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C A L E N D A R

[Editor's Note: Lookey here y'all! Real actual events finally! The end of this nightmare is in sight. Continue being careful and we'll see more of these.]

GUILD EVENTS

PRESENTATION OF HICKORY CITY QUILT, TUESDAY, APRIL 6, at 7 PM
Hickory City Hall

DRIVE-BY COLLECTION DAY THURSDAY, APRIL 15 from 9:30-10:30 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Mary Bucy and Gigi Miller will be there to collect tickets, money, and charity quilts.

April 8, 2021 MONTHLY MEETING (via Zoom) 6:30 pm via Zoom. Look for an invitation via email.

PROGRAM: Barbara J. Eikmeier, quilter, author and fabric designer does her most popular presentation: **It's all in the Sashings**. She will show us quilt sashings in an assortment of approximately 25 quilts of different styles featuring sashing techniques.
barbsfavorites.com.

QUILT SHOWS

MARCH 19-20, 2021

CAPITAL QUILTERS GUILD

Kerr Scott Building
North Carolina State Fairgrounds
Raleigh

May 1, 2021 1st Annual Quilters Rock, Landrum, SC 9am to 5pm

A City Wide Quilt Show, displaying quilts in local businesses or in the open air market area. To enter a quilt, or reserve a booth, contact elainesattic@yahoo.com, deadline May 1.

JUNE 12-19, 2021 MID-CAROLINA RUN SHOP HOP featuring 12 great shops in the NC foothills. Check out Mid Carolina Run Facebook page: <http://www.midcarolinarunshophop.com/Shops.html>

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Membership – Elle Clemens daytime
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Joy Mease

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Meeting Dates / Times

Second Thursdays 10 am/6:30 pm Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 547 6th Street NW, Hickory, NC
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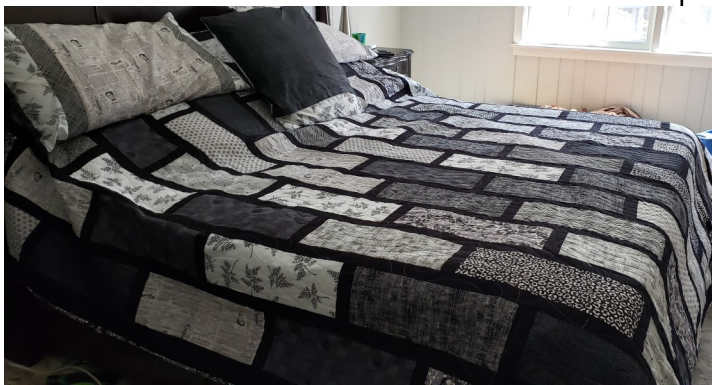


SHOW & TELL

Chris Appenzeller: Hooray for Spring! "Zippity-Do-Dah" Pattern by McKenna Ryan. Appliqued and quilted by Chris Appenzeller



Maureen Teague: Quilt for my daughter with 2 king shams and 1 European sham. She doesn't make her bed like I would! Ha! Ha!



Bob Hampel: Pattern called snowflake from Connecting Threads



Pat Carson: Wanted to have more quilts to display during the Christmas holidays so a Carpenter Star was an easy one to make.



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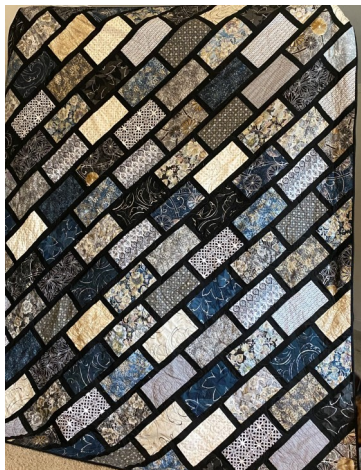
Nancy Garchek: I made this t shirt quilt for a teacher who has battled cancer for several years; back of the quilt and pillowcase to keep it in!



A spring table runner made for my daughter.



Elle Clemens: This is Rayven's Nest, made for my grandson's, Rayven, 17th birthday and I even got it done in time! March 12th. The quilting features ravens in the quilting. Thank you Rebecca Mullins for doing such a great job.



Another one by Elle below.



Sherry Huffman: Made this quilt just for fun for myself. Quilted by Rebecca Mullins.



Below a small quilt made to use up a charm pack. Again quilted by Rebecca Mullins.



Marianne McCormic: My simple/small project.....I found "The Itty Bitty Beetle Bag" instructions, selected all my fabrics and other items. Before I could start I found some leftover fabrics from a recent projects. So like any good quilter I changed my fabric choices. Well the simple 3 fabric Beetle Bag became a little more interesting. In the end I think it looks pretty nice. (side bar: I didn't have Soft and Stable foam stabilizer so I used Head Liner material. My machine did not like sewing thru one layer of it, skipped stitches in random spots, so sewing thru 2 layers was a real challenge.)



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Sue Fontyn



Carol Carman-and Peggy Poe pieced this QOV which was quilted by Rebecca Mullins.



Martha Annas

Crazy 8 baby quilt. 8 fat quarters.



Peggy Poe pieced both of these QOVs; Rebecca Mullins quilted them.

Janet Hunt—Made for a neighbor who recently had surgery.





Shelley Thompson I made these two quilts for a baby that is yet to arrive. No Gender ID on this one, so I made a quilt for each hoping they don't have twins!



Shelley's also been busy making items for the Lily Boutique.** It's not too soon to start, y'all.



*** The Lily Boutique features our handmade and other items, a favorite part of our Quilt Show. It is a great money-maker and we encourage you to employ your creative superpowers to make unique items for us to sell.*





Lori Skinner: Two quilts I cut, pieced and machine quilted for two dear friends.



Rebecca Mullins: Baby star quilt, an original design with double batting and three colors of thread.. Front and detail views.



PROGRAM NOTES

Our program gurus put their heads together and brainstormed these future programs.

May 2021 — For our monthly meeting program, Sue Fontyn is working on a video presentation of Tula Pink's Pinkline Works fabric line.

June 2021 — How about an outdoor meeting, perhaps at the Sails on the Square, with lots of space to socially distance, and close to restaurants. This is still a work in progress in the "can we do this?" stage, but stayed tuned. More details in future newsletter.



(There's no Business like Quilt) SHOW BUSINESS
BREAKING NEWS by Gigi Miller

Planning has begun and We Need You!

PUBLICITY — WANTED: Publicity Co-Chairs. If you are good at getting the word out and/or enjoy social media, please contact Gigi Miller gigim@charter.net or Mary Bucy mbucy1@gmail.com.



WE WANT YOU!

LILY BOUTIQUE – Turn those scraps of fabric into fun items to sell in the Lily Boutique.

For ideas or help contact Debbie Rubin debrarubin@gmail.com. [For inspiration: see Shelley Thompson's boutique items on p. 6.]

VENDORS:— If you know a vendor who may be interested in being at our show, please contact Teena McRary teenamc@embarqmail.com and Reba Walden rebawalden2@gmail.com

TICKET SALES – Keep selling tickets. We have had some great sales, and will hold another drive-by collection on Tax Day! (Thursday, April 15) at Holy Trinity. Mary and Gigi will be there from 9:30-10:30 to collect tickets and donation quilts. We would love to see you then.



OUR HICKORY CITY QUILT GOES HOME

By Debbie Swartzel



All are invited to the presentation of the Winter Village Quilt we made for the City of Hickory to celebrate the city's 150th anniversary. Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00 pm at Hickory City Hall.

Mayor Hank Guess said that there is a large gallery and a room for overflow as well. The presentation will end the first order of business and we are welcome to stay or go afterward. For those who can't attend, it will be posted on the City of Hickory's website within a day or two.

[Photo taken before quilting]



QUILT OF VALOR



Dwayne Carlton. Pieced by Amanda Truett and Pat Sain; bound by Peggy Poe; quilted by Rebecca Mullins.



New Member

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CATAWBA VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD MINUTES

ZOOM MEETING MARCH 11, 2021

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Debbie Swartzel convened the meeting and welcomed all to the zoom call at 6:30 p.m. The following persons were in attendance [note: some identities in the Zoom space use generic titles, not the actual person's name.]

Libby Sigmon, Mary Whipkey, Amanda Truett, Catherine Caswell, Cindi Williamson, Cindy Konarski, Dianne Black & mom, Frances (ipad), Ipad??, Jan Carpenter, Jan Hutchinson, Janet Hunt, Janice Setzler, Joy Mease, Kathleen Duke-low, Kathleen Sigmon, Kay Dwyer, Marianne McCormic, Maureen Teague, Mary Duquette, Shirley Britton, Patricia's Ipad, Peggy Barton, Shelley Thompson, Sue Button, Cathy Starnes, Debbie Swartzel, Rebecca Mullins (presenter), Joyce Pearce, Kay Henderson, Iphone, Iphone Cat Dancer, Judi Eller, Susan Fontyn, Susan Bisulca, and Wanda Bombyk.

Old Business

The Hickory 150th Anniversary City Quilt has been quilted by Rebecca Mullins and it is fabulous! Debbie Swartzel is working on the binding the sleeve and the label. Fifty-seven guild members worked on this quilt.

We are on the agenda for the Hickory City Counsel meeting on April 6, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. – all are welcome to attend. There is an overflow room. Since we the first order of business, we can leave as soon as finished or stay if anyone wishes to do so.

Please put this item on your calendar if you are interested in attending. We are finally seeing this project come to fruition.

Quilt Show

There were no additional updates on the quilt show for this meeting.

Money was collected by Gigi Miller and Mary Bucy when they met people in the church parking lot recently to collect money and quilt donations. \$700.00 was collected toward the ticket sales for the raffle quilt (reported by Joy). That is great considering we have not been able to go to public events or meet folks to sell tickets. Another \$1,100.00 in receipts was also reported. 12 quilts were collected for donations.

Bonnie Gold is working on some mock up of the new raffle quilt. She ended up using the fairy dust (gray or silver metallic). It will be multi-colored and in kits for people to pick up and put together.

There was no other business (old or new) discussed.

Program

The program by our very own Rebecca Mullins was "Top 10 things to Prepare Your Quilt for the Longarm." A power point presentation was distributed prior to the meeting tonight.

Five things for the top & five things for the back.

Top:

1. Top is Square, flat and no embellishments (buttons or yo-yo's)
 - Press fabric with starch or sizing before cutting
 - Maintain 1/4" seams

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- Make all squares the same size (example star block shown)
2. Borders are not wavy or tight
 - Measure, square and center block before adding the borders
 - Pin each border before sewing
 - Use a flat surface for pinning
 - Can make mitered corners from many strips sewn together instead of applying single border

Note: fold each side to the middle of the quilt to insure sides are equal on both sides (fix if they are not)

Note: circles can become bowls – so be careful

Note: biased edges can become wavy (heavy starch)

Note: machine embroidery can cause waves (make background oversized then trim down)

3. Lock the seams at the end if not adding a border
 - Lock the seam by stitching a few stitches back and forth at the end (jelly rolls especially)
 - Or stitch a basting stitch close to the edge of the quilt.
4. Press seams. Clip Hanging Threads from seams. Look for shadowing.
 - Press the quilt top on the **front** to check for open seams and to snip hanging threads
 - Don't pull threads from seams because that may be the last thing holding a seam together and
 - The seam will open.
 - Press from the back to smooth the seams, can do a four-patch pop of intersecting seams to make less bulk
 - Trim excess seams dark fabric that can cause shadowing on the front.
5. Keep folds from becoming permanent by

spreading the top on a flat surface until ready to send to the quilter

- Fold length of quilt into 3 or 4 sections and fold over a fat hanger
- Press the backing and fold in a similar manner
- Note: few folds as possible

Preparing the backing:

- Backing should be 12 inches wider and longer than the top to give 6 inches of space around the top
- Wide backing (104 to 108") is the best choice or can piece the backing with horizontal seams only vertical seams should be a last resort
- **Note:** directional fabric sometimes has no other option than to have a vertical seam.
- **Note:** Press the backing. If using water for creases, use water over the entire fabric instead of only on creases to prevent shrinkage or stretching in patches
- **Note:** can lightly spray the whole backing and put in the dryer for 15 minutes to smooth out wrinkles.
- Avoid applique and piecing leftover fabric on the back. Intersecting seams add bulk and can break needles.

Discuss these things with your longarm:

- Batting type sizes and type (don't use too thin) quilter's dream is good, 80/20 is good and wool

Note: thicker is puffier (may want to use with applique)

- Backing size needed
- Type of thread / more or less visible
- Quilting design (edge to edge or custom) / ideas welcome

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- Cost for quilting (edge to edge takes less time and costs less)

Question and discussion:

- Seams – tops to one side for nesting (open hard to match seams)
- Open seams are used for ditching
- Backing – go to one side for seams
- Serging may be used for fabrics that unravel
- Long armer may baste stitch around the edge of your quilt.

T-shirt quilts – tops that have glitter may be bad for the long arm machine by getting glitter into the body of the machine.

Applique quilts and T-shirt quilts may need a no-sew zone.

Preference for stabilizer for T-Shirt quilt – Rebecca recommends Polyfusible by OES from Bill's – June Taylor has one - for the back of the t-shirt and that makes it nice.

Quilting washed and unwashed quilts. If you wash the front – wash the back according to Rebecca. Note: Rebecca has never washed the batting (may shrink).

Special thanks to Rebecca

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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