

# CABARRUS QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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



## January 2025

### 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

*Happy New Year!* Now the normal column would be to talk about my New Year's resolutions for 2025. But in case you have not noticed, I have a tendency to be a Type A personality and have found it is best if I make generalized lists or I go crazy trying to get my resolutions finished. So my resolutions for this year are:

- *Try new things*
- *Have fun*
- *Done is better than perfect*

Now this is a totally doable list for me. I have found that hanging around the members of the Quilt Guild is helping with meeting these resolutions. I have learned so many new things over the past year and had a great deal of fun while doing that. I am getting better at the “done is better than perfect”. After a year of hanging around this group, my definition of “perfect” is changing, and I understand it is okay to change strategy mid-quilt. I have just started on the blocks for my Quilt as You Go Block of the Month and I quilted the first two pieced-blocks. The blocks looked very nice (points matched and colors were well balanced), my quilting was actually okay, but I realized I was unhappy with the backing as I had white thread on a deep purple fabric. And the more I looked at the block the more I realized that I had only finished two out of 25 blocks and now was the time to change it. Yes, I went out and bought a white on white that I can use for the backing and I will remake the first two blocks (that will be faster than taking out all of that quilting). In the past I would have just tucked this into my UFO stack because I was unhappy with it, but if I change the strategy I will get it done. We will see what I say when I start the very detailed applique blocks.

This month is the Business Meeting. I hope that everyone will join us for this meeting as it will be setting the strategy for the coming year. We will be discussing the budget for the coming year, how much do we allocate to programs, to CVAN, to Outreach, etc. We will also be discussing our Outreach partners for this year. In 2024 we provided quilts to Jeff Gordon's Children's Hospital, Atrium NICU, and Hospice. And all of our partners have appreciated our quilts. Do we want to maintain these partners or are there other groups in need of the quilts our talented members make? Our requirements are the quilts must stay in Cabarrus county and we would like groups that accept a variety of sizes.

I would like to remind everyone that we will be doing an Open Sew on Tuesday, Jan 14, from 9:30 - 3:30. One member has asked if I could help her with Quilt as You Go Sashing so if anyone wants to come join us for a casual styled lesson bring a minimum of 6 blocks no smaller than 10 inch square that are quilted and some fabric to make sashing strips from and we will complete either a table topper (3 across, 2 deep) or the start of a quilt. So you will have the option of working on your own project or working on a Quilt as You Go Project. If you have any questions on the QAYG, please let me know.

*Debra Mills*

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# December Meeting Minutes

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

[Draft - Guild Member Meeting Minutes - 2024 - 12 August.docx](#)

## To Do List

1. Pay your dues.\*
2. Pick up your tickets to sell for the raffle quilt. \*
3. Turn in your UFO Project Paper
4. Sign up for a class
5. Send a sewing hack to Colleen
6. Think about what you will do for your charity quilt.\*

\*Required Activities

## 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).

These hacks come from The Quilting Channel. "7 Major Hacks for Quilting". Two hacks caught my attention. I always have trouble sewing a straight ¼" seam. My attention tends to wander which leads to a mess. Using your regular sewing foot (not your quarter inch foot), move the needle to the right. And if that doesn't work, there are magnetic seam guides sold at Amazon for less than \$10. I'll try those and let you know.

Hack #2. Use a carpenter's ruler instead of your measuring tape. The ruler folds nicely and stays straight better than any others I have seen. Definitely trying this one.

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# Activities

January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Turn in UFO Sheets - see attached</li><li>● Pick up samples for Feb. project - placemats for Meals on Wheels</li></ul>
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Turn in Meals on Wheels Placemats</li><li>● Pick up instructions for Challenge Quilts (due in May)</li></ul>
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Turn in 1st Quarter UFO</li></ul>
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Turn in Burrito Pillowcases - Charity Project</li></ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Turn in Challenge Quilt</li></ul>
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Turn in 2nd Quarter UFO</li></ul>
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Quilts of Valor Block of the year due</li></ul>
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● TBD</li></ul>
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Turn in 3rd Quarter UFO</li></ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Turn in your Postcard</li></ul>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Holiday Project TBD</li></ul>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Turn in 4th Quarter UFO</li></ul>

- Click the link for the UFO Challenge Registration
- [CQG UFO-Challenge-2025.docx](#)

## QUILT SHOW

It is less than 6 months until the Splash of Color Quilt Show. Over the last few months we have discussed and voted on many of the changes for the categories for entries. The biggest change is the change from size to technique. Depending on the number of entries we may split categories according to size. Carol Harris plans to distribute the new form this month so that members can start planning the quilts that will be entered. Sandra Allred reports that she has 4 vendors lined up already and is working to identify additional vendors. If you know of other potential vendors, please let her know. I am looking for a volunteer to handle category / ribbon sponsors. This was something we started last year and was a good fund-raiser. We ask businesses to sponsor either a special ribbon or a category for the show. If you are interested in doing this, please let me know. In addition, I need someone to handle the entry tickets the days of the show. Again, let me know if you are interested. Thank you. Debra Mills

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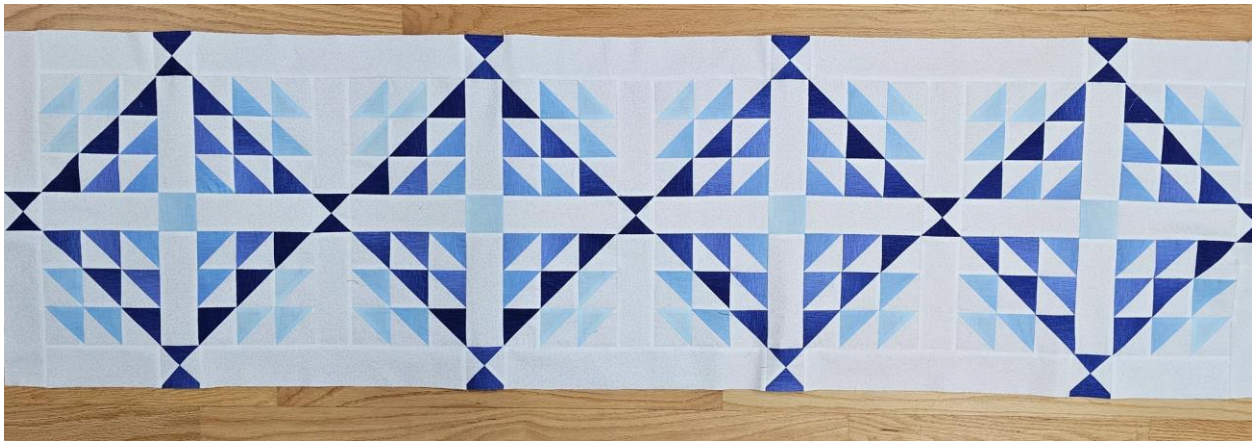
# 2025 Raffle Quilt

Raffle tickets will be available at the meeting. Please plan to arrive a bit early to sign for your tickets. I will stop handing out tickets during the meeting & will resume during break & after the meeting. I would like to thank Julie Love, Tracey Galmon, Brenda Smith, Sandra Allred & Jo Hahn for selling tickets at The Cocktails & Crafts. It was VERY COLD but we had a successful ticket sale.

We need volunteers for the Sanford Quilt Show. I have Friday, January 10th 2:00 – 5:00 open & all day Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> is open. Debra Mills will be selling tickets on Saturday so if we could get some more volunteers that would be great. If anyone knows of another venue to sell tickets, please let me know. I will make the call for permission if you prefer.

## Programs and Workshops

The February program will feature Angie Lamoree of Five Little Monkeys Quilt SHop in Weaverville, NC. Angie is a certified Bloc Loc instructor. The Bloc Loc ruler allows the ruler to lock on the seam to result in more accurate cuts. Our February meeting will be a trunk show of quilts made with Bloc Loc rulers. Our workshop on Tuesday, February 11, will be to complete the Good Vibes Table Topper using the 2 ½" HST Bloc Loc. Rulers and other products will be available for sale at the meeting. Cost \$30 for members, \$45 for non-members.



Good Vibes Table Runner in shades of blue.

# 2025 Programs

Month	Program	Workshop	Fees
January	Business Meeting	Open Sew	\$5 for Open Sew
February	Angie Lamoree (5 Little Monkeys) - BlocLoc	Angie Lamoree – Good Vibes Table Topper	\$30 members / \$45 for non-members
March	Penni Domikis (Cabin in the Woods) - All Scrapped Out	Penni Domikis – All Scrapped Out	\$30 members / \$45 for non-members
April	Brenda Smith – Collage Quilting	Brenda Smith – Collage Quilting	\$30 members / \$45 members
May	Carole Carter – Scrap Dancing Trunk Show	Carole Carter – To the Nines Table Topper	\$30 members / \$45 non-members
June	Quilt Show Preparation	Quilt Turn In for show 1 – 6, Show prep 9:30 - 3	
July	KristaLynn – English Paper Piecing	KristaLynn – English Paper Piecing	\$30 members / \$45 non-members
August	Picnic	Open Sew	\$5 for Open Sew
September	TBD		
October	Carol Harris – What to do with a Panel	Carol Harris – Panel Fun	\$30 members / \$45 non-members
November	TBD	TBD	
December	Christmas Party	Open Sew	\$5 for Open Sew

## Outreach

**Karen Bronkhorst** Happy New Year. With a new year we all have the opportunity (and responsibility) to donate a quilt. This past year quilts were given to Hospice, Jeff Gordon's Children Hospital and the Atrium NICU. Do we want to continue to donate to these organizations? Do you have an organization that you think should be considered to receive a quilt? This will be the discussion and a vote taken at the January Meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Bronkhorst or JoAnn Hahn.

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# Other Volunteer Opportunities

**Connie Richardson:** We have done 184 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.

## UPCOMING QUILT EVENTS

### 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

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## 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

## Class and Retreat Opportunities

Event	Sponsor	Dates	Location
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
Kanuga Knitting and Quilting Retreat, Quilting retreat with Carolyn Ratola	Kanuga Conferences - <a href="https://www.kanuga.org/our-programs/adults/knitting-quilting/">https://www.kanuga.org/our-programs/adults/knitting-quilting/</a>	Jan 16 - 19	130 Kanuga Chapel Drive, Hendersonville, 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
Jacqueline de Jonge Catch me Quilt class (paper piecing)	Batiks Etc and Sew What, <a href="https://batiks.com/products/jacqueline-de-jonge-2025-catch-me-quilt-class">https://batiks.com/products/jacqueline-de-jonge-2025-catch-me-quilt-class</a>	July 25 - 29	Wytheville Meeting Center, Wytheville, VA
Sandra Mollen Quilts, pictorial collage artist	Tennessee Retreats at Nolichucky Vineyard <a href="https://www.nolichuckyvineyard.com/store/c2/Quilt_retreats_2024-2025.html">https://www.nolichuckyvineyard.com/store/c2/Quilt_retreats_2024-2025.html</a>	August 10-15	6600 Fish Hatchery Road Russellville, TN 37860



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# 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.

# Guild Committees

ACTIVITIES: Debbie Swing, Eileen Zaferopolos, Marta Lucak

CHRISTMAS PARTY CHAIR: Need

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Karen Bronkhorst, Jo Ann Hahn

DOOR PRIZES: Veronica Mayer

MEMBERSHIP: Emily Davis

NEWSLETTER: Colleen Sain

PICNIC CHAIR: **Need**

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

PROGRAMS: Janet-Marie Gillan

Co-chair -**Need**

QUILT SHOW 2025: Debra Mills

RAFFLE QUILT 2024-2025: Carol Harris & Friends

RAFFLE QUILT 2025-2026: **Need**

WELCOME: Marta Lucak

*NOTE: All guild member addresses and phone numbers are available in the most recent pictorial Guild Directory..*

# 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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