

Cabarrus Quilters Guild Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, February 10, 2025

The February 2025 membership meeting was called to order by President Debra Mills at 6:30 PM.

Program:

February's program was given by Angie Lamoree with Five Little Monkeys in Weaverville, NC, just north of Asheville. Angie and her husband DJ, owners of the retail business of 76 years, worked together to give the guild a great overview of her beautiful quilts and all that Loc Bloc rulers can do for project precision. Angie has been quilting for 20 years and longarming for 17 years. Due to the Hurricane in the mountains, the retail shop is currently open Friday and Saturday only, but please call if you are in the area and they can open the shop if they are there. Angie's Tuesday Workshop will be the Good Vibes Table Runner.

Approval January 2025 Membership Meeting Minutes:

No changes were needed. The motion to approve was made by Carol Harris. It was seconded by Charlotte Doyle. The motion passed.

Membership:

3 New members. 1 Guest. 2 on Zoom. 71 members in person.

Programs:

Debra addressed upcoming programs for 2025.

Debra explained that she is still pursuing Natalie Doan of Missouri Star Quilt Company to give the guild a program and workshop in August in lieu of the picnic. She has a location in mind that will hold 25-35 people. More info will be made available at future meetings.

The March program will be a trunk show with Penni Domakis of Cabin in the Woods, the designer of All Scrapped Out patterns. The Tuesday workshop with Penni will be the Scrap Petal Garden pattern using edge applique. This pattern uses fat quarters and scraps.

Janet-Marie was available for sign-ups for the February and March workshops.

Debra discussed the progress so far with the in-town quilt retreat in September. She has contacted hotels. So far, the Hampton has the best possible situation. They do have catering menu for food and a room that can be locked but accessed by attendees. There is no fridge.

Dates being considered to work around racing schedules in September are Sept 11-13 or Sept 25-27. More info will be made available at future meetings.

The Harrisburg Presbyterian Church is allowing the guild to have a hook at the meeting location to store an ironing board and iron. Members agreed to donate these items.

Raffle Quilt:

Carol announced the next ticket sales date will be March 7-8 at the Charlotte Quilters Guild show at the Park Expo. Those selling tickets will need to pay admission (\$10) and parking (\$10). Sign up information will be available March for an April 12 sale at the Cabarrus Brewery.

Carol has been in touch with Concord Parks and Rec. They will be creating an article for their magazine about our guild and our show. Information when this is available is not known at this time.

Activities:

Debbie Swing addressed the group.

Members that were unable to turn in their UFO form at the meeting can discuss alternatives with Debbie to give everyone a chance to sign up.

The activity for February was placemats for Meals on Wheels. 95 placemats were turned in along with an additional 65 from outside the meeting. Connie said that, with the placemats they already had, and the addition of these donations, they have met their goal of 300 placemats for Meals on Wheels.

The activity for March is to complete the first UFO for the year.

The 2025 Challenge Quilt Instructions were rolled out to the guild. Instructions are on the website. The Theme for 2025 is Celebrate North Carolina. Examples of themes and symbols can be found in the instructions. The label needs to contain an unusual fact about the quilt. Quilts are due in June so that members can turn these in for the quilt show.

Community Outreach:

Friday, February 14, is the charity sew at Fire Station 9.

Connie spoke to the group that she will oversee the making of bears for Victory Junction. Her goal is to make 100 bears. She has 25 ready to stuff. She is wanting to complete all bears by June for delivery to Victory Junction. She gave a brief overview of what Victory Junction does.

Ona spoke to the group about the 2025 QOV Block – A Log Cabin Block. Variations of the block were shown to the group. The activity for July is to create QOV blocks. Instructions for the 2025 QOV block can be found on the guild website under July activity. Ona will accept blocks through August 2025. To get activity credit, turn in the QOV blocks in July.

Quilt Show:

Committee members discussed various parts of the quilt show.

Carol - Scott Merkin and Lisa Alley are the judges this year for the quilt show. Bonitz must finalize their training schedule before committing to be the location for judging.

Debra – Remind your friends to submit quilts since we are open to non-member entries.

Sandra – Hickory Ridge will have two categories this year. One group will be a study in color based on fabric and the other will be farm quilts.

Debra – Norwest School of the Arts will be submitting small apparel for the show.

Terry – Silent Auction submissions will be taken at any time. They need new items or items that can be sold. Table runners and placemats will be accepted. Unused kits are perfect since they will sell very well. There will be I Spy squares for sale again this year.

Terry – The Directory needs members (new and old) to submit pictures to update the 2025 directory as soon as possible. Email the picture to the email address in the newsletter. The target for the 2025 directory is March.

Julie – White Elephant will again sell bags of scraps. They were big sellers. Gallon size bags will be priced at \$5. The Tuesday of quilt turn-in will once again be used to combine scraps as a group. Items donated need to be taken to the quilt show on set up day pre-priced. Yardage should be measured in ¼ yard increments.

Sandra – 6 committed vendors so far. The food truck that we used in 2024 will be back with fish for both days.

Brenda – One sponsor has committed for the Challenge Quilt category.

Mary – Members need to get the word out. Small flyers will be provided to members so that they can carry handout information in the community.

Misc Business:

February Birthdays were announced.

The door prize raffle basket contained a \$25 Sewing in the Carolina gift card and storage rack for supplies.

The last event of the evening was Show & Tell by the members.

Final Business:

The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Mary Shea.