

CABARRUS QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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



April 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 9:30am-3:00pm. With setup beginning at 9:00.

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From the President's Desk

This month I am reminded of the traits of being a quilter - specifically determination. Typically, when I talked to my mother about my latest quilting project, and usually my oops of the day, she would respond that I don't know how you have that much patience. I looked at not so much as patience but determination. I am frequently determined that I will learn a new skill and not quit halfway there. I will admit that I have UFOs that may stay UFOs forever because I did not enjoy the pattern or the process, but I spent enough time learning the process to know that I could do it if I had to. This month, my husband graciously offered to set up my new Grace frame and Qnique machine for me. This weekend I started the process of learning to use the machine. And that is where the determination comes in as I learned to troubleshoot the issues with the machine. We do not want to count how many times the thread broke, and I watched another video on tension, thread breaking, until the magic video on how to properly put in the bobbin. Then sorting out the skipping stitches issue, more videos until we got to the one on resolving the encoder issue. Now these are traits that I find in most of the quilters I have met whether it is problem solving a pattern issue, developing a new pattern, or solving the issues with our 'power tools', I think this is a pretty amazing and talented group of people.

I have seen some beautiful quilts at Show and Tell recently that hopefully will be in the Quilt Show. I have already identified the two for the panel category and need to finish two more for the piecing category. I am planning to start my challenge quilt next week. I really like the challenge the Activities committee has developed, and I have been looking at what fabric I want to use. How are your plans for your entries coming along?

I will admit that I am happy that our program this month does not require a new ruler as I really don't need another new ruler right now. I saw the sample that Brenda Smith made for the Coloring Book Collage, and it looks awesome. Now to choose my pattern and identify my fabrics. And I am hoping that somewhere in my stash I have enough scraps to do my collage.

Speaking of stash, our May workshop will be Carole Carter, From My Carolina Home. I have been reading her blog on how to manage and reduce your stash. She has a technique to measure fabric out and fabric in, with the goal that each month more goes out than comes in unless the in is for a specific project. And I feel good about my purchases because there are also months she buys fabric just because. I have identified several fabrics in my stash for pillowcases for the April activity, that may balance out the fabric I bought last month, even though I said I was not going to buy any more. Carole will be doing a trunk show about her patterns called Scrap Dancing and will be teaching the pattern "To The Nines" Tablerunner. And no special ruler is needed.

Debra Mills

March Meeting Minutes

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

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EaZBLXjF72qF2RxqhuKgKeBXKV5u0__/_edit?usp=sharing&oid=112590326048019209350&rtpof=true&sd=true

To Do List

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

Thanks Debra for this quilting hack.

I frequently finish a top and then put it in a stack waiting to be quilted. At this point I normally have a plan for the binding, a fabric from the quilt top or perhaps two fabrics planning to do a flange binding. But I will then clean up my space by putting all of the leftover fabric into a bin. However, by the time I quilt the top, I have to search for the binding fabric or worse I used it on another quilt forgetting that I had a plan for it. Now I put the binding fabric or strips into a ziploc bag and safety pin it to the quilt or put both the quilt top and the binding fabric in a large ziploc bag. This has saved so much time when I finally get around to quilting that top.

Activities

April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Turn in Burrito Pillowcases - Charity Project
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● May Guild Activity: Charity Quilt Orphan Block lottery. Bring one (or more) orphan block (any size or color). Turn in at the activities table before the May meeting and enter your name in the drawing. Blocks will be sorted during the meeting and a drawing will be held after the break. Winners can use the blocks to make their charity quilt.
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Turn in 2025 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

Challenge Quilt Instructions

Click this link to see the Challenge Quilt instructions.

[2025 CQG Challenge Quilt.2](#)

QUILT SHOW

We start accepting entry forms at the April meeting and will accept forms until the May meeting. We will have entry forms at the meeting. You can go to [Microsoft Word - 2025 Registration and Entry Form 11-18](#) to print the form. My suggestion is print just the first page for as many quilts as you plan to enter, and then print the rules just once as a separate set of pages. This will save paper but also means that not only can you write additional information on the back of the form, but you can tape your quilt picture to the back of your entry page. What if your entry is not finished when you turn in your form? Turn in the picture when you turn in the quilt. Why is this important? This helps the

judging committee, during the last judging day we had one quilt out of order in the stack and because we had the picture we were able to quickly locate it and continue with the judging of that category. Have a question on the rules and what you can enter? Contact Carol Harris or Debra Mills.

An impressive collection of items was brought to the meeting for Silent Auction for the new boutique section. I know the Silent Auction Committee appreciates this and will appreciate any and all contributions. Please bring your donations to any of the next 3 meetings. Contact Terry Patterson if you have questions.

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. What if you don't have enough scraps to create a bag of any of the themes? On June 10, you can bring your scraps to the church to be combined with other scraps. All other contributions to White Elephant can be brought to the West Cabarrus High School on June 19th during show setup.

Sandra Allred has almost all of the vendors lined up. It sounds like we will have an exciting lineup of vendors. Brenda Smith is working on our sponsors. If you know of any company that would be interested in sponsoring a category, please let her know.

I am looking for a volunteer to manage the admissions at the show. This person will manage the volunteers for both entrances and work with Jackie on turning in the money on each day. One element we would like to improve this year is how we count how many people come into the show so that we can use that in the future during talks with vendors and sponsors.

Debra Mills

2025 Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales

We have several opportunities for ticket sales coming up. April 12 will be at SpringFest at Cabarrus Brewing Company in Concord. We have all shifts staffed so thank you to all of our volunteers.

May 1 - 3 we have a booth at the Original Sewing and Quilting Expo in Raleigh. I will be there for the entire show and Sandra Allred has indicated that she will be at the event for two days. But we are hoping that others that are planning to be at the show for classes or just to shop will be able to take shifts of a couple of hour to allow us to take classes or shop.

June 20 - 21 - Splash of Color Quilt Show (yes this is our show). We will be set up in the main entrance area again and will need volunteers to work shifts at the booth.

I will be looking for other opportunities. My goal is a minimum of one per month. If you know of other opportunities or shows in the area, please let me know so that I can see if it would be a good fit for us.

Programs and Workshops

April

Take a page from a coloring book and turn it into fabric art. You can find pages ready to print at :

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

See the supply list at [April25Program.pdf](#)

Workshop April 14 from 9:30 - 3:30
Fee: \$30 Members / \$45 non-members



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.

May

Carole Carter will be doing the rescheduled Scrap Dancing Program.

To The Nines Tabletopper



"To the nines" is an English idiom meaning "to perfection" or "to the highest degree" or to dress "buoyantly and high class"(Wikipedia). The name reflects the two sizes of ninepatches used in the quilt design. We will make a nine-block table topper in class. All blocks need to be cut before the workshop. See the supply list on the Guild website or pick up at the meeting in April.

August

Our August meeting will be Natalie Doan from Missouri Star Quilt Shop. If you would like to know more about Natalie an interview was recently posted at [Homespun E25 | Natalie Doan](#). In addition if you look at the Missouri Star Watch page you will see numerous videos by Natalie called Quilting 101 as well as the Double Take or Triple Take videos.

To see all of the latest updates to the Programs, check out the latest list of programs at [Monthly Programs - Cabarrus Quilters Guild](#) with links to descriptions and supply lists.

2025 Programs

Month	Program	Workshop	Fees
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.

Volunteers Needed

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 up to 8 programs / workshops each year that can be local or out-of-town speakers. A budget will be approved at the January meeting.

UPCOMING QUILT EVENTS

Quilt Shows - 2025

AQS 2025 Quilt Show Dates

April 23 - 26 Paducah, KY

August 20 - 23 Grand Rapids, MI

September 10 - 13, Lancaster, PA

Date	Name	Location
3/5-5/10	ARTQUILT Wild Professional Art Quilters Alliance-South	Page Walker Arts and History Center, Cary, NC
4/11 - 4/12	Twin Rivers Quilt Guild Quilt Show www.twinriversquiltersguild.com/quilt-show	New Bern Convention Center, New Bern, NC
5/1 - 5/3	Original Sewing and Quilting Expo Original Sewing & Quilt Expo > Events > Raleigh, NC	Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh, NC
5/2 - 5/3	Stitcher's Showcase Forsyth Piecers and Quilters	Winston-Salem Fairgrounds, Bolton Home & Garden Building, Winston-Salem, NC
5/20-5/21	A Garden of Quilts Show Western North Carolina Quilt Guild westernncquilters.org	Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC
6/13-6/14	Festival of Quilts Tarheel Quilters Guild Quilt Fest - Tarheelquilters	Freedom Christian Academy Sportsplex, Fayetteville, NC
6/20-6/21	Splash of Color Cabarrus Quilters Guild	West Cabarrus High School Concord, NC
6/20-6/21	Smoky Mountain Quilt Show QUILT SHOW - SMOKY MOUNTAIN QUILTERS TN	Knoxville Expo Center, Knoxville, TN
6/26-27	Art Feeds the Soul Lake and Mountain Quilters Guild	Seneca Middle School, 15440 Wells Hwy, Seneca SC
8/14-15	Asheville Quilt Show Asheville Quilt Guild Asheville Quilt Guild - Quilt Show	WNC Ag Center, Fletcher NC

Class and Retreat Opportunities

Event	Sponsor	Dates	Location
Artful Embroidery - Charlotte Two Day event with Stephen Wilson	B-Sew Inn - Bsewinn.com -Artful Embroidery- Charlotte- Bsewinn	4/25-26	Anita Goodesign Headquarters 4345 Morris Park Drive Mint Hill, NC
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.

Guild Committees

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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

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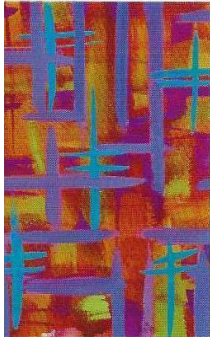
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