

Cabarrus Quilters Guild Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, September 9, 2024

The September membership meeting was called to order by President Debra Mills at 6:32 PM.

Program:

The first part of the meeting was the program presented by Carol Harris on making Rope Bowls. She took her first class in Greenville where she caught the bug. She demonstrated her extraordinary talent by showing many of the various bowls she made. She provided ideas and products to use as well as where to get supplies. Walmart cotton with poly wrap ordered online is her go to rope. Dollar Tree was mentioned as a resource for items to wrap around the rope. She preferred batik fabric to wrap the cord as it does not fray like regular quilter cotton. The machine you use determines how much of a curve can be made. Her go to machine is a Singer Rocketeer. An open toe foot works best. Ideas for using these bowls are for keys, toilet paper, remotes, kcups, phone jail, etc. Rope bowls don't break if they drop. There are many sources for ideas on rope bowls. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ropecrew/> was mentioned as one source of products and ideas.

Approval of August 2024 Membership Meeting Minutes:

No changes were needed. The motion to approve was made by Carol Harris and it was seconded by Marguerite Klaiber. The motion passed.

Announcements:

Membership: 1 New member. 2 guests. 3 on Zoom.

Birthdays in August are Charlotte Doyle, Janet Hunker, and Tom Richardson.

Contents of Raffle Basket were shared.

Debra Mills explained that the pattern for the October program is included in the fee.

Guild Library Discussion:

Debra Mills opened the discussion on the continuation of the Guild Library. The library has about 130 books currently. Before the quilt show the library sold off about a third of the older books from the collection then donated the rest to the white elephant. No new books have been purchased in several years. Usage of the library is low. The annual budget for the library is \$50 which is not much to keep the library current. The library chair must store the books at their own home.

Three motions were made regarding the Guild Library.

- 1) A motion was made by Carol Eicher to disband the Guild Library. Karen Bronkhurst seconded the motion. The motion to disband the Guild Library was approved.
- 2) A motion was made by Sandra Allred to have another sale of the remaining books to the membership with the books unsold being placed in the White Elephant at the next quilt show. Rebecca Verrier-Watt seconded the motion. The motion to sell the books from the library was approved.
- 3) Pat Stedwell made a motion that the guild use the budgeted money for the library to purchase books and patterns from the people who present their programs to the guild. These books could then be included in the Guild Monthly Meeting Raffle Basket. Melba Mick seconded the motion. The motion to purchase books and patterns for the guild monthly meeting raffle baskets was approved.

After the Break:

Debra announced two Raffle Quilt sales opportunities coming up. A sign-up sheet was passed around. The December raffle quilt sale will be handled by Carol Harris and will be with the new 2025 quilt that will be shown at the December meeting.

Committee Chairs for 2025:

Debra reviewed the status of the Committee Chairs for 2025 and where we have open positions. Members can reach out to Debra if you are interested or have questions. A flyer was placed on each table that described the positions if members wanted more information on the duties. Co-chairs are needed and encouraged if you want to work with another member chairing a committee. The 2025 Committee Chairs need to be finalized by November.

Activities Committee – New Chair Needed – This committee prepares activities for the membership each month. The internet is full of ideas for fun activities. The challenge quilt was a huge success at the 2024 quilt show.

Christmas Party Chair – Possible New Chair Needed for the 2025 Christmas Party – Melba is taking care of the 2025 party. She has done this for many years. Budget is \$500.

Community Outreach Chair – Karen Bronkhurst and Jo Ann Hahn have agreed to be co-chairs for this committee in 2025.

Raffle Basket at Membership Meetings – New Chair Needed – Jo Anna Cupp needs to step away beginning in January. She explained this is self-funding.

Membership – Emily Davis will continue her role in 2025.

Newsletter – Colleen Sain will continue her role in 2025. Debra Mills will be creating templates for newsletter submissions from the committee chairs to assist submission of information to Colleen for the newsletter.

August Picnic Chair – Needed for 2025 – Budget is \$500

Public Relations (Website, Facebook, and Email) – Janneke Bahamon will chair these for 2025.

Programs – Co-Chair needed for 2025. Programs span multiple years. The chairs must plan for the next year. The Co-Chair in 2025 will assist Janet Gillan and learn the process so they may become the Lead Co-Chair in 2026. Increasing the budget for the Programs is being discussed to increase the reach for instructors. \$5000 is the current budget.

Quilt Show for 2025 –

Debra Mills will chair the Show

Sandra Allred – Vendors

Carol Harris – Judging

Janneke Bahamon/Mary Shea – Publicity

Tickets (Chair Needed) – Changes will be made to how tickets are handled to assist in gathering metrics for the show.

Sponsors/Donors – Brenda Smith

White Elephant – Julie Love

Silent Auction – Terry Patterson and Debbie Swain co-chairs.

Guild Raffle Quilt for 2026 – Needed beginning in 2025 – This position is the person who will work with the team to create the 2026 quilt then will handle the sale of tickets for the quilt in 2026.

Welcome – Marta Lukac will continue as chair for 2025.

Community Outreach:

Carol Harris reminded the group that Friday is charity sew day at Fire Station 9 which is located on Poplar Tent Road at I85. You may work on any project that is for charity. The community room is open from 9 to 3. The charity sew days are the second Friday of each month. Concord Parks and Rec manage the community room scheduling. They have agreed to help promote our guild on their website.

Upcoming Programs:

October's program is Carol Carter with Scrap Dancing.

November is the rescheduled Tucker Tools program.

Activities:

UFOs were shown to the group. Samples of three types of upcycled towels were shown to the group. Upcycled Towels are to be shown at the October meeting.

Quilt Show 2025 Updates:

The 2025 Quilt Show location contract has been signed. The show is Friday, June 20, 2025 and Saturday, June 21, 2025. Set up is Thursday, June 19, 2025. The show will be held at West Cabarrus High School again with Matt assisting our group. The rate was slightly less than 2024.

Sandra recommended that QOV be put in the location where raffle baskets were to give them more visibility. Casual raffle baskets will not be created for the 2025 show. Quilt Raffles from other guilds can be moved if any are interested. That space can be used for an additional vendor. Dawn's and J&S have confirmed they want to return. Bull Fabrics will not return.

Carol Harris and the judging committee are working on the categories. There will likely be a panel category incorporated. Submissions will not be by size but by technique per judge recommendations from the 2024 show. The categories will focus on technique.

Final Business:

The raffle basket winner was drawn.

Sewendipitous in Rock Hill is wanting to know if there was any interest in a bus trip to the Asheville show on September 26. Contact the store for information.

Show & Tell was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Mary Shea.