



Cabarrus Quilters' Guild Newsletter MAY 2015

From the President's Desk:

Have you ever been away from your quilting for a long period of time? Quilting has been such a part of my life since I retired; it seemed as if nothing would interfere with it completely. I was wrong in that assumption. There are certainly things in life that are more important and that will take precedence when the occasion demands. After spending 5 weeks away from Concord during my dad's recent illness and death, I came home to take up where I had left off. There were many things to be done, not the least of those was to get back to quilting. It was like finding an old friend that helped me to settle down and relax. I still have projects to be finished and more ideas than I have time to work on, but it is comforting to be able to work on my craft. I hope that you also find pleasure as you quilt.

Thank you for your expressions of support and sympathy through this difficult time in my life. Also, a special thank you to Sharon Smith and the other members of the board who carried on in my absence.

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

May Birthdays

Paulette Lundy	May 4
Stephanie Newbrough	May 7
Ann Ashworth	May 8
Bessie Ketner	May 9
Debbie Robb	May 11
Pat Stedwell	May 14
Carol Harris	May 16
Cathy Gordon Hallman	May 17
Sonja Simmons	May 17
Adrienne Phelan	May 26
Dawn Hopkins	May 30

April 12, 2015 - Minutes

Minutes of General Membership Meeting for April 13, 2015

Vice President Sharon Smith opened the meeting at 6:45 by welcoming visitors and new members. Greeters were Donna Johns, Lisa Edwards and Adrienne Phalen. Refreshments were provided by JoAnna Cupp, Mattie Johnson, Carol Harris, Natalie Swilley, and Carol Graham.

Pat Arndt introduced Patti and Cindy, the Pizza Girls from Quilter's Gallery. They shared a trunk show of a variety of quilts and patterns of pieced quilts that are made to look complex, but featuring simple piecing techniques.

Pat outlined the upcoming meetings: The Pizza Girls will have the "Fifteen Degrees" quilt workshop. Workshop is \$30/kit \$20.
May - Jane Hall with a workshop on paper pieced pineapple. \$20 workshop fee, \$2 kit
June – Flavin Glover log cabin row houses. \$30 fee/no kit
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 – To be determined & CVAN cuddle quilts
December – Christmas party
May 2016 – Wendy Butler Burns.

Sharon reminded everyone to sign up at the Library table if they completed something from last month's M&M.

Reminder to all June retreat participants to pick up a package from Nancy Miller.

Barbara Orr requested assistance with Quilts of Valor. She needs to award about 21 quilts. She needs quilts, tops, blocks, long-arm quilting, batting, any help. They hope to schedule an awards ceremony in mid to late May.

Debbie Morse and Marguerite Klaiber reminded everyone that there are upcoming events (Kannapolis festival, Gold Hill quilt show May 9) where they can sell their raffle tickets. Just sign up. Contact Rosita Blackwelder for information on Gold Hill.

Members who are interested in participating in the annual guild challenge were able to select a fortune cookie. The printed fortune from the fortune cookie will determine their inspiration. They needed to register their fortune number at the

library table and pick up a copy of the rules. The quilt is due at the August meeting and guild members will be asked to judge the best interpretation of the theme.

A 10 minute break was taken.

Nancy Miller showed some quilt tops that were donated and the donor requested that the quilts be given to charity. She showed one finished and asked for help quilting and finishing them. Tom & Connie Richardson took one to finish, Charlotte Doyle took another. More are available. Sharon Smith has arranged them to be donated to a church ministry. There are more. Contact Nancy to help.

Joanna Cupp gave the quilt show report. Please start bringing White Elephant items in May—especially fabric which sells well, so clean out your stash.

Tom & Connie Richardson announced that they had exceeded the goal of 100 bears for Victory Junction. They will take the bears up in a few weeks. At this time, they are not planning a tour, but if anyone is interested in doing so, contact them.

Sharon recognized members with April birthdays. Seven members participated in show and tell with various projects for the members to enjoy viewing.

Announcements:

Carol Harris announced Sew Saturday will April 25 and will be making pillow cases for QOV. She has some material or you can bring your own. She will have the pattern mailed out to members. Starts at 9:30 at Bonitz Flooring.

The door prize winner was Pat Arndt. Reminder to all members to pick up after themselves—throw away trash, clean up spills, and return chairs and tables to their original positions.

Reminder the next meeting is May 11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 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.

May Greeters:

Sharron Brown

May Refreshments:

Cecilia Estey
Joan Martinokovic
Sharron Brown
Carlotta Doran
Alice Suchanoff

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.

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 on “Perfect Pineapples”. Workshop fee is \$20 and the kit fee is \$2.00 payable to Jane on the day of the workshop. The workshop will be at Epworth UMC in the Widenhouse building from 10am to 2pm, this includes time for lunch, please provide your own lunch.

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 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 - 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

Splash of Color Quilt Show

We're Sew Creative has graciously consented to sponsor our quilt show and will donate a Baby Lock sewing machine for us to raffle. Everyone in the guild should thank them and frequent their shop. They will be featured on the flier as our sponsor.

Guild Activities:

Anyone who missed the April meeting can still select a fortune cookie and guidelines at the May meeting and participate in the Guild challenge which will be due in August.

Quilts of Valor Group

The Quilts of Valor group will be holding a Quilts of Valor presentation at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 19th. We would like to express our appreciation to everyone for their kind assistance in helping us in this endeavor. Several guild members have volunteered to make blocks, do long-arm quilting, donated money for fabric and batting, and made presentation cases. We are happy to let you know we are closing in on the total number of quilts needed for the 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 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.

May 15-16, 2015

“Southern Hospitality” Quilt Show and Exhibition
Sponsored by Crystal Coast Quilters Guild
Crystal Coast Civic Center
3505 Arendell Street, Highway 70, Morehead City, NC 28557

www.crystalcoastquiltersguild.org/2015-quiltshow.html

May 28-31, 2015

North Carolina Quilt Symposium
Boneclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC
(See attached flyer)
www.westernncquilters.org

August 15, 2015 (9a-4p)

High Point Quilt and Vendor Show
YMCA-
150 W Hartley Dr, High Point, NC 27265

September 2015 TBD

13th Annual Quilt Fair: Quilts in the Attic
sponsored by Ashe County Piecemakers Quilt Guild
Jefferson Station, 20 E Ashe St, W Jefferson, NC
For info www.ashequilters.org

September 25 & 26, 2015

Annual Fiber Art & Quilt Show
presented by Cabarrus Quilters Guild
sponsored by Quilters Loft of Mooresville
Cabarrus Arena & Event Center
4751 Hwy 49 N, Concord, NC 28025

www.cabarrusquiltersguild.org/Quilt_Show.htm

October 2 & 3, 2015

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
Fri and Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4:30

October 2015 TBD

Foothills Quilters Guild Biennial Show
Shelby, NC 28152 www.foothillsquiltersguild.org

October 2015 TBD (10am-4pm)

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

SEWING TIPS AND TRICKS

The following are some organization tips from a Fons & Porter website:

Tip #1: Tasty Organizer

When trying to organize a sewing cabinet drawer, I was unable to locate a drawer organizer that would fit. Later when putting away groceries, I noticed the size of the cookie tray. Two of these trays perfectly fit the drawer space with long dividers for items such as seam rippers, rulers, scissors, etc. My drawer is now organized and I can locate sewing items easily. Re-using these trays is a great way to recycle. When these wear out, just eat more cookies to get more trays.

Tip #2: Thread Organizer

When using your embroidery machine to sew a multi-colored quilting design, select all of your threads first. Use an egg carton to hold the spools while you stitch the embroidery. Write a number on the sections of the egg carton with the thread sequence numbers and place the spools in the carton in the correct order. After stitching, replace each spool so you can repeat the design if necessary.

Tip #3: Using a Skirt Hanger Fat Quarter organizer

Try using a skirt hanger to store your completed quilt blocks. The clips can be moved to accommodate any size block. This keeps your quilt blocks organized with no wrinkles.

Try using a multiple skirt hanger to organize your rotary cutting rulers. Just hook the hanger over your closet door and keep all your quilting rulers handy.

Tip #4: Using a Pill Organizer

For projects with bead embellishments, use a seven-day pill holder to keep beads separated and to keep them from spilling. Close off some sections, and use your needle to pick up beads from the open sections.

A pillbox is perfect to hold bobbins and other small items you carry to workshops. The larger size holds even more. Depression Era fat quarter pack

Tip #5: Mesh Pencil Holder

I purchased a large mesh pencil holder to use on my sewing table. It keeps all of my sewing and cutting tools close at hand, and keeps my sewing table tidy.

Tip #6: Matching Spool

To keep a bobbin with its matching spool of thread, insert a cotton swab through the bobbin and into the top of the spool. Even if they tip over, the bobbin stays in place. You'll thank yourself later for doing this.

Tip #7: Quilt Block Organizer

When working on a large quilt top, lay out the quilt blocks on a queen-size or larger flat sheet. Once your layout is complete, pin the blocks to the sheet. If you need to put your project away before all the blocks are stitched together, you can just fold up the sheet and all the blocks will stay in place. This also works well for quilt classes and retreats.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We will transport the bears for Victory Junction on Tuesday, May 12th for anyone that wants to see what Victory Junction is all about. We will arrive sometime between 10:00-11:00 AM. The tour takes approximately 1 hour. We can then go to lunch and then head home. Thanks to everyone who donated bears for their help. Victory Junction says that they need what we did!

Sew What's for Dinner?



EASY MEXICAN CASSEROLE

INGREDIENTS:

1 pound lean ground beef
1 can Ranch Style beans
1 10-12 ounce bag tortilla chips, crushed
1 can Rotel tomatoes
1 small onion, chopped
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese, divided
1 package taco seasoning
1 can cream of chicken soup
1/2 cup water
Sour cream and salsa for serving

INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a large skillet, brown meat and drain off fat. Stir in beans, tomatoes, onion, taco seasoning, soup and water. Simmer over medium-low heat until everything is well combined and heated through.

Grease a 9x13 casserole dish. Put down a layer of crushed tortilla chips, followed by a layer of the meat/bean mixture, then half of the cheddar

cheese. Repeat layers. Cover with foil and bake for 20-30 minutes, or until bubbly.

Let sit for 5-10 minutes before serving. Top with sour cream and salsa.

Sew Funny



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/signup/>

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

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

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

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

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.

2015 Committee Chairpersons

2015 Programs/Workshops –

Pat Arndt, Candy McManaway

2015 Quilt Show – JoAnna Cupp (Chair) & Melba Mick (Co-Chair)

2015 Raffle Quilt – Debbie Morse & Committee

2016 Raffle Quilt – **Committee Needed**

Community Outreach – Tom & Connie Richardson

Historians – Phares Sechler & Sonja Simmons

Humanitarian/Hospitality – Sharon Smith

Librarian – Debbie Robb

Membership/Newsletter – Barbara Orr

Guild Activities – Candy McManaway, Debbie Robb

2016 August Guild Challenge – Adrienne Phelan, Candy McManaway, Debbie Robb

2016 Christmas Committee – Joan Martinkovic & Donna Johns

Sew Tuesday – Mildred Lamb

Sew Saturday – Carol Harris

BJ's Membership – Pat Stedwell

Webmaster – Terry Patterson

Guild Retreat - Nancy Miller

Visitor Welcome – Adrienne Phelan

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

Facebook (Business Page) – Donna Johns

Audit Committee - Debbie Morse, Charlotte Doyle, Donna Johns

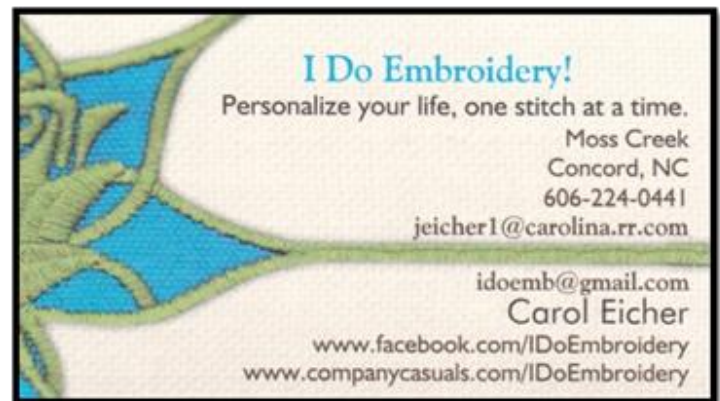
Newsletter Information:

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
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 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



SINCLAIR'S QUILTING
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