

Cabarrus Quilters Guild Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, November 11, 2024

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

Program:

Carolyn Ratola from Camden SC was the speaker for the program. She is a certified instructor for Deb Tucker Tools and patterns. Her presentation began with a discussion on color and tools available to help select colors such as the color wheel and ultimate 3in1 color tool. She showed various quilts using precuts and some of the color challenges incorporating them. She showed what was new in Deb Tucker tools, patterns, and technique sheets. Her husband Tony Ratola assisted in showing the quilts. He is the quilter for all of the quilts shown. Carolyn will be teaching at Kanuga Knitting & Quilting Retreat in Hendersonville, NC, in January of 2025.

Approval of October 2024 Membership Meeting Minutes:

No changes were needed. The motion to approve was made by Sandy Kendall. It was seconded by Veronica Mayer. The motion passed.

Membership:

0 New members. 1 guest. 2 on Zoom. 45 members in person.

December Christmas Party:

Due to illness, Melba will be unable to chair the December Christmas Party this year. Sandra Allred and Janneke Bahamon stepped in to take the lead.

Reminders:

Members were reminded to turn in all Raffle Ticket sales and Charity Quilts by the December meeting. These membership requirements must be met for 2024 to register for 2025 membership. Debra will investigate the requirements for members that joined later in the year.

Debra has determined the cause of the birthdays showing incorrect days in the newsletter. She will discuss her findings with Colleen and possibly drop putting days in the newsletter to protect privacy.

Terry Patterson will collect placemats for Connie if anyone brought them.

Treasurer:

Jackie Sabo needs the budgets from the committee chairs ASAP to complete the guild budget for 2025. Debra has asked the current Activities and Program chairs to provide these numbers since their replacements have not been identified.

An Audit is needed in January 2025. Any volunteers interested in participating, please contact Jackie.

Activities:

Members were asked to display their gift bags created for the November meeting activity.

Final UFOs will be due at the December meeting.

Darlene graciously surprised the group with an additional December activity. She put together a kit for anyone that wanted to make a cute, embroidered gift tag/ornament. Her inspiration was through an Etsy/Facebook/Instagram resource called Homestead and Thread. They sell the wash away designs to embroider included in the kits.

Debra asked the members to consider signing up to be the Activity Chairs for 2025. We still do not have anyone signed up. Two people can sign up as co-chairs.

Raffle Basket:

Raffle basket contents were shown before the break.

BREAK – Debra asked members to buy raffle basket tickets, products from Carolyn Ratola , sign up for programs (still space available on Tuesday), and sign up for the audit during the break.

Outreach:

Carol Harris reminded us that there is no Sew Friday in December at the Firestation.

Tuesday, December 10, following the December meeting on December 9 will be an open sew day at Harrisburg Presbyterian Church.

Quilt Show:

Carol Harris discussed some updates to the quilt registration form and categories.

Carol said the Board killed the paper piecing category. The Panels category is back on the form. There will be a hard limit on the number of big quilts allowed due to the limited number of poles for the large quilts.

There was a long discussion on whether we get rid of the Splash of Color category given that there is confusion about what this is. The judges were confused too. Some feel it is a monochromatic background with a spot of another color, and some feel it is an array of colors like the Splash of Color logo.

Since size is no longer a factor in submitting quilts, members were going to be reduced to just submitting 2 pieced quilts for judging instead of the possibility of 8 when sizes were a factor.

Sandra Allred made a motion, seconded by Tracey Galmon, to allow members to submit 3 quilts for judging in the pieced category with an option for a 4th quilt if there is room as determined by Carol Harris. In addition, the motion was to remove the Splash of Color category. The motion passed by a vote of a majority of members.

Newsletter Changes:

Debra Mills thanked members for submitting the surveys.

Some of the changes we need membership assistance on:

- **Charity** – Due to the very generous and giving nature of our members, we are making some changes to our listings in the newsletter. If members are involved in non-guild sponsored charities and would like to list them in the Newsletter, please contact Colleen. Any charity listed must have a guild member to serve as point of contact and provide a description of what is needed.
- **Classes and Quilt Shows** – We would like to list significant classes that you may know of in the southeast region, this could be quilt shops or guilds sponsoring designers, brand representatives, national level speakers. If you know of any please let Colleen know.

Treasurer report and other sensitive information will be removed before publishing on the website.

CCM Food/Money Collection at November Meeting:

CCM money and food were collected by Jo Ann Hahn. She will deliver the food and money to CCM on Tuesday. A great deal of food was collected as well as \$690 in donations.

Programs Information:

The December meeting will be the Annual Christmas Party.

The January 2025 meeting is the business meeting for the guild. This is when budgets and guild annual business are discussed. There is no program for this meeting. The Tuesday following this meeting is an open sew day at the Harrisburg Presbyterian Church.

The February 2025 program is 5 Little Monkeys demonstrating the Loc Bloc tools.

Raffle Quilt Sales:

The 2024 Raffle Quilt will be drawn at the December membership meeting. All money and tickets must be submitted by the beginning of the December meeting.

The 2025 Raffle Quilt will be revealed at the December membership meeting. The first Raffle Ticket Sale for the new 2025 quilt will be Saturday, December 14, in Mount Pleasant. Please sign up with Carol Harris if you are interested in selling tickets. This is an outdoor event.

December Christmas Party:

Sandra Allred and Janneke Bahamon will chair the event. They asked for volunteers to decorate a table. They will supply table covers and paper products. Food will be trays of deli products. Members need to bring a small dessert to share. Members agreed that no gift exchange will be held per a previous agreement from years ago since so many members have enough sewing supplies already.

Final Business:

Winner of the Raffle Basket was drawn.

Recognition of November birthdays.

Show & Tell was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Mary Shea.