

Cabarrus Quilters' Guild Newsletter

March 2014



From the President's Desk:

The snow has melted and we are moving along with an exciting and informative new year.

Thank you to everyone who braved the weather to attend the February guild meeting and workshop. The decision to go ahead as planned turned out to be the right one. Although I hope winter is winding down and spring is on the way, this may be the correct time to remind you again that if school is closed, we will not meet.

Thank you to all who responded to the questionnaire that was distributed in December. Activities for this year were based upon those responses, At the February meeting Candy McManaway introduced the plans for what will be happening this year. Those of you who have signed up for the Block of the Month can look forward to making a beautiful quilt that will be finished in time for the quilt show. The mystery quilt was introduced and I heard people discussing the fabrics and colors they plan to use. The results should be awesome. I am not sure what message Candy and Debbie Robb were giving us about the challenge quilt except it should be fun! I hope you are like me and can't wait until the March meeting to see what they have planned. I think that some of my best work has been a result of challenges. Hopefully that will be true of a lot of us as Candy and Debbie inspire us to be creative.

Now that we have this year's raffle quilt completed and tickets are being sold, we need to get started on the 2015 raffle quilt. Having a raffle quilt is an important part of what our guild does to support CVAN as well as to help finance other programs and activities. I hope you will consider getting

together with a few of your friends right away to develop a plan for a raffle quilt that you would be willing to make. Once you have made your decisions, email or give to me in writing what pattern and fabrics you are suggesting so I can present it to the Guild Board. The Board will announce the group that is selected to make the quilt top. Remember that it will be professionally quilted so that would not become one of your responsibilities.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our March meeting.

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!

Beginning in January, the building will be opened at 6 o'clock. 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

GUILD PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE SCHEDULED

Terry Patterson will be taking photos at the March and April meetings so we can update the Guild Member Directory. Be sure to see her to have your photo added to the directory.

IMPORTANT NOTICE Final Notice for 2014 Renewals

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 so you may continue receiving the monthly newsletter and other notices of guild activities.

Birthdays

Carolyn Sweet	March 1 st
Mattie Johnson	March 5 th
Kathy Lock	March 6 th
Delores Matney	March 7 th
Debbie Morse	March 14 th
Susan Coan	March 18 th
Natalie Swilley	March 25 th
June Dale	March 30 th

February Meeting - Minutes

Minutes of General Membership Meeting
February 10, 2014

The meeting began at 6:45 p.m. The social period was open from 6:15 to 6:45 during which time refreshments were served, visitors were greeted, sign ups (workshops, greeters, refreshments) occurred and members paid dues.

President Carolyn Sweet opened the meeting by welcoming visitors and seven new members. Thanks were given to those providing refreshments: JoAnna Cupp, Mildred Lamb; Phyllis Grass, Carol Yandle, Laverne Kidd. Greeters were

Debbie Morse and Juanita Williams. Connie Richardson introduced Becky Bahn of Hospice who gave a brief presentation. They are currently accepting lap size quilts (36-38 x 46-48) or prayer shawls for their patients in hospice. Pat Arndt introduced Dottie Moore who gave a presentation on her creative process and a trunk show. After the program, Pat spoke about upcoming programs in March and April and that we could still use some more sign ups.

Renee Hoagland announced that tickets for the 2014 raffle quilt are now available to sell. The raffle quilt will be available to display/travel within the next 30 days or so.

To celebrate Valentine's Day, Andersen's Sew and So graciously provided 3 door prizes won by Lisa Edwards, Robbi Banks, and Terry Patterson.

Ten members presented show and tell: displaying bears, quilts, wall hangings and tops they had completed.

Candy McManaway discussed activities. She showed some of the Block of the Month patterns that will be done by those participating. There is both a beginner and intermediate series. There is also a mystery quilt that will start in March. People can still sign up at the meeting, or can contact Nancy Miller directly. Candy and Debbie Robb also wore paper hats and paper chain necklaces as a hint when discussing the upcoming guild challenge. At this time, the challenge is still a surprise and to participate, you will need to bring \$1 to the March meeting when details will be revealed. There will be minimum and maximum size restrictions. The challenge is to be completed for the August meeting.

Carol Harris displayed the Quilt of Valor made at Sew Saturdays and said that this Saturday's Sew Saturday program will be Victory Junction Bears.

The door prize was drawn. Our next meeting is March 10th. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 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.

March Greeters:

Lisa Edwards

March Refreshments:

Linda Brimanson
June Dale
Cathey Gordon-Hallman

2014 SPEAKERS & WORKSHOPS

NOTE: We have 3 workshop kits left over that we had to buy from Dottie Moore at \$30.00 each. Any interested in purchasing them should see Pat Arndt. Included in the kits are Dottie's hand dyed fabrics swatches.

March 10 & 11 – Workshop Fee/\$30 (payable to Cabarrus Quilters Guild) – Supplies Fee/\$6 (payable to Quilters Gallery)

NOTE: Payment for this workshop is now due. Send to Pat Arndt as soon as possible.

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". Workshop fee is due at February guild meeting.

April 3 – Thursday (Special Program)

Pat Knoechlel – 7 to 9 pm in the training room at Bonitz Flooring at 4539 Enterprise Blvd., Concord, NC - No charge to attend.

The program will feature the new publication from Quilt in a day. Sneak Preview Book: Mystery Quilt, her presentation will be on two patterns from the book.

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. **NOTE:** Workshop fee will be \$40 for this one. Need to sign up as soon as possible.

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
Pieced Hexie Buffet. This workshop covers three different hexie designs. Join us to take hexies to a whole new level of design. Students will leave class with three new design samples and their imaginations running wild!
www.mdquilts.com

August 11

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

Sew Saturdays are held in the Training Room at Bonitz Flooring located at 4539 Enterprise Drive, Concord, NC, and begin at 9:30 am. - \$3 charge

3/22/14** Carolyn Sweet will lead a session on paper-piecing.

Upcoming: Barbara Bruce will lead a session on making a tote bag. This is a 4-6 hour session, so bring a lunch.

DATE TO BE DETERMINED

** **NOTE: THIS DATE IS NOT ON OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED SEW SATURDAY**

Victory Junction Bears

Thanks to all the Guild members who made bears for Victory Junction. Please return any unfinished or finished bears at the next Guild Meeting (March 11th). Thanks to all the members who helped sew - we have reached our 100. We would like to get a picture of all of those who helped with this project to take to Victory Junction on March 22nd. If anybody wants to go with us to Randalman to see the facility, let Tom ([704-870-1788](tel:704-870-1788)) or Connie ([704-870-1789](tel:704-870-1789)) know and we will set up a tour.

Again, we wish to express our appreciation for all the work that all of you have done.

Tom and Connie Richardson

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 Activities:

Mystery Quilt

Nancy has sent out the recommended fabric requirements (please make sure you use the one that says "keep this one"). Sunday March 9th you will be receiving your first month's instructions. If you have any questions contact Nancy Miller.

Block of Month (BOM) – Beginner & Intermediate Hope you enjoyed working on your first block. Please bring it to the March meeting to show. Sunday March 9th you will receive the link to your second block. If you have any questions contact Candy McManaway.

2014 Guild Challenge



If you are interested in participating in the challenge this year, bring \$1 and join the fun in March. There is no fabric packet to purchase and "you" will be selecting your own personal inspiration! Is there a catch.....oh yes!

Candy McManaway and Debbie Robb

Guild Library:

This month our library will feature books to help us welcome Spring! Stop by the library table to see birds, butterflies and flowers. All kinds of cheerful projects will be yours to check out for a month.

Check out the library list on our website and let Debbie Robb know if there is anything you want to check out and she will bring it to the next meeting for you.

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



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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October 3-4, 2014

Cabarrus Quilters Guild

"Splash of Color" Annual Fiber Art & Quilt Show

Cabarrus Arena & Event Center

www.cabarrusquiltersguild.org

Sew Get To Know Someone This Month!



**Candy McManaway,
Guild Activities Chair**

I grew up in a small town in Michigan. After receiving a degree in elementary education and very weary of Michigan's cold snowy winters, I moved to Florida. There I met my husband, Terry, moved to Kentucky and became a stay at home mom with our two girls. Fast forwarding to 1996, my father passed away and I received all his ties; and yes, that was the beginning of my quilting journey. I purchased my first quilt book "Daddy's Ties "and made my first quilt. Even though the sides were a bit wonky, I loved it then and to this day it is very dear to my heart. I took a beginning quilting class and joined this guild in March 2000. Through this guild I have met my BFF's (best friends forever), I have been inspired and challenged. I think I was born to be a quilter!



Debbie Robb, Guild Library Chair

I grew up in Toledo, Ohio; married the love of my life, Tom and moved to North Carolina in 1995. As a nurse and busy mom of 4, I started quilting, spinning and weaving as a way to ease stress and have a connection to history and textiles. History, in ALL forms is my passion! From old houses, to antiques, to "forgotten crafts", its all about history. I started out loving old Amish quilts, and after 30 some years, I still see those quilts as works of art. Although I do mostly traditional quilting, I respect both art and modern quilting too. It's all about expressing your passion, whatever it may be!

Sew What's Cooking?



Panera Bread Broccoli Cheese Soup – (copycat)

INGREDIENTS:

1/2 chopped Onion
1/4 cup melted Butter
1/4 cup Flour
2 cup Half and Half
2 cup Chicken Stock
2 large bunches Broccoli
2 Carrots
1/4 tsp Nutmeg
8 oz shredded Sharp Cheddar Cheese
Salt and Pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS:

Cut carrots into small strips. Break apart broccoli florets into small pieces.

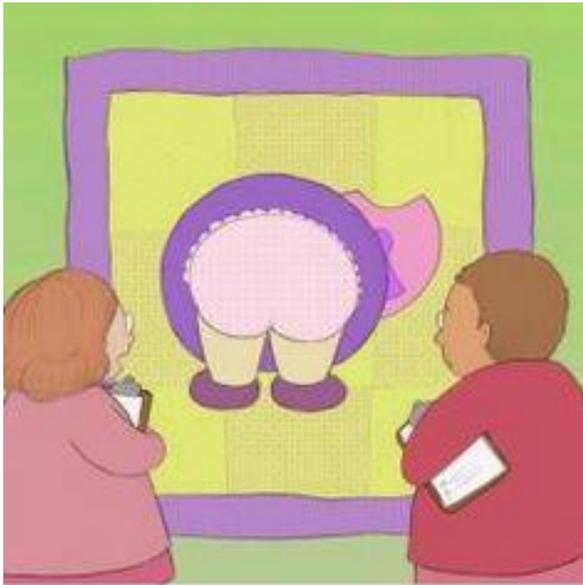
Sauté Onion in 1 tbsp. of melted butter until transparent. Make a roux using remainder of melted butter and flour. Cook about 5 minutes over medium heat.

Add in half and half stirring constantly. Add in chicken stock and simmer for 20 minutes. Add vegetables and cook for 25 minutes over low heat.

If you want a smooth soup, at this point puree in a blender and return to heat or use immersion blender.

Add cheese and nutmeg. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Sew Funny



"I guess Mazel is still sore about last year's judging..."

2014 Committee Chairpersons

2014 Programs/Workshops – Pat Arndt
2014 Quilt Show – 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
Guild Activities – Candy McManaway
Sew Tuesday – Mildred Lamb
Sew Saturday – Carol Harris
Retreat Liaison – **POSITION OPEN**
BJ's Membership – Pat Stedwell
Webmaster – Terry Patterson
Visitor Welcome – Joan Martinkovic & Melba Mick

Sew Helpful Hints & Tricks

One of our most important tools is our Olfa cutting mat. Here are some tips on how to take care of it.

OLFA Cutting Mats love moisture!

It is recommended that you soak your mat from time to time. Your self-healing mat loves moisture. To soak it, put your mat in a bathtub or large container (would have to be large so it can lay flat) and soak it for 15-20 minutes in a solution of 1/4 cup white vinegar to every gallon of cool water. Let me repeat, **cool water**. Do this every so often to help extend its useful life. Then use a squirt of mild dishwashing soap (Ivory) and clean the mat with a mushroom brush (**soft** is the key word here). The purpose of this gentle scouring is to remove the fibers that get trapped in the cuts marks preventing the cuts from "healing". Keep 'em clean, keep 'em moist, keep 'em flat and NO heat. Your cutting mat is not a coffee cup coaster!

Phew!! My mat smells. How do I get rid of the odor?

Olfa recommends that you wipe the mat with a solution of equal parts of water and white vinegar. Let the mat sit for a few minutes. Rinse the mat and dry with a towel. Repeat as needed.

I've used my mat for other fabrics, and now it's got "fuzz" on it.

Fleece fibers in particular are attracted to your self-healing mat. Clean your mat with a soft bristle brush (like a tooth or mushroom brush) and a solution of room temperature (not warm, not hot, not cold) water and a couple drops of a mild detergent. Work into a lather to gently clean the mat. Remember to rinse with, again, cool room temperature water and wipe dry with a clean towel.

My rotary cutting mat is warped? Can it be saved?

Olfa, on their website, says there is no proven way to fix a warped cutting mat. However, many people swear they can fix a warped mat by:

- Laying it in the hot sun on the sidewalk
- Soaking in hot water and then laying it flat
- Storing between the mattress and box spring to flatten over time

Another way works 85% of the time but is not guaranteed or recommended by Olfa:

Step 1

Get a piece of heavy plywood 3/8" to 1/2" thick. Make sure it is not warped.

Step 2

Lay the plywood on concrete, and ONLY concrete, in a totally all day sunny area. The concrete is important!

Step 3

Put the damaged mat on the plywood.

Step 4

Using heavy plate glass (NOT WINDOW GLASS) which you may find on a table top, a dresser top, or shelf glass. Any combo, and cover the mat so that mat is completely covered. Not just the affected area...THE WHOLE MAT. The glass can extend over the edges of the mat.

Step 5

Leave this set up in the totally sunny area all day. No moving, no peeking, just leave it alone.

Step 6

Early the next day, after the mat has cooled overnight, your mat should be straight.

Again, remember, this method works about 85% of the time to straighten a warped Olfa cutting mat. It is not guaranteed.

Warp Prevention:

Now, the best way to fix a warped mat is to not let it happen in the first place:

- Always lay the mat flat and never on its edge
- Don't iron on it
- No hot food or drink on it
- Be careful not to place it close to a heat vent
- Store it flat under the bed or couch or on a cutting table.

Newsletter Advertisement Space

Business card size \$7.00 per issue
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(If you have a business that you would like to advertise, be sure to give me a business card so you can be included in the feature – free of charge to members).



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