

CABARRUS QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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



March 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 finished the top of the Good Vibes Table Runner from the February workshop. While I had fabric with me, I decided to try one of 5 Little Monkeys kits to try working with ombre fabric. I really enjoyed how the pattern turned out. I did the red shaded ombre with a black background and it made a very striking table runner. There are times when I enjoy stepping out of my comfort zone. And other times, it backfires. As some of you know I enjoy doing the Karen Montgomery Brown Bag Mystery Quilt. Most shops do the kits where you see only one fabric, but 5 Little Monkeys does themes. So you choose a color family essentially and each bag within the color family could be different. Last year was gemstones, this year is cocktails and in general I like the concept as it is a chance for me to get out of my comfort zone with someone else picking the fabrics. Last year I chose Ruby and I got a wonderful color selection with red, blue, and green fabrics and the focus fabric from the Birds of a Feather line and the border fabric with a black background and red birds on it. This year I chose Dark & Stormy cocktail and I got purple, green, and pink fabrics with a different focus fabric from the Birds of a Feather line with the same bird fabric for the border. Next year I may need to go more traditional just to make sure I do not get the bird fabric for the third year in a row. I will change the border to something different on one of the quilts, I do not need two quilts with this same bird fabric border. Another lesson learned, these are my quilts and I can change the fabrics if I really do not like what comes in a kit.

One of the strengths we like to talk about is flexibility, and no I am not talking about being able to touch our toes. But rather our flexibility to change plans when opportunities arise. Mary Shea talked with someone from Sweet Union Quilters Guild and found out they were looking for someone to partner with them on their planned meeting with Natalie Doan of Missouri Star Quilt Company and passed the information to me. I contacted SUQG but found out that their meeting space was too small and we could not agree on a compromise location with larger space. So she reached out to Natalie to see if they could add us to the schedule. So on August 11 Natalie Doan will be doing a Q&A session with time for autographs and photos afterward. NOTE: this meeting will be restricted to members only per the contract. On August 12 will be a workshop with a Missouri Star Quilt Shop Pattern, this will be announced in early May. She will not be selling products during the meeting or the workshop and the pattern will be included in the workshop fee. This meeting will be open to members and non-members. So while this was not planned, I appreciate the flexibility of the members that voted to not do the picnic this year so we could take advantage of this great opportunity.

This month our speaker is Penni Domikis of Cabin in the Woods. She is the designer of All Scrapped Out patterns, which are focused on utilizing scraps. Her workshop will be her pattern, Scrap Petal Garden. She will be doing a table runner version of the pattern for the workshop, but you can choose to do the full size pattern if you want. Penni will be teaching raw edged applique, a technique I have not tried yet. In March, Brenda Smith will be doing a collage technique. I have seen a picture of the sample and I can't wait for the class.

Debra Mills

February Meeting Minutes

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

[Draft - Guild Member Meeting Minutes - 2025 - 10 February.docx](#)

To Do List

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

Do you have trouble threading your needles? I have a terrible time (eyesight issue). Normally I would wet the thread and try to make it work. I have learned a better idea. Don't wet the thread. Instead wet the eye of the needle. It will draw the thread toward it. Game changer!

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. We still need several people to send in their "selfie". If you don't want your photo in the directory, please let Terry Patterson know.

Activities

March	● Turn in 1st Quarter UFO
April	● Turn in Burrito Pillowcases - Charity Project
May	● TBD
June	● Turn in 2025 Challenge Quilt ● Turn in 2nd Quarter UFO
July	● Quilts of Valor Block of the year due
August	● TBD
September	● Turn in 3rd Quarter UFO
October	● Turn in your Postcard
November	● Holiday Project TBD
December	● Turn in 4th Quarter UFO

Challenge Quilt Instructions

Click this link to see the Challenge Quilt instructions.

[2025 CQG Challenge Quilt.2](#)

QUILT SHOW

Our committees are starting to gear up for the show. For the Silent Auction we are adding a Boutique to the Buy it Now section. This could be Table Runners, Wall Hangings, Rope Bowls, or other small items. Kits can also be donated to the Silent Auction. And Terry Patterson still wants your quilts for the actual auction element. Terry would like your donations before the show so that she can inventory and set up the forms. Any items collected and not sold or auctioned will be returned to the owner at the close of show..

White Elephant found that the scrap bags sold very well last year so save your scraps and strips. Bags can be organized by colors, theme or type in gallon sized ziploc bags. So for example a bag full of strips, or perhaps children themed fabrics, flannels or just shades of red. They are also accepting patterns, magazines, yardage, rulers, and even machines. All items for

the White Elephant will be brought to the set-up for the show. A perfect time to clean out your sewing room, start your stack now. (And yes I know that everyone will probably restock their room with items they find at the sale, but it will be new to you so that is good). More information as we get closer to the show dates.

Sandra Allred has started setting up vendors. Our show is the same weekend as the Smoky Mountain Quilt Show in Knoxville. At least one of our vendors has indicated that they will be doing that show instead of ours. So if you have thoughts on other vendors let Sandra know.
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. You are invited to join Sew Friday on March 14, 2025 . We meet at Fire Station #9 (1020 Ivey Cline Road, Concord, NC) from 9:00 to 3:00ish. Bring any charity project that you want to work on. I think the teddy bears project is still in progress too.

Programs and Workshops

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.



Coloring Book Collage

Totally new and different type of collage. You get to choose your own coloring book page and go from there! Brenda made hers a framed wall hanging but feel free to make whatever suits you! Not just creative but fun!!

Supplies:

- Sewing Machine with all typical tools & notions
- 75/11 or 80/20 sewing machine needles
- Several Threads - Matching & contrasting
- Coloring Book Page - please enlarge to 11 x 17 " and make 3 copies
- Scraps, scraps and more scraps! Variety of colors , prints and sizes
- 2 yards of Heat n Bond Lite or Steam a Seam lite
- Sharp small scissors (Karen Buckley 4" are excellent)
- Tweezers

You can find free coloring pages at the following sites:

www.Justcolor.com; www.crayola.com; www.MondayMandala.com;
www.castlearts.com

Choose a page that is not too complicated or detailed -the simpler, the better.

2025 Programs

Month	Program	Workshop	Fees
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

Remember as a qualification to remain a member in good standing you are required to donate a quilt to one of the following organizations:

Hospice of Cabarrus County (helping cancer patients through life's last stages) wants quilts 45"X60" or 56"X60"

CVAN (battered women shelter) wants quilts of any size

Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital wants quilts single bed size or smaller

Atrium NICU wants quilts 34"X45", 30"X25", 40"X60"

These can be turned in at any meeting. When you turn in your quilt, please make sure we know to which organization you want it donated. Thanks for your help. Any questions, talk to Karen Bronkhorst or JoAnn Hahn.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

Connie Richardson: Thanks to everyone who contributed place mats. They will be a welcome addition to our Meals on Wheels clients.

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
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

Date	Name	Location
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

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
Be Colorful 4 Day Masterclass by Jacqueline de Jonge (Paper Piecing)	Twisted Sisters Quilt Shop – https://www.twistedsis-tersquiltshop.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	August 10-15	6600 Fish Hatchery Road Russellville, TN 37860

	https://www.nolichuckyvineyard.com/store/c2/Quilt_retreats_2024-2025.html		
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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. 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. Brother Pacesetter ULT2003D sewing machine. Serviced in February 2025 at Sewing in the Carolinas. Missing foot pedal, embroidery unit, and all feet except for the embroidery foot. Has one Bernina Disney design disk. Has the original hardcover and the power cord. Asking \$200 OBO,



Guild Committees

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, let Debra Mills know. Grab a friend and have some fun with one of these committees.

CHRISTMAS: Plan the Guild's meeting in December. This includes arranging the food, whether purchased or potluck, and activities.

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.

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: Jackie Sabo

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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