



## Cabarrus Quilters' Guild Newsletter October 2014

### From the President's Desk:

As I write this article for our newsletter, the quilt show is less than a week away. We have turned in our quilts and they have been judged. The plans for the quilt show have been made and put into place. Now we are ready for the big event. Even though things never go perfectly or exactly as planned, we will have a good show. It is important for us to all remember how much work goes into putting on an event such as ours. Many people have worked very hard. Take a minute to thank those who have worked to make it happen. They will appreciate your letting them know that you realize how much they have done to make this a quilt show of which we can and will be proud.

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

### September Birthdays

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|-----------------|---------|
| Phares Sechler  | Oct. 5  |
| Alice Suchanoff | Oct. 8  |
| Bonnie Labadie  | Oct. 12 |
| Judy Yandle     | Oct. 12 |
| Barbara Orr     | Oct. 13 |
| Terry Patterson | Oct. 18 |
| Esta Wannamaker | Oct. 29 |
| Linda McGlamery | Oct. 30 |

### September 2014 - Minutes

The door opened at 6:00 for the September 8, 2014 meeting. Refreshments were provided and the meeting was called to order at 6:45 by Carolyn Sweet, President. Donna Johns (new member) was introduced as the new publicity chairperson.

Minutes were approved from the August meeting. Pat Arndt introduced the speaker Amy Winsor who provided a program showing her work with the theme "when you can't precision piece and hate math." There are several openings for the October workshop with Sharyn Cole. Her workshop will teach us how to appliqué the easy need-turn way using your sewing machine.

Candy McManaway gave an update on guild activities.

Quilt Show Chair Jo Anna Cupp spoke about the upcoming quilt show. We have more than enough quilts for the show. We currently have 25 vendors for the show in October. A discussion was held concerning the pros and cons of having a quilt show every year. It was felt that unless it is held every year, we could lose a following of quilters and vendors who plan to attend each year. It could also be a problem to rent the arena on the same

date if we did not hold the show yearly. Jo Anna agreed to act as chair again in 2015 but we will need a chairperson for the 2016 quilt show. We are also looking for committee chairs for show book, advertising and white elephant booth. The fee that is paid to the judges is not completely covered by the entry fees. We pay the judges their fee, mileage, hotel and food. Other costs include ribbons, cash prizes, programs, advertising and printing of the show book. A motion was made and seconded that we have the quilt show yearly. The motion was carried.

A ten minute break was taken. Members who had quilts to show were recognized. September birthdays were recognized with a fat quarter for each member present. A door prize was given. The meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted by  
Sharon Smith acting for Nancy Miller

### 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.

#### October Greeters:

Phyllis Grass  
Mildred Lamb

#### October Refreshments:

Connie Richardson  
Barb Petraske  
Renee Ligay

### 2014 SPLASH OF COLOR QUILT SHOW NEWS

We need both men and women to help on our official set-up day on Thursday, October 2nd, the day before the show officially begins. A few of our members signed up at the last guild meeting but we need many more. Everyone who can help with this is encouraged to come to the Cabarrus Arena that Thursday. We will begin at 8:15 am.

### 2014 SPEAKERS & WORKSHOPS

**Tuesday Workshops** - Unless indicated 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](#))

#### 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, most definitely an easier way.

6hr. Workshop-- 10am to 4pm (bring your lunch)  
Cost--\$30 Workshop fee----- Kit Fee TBA

**NOTE:** We will be having dinner with our guest speaker on Monday Oct. 13th at O'Charley's by the Carolina Mall on Rte. 29 at 4:15pm. Anyone who would like to come is welcome to join us.

#### 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 (bring your lunch)  
Cost \$30 - No supply kit fee

#### December 8<sup>th</sup>

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

## Community Outreach

Hospice Quilts: We can also use more quilts for Hospice. If you have UFOs or tops that you don't want to finish, please donate them as quilts for Hospice. Tom and Connie Richardson will add batting and backing and finish the quilt for Hospice. The guild will supply the batting and the backing and make the donation in your name. Call Connie and Tom and they will come to pick-up your donation (contact information is in your Guild Directory).

## 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.

October – No project scheduled (we need a breather after quilt show!)

## Guild Activities:

### BOM

The link to the instructions for the final blocks will be sent out shortly. Please bring block(s) from September so that we can all watch your quilt top grow. If you have any questions please contact Candy McManaway.

## Mystery Quilt

The final clue was sent in the beginning of August. Anyone who has completed their quilt or quilt top should bring it with them again to the October meeting for Show & Tell.

## 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 is a limit of the number of persons on this retreat, but we have a waiting list if you want to add your name in case of any cancellations.

Total cost is \$200 and additional payments will be:

July meeting - \$70 (already paid)  
November 15 - \$70  
March 15 - \$60

## 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 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.

## 2014 UPCOMING QUILT EVENTS

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

### October 3-4, 2014

Cabarrus Quilters Guild

“Splash of Color” Annual Fiber Art & Quilt Show

### October 9-11, 2014 10 am to 4 pm

High Country Quilters Celebration

Maggie Valley Town Hall, 2987 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC – Free Admission and Parking

### October 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 12 pm to 4 pm

#### “Kaleidoscope” Cultural Arts Festival

Downtown Kannapolis opens its streets for local artists and musicians. Event is free for vendors and attendees but advance registration is required.

Visit: [www.kannapolisarts.com](http://www.kannapolisarts.com) for more info.

### October 10-11, 2014 9 to 5 pm

Mooreville Centerpiece Quilters Guild

#### “HANDMADE IN AMERICA” QUILT SHOW

Talbert Recreation Center, 210 Talbert Point Drive Mooreville, NC

### February 21, 2015

9th Annual One Stop Shop Hop; USC Lancaster Campus Hubbard Drive, Lancaster, SC 29720. Admission; \$3.00

One day event, over 25 vendors, free parking

### March 13-14, 2015

“Timeless Treasures Now & Then”

Charlotte Quilters Guild Quilt Show 2015

Metrolina Tradeshow Expo

7100 Statesville Rd., Charlotte, NC

### May 28-31, 2015

North Carolina Quilt Symposium

Boneclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC

Additional info will be available soon at

[www.westernncquilters.org](http://www.westernncquilters.org)

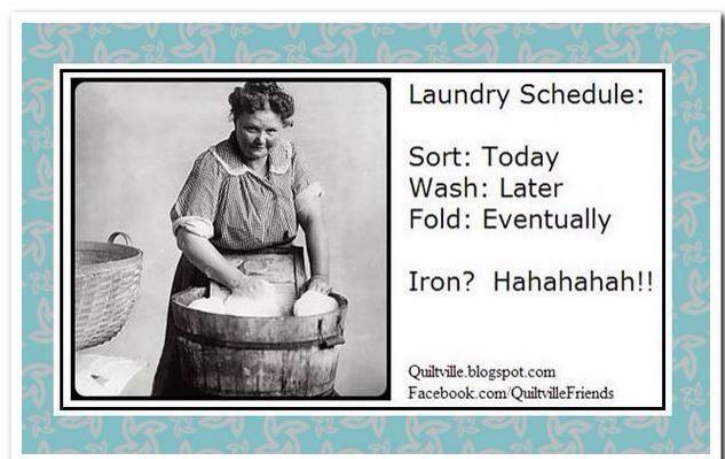
## SEWING ITEMS FOR SALE BY MEMBERS

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.

## 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.

## Sew Funny



## Sew Get To Know Someone This Month!



**Rosita Blackwelder**

My name is Rosita Blackwelder. I am married to Rick and have three children and seven grandchildren. I have lived in Mt. Pleasant for 10 years. I have been quilting for 35 years. I made my first quilt with one of our charter members, Faye West. She was a close friend of my husband's family when we married. My very first quilt was a sampler quilt in mauve and browns based on the techniques of Georgia Bonesteel. My 35 year old daughter has that quilt now and sleeps under it nightly. Needless to say my taste in fabric and quilting style have changed but my love for the art, quilts and fabric has only grown!!



**Debbie Morse**

I started sewing as a teen when I was unable to find clothes to fit off the store racks. I also made baby quilts for family, friends and co-workers. I had an aunt who took me to the Miami (FL) fashion district to buy fabric so I could make her and my mother suits for work, and of course enough to

make outfits for myself. One of my memories is making bathing suits to match every sportswear outfit I made.

My first full-size quilt was a tumbler pattern made in 1975 from fabrics used to make clothing for me and my family. I used a sheet for the backing and a blanket for batting and tied the quilt with yarn. I started more serious quilting in 2002 when my sister-in-law was a victim of domestic violence in Black Mountain. Her children gave me all her fabric and a few small UFO projects. I have made quilts to honor Meg for family & friends since and still have a large stash. I joined the Cabarrus Quilters Guild in February of 2004 and since then I have enjoyed taking classes and working on guild activities to learn more quilt techniques. I traveled by car throughout the southeast for work between 2003 and 2012. During this travel and our vacations, my husband and I stopped at many quilt shops, hobby shops (radio controlled race cars is Mike's hobby), and locations featured on the Diners, Drive-Inns and Dives TV show. My husband tells all that we have been to quilt shops from Key West to Alaska, and we have been to 106 DDD locations. He is an enabler, and often picked out fabrics for purchase, especially to make Stack N Whack quilts.

When I quit working full-time as a credit manager in December, 2012, my plan was to start working on my stash and the 35 kits I had accumulated. I am still working on this, and most of my quilts are donations as my family in Florida has told me they do not need any more quilts. I still work part time as a credit monitor for commercial credit meetings so I still enjoy traveling on day trips during two weeks of each month. I quilt, shop at quilt shops and attend quilt shows and shop hops during the rest of the month. Over the past 3 years, I have lost 60 pounds by changing diabetes medicines and taking water aerobics classes and working out at the Kannapolis Y, and I expect to start sewing

clothes again soon as adding elastic to the back of my pants is no longer working.

Mike & I have been married for 32 years, have a son living in Carbondale, IL and a 16 year old granddaughter, Cassidy, in Ferndale, CA. We moved to Kannapolis 24 years ago, joining many of our racing friends who had moved from South Florida to join NASCAR teams.

### Sew Helpful Hints & Tricks

1. Pre-wind neutral bobbins. This is an especially helpful idea when attending a class or retreat. Store your collection of pre-wound bobbins in a bobbin case, and you're ready to sew for hours (or days)! Pre-wound bobbins can also be purchased from some thread manufacturers.
2. Cut strips from inexpensive vinyl/cling wrap and wrap it around a thread spool and bobbin to keep the thread from unraveling.
3. Use a pants hanger to hold your pattern book to keep it from getting lost under fabric. Hang the hanger on a bulletin board, a nail in the wall or a kitchen-cabinet knob.
4. Store sewing tools in a silverware basket from an old dishwasher, and hang it on a pegboard. A revolving pencil holder is also great for tool storage.
5. When you have those little thread bits from, say, a seam you just unsewed, a nylon-net dish scrubber is a great (and cheap) tool for swiping them off your clothing. You can get craft netting at fabric and craft shops by the yard, to make your own for pennies on the dollar. Either gather strips, using your machine basting stitch, to make a sewn thread remover, or cut strips and crochet them.

### Sew What's Cooking?



### Ruth Chris' Sweet Potato Casserole

#### CRUST:

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1 cup chopped nuts (pecans preferred)
- 1/4 cup butter (melted)

#### SWEET POTATO MIXTURE:

- 3 cups mashed sweet potatoes (can use canned to save time, just drain)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 eggs (well beaten)
- 1/2 cup butter, melted (1/2 cup)

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine brown sugar, flour, nuts and butter in mixing bowl. Set aside.
2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
3. Combine sweet potatoes, sugar, salt, vanilla, eggs and butter in a mixing bowl in the order listed. Mix thoroughly.
4. Pour mixture into buttered baking dish.
5. Sprinkle the surface of the sweet potato mixture evenly with the crust mixture.
6. Bake for 30 minutes. Allow to set at least 30 minutes before serving.

## 2014 Committee Chairpersons

### 2014 Programs/Workshops –

Pat Arndt, Candy McManaway

### 2014 Quilt Show – JoAnna Cupp

### 2014 Raffle Quilt – Art Quilt Group

### 2015 Raffle Quilt – Debbie Morse & Committee

### 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

### Publicity (New Position) - Donna Johns

## Newsletter Information:

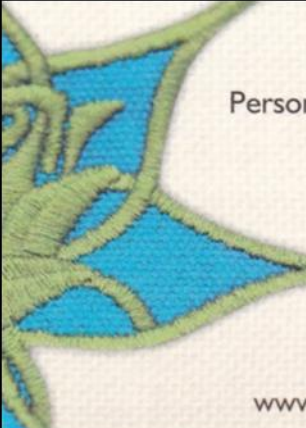
Every paid member will receive the newsletter in an e-mail early in the month. If you wish to have your newsletter mailed, there will be a small \$10.00 charge to help defray the cost of paper and postage. It will also be available on the guild website for everyone. If you have anything you would like included in the next newsletter, contact Barbara Orr.

**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).



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