



Cabarrus Quilters' Guild Newsletter July 2015

From the President's Desk:

Are you like me? I am hating the heat and refusing to leave the cool comfort of my house unless absolutely necessary. It seems like every day the weather report is for extreme weather and record setting temperatures. Yes, this is the South and we know to expect it to be hot in the summer. But this hot every day? Of course, the good side of this is that it allows me more time to quilt. I have been hibernating in my cool basement where I have been manipulating my fabric and working on some unfinished projects. (Note I said "working on" – not finishing. I hope to get to the finishing part one day soon.) Even though I have non-quilting friends who think that quilting is just for the winter months, I know better. This is the time for putting the finishing touches on quilts for the quilt show, getting the cuddle quilt for CVAN made, and designing the challenge quilt. As we move into summer, I hope you can stay cool and will be able to use this time for quilting.

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

July Birthdays

Rosey Stein	July 7 th
Trudy Pollard	July 10 th
Linda Leano	July 20 th
Linda Brimanson	July 23 rd
Susie Mosier	July 23 rd
Candy McManaway	July 24 th
Martha Jackson	July 25 th
Nikki Yandle	July 31 st

June 8, 2015 - Minutes

President Carolyn Sweet opened the meeting at 6:45 by welcoming visitors and new members.

Greeters were Linda Brimanson and June Dale. Refreshments were provided Lisa Edwards, Phares Sechler, Marilyn McKinley, Ona Phillips, Terry Patterson. Carolyn announced that we received a Thank you note from Victory Junction for 112 bears made by the guild for their campers. She invited those who had made bears to stand for acknowledgment.

Pat Arndt introduced Flavin Glover who provided a fascinating slide show on color and the effect of light, seasons, and talked about using color effectively in quilts.

Pat outlined the upcoming speakers:

July – Scott Murkin- Finishing with Finesse.
Workshop on finishing/binding

August – Guild challenge

September – Karen Lee Carter “Express yourself”.
Workshop on crazy quilting

October – Eileen Williams. “Journey of an Art
Quilter”- Workshop on an embellished book

November – Will be a narrated quilt show of CVAN
quilts.

December – Christmas party

Debbie Morse showed some of the items that have
been donated to silent auction including a quilting
chair, some baskets, an advent calendar. She also
showed some panels that need finishing and
invited members to come up during the break and
sign up to finish some.

Barbara Orr shared a slide show of the May 19 QOV
presentation. Her group meets 3rd Wednesdays at
We’re Sew Creative, from approximately 10-4. All
interested are invited to attend.

A 10 minute break was taken.

Joanna Cupp talked about the quilt show.
Reminder that August 14th quilt entry forms are
due. They are available on the web site. Booklets
will be made ahead of time and inserts will be
made for prize results. We still need vendors.
Contact Pat Stedwell or Bonnie Labadie if you know
of any quilt related booth, or booths that would be
of interest to a quilter - \$175 per booth for 2 days.
Money from vendors pays the Arena rental. We’re
Sew Creative has donated a Baby Lock sewing
machine to raffle. Money from this raffle will pay
for prizes.

Candy McManaway and Debbie Robb announced
that they still had some fortune cookies for the

August challenge for those who were interested.
Then those who brought orphan blocks drew
blocks for their orphan block swap. Same rules for
M&Ms as previously done: They must do
something to it, needn’t be finished, but must
move it along.

Announcements:

Nancy Miller reminded all that Cabarrus Quilt
Camp starts on Friday. Don’t forget to bring your
blocks from the fabric sent to participants.

Nancy Miller thanked all who brought in batik fat
quarters for the 2016 raffle quilt. If you forgot, we
can still take them in July. A lovely assortment has
already been received.

Debbie Morse reminded everyone that there are
upcoming events to sell 2015 raffle quilt tickets.
Contact Debbie.

Carolyn recognized members with June birthdays.

Eight members participated in show and tell with
various projects for the members to enjoy viewing.

There is no Sew Saturday this month. Also, we
don’t have projects for upcoming Sew Saturdays.
Please talk to Carol about topics/patterns/projects.

The door prize winner was Paulette Lundy.

Reminder the next meeting is July 13th. The
meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Miller – Secretary

NEW GUILD DIRECTORY PROJECT

Terry Patterson will be taking photos again at the
July guild meeting for the updated Guild Directory.
Be sure to stop and see her if you want your photo
updated or added to the new directory which will
be sent out by email sometime in August.

Refreshments and Greeters

NOTE: 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:

Rosey Stein
JoAnna Hahn

July Refreshments:

Sharon Smith
Barb Bruce
Pat Arndt
Pat Stedwell
Carolyn Sweet
Paulette Lundy

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Melba Mick has been appointed as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. She and her committee will be contacting members to fill open positions for the 2016 Board of Officers. If you are interested in serving on the board or know of someone you think would be a good candidate, please contact her. In August, the nominating committee will present a slate of candidates and additional nominations may be solicited from the floor. Elections will be held at the November meeting with the new board assuming their duties in December 2015.

SPLASH OF COLOR QUILT SHOW UPDATE

Jo Anna Cupp, Quilt Show Chair, reported that we will need additional show vendors. Contact Pat Stedwell or Bonnie Labadie if you know of any quilt related booth, or booths that would be of interest to a quilter - \$175 per booth for 2 days. We're Sew Creative has agreed to sponsor a Baby Lock sewing machine for the raffle. Entry forms for the quilt show are now available on the website.

2015 – PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

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.

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 (bring a covered dish to share) and **Guild Challenge** is due.

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” and her 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 – CVAN CUDDLE QUILT DUE
Speaker to Be Announced

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

DECEMBER 14, 2015 – Christmas Party

2015 Guild Challenge

Challenge inspiration comes from the fortune cookie you selected. Whatever way this fortune inspires you to go is fine; make it funny, make it beautiful, make it artsy, make it personal, but remember, guild members will be encouraged at the August picnic to base their vote on the best interpretation of the fortune. All entries will have their fortunes printed out and pinned next to their quilt.

Guild Activities:

In June participants brought an “orphan” block to the meeting for the M&M. Candy and Debbie “hid” them inside decorated paper plates and had everyone march around the table and select one they wanted. Don’t forget to bring it back to the July meeting. Again, no rules and it doesn’t have to be finished to get credit for participating.

Guild Library:

New books have been added, stop by and take a look at what is available! A list of library books is also 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.

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.

RETREAT



There were 21 of us at the retreat June 11th-14th at Seabrook Island, SC. We had a wonderful time and all of us are looking forward to repeating the experience. Kudos to Nancy Miller who organized the whole thing and made the retreat a thoroughly enjoyable one. Two of Nancy’s SC guild friends stopped by Friday and brought us a delicious chocolate cake and a bouquet of flowers. The area is very picturesque and the weather cooperated, allowing us the opportunity to walk along the beach. One of us even got to go kayaking! There were lots of laughs and new friendships were formed.

Sew Saturday

CALL FOR IDEAS! Carol Harris has indicated that after doing this for several years, **she has finally run out of ideas.** If you want to continue with Sew Saturdays, please contact her and let her know what you would like to do. Volunteers for leading projects are always welcome and you don’t have to be an expert!!

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.

Sewing Tips and Tricks

The following is an excerpt from Bonnie Hunter's website "Quiltville's Quips & Snips!"

I had an "AHA!" moment yesterday that about blew me away. When I say that sometimes the teacher learns more from the student than the student learns from the teacher, I mean it!

Some of the ladies in yesterday's Strip Twist class collected their strip variety through the activity of strip swaps with each other.

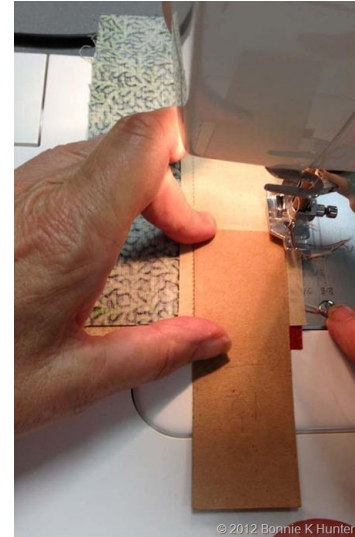
One thing we did during class was to cut some test strips with various rulers and varying ruler placement in the cutting process just to demo how much variation in strip width can happen so easily without us even realizing it. And we all know that we are not going to be able to get a strip set to reach a certain height if the strips themselves are of varying widths! It's a recipe for frustration, right?

Well such is the case as one Super-Quilter who showed us a technique that I thought as SO INGENIOUS.



Note the top picture carefully.

Our Super-Quilter was sewing with 2" strips. Some were a hair narrower than others. Some were a bit wider. Some had uneven or thready edges --- and this is where her lesson in precision comes in.



She cut a piece of cardstock the size of her FINISHED strip. Lay the cardboard template up against the first seam line. Align next strip right sides together with the strip set, new strip on the bottom so you can view the previous seam on the top. Carefully sew down the edge of the strip set keeping the needle up against the edge of the cardstock template ---but not piercing it. The lines of stitching will be 1.5" apart, and the strip that is a hair narrow. The underneath red strip that you see peeking out below the top cream strip will be 'corrected' in the seam.

She was quite quick in working this way ----and I would love to give this a try to see how it works for me. Her 1.5" inches was measured BETWEEN the seam lines, and doing it this way allowed for the thickness of the thread and the pressing. She was getting good results!

Bonnie

2015 UPCOMING QUILT EVENTS

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

July 17-25, 2015

13th Annual Carolinas Shop Hop
www.Carolinashophop.com for details

July 24-25, 2015 (9a – 5p Fri./9a-4p Sat.)

The Quilting and Knitting Expo
Jamil Shrine Center, 206 Jamil Road, Columbia, SC

August 14-15, 2015 (9a-5p)

Lake Norman Quilters Quilt Show
Talbert Recreation Center, 210 Talbert Pointe Dr., Mooresville

August 15, 2015 (9a-4p)

High Point Quilt and Vendor Show
YMCA- 150 W. Hartley Dr., High Point, NC

August 21-23, 2015 (9-5 Fri/Sat – 10-4 Sun)

Prickly Fingers and Electric City Quilters Guilds
“A Celebration of Quilts”
Civic Center of Anderson, SC
3027 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Anderson, SC
\$5 admission

September 25 & 26, 2015

Cabarrus Quilters Guild Annual Fiber Art & Quilt Show – “Splash of Color”
Cabarrus Arena & Event Center
4751 Hwy 49 N, Concord, NC 28025
www.cabarrusquiltersguild.org/Quilt_Show.htm

October 2-4, 2015 (Fri and Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4:30)

33rd Annual Asheville Quilt Show
Quilts: From Inspiration to Creation
WNC Agriculture Center
1301 Fanning Bridge Rd, Fletcher, NC 28732
www.ashevillequiltguild.org/show.html

October 8-10, 2015 (10am-4pm)

High Country Quilters Annual Quilt Show
Maggie Valley Town Hall
3987 Soco Rd, Maggie Valley, NC
Free admission, Free Parking

October 9 & 10, 2015 (9a-5p Fri. / 9a-4p Sat.)

Foothills Quilters Guild 2015 Quilt Fest Show
Leona Neal Senior Center, 100 T R Harris Dr., Shelby, NC
www.foothillsquiltersguild.org

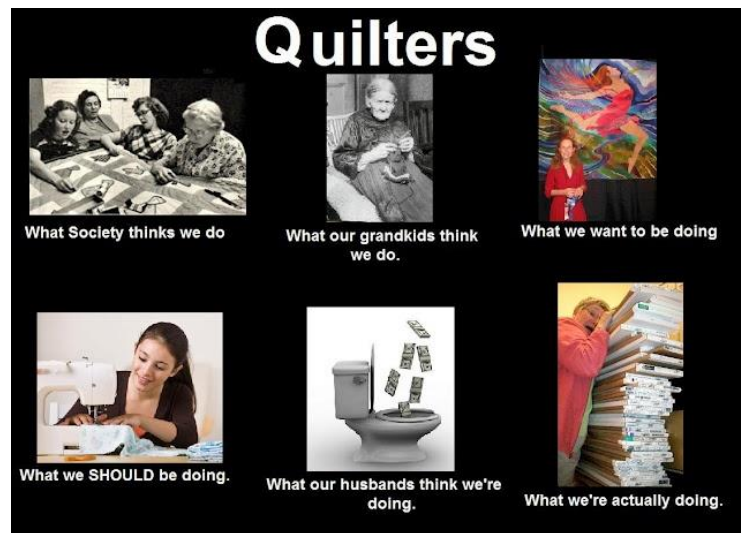
October 16-17, 2015 (10a-5p Fri. / 10a-4p Sat.)

Hearts and Hands ECA Quilters Guild Quilt Show
Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center
1801 Nash St., Sanford, NC
www.heartsandhandsnc.org

October 16-17, 2015 (9a-5p)

Catawba Valley Quilters Guild Quilt Show
Hickory Metro Convention Center
1960 – 13th Avenue Dr., SE; Hickory, NC
\$5 admission – free parking
www.catawbavalleyquiltersguild.com

Sew Funny



Sew Here's an Idea!

Magic Baby Quilt

41"x50 1/2"

By: Whitnee North of Piece N Quilt

www.piecenquilt.com



Materials needed:

1 Spring Magic Jelly Roll by April

Cornell for Moda fabrics

1.5 Yards large Ric Rac

1 Yard coordinating fabric for binding and pink

edge (Backing 1.5 yard)



Separate out 13 strips. Lay them out in a pattern. 1 space 2 space 1 space 2 space and so on just like the picture below.



Take 14 strips and sew them together in two sets of 7 for your pieced blocks.

Set 1.



Set 2.



After strips are sewn together cut them into 2 1/2" strips.



Now you will have two different stacks of blocks.



Sew the block sets together end to end creating 10 strips of 21 blocks.
Sew 8 of those block strips into the strips that you had previously laid out.



Take the remaining two block strips of 21 and apply them to two of the ends.



From your coordinating yardage cut one 6"x44" strip



Sew that strip of pink yardage to the side of the quilt.



Top stitch the Ric Rac across the seam.



Walla! There is your completed quilt top.

Now! Quilt, bind and enjoy.

Quilting Classes (all levels)

Looking to expand your quilting skills? There are classes available at most of the local quilting stores.

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>

Sew What's for Dinner?



Zucchini Pizza Boats

Ingredients (Per Person):

1 medium zucchini (you'll get about 2-3 good slices out of one medium-sized, so how much you want to eat is up to you! I sliced mine into two strips)
2 Tbsp. pizza sauce
8 slices of turkey pepperoni
1/4 cup 2% mozzarella, shredded
Italian Seasoning, to taste
Nonstick Spray

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil and coat with nonstick spray.

Slice each zucchini lengthwise into 2-3 strips (depending on your desired thickness)

Lay the zucchini slices on the baking sheet.

Spread the pizza sauce the length of the zucchini.

Lay 4 slices of pepperoni onto each slice.

Cover with cheese.

Sprinkle with Italian Seasoning.

Bake until cheese is bubbly - about 10-15 minutes.

2015 Committee Chairpersons

2015 August Guild Challenge – Adrienne Phelan, Candy McManaway, Debbie Robb

2015 Christmas Committee – Joan Martinkovic & Donna Johns

2015 Programs/Workshops –

Pat Arndt, Candy McManaway

2015 Quilt Show – JoAnna Cupp, Chair

2016 Quilt Show - Melba Mick, Chair

2015 Raffle Quilt – Debbie Morse & Committee

2016 Raffle Quilt – Nancy Miller & Committee
Audit Committee - Debbie Morse, Charlotte Doyle, Donna Johns

BJ's Membership – Pat Stedwell

Community Outreach – Tom & Connie Richardson

Facebook (Business Page) – Donna Johns

Guild Activities – Candy McManaway, Debbie Robb

Guild Retreat - Nancy Miller

Historians – Phares Sechler & Sonja Simmons

Humanitarian/Hospitality – Sharon Smith

Librarian – Debbie Robb

Membership/Newsletter – Barbara Orr

Nomination Committee – Melba Mick

Publicity (Guild & Quilt Show) - Donna Johns, Cecilia Estey

Sew Tuesday – Mildred Lamb

Sew Saturday – Carol Harris

Visitor Welcome – Adrienne Phelan

Webmaster – Terry Patterson

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.

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 Barbara Orr a business card so you can be included in this feature – free of charge to members).



The following businesses have donated long-arm quilting services and/or workspace to the Cabarrus Quilters Guild Quilts of Valor Creative Piecers Group efforts:

Anderson's Sew & So LLC
 10104 Old Beatty Ford Road
 PO BOX 219
 Rockwell, NC 28138-0219
 704 - 279- 3647
HUSQVARNA VIKING and JANOME
MACHINES NOTIONS FABRIC
SOFTWARE
WWW.ANSEWSO.COM
BECKY ANDERSON CHRIS WHITEHEAD

