

CABARRUS QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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



December 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

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From the President's Desk

This month I actually completed quilt tops. I finished both of the baby quilts that jumped my project line as well as the 2024 Brown Bag Mystery Quilt I started at the retreat from last month as well as the Cubed Project top from our workshop this month. I am not sure I dented my 'project' stack that much, but it felt good to move it from the ziploc bag to the 'completed top' stack. Next up is to tackle the completed top stack and turn those into completed quilts.

During November I took on the challenge of cleaning up and reorganizing my sewing room. I have three dressers, a plastic drawer storage unit, and some bookshelves in the room. One of the dressers (8 drawers with an oversized top) came with the house and I used it to store fabric and the top was perfect for organizing rulers, patterns, and other tools.. However I have found out that pre-cuts are very heavy and the poor old dresser drawers were literally falling apart under the weight of the fabric. So after a lot of research and watching videos, I bought two wire shelving units (think kitchen shelving) and moved the contents of the old dresser and the plastic drawers into clear bins of a variety of sizes, including several smaller bins that will serve as project bins. I covered two shelves with old cutting mats so I could put all of the items that had been on top of the dresser onto these shelves. I am hoping that this improves my chances of finding the fabric when I need it, but at least I won't find ball bearings mixed in with my fabric now. The downside of this is I counted the number of projects that needed boxes, I am at 16 right now. What are strategies that you find successful for organizing your projects and stash?

Also during this month I have been watching and reading about progress in Western North Carolina. I enjoyed watching the videos of Angie Lattimore of Five Little Monkeys as she talked about the Fabric Hugs (quilts) that her shop is giving out. Bittersweet Quilts in Minnesota gathered quilts and brought over 800 quilts to Angie and with the quilts that she had collected they had over 1,000 quilts that were handed out on November 18th and 19th. Carole Carter (From My Carolina Home) is working with the Guild in Hendersonville and they are delivering quilts to Bat Cave and Chimney Rock. It is getting cold in the mountains, quilts are still needed to keep people warm and a Fabric Hug is always needed to make someone realize that people care.

Debra Mills

November Meeting Minutes

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

[Draft - Guild Member Meeting Minutes - 2024 - 11 November.docx](#)

To Do List

Finish your Charity Quilt and turn in. *
Sign up for a class
Send a sewing hack to Colleen
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.

This hack comes from Quilters Anonymous. Don't use steam to set your seams. Use a mister instead. When you steam, you run the chance of stretching or distorting your fabric. Plus leaving water in your iron decreases the life of the iron. The mister is better than a spray bottle in that the fine mist dampens the seam instead of wetting it. For more of these hacks go to Stephanie Soebbing at Quilters Anonymous. This one came from 10 Hacks for better quilting.

Activities

Dec - UFO Challenge #4 Winter/Fall Craft Swap
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Julie Love and Darlene Woodham

Darlene and I would like to thank all those who participated in our activities over the past three years. We hope you enjoyed some of the ideas we found and it got you thinking of new ways to be creative.

We passed out 48 ornament kits at the November meeting. Please bring back your completed ornament for show and tell. Also remember to bring your completed 4th UFO. We will draw for the kitty. I hope you win!

2024 Raffle Quilt

Please remember to bring any raffle ticket Stubbs you have sold. The drawing will take place at the meeting. If you have not turned in your money for your 2024 raffle tickets please do so at the meeting. You will not be able to renew your membership until this is paid

Programs and Workshops

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 https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival/	Hampton, Va.
3/7-8	Charlotte Quilters Guild https://charlottequiltersguild.org/quilt-show	Charlotte, NC
3/14-15	Capital Quilters Show	Raleigh, NC

International Quilt Festival

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, https://www.callalilyquilts.com	Nov 21-24	Camp Walter Johnson, Denton, NC
New Year Retreat	5 Little Monkeys - https://fivemonkeyquilts.com/	Jan 2-5, 2025	32 N Main St, Weaverville, NC
Kanuga Knitting and Quilting Retreat, Quilting retreat with Carolyn Ratola	Kanuga Conferences - https://www.kanuga.org/our-programs/adults/knitting-quilting/	Jan 16 - 19	130 Kanuga Chapel Drive, Hendersonville, NC
Be Colorful 4 Day Masterclass by Jacqueline de Jonge (Paper Piecing)	Twisted Sisters Quilt Shop – https://www.twistedersistersquiltshop.com	March 28 – 31	424 Marilyn Lane Alcoa, TN 37701
Jacqueline de Jonge Catch me Quilt class (paper piecing)	Batiks Etc and Sew What, https://batiks.com/products/jacqueline-de-jonge-2025-catch-me-quilt-class	July 25 - 29	Wytheville Meeting Center, Wytheville, VA
Sandra Mollen Quilts, pictorial collage artist	Tennessee Retreats at Nolichucky Vineyard https://www.nolichuckyvineyard.com/store/c2/Quilt_retreats_2024-2025.html	August 10-15	6600 Fish Hatchery Road Russellville, TN 37860

Volunteers Needed

We really need Activities and Program Committee Chairs. You may recruit others to assist in these roles. If we do not have volunteers for Activities or Door Prizes we will not have these functions in 2025.

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 quilt pattern and 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.

Outreach

Carol Harris: This is my last note as Outreach Coordinator. We will not meet at the fire station this month. We all have more pressing things to do. I have been searching the community for places to donate quilts in 2025. If you have any suggestions, please contact Karen Bronkhurst. If you have your 2024 quilt to turn in, I will take them at the Christmas Party. Please arrive early enough so you can get marked off the list.

In the future, when you bring your 2025 donation quilt, we will have clear bags & note cards for you. Put your name on the card & put it into the quilt in the bag. This way we have something in writing. It can get hectic when everyone is coming in. Karen may not know who you are so please make it easier for everyone. See ya the Christmas Party!

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	36X45 40X60	No longer than 60"
Jeff Gordon's Children's Hospital	Any size	Will accept holiday themed quilts
Atrium NICU	34X25 30X25 40X60	Will accept holiday themed quilts 40X60" covers an isolet
Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital	Bears	

Other Charity Opportunities

Connie Richardson: We have done 160 placemats for "meals on wheels". I hope we can continue this project in 2025 so we can cover the other half of the clients. Thank you for your support.

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.

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. 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.

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

25th—completed articles, send to cabarrus.quilters@gmail.com

1st—newsletter will be sent by email.

Newsletter Advertising Information

Business card size \$7.00 per issue

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returned within 24 hours or less

The business card features a colorful abstract quilt pattern on the left side.

The following business(s) have donated long-arm quilting services and/or workspace to the Cabarrus Quilters Guild Quilts of Valor.



Dee's We're Sew Creative Quilt Shoppe

Where Quilting Binds Us Together

www.weresewcreative.com

The business card features a decorative border with a repeating quilt pattern at the top and a QR code on the left side.