



# CABARRUS QUILTERS' GUILD NEWSLETTER

To instill in future generations the love and art of quilt making.

## November 2024

### Meeting Information

We meet the second Monday of the month at Harrisburg Presbyterian Church (4815 State Hwy 49, Harrisburg, NC 28075). Socializing begins at 6:00, and the meeting begins at 6:30.

### Workshop Information

We meet the second Tuesday of the month at Harrisburg Presbyterian Church (4815 State Hwy 49, Harrisburg, NC 28075). The workshop is from 10:00am-3:00pm. With setup beginning at 9:30.

### 2024 - 2025 GUILD OFFICERS

President Debra Mills

Vice President Carol Eicher

Secretary Mary Shea

Treasurer Jackie Sabo



# From the President's Desk

When I got back into quilting on a regular basis a few years ago, I started hearing phrases like workshop, class, charity sew, open sew, and retreats. Workshop and class I could understand, I did those when I worked but then realized that now I need to take a sewing machine, notions, fabric, and possibly iron and cutting mats. It was so easy when I only needed to take my laptop and/or a notebook. But I will admit that the others eluded me. Why I would want to pack up my project, machine, all possible rulers and notions, iron, and mats just to go someplace else to sew for a few hours or maybe longer? I tried it first with a charity sew where the sponsor supplied the fabric and pattern for small baby quilts. And I realized it was fun to sew with others and socialize while sewing. Then I tried the CQG Charity Sew and I realized it was not only fun to socialize (and we do a lot of that at the Firehouse) but it was beneficial as others offer input on design layouts, or teach a better way of doing something. Recently I realized I also have the advantage of tables and workspace I don't have at home so if I need to spread out blocks to decide on a layout or if I need to layout the front with batting and backing I can pull together tables and get this done quickly. Frequently we are all working on something different so I can ask questions about techniques I am not familiar with. This month I took the plunge and tried a Sleep in your own Bed Retreat at Dee's We're Sew Creative. The idea of two days of focused sewing with someone else providing the food turned out to be a lot of fun. If I was home I would have been distracted with chores, or I might have taken a long break after I took out the same seam 4 times, before I realized I had put the half square triangle in the wrong place and needed to take out the next seam. The socializing was fun and doing the retreat where the ironing and cutting stations were provided was a definite bonus. And I made significant progress on one of my mystery quilts. I am hooked and look forward to more retreats in my future. If you have not tried one of the CQG Charity Sew Days or Open Sew Days, come join us and make some new friends.

We are looking for volunteers for several committee chairs. And many people think 'I couldn't do that', but I bet you could. I asked Julie one time where she found all of the great ideas for Activities and she said that there were a lot of ideas on the Internet. When you think about it four months are already planned if we continue the UFOs, and another month is making the Quilt of Valor blocks. So that leaves 7 months to plan activities for. The Program committee is one of the few committees with a 2 year commitment, that is so the first 6 months is learning how programs work and assisting the co-chair. Then the next 6 months are planning the programs for the following year. And again some months are already planned, January is our Business meeting, August is our Picnic, and December is our Christmas Party. And there are many sources for speakers, from looking at programs for other guilds, brochures sent to the Guild, or friends talking about speakers they would like to hear. Volunteering for committees is a great way to meet other members, learn more about the Guild, and help with the direction of meetings for the future. Please review the Volunteers Needed section later in the Newsletter

*Debra Mills*

# October Meeting Minutes

Please click on the link below to review the October meeting minutes.

[Draft - Guild Member Meeting Minutes - 2024 - 14 Octoberrev.docx](#)

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## To Do List

1. Finish your Charity Quilt and turn in.
2. Make your gift bag and bring it to the meeting.
3. Sign up for a class
4. Send a sewing hack to Colleen
5. Sell your raffle tickets and turn in money/stubs \*
  - Required

## Sewing/Quilting Hacks

If you have ideas for Sewing/Quilting Hacks, please send them to Colleen Sain at [cabarrus.quilters@gmail.com](mailto:cabarrus.quilters@gmail.com).

Thank you Kathy Makin for this hack: To help with back and neck problems, use two Rubber door stops to lean your sewing machine towards you. You will be able to see your fabric and stitches better and you will feel less strain on your muscles. This will not affect the operation of the machine.

I have to say that I tried it, and it worked. I found my door stops on Amazon for \$5.00.

# Activities

Happy November guild members. As we wrap up this year of activities, Darlene and I would like to thank you for your participation. It is our hope that the various activities got you thinking in a new way and expanded your horizons in your quilting path.

The activity due in November is your gift bag.

I hope you are working on your 4th UFO that is due in December. For each completed UFO you will get your name in the "kitty" drawing. The kitty will be funded with \$25 plus each dollar that was forfeited during the year. Any questions? Please let me know.

Julie Love and Darlene Woodham

Nov - Gift Bag
Dec - UFO Challenge #4 Winter/Fall Craft Swap

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## 2024 Raffle Quilt

If you haven't picked up your raffle tickets, please do so asap. This is a required Guild Activity.

Our sales opportunities for the 2024 raffle quilt are over. This year's sales, outside of member sales, totaled \$1118.00. There may be an opportunity to sell 2025 raffle tickets in December. Carol Harris will be updating the guild on that opportunity. Thanks to all members who helped sell tickets at the events.

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## Programs and Workshops

In November, Carolyn Ratola will be presenting an update on Tucker Tools. Carolyn and her husband will be selling items including Tucker rulers, books, and other quilting essentials. The ruler and design worksheet for the Cubed It Workshop will be available at a discounted price. Sign up during the October meeting.

**Workshop – May 14      9:30 am – 3:30 pm**

## **“Cubed Project”**



Star 60 -- Use the Capped 60 Technique Sheet to make the Cubed project. Inspired by the book Big Book of Building Block Quilts by Sara Nephew - - Honeycomb Waffle 2 pattern.

Description: This class uses the Star 60 tool along with a Technique Sheet from Studio 180 Design to create the cubes to make this 3-D sampler. It is important to have a good contrast with each of the light, medium and dark fabrics you choose to achieve the illusion. Small scale prints or blenders work best for the color values. You can take a picture on your phone and edit with a filter to black/white or gray scale. This will let

you know if you have the correct values from your fabrics.

Fees - \$30 members / \$45 non-members

## 2024 Programs at a Glance

December	Holiday Party	Open Sew	\$5
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## Outreach

Our last Sew Friday of 2024 will be Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be the Friday before our meeting. If you have not finished your charity quilt, this would be the perfect opportunity. Fire Station #9, 1020 Ivey Cline Rd, Concord, NC from 9:00 – 3:00 ish. Join for lunch or go to nearby restaurants. Your charity quilt is due in December.

The following are outreach guidelines for your charity quilts are below. According to our bylaws, each member must make at least one quilt for one of these organizations.

### Name & Size of Quilt Special Instructions

Hospice	Quilt	36x45" or 40x60"
Atrium NICU	Quilt	30x25 or 40x60
Jeff Gordan's Children Hospital	Quilt	Any size. Will accept holiday themed quilts
Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital	Bears	

**Please limit using scent beads** when you wash fabric. I received a quilt last month & had to let it air out for 2 weeks before I could deliver it to the hospital. My garage smelled like a laundry room. Please keep in mind patients may be experiencing breathing difficulties or be allergic to the scent beads.

## Other Charity Opportunities

**Connie Richardson:** Tom and I have delivered 145 place mats to Meals on Wheels. They have over 300 clients so we would like to come close to that number by the end of the year. I know that is a tall order but use some of your orphan blocks and easy blocks. This is a good project for practicing quilting. There is no size requirement. Just make it big enough to use as a place mat, not a mug mat. Happy quilting and thank you.

**Martha Austin:** Port Pillows: Thank you to everyone who supported our effort to support chemo patients.

**Ona Philips and Colleen Sain:** Quilts of Valor: Requesting completed quilts to meet QOV requirements. Will also accept quilt tops, donations of blocks, batting, or backing materials.

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## Volunteers Needed

**ACTIVITIES:** Plan activities for meetings. This includes activities that are completed prior to a meeting and displayed or turned in at a meeting. Examples include UFO Challenge, QOV blocks, pillowcases for children's hospital, or quilted trivet. Also includes setting the theme and rules for Challenge Quilt.

**DOOR PRIZES:** Work with local shops for donations or use door prize funds to acquire products or gift cards; sell raffle tickets at each meeting; track funds received; turn excess funds into Treasurer; provide accounting at end of year

**PROGRAMS:** Co-chair will assist with 2025 programs and plan 2026 programs. Activities include planning 8 programs / workshops each year that can be local or out-of-town speakers. A budget will be approved at the January meeting.

**RAFFLE QUILT 2025 - 2026:** Responsible for selecting a quilt pattern, fabrics and arranging for members to complete before the Dec 2025 meeting. Arrange for printing tickets for sale starting December 2025. Arrange for locations to sell tickets in 2026. Coordinate distribution of tickets to members and track return of money from members.

## Quilt Shows - 2025

Date	Name	Location
1/10 - 1/11	Quilting and Fiber Art Marketplace by Quilters Gallery	Sanford, NC
1/24-1/25	Quilting and Needle Art Extravaganza by Quilters Gallery	Statesville, NC
2/27-3/2	Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival <a href="https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival/">https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival/</a>	Hampton, Va.
3/7-8	Charlotte Quilters Guild <a href="https://charlottequiltersguild.org/quilt-show">https://charlottequiltersguild.org/quilt-show</a>	Charlotte, NC
3/14-15	Capital Quilters Show	Raleigh, NC

### International Quilt Festival

October 31 - November 3, 2024 George R Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX

October 9 - 12, 2025 George R Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX

### AQS 2025 Quilt Show Dates

February 19-22 Daytona Beach, FL

March 12 - 15 Branson, MO

April 23 - 26 Paducah, KY

August 20 - 23 Grand Rapids, MI

September 10 - 13, Lancaster, PA

### QUILTCON 2025

February 20 - 23 Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, AZ

# Class and Retreat Opportunities

Event	Sponsor	Dates	Location
Fall Retreat	Calla Lily Quilts, <a href="https://www.callalilyquilts.com">https://www.callalilyquilts.com</a>	Nov 21-24	Camp Walter Johnson, Denton, NC
New Year Retreat	5 Little Monkeys - <a href="https://fivemonkeyquilts.com/">https://fivemonkeyquilts.com/</a>	Jan 2-5, 2025	32 N Main St, Weaverville, NC
Be Colorful 4 Day Masterclass by Jacqueline de Jonge (Paper Piecing)	Twisted Sisters Quilt Shop – <a href="https://www.twistedsistersquiltshop.com">https://www.twistedsistersquiltshop.com</a>	March 28 – 31	424 Marilyn Lane Alcoa, TN 37701

## Facebook PAGE

Look for the Cabarrus Quilters' Guild Group on Facebook and request to be added to our private guild Facebook page. Remember to visit the page as often as you can—not just the day after our meeting. LIKE, COMMENT, and SHARE things.

## Guild Garage Sale

If you have a sewing related item that you would like to sell, please send the request to [cabarrus.quilters@gmail.com](mailto:cabarrus.quilters@gmail.com). There is no cost, but if the item sells, a donation to guild of 10% of the sale is requested. Please give the money to the Treasurer. The item will only run in one newsletter unless the guild member emails requesting that it be in the newsletter a second time.

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## Guild Committees

ACTIVITIES: Julie Love and Darlene Woodham

CHRISTMAS PARTY CHAIR: Melba Mick

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Carol Harris

DOOR PRIZES: Joanna Culp

MEMBERSHIP: Emily Davis

NEWSLETTER: Colleen Sain

PICNIC CHAIR: Julie Love & Denise

PUBLIC RELATIONS (WEBSITE, FACEBOOK & EMAIL): Janneke Behamon



PROGRAMS: Janet-Marie Gillan  
Co-chair -  
QUILT SHOW 2025: Debra Mills  
RAFFLE QUILT 2024-2025: Carol Harris & Friends  
WELCOME: Marta Lucak

NOTE: All guild member addresses and phone numbers are available in the most recent pictorial Guild Directory as well as the membership roster periodically emailed to members.  
Newsletter Publication Information

## Newsletter - Due Dates

22nd—articles that need writing, contact Colleen Sain at  
[cabarrus.quilters@gmail.com](mailto:cabarrus.quilters@gmail.com)

25th—completed articles, send to [cabarrus.quilters@gmail.com](mailto:cabarrus.quilters@gmail.com)

1st—newsletter will be sent by email.

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