

CABARRUS QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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



February 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

What is under your needle this month? I did the Stitchin Heaven New Years Day Mystery Quilt and got the top finished in the same month. Hooray. That one was a challenging quilt. It turned out to be a double lattice with two different types of stars in it. There were a lot of HSTs and snowballed corners. I learned a lot doing the quilt and only 'unsewed' some of the blocks. Unsewed is my new term for the month from going to a retreat with Carolyn Ratola. She talked about a quilt that had the instructions to unsew a part of a seam and it became her favorite way to refer to ripping out a seam. Sounds better doesn't it? My ultimate challenge for the Kanuga Retreat was learning how to do precision tiny diamond four patches, and yes there was a lot of unsewing on those. I am about one-fourth of the way through the quilt I started at the retreat. Carolyn has talked me into going back to Kanuga Retreat next year to learn how to make a Triple Feathered Star with $\frac{3}{8}$ " points for the inner star. The retreat was a lot of fun, but we were seriously outnumbered by the knitters. Perhaps some of you would like to come with me next year to help even out the quilters in the group.

Have you started planning what quilts you will enter in the Quilt Show? We are down to less than five months until the show. I have some of my quilts identified, but some will require that I get busy quilting them. The Quilt Show Committee is busy getting vendors and sponsors lined up to make this another great show for the Guild.

I am excited that our programs will help me with one of my goals to try new things. In February we will have Angie Lamoree (Five Little Monkeys) teaching us about BlocLoc, a ruler for improving the accuracy of HSTs. And in March we have Penni Domikis of Cabin in the Woods Quilters with raw edge applique. If you are interested in the February workshop, reach out to Janet Gillan or myself to get added to the class list.

I will take a break from my retreat top soon to get my placemats finished for the February meeting. While the activity is to make placemat(s) with a heart theme, remember that you can always turn in additional placemats with any theme. We can make a Meals on Wheels recipient's birthday a little brighter with these placemats.

Debra Mills

January Meeting Minutes

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

[Guild Member Meeting Minutes - 2024 - 9 December.docx](#)

To Do List

1. Pay your dues.*
2. Pick up your tickets to sell for the raffle quilt. *
3. Turn in your placemat (s)
4. Turn in your UFO Project Paper
5. Sign up for a class
6. Send a sewing hack to Colleen
7. 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.

Follow Up to last month's hacks. The magnets for ensuring you sew a ¼ inch seam did not come with instructions. Stay tuned for a further review of those tools. The move your needle to the right hack did not work for me. The carpenter's ruler is a winner! Use a carpenter's ruler instead of your measuring tape. The ruler folds nicely and stays straight better than any others I have seen.

Hack: This is more of a reminder. If my machine is not sewing correctly, the first thing I do is clean my machine & change the needle. Most of the time, this will fix my problem. The same is true for my rotary cutter. Changing the blade will usually fix any cutting issues I have.

Guild Directory

The next guild directory will be published in March 2025. Please be sure to check the accuracy of the information on the spreadsheet when you sign in at the next meeting. I also need you to send a selfie with the picture you want in the directory. Please send the picture with your name to Terry Patterson.

Activities

February is the last day to submit your UFO Challenge sheet. Need a copy. Click the link below the chart.

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

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

QUILT SHOW

The entry form has been distributed. The categories are different from how this was done in the past, as in most cases this is technique based not size / function based. An example of a change is how to decide on the technique category. So if you make a quilt with a pieced top and then add applique to it, you may be asking which category does it go in. Technically it can go in either category, but if you only put one or two appliques on the quilt it will do better in the pieced category. But if you put significant amount of applique on the quilt, then it will do best in the Applique category. Another question is if you make a table runner with extensive applique on it does it belong in Home Decor or Applique. In this case, it will do best in Home Decor. Ask if you have any questions and we can help with identifying best strategies. No matter what category you enter, you will get the comments from the judges on what is good about your quilt and a suggestion on how to improve for the future. Debra Mills

2025 Raffle Quilt

If you have not picked up your raffle tickets, please come see me. Raffle ticket sales have begun with great success even with the weather. The next opportunity is the Charlotte Quilt Show, March 7 & 8. Most of the time slots are still open. We will have to pay \$10 admission & \$10 parking. The show is at the Park Expo & Conference Center, 2500 E Independence Blvd, Charlotte. Hours are 10:00 – 5:00 both days

Put The SpringFest Market at Cabarrus Brewery on your calendar for April 12. I have not been given the green light but registration deadline is March 31. I do not see a reason we would not have a spot. This is an outside, free event. We have a new pop up for protection from the elements. This craft show always attracts a lot of people. The hours for the craft show is 11:00 – 5:00. Set up times will be given 2 weeks before the event.

I have also inquired about the Raleigh Sewing & Quilting Expo for May 1-3. As of today, I have not heard back. We need to discuss interest in attending the Expo. The last time the Raleigh Sewing & Quilting Expo was held we almost sold out of tickets.

We're Sew Creative will not be having regularly scheduled bag days. Dee said she will let me know when those are scheduled. We can also schedule raffle ticket sales at The Depot when the weather warms up. Do you know of any other opportunities?

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.

In March we have Penni Domikis of Cabin in the Woods Quilters and designer of the All Scrapped Out patterns. The workshop will be for the Scrap Petal Garden as a table runner or wall hanging. The pattern is fat quarter and scrap friendly. The pattern will be \$10. The class will be \$30 for members / \$45 for non-members. Kits will be available.



2025 Programs

Month	Program	Workshop	Fees
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

This is your reminder that each member is expected to make a charity quilt each year. The guidelines for this quilt will be posted in the March newsletter, so start thinking of the quilt you plan to donate.

Each month a sew day is planned on the 2nd Friday of the month at Fire Station #9, 1020 Ivy Cline Lane Rd, Concord, NC from 9:00 to 3:00ish. Bring any charity project you want to work on. It's a great way to get time to sew, visit with friends and complete your charity project.

If you have questions, contact Karen Bronkhorst or JoAnn Hahn.

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
2/27-3/2	Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival/	Hampton, Va.
3/5 - 5/10	Art Quilts Gone Wild by Professional Art Quilters Association - South AQwild_Prospectus - Google Docs	Page Walker Arts and History Center, Cary, NC
3/7-8	Carolina Lily Quilt Show Charlotte Quilters Guild https://charlottequiltersguild.org/quilt-show	Park Expo Center, Charlotte, NC
3/13-15	Art Feeds the Soul Quilt Show Alamance Piecemakers and Burlington Carousel Quilters	Elon, NC
3/14-15	Capital Quilters 2025 Annual Quilt Show	Raleigh, NC
3/13-15	Landrum Quilt Show Landrum Quilters www.landrumquilters.com	Cunningham Market Pavilion, Landrum SC
4/11 - 4/12	Twin Rivers Quilt Guild Quilt Show www.twinriversquiltersguild.com/quilt-show	New Bern Convention Center, New Bern, NC
6/26-27	Art Feeds the Soul Lake and Mountain Quilters Guild	Seneca Middle School, 15440 Wells Hwy, Seneca SC
8/14-16	Asheville Quilt Show Asheville Quilt Guild	WNC Ag Center, Fletcher NC

AQS 2025 Quilt Show Dates

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
Be Colorful 4 Day Masterclass by Jacqueline de Jonge (Paper Piecing)	Twisted Sisters Quilt Shop – https://www.twistedsisistersquiltshop.com	March 28 – 31	424 Marilyn Lane Alcoa, TN 37701
Lake & Leisure Quilt Retreats - quilt retreats with sewing machine provided	Cabin In the Woods Quilters - Lake & Leisure Quilt Retreats Cabin in the Woods Quilters	March 19 - 23	Lake Gaston, NC
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

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.

For Sale: One AccuQuilt Go. Retail price for a new AccuQuilt is \$325. This Rotary Cutter Go comes with a travel bag and at least one die. Works like a charm for accurate cutting of strips, squares, and applique pieces. Asking \$100 for this gem. If you are interested, call me or email Colleen.

Guild Committees

Please note that we need volunteers.

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

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

1st—newsletter will be sent by email.

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