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Catawba Valley Quilters Guild

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CALENDAR MEETINGS & IMPORTANT DATES

BOARD MEETING DEC. 1, 2022, 6 PM
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

JOINT GUILD MEETING, DEC. 8, 2022 6 pm
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Join us for our semi-annual joint meeting featuring a covered dish dinner and awards ceremony in the Fellowship Hall on the first floor. (Please bring a utensil for your dish, and canned goods for the Cooperative Christian Ministry's food bank.)

**MISSION DAY
DECEMBER 17, 2022
(9 am to 3 pm)**

Help us make quilts for our service projects: Premies for the local hospitals, Sunshine Quilts for the Family Guidance Center and Children's Advocacy Center, and Quilts Of Valor for local veterans, or work on a project of your own. Bring lunch and stay all day or just drop by for a while.

**NEW BEE (FOR NEW SEWISTS)
Saturday, Dec. 3th, 9 am-12pm**

Session 2: Please bring your sewing machine, machine feet, manual, extension cord or strip, notebook, writing instrument, bobbin, machine needles, and thread. If you have a project already, bring it to work on.

RSVP to Cindi (817.243.8959 / cindi.williamson@yahoo.com)

QUILT SHOWS & EVENTS

FRIDAY, JAN. 13-14, 2023
THE QUILTING AND FIBER ART MARKETPLACE
Dennis Wicker Civic Center
1801 Nash St.
Sanford, NC

FRIDAY, MARCH 3-4, 2023 THE CHARLOTTE
QUILTERS' GUILD CAROLINA LILY QUILT SHOW
Union County Agricultural Center
3230 Presson Road in Monroe, NC.
www.charlottequiltersguild.org

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	Day	Night
President	Debbie Swartzel	Mary Long
Vice Presidents	Dianne Black	Tammy Gillespie Jan Carpenter
Secretary	Cindi Williamson	Cathy Starnes
Treasurer	Frances Allen	
Members-at-Large	Janice Setzler	Joy Mease

Membership — Elle Clemens daytime
 Co-Chair Jan Carpenter evening Co-Chair;
 Joy Mease

Newsletter — Diana Weber
Newsletter deadline: fourth Monday of prior month

Webmistress — Amanda Truett

Meeting Dates / Times

Second Thursdays 10 am/6 pm Holy Trinity Lutheran
 Church, 547 6th Street NW, Hickory, NC
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MINUTES MORNING MEETING, NOVEMBER 10, 2022

QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTATION

QOV-- Amanda Truett presented a Quilt of Valor to Bennett "Ben" Setser who served in the Navy (see picture p. 8). The quilt was made by Myrtle Racey of Granite Falls. Our Guild has awarded almost 600 Quilts of Valor to local veterans since 2015. Individual guild quilters were in thanked by name.

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order with 43 members in attendance. We have one new member, Nancie Jaeger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Last month's morning minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

- Joyce Pearce's grandson got a letter of intent to the University of Richmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates-

- Mission Day Saturday 12th from 9 - 3
- New Bee will be December 3rd from 9-12
- Next March there will be a garage sale for Guild members out of their trunks proceeds go to the individual Guild member unless otherwise designated.
- Program-- next February Pop and Mama Rose are going to discuss Gees Bend quilters.

General meeting notes — Kathleen Whiddon thanked everyone for 65 pillowcases. Family Guidance Center gives each client a new toy, book, pillowcase, and quilt.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership — Dues for 2023 are due now. Please bring \$20 in cash with all personal information attached or a check to the next meeting. If you are 80 years or older, you do not have to pay.

QUILT SHOW

The show was a success! The Guild made Kudos to Mary and Gigi for a job well done. The Guild raised \$9000 after expenses. The total costs were \$12,982. We sold over 1000 tickets and about 100-200 guild members attended.

We did not have to pay for parking Friday.

Jeff Miller who was a woodworking vendor will make any woodworking items you want Tina McRary will have his number available and send out in a blast.

The scavenger hunt was universally enjoyed and complimented.

The signature wall was a good idea.

You may pick up your signature blocks at the meetings.

Everything was more expensive, so we have to ask, do we want to do a show or have another fundraiser or make changes. The show is important because it promotes a continuation of quilting, and it isn't just about the money.

Ribbons weren't labeled so there could be flexibility for assigning ribbons, but a sticker added

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to ribbons to tell what the ribbon was for will be considered for the next show.

Rebecca Mullins had many comments. Peggy Poe has an email if interested.

The photo book will cost over \$30.00 so the pictures of the quilts can be large enough to see.

Debbie Rubin thanked everyone for the Lily Boutique which raised over \$7,000.

DOOR PRIZES

Homemade Name Tag: Peggy Poe

Attendance: Dianne Johnston

SHOW AND TELL

- Kay Dwyer — travel bag
- Mary Bucy — one preemie, one sunshine and one personal project Christmas quilts
- Peggy Poe — embroidered box, snowflake and angel ornaments, and a Christmas card. She encourages everyone to use their embroidery machine.
- Chris Appenzeller — Rakin' and Rollin', a McKenna wire wall hanging, personal project
- Debbie Rubin — origami boutique jacket made with 17-inch squares, personal project
- Sue Fontyn — a Quilt of Valor
- Cindy Williamson — 1 Linus quilt, 2 sunshine projects, one personal projects. One of the sunshine quilts was a group effort of the Learning Center volunteers.

PROGRAM

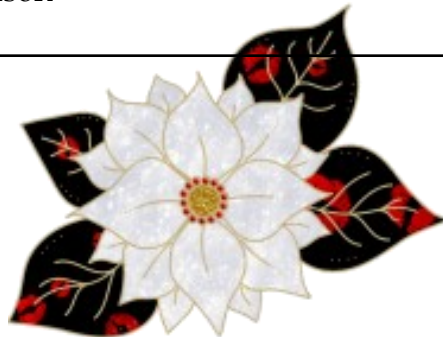
Tools and Tips – Here is a list of favorite tools suggested by our members. Most stated they could be found on-line.

- Telescoping magnet to pick up pins
- 1/4-inch diagonal tape
- Havel Pro seam ripper with replaceable blades
- Sew easy tweezers
- Stiletto
- White bobbin holder that puts the bobbin on top of the thread
- EZ Quilter binding tool
- A silicone tipped thimble that protects your hands while you press
- Clear plastic plumbing (aquarium) tubing cut up and/or hair ties to keep thread on bobbins
- Magnetic PinPal, it holds a tool to your machine
- Sew EZ “Fingerthing”, stiletto thimble
- Karen Buckley-- Perfect scissors, serrated scissors

and

- the most important tool to have is a good friend to help you quilt!

Respectfully submitted,
Cindi Williamson





MINUTES EVENING MEETING, NOVEMBER 10, 2022

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. Jan Carpenter welcomed everyone including the 22 members and guests in attendance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Amanda Truett made a motion to accept the minutes. Mary Bucy seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the minutes as presented in the newsletter.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

- Mary Long had Lasik surgery
- Jan Carpenter had heart ablation procedure. Both are doing well.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial report appears on p. 2 of this newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates

- Mission Day November 12 & December 17 from 9 – 3
- Special thanks to Holy Trinity Church for all they do for the Guild.
- Special Presentation of QOV – Amanda Truett was to provide that information for the Minutes (see Morning minutes p. 3, col. 1 for details).
- Kathleen Whiddon thanked everyone for 65 pillowcases. Family Guidance Center gives each client a new toy, book, pillowcase, and quilt.
- Beginner sewing class with Cindi Williamson – Dec. 3, 2022 (9 am – noon) at the church.
- There were announcements for upcoming

programs, Gees Bend quilting, Trunk Show for members (parking lot).

- Show Book is in progress. Will be pricey due to number of quilts and folks wanted bigger than thumbnail photos on each page.

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DOOR PRIZES

Homemade Name Tag: Cindy Konarski

Attendance: Beth Buckner (guest)

SHOW AND TELL

- Debra Eckard – Child's Christmas dress and Christmas tea towels (personal project)
- Sue Bisulca – One QOV turned in.

QUILT SHOW WRAP UP

- *Quilt Show Net* about \$9,000 (expenses were about \$13,000). May want to consider if the show in 3 years is worth the effort with expenses constantly rising.
- Abernathy Laurels folks did get a reduced entry fee.
- 1014 Raffle Tickets sold and about 1200 people came to the show.
- Guild received some feedback on ribbons and need to put on the quilt what the ribbon was for next time

PROGRAM

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Members shared tips and tools they use to help them quilt better: Susan Biscula, Mary Bucy, Cathy Starnes, Melissa Shaw – ask them when you see them, I'm sure they would be glad to share with you in person! [Editor's note: see some suggestions in the Morning minutes, p. 4 col. 2.]

Next meeting is December 8, 2022 – Semi-Annual Joint Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Starnes



	Vicki Beck
2	Susan Bisulca
6	Wanda Bombyk
7	Patricia Bell
	Rosemary Dietrich
9	Ann Lutz
11	Julie Probst
23	JoAnn Johnson
23	Susanne Hastings
25	Catherine Caswell
27	Gigi Miller
31	Shelley Thompson



TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES!

By Elle Clemens

Hi y'all!

Remember this is your last chance to pay your dues in order to be included in the 2023 membership book. Also to update photos for the membership book. If I you haven't had your photo taken please see me at the December meeting for your photo to be taken. You may pay at the December meeting or send me a check made out to CVQG. 1442 NC Highway 127, Taylorsville NC 28681.

Thank you,

If you are over 80* please let me know so I don't forget to include you.

* Members aged 80+ no longer pay dues due to their honorary status.



QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTATIONS

Elisha McCulley
Pieced, quilted and bound by Myrtle Racey



Stanley Greiff Pieced by Judy Folden, Quilted by
Cindy Konarski, Bound by Elle Clemens



Gaither Keener Jr, USMC Pieced, quilted, and bound
by Myrtle Racey



Chris Siemers, US Army Pieced by Pat Carson, Quilted by
Peggy McCosh, Bound by Susan Bisulca

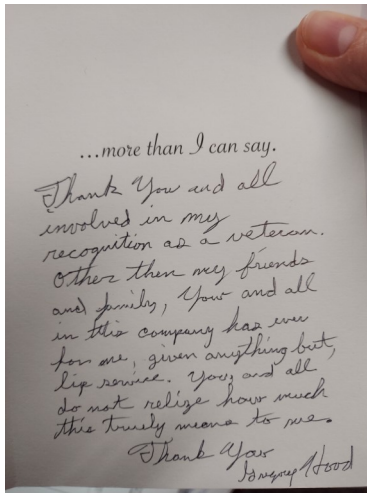




QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTATIONS

Gregory Hood, US Army
Made by Wanda Morrison and Carol Carman

Greg Hood sent Amanda Truett the thank you note shown below in appreciation for his quilt.



Bennett "Ben" Setser, US Navy 1972-1974.
Pieced, Quilted, and Bound by Myrtle Racey.

James D Brookes, US Air Force 1959-1991
Pieced and Bound by Carolina Lakes Quilters. Quilted by
Rob and Betty Ford.





QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTATIONS

Linda Sharp Caldwell, US Army Pieced by Lori Skinne
Quilted and bound by Margaret Noah



Alex Mason, US Army Pieced by Rosalyn
Quilted by Rebecca Mullins Bound by Linda Costner



Donald Taylor, US Marine Corps
Pieced, Quilted, and bound by Dotty Williams



Austin Singleton, US Navy.
Pieced, Quilted, and Bound by Myrtle Racey.





NEW OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED — Duties of Officers & Chairpersons
A Guide to Our Guild's Mission

President — shall be the official representative of the Guild and shall preside at all Guild and board meetings.

Vice President — shall serve as program chair and shall perform the duties of the president in the absence or disability of the latter.

Treasurer—shall have charge of the funds of the Guild, shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements, deposit funds and make all disbursements approved by the executive board. The treasurer shall make a monthly financial report to the executive board, which is published in the monthly newsletter. The treasurer shall perform such other duties as are incident to the office of treasurer, and file any necessary IRS forms, including Form 990 or any other form if appropriate.

Newsletter Editor — shall prepare and distribute the newsletter to members and to other guilds on an exchange basis, and keep a copy of each.

Webmaster/Historian — will be responsible for posting any relevant publicity, photographs, programs etc. to the Guild's website. This website will also serve as an archive in lieu of scrapbooks.

Workshop Chair — will arrange for instructors for workshops and shall keep a record of registrants and fees for all workshops scheduled.

Challenge Committee — shall be in charge of rules, dates and place of challenge as well as purchasing necessary supplies. It is also the committee's responsibility to arrange for the hanging the challenge show quilts for display.

Membership Chair — it will be the duty of the membership chair to collect dues, maintain and distribute a membership directory at the beginning of each year.

Board Member-at-Large — Represents membership focusing on how policies and procedures impact members. They also bring membership concerns to the Board.

Officers' terms of office are for two years beginning in January and ending in December and they may succeed themselves for a second term. The treasurer may serve more than two terms.

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Other Guild committees members can serve on include:

Programming	Quilt Show	Workshops	Publicity
Challenge	Service Projects	Nominating	Audit
Membership	Hospitality	Equipment/ Donations	Library



THE FOURTH WISEMAN

According to a 19th century story by Henry Van Dyke, there was a fourth Magi, Artaban. He lived in the mountains of ancient Persia and his study of the stars led him to predict the birth of the King of Kings. He sold his every possession to buy a large sapphire blue as a fragment of the night sky, a flawless ruby, and a lustrous pearl as pure as the peak of a snow-covered mountain at twilight, all of which he intended as tribute to the King. He



then set out for Jerusalem where he had arranged to meet with the other three wise men to find the newborn child.

After many weeks of difficult travel and frustrating delays, he came across a man lying on the road. His haggard face, pallid skin and labored breathing bore the mark of a deadly fever. But, as he turned to leave, the man begged for help. Artaban hesitated. If he lingered even for an hour, he would miss his three friends. If he left now, the man would surely die. He turned to the sick man, carefully attended to him, leaving with him all his bread, wine and healing herbs.

"I have nothing to give you in return," said the grateful man, "only this: our prophets have decreed that the Messiah will be born in Bethlehem, not Jerusalem. May the Lord bring you in safety to that place because you had pity upon the sick."

When Artaban reached the meeting place, his fellow Wise Men had left this message. "We could no longer delay our departure. Follow us across the desert." Artaban sold the sapphire to buy camels and provisions for the journey. He arrived at Bethlehem with his remaining ruby and pearl offerings, three days after the other Three Wise Men had found Mary, Joseph and the Christ Child, having laid their offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh at the baby's feet. Nearby he met a woman and her son who told him Joseph fled secretly that very night. King Herod was slaying all male children afraid that the promised "King" would assume his throne. Then there was an uproar in the streets as Herod's soldiers searched house to house for male children to slaughter. Artaban rushed to the doorway, held out the ruby to a soldier who snatched it eagerly. "March on!" he commanded his men, "there is no child here."

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Artaban lamented “Now two of my gifts meant for God are gone. Shall I ever be worthy to see the face of the King?” But, the woman, weeping for joy, said gently, “Because you have saved the life of my little one, may the Lord bless you and keep you and give you peace.”

Artaban wandered for 33 years in search of the Holy Family. Worn and weary, now ill, but still looking for the King, he returned to Jerusalem. Hearing of a great person who was to be put to death that very day, and learning of His life and teachings, Artaban realized this must be Jesus. He made his way to Golgotha, hoping the pearl could buy Christ’s release. Along the way he met a troop of soldiers dragging a young girl in chains who cried to him “Have pity on me, I am to be sold as a slave.”

The fourth Wise Man realized what he must do. He took the pearl which never seemed so luminous and radiant as it was now, and exchanged it for the girl’s freedom. His grief at not being to find the King caused him to collapse, but in his half-conscious state, he heard a gentle yet compelling voice: *Verily I say unto thee, inasmuch as thou hast done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, thou has done it unto me.*”

His journey had ended. His treasures had been accepted. The Fourth Wise Man had indeed found the King of kings.



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