <http://www.stchristopher.org/>  
We could do a retreat for Friday, Saturday, until Sunday noon, all meals included, for approximately \$200.

Camp St. Christopher is right on the beach, so you can sew, or walk on the beach. If there is sufficient interest, Nancy will check into available dates for a retreat.

## **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.

June 14<sup>th</sup>: Carol Harris and Barbara Orr will lead a session on traditional paper-piecing technique.

July 19<sup>th</sup>: 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 May so that we can all watch your quilt top grow. The link to your 5th block will be sent to you June 8th. If you have any questions please contact Candy McManaway.

### **Mystery Quilt**

Nancy Miller will be sending out your 3rd clue on June 8th. 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.

## 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:

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.

**Financial Report – an updated report will be emailed to you in a few days.**

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

**June 26-28, 2014**

Original Sewing & Quilt Festival - Raleigh  
[www.sewingexpo.com](http://www.sewingexpo.com)



**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](mailto: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](http://www.cabarrusquiltersguild.org)

***Sew Get To Know Someone This Month!***



**Phares Sechler, Historian**

Even though I have been sewing clothes for myself and the children since I was seventeen years old, I

have only been quilting since 2005. Carolyn Edwards was making a lap quilt from Doris Kelly. I still have the 12 squares that I was to quilt by hand. I will quilt them by machine when I decide to finish the quilt. I joined this quilt guild in October 2005 and have not regretted one moment. So many ladies with so much patience and talent, that now I count myself as a good intermediate quilter. One of my favorite projects is to work on Quilts of Valor and to go on quilting retreats with guild members.

### ***Sew What's Cooking?***



#### **Tomato-Potato-Zucchini-Summer Squash**

- 1 Tbsp. Olive Oil
- 1 medium onion
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 1 medium zucchini
- 1 medium yellow squash
- 1 large white potato
- 1 large tomato
- 1 tsp. dried Thyme
- 1 tsp. fresh chopped Rosemary
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup shredded Italian cheese

STEP 1: Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Finely dice the onion and mince the garlic. Sauté onions in a skillet with olive oil until softened (roughly 5

minutes) then add the garlic until fragrant (about 1-2 minutes).

STEP 2: While the onion and garlic are sautéing, thinly slice the rest of the vegetables. Slice them into the same shape. I used a mandolin but you could also use a food processor or by hand as well (just try to get them to be as close to the same thickness as possible)

STEP 3: Spray the inside of an 8x8 square or round baking dish with non-stick spray. Spread the softened onion and garlic in the bottom of the dish. Place the thinly sliced vegetables in the baking dish vertically, in an alternating pattern. Sprinkle generously with salt, pepper, thyme, and rosemary.

STEP 4: Cover the dish with foil and bake for 30 minutes. Remove the foil, top with cheese and bake for another 15-20 minutes or until the cheese is golden brown.

### **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 Helpful Hints & Tricks

1. Fleece is a thread magnet. To keep threads from migrating throughout the house, wear fleece when sewing. You are a mess but the floor is cleaner.
2. Use the tray that comes in cookie packages as a space organizer for sewing notions. Two of these trays perfectly fit a drawer space with long dividers for items such as seam rippers, rulers, scissors, etc. Re-using these trays is a great way to recycle and they come in many sizes. When these wear out, just eat more cookies to get more trays.
3. When drawing lines on squares to make Triangle-Squares and Flying Geese units, use an emery board as a straight edge. It won't slip, and keeps the fabric from stretching as you draw.
4. Pick up a toilet brush from the dollar store and keep it in the sewing room. At the end of a long quilting session, just skim the brush over the carpet to catch all those loose threads before they get tangled up in the vacuum roller bar. Works like a charm!

## Sew Funny




## 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.

## Newsletter Advertisement Space

Business card size     \$7.00 per issue  
Half page size         \$15.00 per issue  
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