

Cabarrus Quilters' Guild Newsletter

April 2014



From the President's Desk:

It is hard to believe it is almost time for our April meeting. It seems like just a few days ago the board and I were planning for our first meeting of the year. Even though I have been a member of our guild for quite a few years and have served as an officer before, it is different being president. I wondered if you would like the things we had planned. Would you share my vision for enthusiasm and active participation?

If you were at the meetings since that time, I think you answered those questions with a resounding "YES!" Last month when I needed to continue the meeting after the break while lots of people were still standing to make purchases, I knew the program was a real success. Pat has done a great job in getting programs that are interesting and inspiring. I can't wait to see what she has for us this month.

At our February meeting no one could figure out what Candy and Debbie had in store for us when they stood up in their paper hats. Instead, they sparked our interest, made us laugh, and created a climate of fun. If you didn't sign up for the challenge quilt activity, there is still time since the completed quilts are not due until the August picnic. We can have fun with the adventure of designing a quilt based on our own inspiration. Whether you are a traditional quilter, an art quilter, or someone who likes it all, the choice is yours – make something that appeals to you.

Finally, I have a couple of requests. First, there are many of you who make beautiful quilts and the guild needs your help. We still need someone to step forward and volunteer to help make the 2015

raffle quilt. Remember that we will have it professionally quilted. Your responsibility would be to make the quilt top with the guild paying for the materials. Second, I am researching past guild activities and need to find guild newsletters from previous years. If you have any old newsletters, regardless of the year, please let me know. I would like to borrow them. They will be returned after I read them.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our April 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 ([Directions](#)). **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 again be taking photos at the April meeting so we can update the Guild Member Directory. Be sure to see her to have your photo added to the directory.

Birthdays

Lisa Edwards	April 2
Cathey Hooper	April 3
Cecelia Etsey	April 12
Sylvia Stancil	April 18
Catherine Mowry	April 21
Judy Ford	April 22
Melba Mick	April 22
Ruth Garrott	April 26

March Meeting - Minutes

Minutes of General Membership Meeting March 10, 2014

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

President Carolyn Sweet opened the meeting by welcoming visitors and new members. Thanks were given to those providing refreshments: Linda Brimanson, June Dale and Cathy Gordon-Hallman. Signups are needed for April refreshments and greeters.

Libby Toler asked for the names of any hand quilters. Suggestions were made to contact Quilters' Loft, Mt. Pleasant Church, or at the Fair.

Linda Brimanson announced that Pat Knoechel will be at a special meeting on Thursday April 3rd at Bonitz 7-9 p.m. All members are invited to attend and there is no charge.

Carolyn announced that Candy McManaway will co-chair programs with Pat Arndt. Candy gave a brief run-down of March, April, and May's programs. April is almost full. She also reminded everyone that payment for programs is due by the meeting the month prior to the scheduled

program. Candy then discussed guild activities. She invited members to show the blocks they have been working on for the block of the month (both beginner and intermediate). Nancy Miller advised that everyone should now have the fabric requirements and Clue 1 for the Mystery Quilt. Clue 2 will be sent to all participants before the next meeting. If you still want to join the mystery, contact Nancy.

Renee Hoagland announced that tickets for the 2014 raffle quilt are now available to sell. The raffle quilt, which was on display at the meeting, is available to travel to shows. Marguerite Klaiber will help coordinate the scheduling. If you have a show that the quilt needs to travel to, contact Marguerite. For tickets and to turn in money for tickets sold, please see Renee.

The Pizza Girls, Cindy and Patty, then presented a conversation-stopping trunk show, explaining how some of the patterns were constructed, and showing patterns and tools used. Their program was so popular that the portion of the program after the break continued while check out of sales was completed.

Those participating in the Guild Challenge were invited to come forward and choose their inspiration. Members chose a brown paper wrapped package which, when revealed, was a magazine. The magazine cover is to be their inspiration. Members were asked to register their participation at the activities table and get a copy of the rules. Challenge quilts are due at the August meeting.

For "Show and Tell", nine members showed quilts and projects they had completed. The door prize was drawn. A reminder was given that the next meeting is April 14th. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 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.

April Greeters:

Jo Anna Cupp
Sharron Brown

April Refreshments:

Carol Harris
Sylvia Stancil

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](#))

NOTE: We have one kit left over that we had to buy from Dottie Moore's workshop - now \$20.00.

April 3 – Thursday (Special Program)

Pat Knoechlel – 7 to 9 pm in the training room at Bonitz Flooring at 4539 Enterprise Blvd., Concord, NC ([Directions](#)). 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 14th and 15th

Guest Speaker: Karen Combs
www.karencombs.com

Karen will present a trunk show on Quilts of Illusion. Her workshop Patchwork Illusions will teach you how to make quilts with a 3-D look.

6hr. Workshop-- 10:30am to 4:30pm (bring your own lunch)

Cost-- \$40 Workshop fee --- \$16 kit fee If you have signed up for this workshop and not yet paid, the \$40 workshop fee is due April 14th.

May 12th and 13th

Guest Speaker: Jane Godshall of Plain Jane Threads
www.plainjanethreads.com

Jane's lecture is "Quilter's Quandry—Hand or Machine". Her workshop is Foundation-less Piecing, a different take on foundation paper piecing but with the same results.

6 hr. Workshop-- 10am to 4pm (bring your own lunch)

Cost-- \$30 Workshop fee--- \$25 kit fee, that includes templates and pattern. If you are signed up for this workshop, the \$30 workshop fee is due April 14th.

June 9th and 10th

Guest Speaker: Susan Sorrell
www.creativechick.com

Susan is all about surface design. Go to her website and see many examples of her work. This lecture and work shop is pending.

July 14th and 15th

Guest Speaker: Mickey Dupre
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 15th or while supplies lasts.**

August 11th

Guild Magazine Challenge and Annual Picnic (more details to come)

Sept. 8th and 9th

Guest Speaker: Amy Stewart Winsor

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 13th and 14th

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 10th and 11th (CVAN Cuddle Quilts are due)

Guest Speaker: Karen Ponischil

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 8th

Annual Christmas Party and Pot Luck Dinner
(more details to come)

VICTORY JUNCTION PROJECT

Victory Junction has too much going on and we could not tour on March 29th. The first weekend that they have available is May 3rd. Therefore, we plan to take the bears and get a tour on May 3rd. Hopefully, all this winter weather will be long gone by then. Call Tom or Connie Richardson (contact information available in your Guild Directory) to let them know if you want to go. Everyone can meet at Bonitz ([Directions](#)) at 8:30 am and leave from there.

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, ([Directions](#)) and begin at 9:30 am. - \$3 charge.

April 26th Carolyn Sweet will lead a session on paper-piecing.

May 17th Carol Harris will lead a session on string quilt blocks. She has a supply of muslin that can be used for the foundations.

Upcoming: Barbara Bruce will lead a session on constructing a tote bag. This is a 4-6 hour session, so bring a lunch.
DATE TO BE DETERMINED

Guild Activities:

BOMs

Both the beginner and intermediate Blocks of the Month are underway. Please bring both February and March's blocks so that we can all watch your quilt top grow. The link to your 3rd block will be sent to you April 13th. If you have any questions please contact Candy McManaway.

Mystery Quilt

Nancy Miller will be sending out your 2nd clue on April 13th and you will actually have some sewing instructions. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Miller.

2014 Guild Challenge



We believe this year's Magazine Challenge was a huge success. We could tell everyone *loved the magazine they chose*, just look at all these smiling faces.



If you missed March's meeting you can still join the fun, bring \$1 in April and select your inspiration. If you have *any* questions, please contact Candy McManaway or Debbie Robb.

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. The books in April will feature different techniques; applique, machine quilting, fusible... Just stop by the library table and maybe get some inspiration for the Guild Challenge!

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

April 18-19, 2014

Springtime in the Carolinas
Rutherford Quilt Guild's Biennial Quilt Show
www.rutherfordquiltguild.org

April 26, 2014

Kaleidoscope Cultural Arts Festivals – Kannapolis, NC. Volunteers needed to sell raffle quilt tickets. Approximately 84 vendors were signed up as of last Tuesday and the city is supposed to post signs to

increase traffic. This Festival is in the development stage for the City of Kannapolis, with support from the Cabarrus Arts Council. For more information, see the website: <http://kannapolisarts.com/> (a separate flyer for this event has been emailed to the members).

May 16-17, 2014 (9am – 5pm)

Merry Quilts of May Quilt Show

www.forsythquilters.org

June 26-28, 2014

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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!



JoAnna Cupp, Quilt Show Chair

I have been sewing for the better part of 50 years. I started out making clothes because I was 5 foot 9 and slender and could not find clothes to fit since we were in the mini skirt era. I made many mistakes, took a lot of classes. I continued on to sew for my family and made most of what my daughter wore even made shirts for my husband and son. I was introduced to quilting in 1995 when my sister invited me to go with her to a quilt class. Did not know what I was getting into. She sent me the list of yardage with light, dark and medium fabric requirements and I was lost, but charged ahead and went to the class. My choices were not the best and I had not worked with a quarter seam allowance much in the past except in making doll clothes for my daughters dolls and had not worked with rulers and rotary cutters that much. I made the quilt and hand quilted it and was hooked. Took another class from Quilters Gallery and was really hooked. I have not looked back since. My sister and I have gone to NC Seminars and retreats together since that first class.



Terry Patterson, Webmaster

I was born in Pittsburgh PA and learned to sew by watching my mom make clothes for my sister and me. And so my passion for fabric began, making clothes for my Troll and Barbie dolls from mom's fabric scraps. Years later, I became interested in

making Amish dolls and other primitive crafts. The first quilt I made was hand quilted while my daughter recovered from chickenpox! IBM transferred our family to NC in 1992 and that year an elderly lady at my church taught me how to hand-quilt on a large frame. I soon realized that machine quilting was a much faster approach. Art quilts are my favorite to make and I thank our guild for showing me that quilts can be more than traditional. My husband and I will celebrate our 40th anniversary this year. Our 3 grandchildren are the source many inspirations and the recipients of many projects!

Sew Funny



Sew What's Cooking?



Crockpot Ranch Pork Chops:

1 package of boneless pork chops
1 can of Cream of Chicken soup

1 packet dry Ranch dressing mix

In crockpot layer pork chops, add the cream of chicken soup, then sprinkle dry Ranch dressing all over.

Cover and cook on high for 4 hours OR Low for 6 hours.

Sew Helpful Hints & Tricks

1. Here is a great tip for handling binding strips from Linda Brimanson:



2. If you use a pizza box to transport/store your fabric squares and/or pieces of fabric, spray a little 505 basting spray in the bottom of the box and then insert a piece of thin batting into the bottom. This will keep the blocks and pieces from sliding around in the box.
3. For those of you who like to pre-wash your fabric: Before storing, all fabric cut edges are serged, then washed, hung to dry and folded (don't iron anything until you are ready to use it). The serged edge tells you that the fabric has been washed. If new yardage is placed in your stash, it is immediately identifiable because it has not been serged. The advantage of serging the cut edges is that there is no raveling in the washer and no waste. You can cut right up to the edge. Any serged edges easily are hidden in the seam.

2014 Committee Chairpersons

2014 Programs/Workshops – Pat Arndt, Candy McManaway

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

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

Newsletter Advertisement Space

Business card size \$7.00 per issue

Half page size \$15.00 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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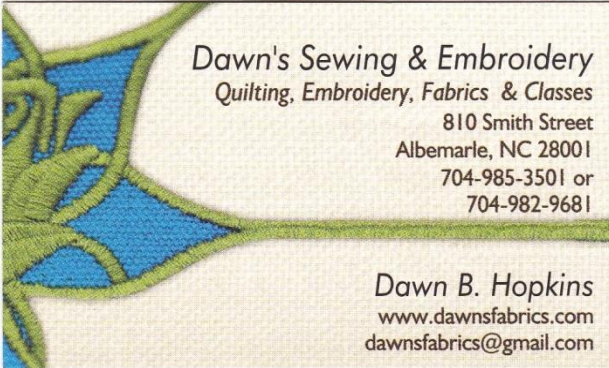
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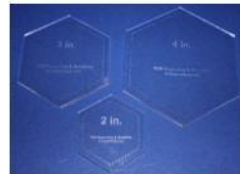
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