

Cabarrus Quilters Guild Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 14, 2025

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

Program:

July program was given by KristaLynn showing the group English Paper Piecing (EPP). The Tuesday class will consist of three different Christmas ornaments. KristaLynn reviewed the history of EPP beginning in the 1700's through today. The popularity today is due to the portability of the technique. She prefers cover stock paper for cutting out templates. Cover stock is between regular paper and card stock. She prefers poly thread to allow for hard pulling. She uses Bottom Line thread from Superior Threads which is a 60 weight. Thread magic is useful to prevent bunching of thread. KristaLynn showed some of her beautiful quilts and pillows that demonstrated her extraordinary talent.

Approval of June 2025 Membership Meeting Minutes:

June 2025 minutes were approved with no changes. Brenda made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and it was seconded by Terry.

Membership:

2 Guests. 5 new members. 6 on Zoom. 51 members in person.

Programs:

Debra and Sandra addressed upcoming programs for 2025. Sandra was available for sign-ups for any of the programs.

August is Natalie Doan of the Missouri Star Quilt Company presenting the guild both a program and workshop. The Monday program is limited to Paid Guild Members Only per the contract. There can be no guests or new members allowed in August. There will be no program Monday Night – Only Q&A, Autographs, and Photos. Please bring your questions for Monday night. No raffle basket, show and tell, or any activities will be included in the Monday meeting.

The Tuesday workshop is closing the workshop enrollment after the Monday meeting. There are 37 signed up. Class requirements on the pattern is part of the fee. The supply list is posted on the guild website.

The September Quilt Retreat was scheduled for September 25-27. Only two people signed up and only one of those paid. The guild will lose money by cancelling at this point. Members

were asked if the cost was reduced to \$100 would they be interested in going. No one was interested. The event will be cancelled, and the guild will absorb the late cancellation fee. There was discussion on possibly pursuing other options for a retreat in 2026.

The program for September is Project Linus. The workshop on Tuesday is an open sew for a \$5 fee to cover the cost of the church space. Project Linus will be there if anyone wants to sew Project Linus quilts.

The October program and workshop will be given by Carol Harris. The program is on ideas for using panels.

2025 Raffle Quilt:

Mary is handing out tickets and collecting the money at each membership meeting.

Members who join in July or after may elect to either sell tickets for the Raffle Quilt or make a charity quilt.

There are no sales currently scheduled. Debra is looking into splitting days for the Cabarrus County Fair with the Lake Norman Guild. There are several key points to address first including if we can sell raffle tickets at all, the location, and the hours to staff. More to come on this. Raffle sales with the Sanford Show, October 17 and 18, is a possibility. Raffle sales with the Rutherford Quilt Guild, October 16, is being considered as well.

All raffle quilt ticket stubs and money must be turned in by the December 2025 meeting.

2026 Raffle Quilt:

Jackie is heading up the 2026 raffle quilt creation. It will be a paper pieced version of the Alaska quilt. She showed some of the paper piecing templates created for the piecing and wants many members to contribute. She will be handing out fabric and templates at the Afton Ridge Library and Senior Center on Thursday, July 17 from 9:30 to 5. This library is located at 6095 Glen Afton Blvd in Kannapolis.

Activities:

The July activity was making QOV blocks. At least 60 blocks were turned in. Colleen said they would accept blocks for QOV anytime. A few of the members showed their challenge quilts to receive activity credit.

There are no activities for August due to the Doan program. All August meeting time and workshop will be Natalie Doan only.

September activities are to bring your third UFO and bring a Quilt Label.

Community Outreach:

Members were reminded to turn in their charity quilts. Project Linus is not an official charity for the guild this year. Sizes for the official charity quilts can be found on the guild website. Members joining in or after July can choose to make a charity quilt or sell raffle tickets.

Karen Bronkhurst gave a great overview of the Bears and Victory Junction. Victory Junction is offering to provide a tour of the facility on a Wednesday in October. Connie and Karen will be coordinating the tour. Several bears were shown to the membership since so many members are new members. 100 bears created this year will be donated for the Victory Junction Fall weekend camps. While this is not an official charity event for the guild, many members enjoy making the bears so the project will continue throughout the year.

All charity quilts must be turned in by the December 2025 meeting.

Quilt Show:

The quilt show for 2025 was a success bringing in \$11,500 in profit that can be used for programs and activities.

Statistics:

11 Vendors
2 Volunteer Organizations (QOV and Project Linus)
3 Visiting Guilds
500 Visitors
10 Children Visited
54 Registered Volunteers
160 Quilts Entered
\$567 in Raffle Quilt tickets sold

White Elephant and Silent Auction had great sales. The missing sign for the Silent Auction was found in a member's attic after the show.

The Guild Table proved useful and will be included in future shows.

An informal group determined that there will be a Quilt Show in 2026. Debra will be the host again. Debra explained how judging will be set up with multiple committees. The judging form will change back to including sizes for pieced quilts so that members can enter more pieced quilts. No date for the 2026 show can be announced until the school determines their summer schedule for 2026.

Misc Business:

Colleen would like anyone not getting the newsletter or announcements to send her an email so they can be added to the distribution list.

Debra reminded members to complete the YLI survey to get the guild a \$200 gift certificate.

Rosie Stein, a former member that passed away in March, 2025, has donated \$1000 to the guild through her charitable trust.

Requests received for custom quilts like memory quilts that come to the guild in various ways will be sent to members to consider. Rebecca also has the name of three individuals to give to these requesters so they can provide cost etc.

July Birthdays were announced. Fat quarters were available for these members.

The Raffle Basket was raffled off at the end of the meeting before show and tell.

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

Final Business:

The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Mary Shea.