

Patchwork Press

February 2021

MESSAGE FROM MARY

Sending greetings to Guild members with hopes for a 2021 that is better in every way with fewer worries, good health, and with the ability to assemble without constraints due to pandemics.

By now members should have received their directory and calendar in the mail. We need to collectively thank Debbie Abernethy and her husband for printing our booklets at cost at their printing company in Lenoir. They offer this service to us every year and I am sure they would appreciate your letting them know we value their generosity.

The calendar is one that Debbie Abernethy prints and laminates with all the quilting information thoughtfully included on the back. This is her gift to all Guild members at no cost—just because she likes us! I don't know about you, but my calendar is on a bulletin board in my sewing room. Thank you again, Debbie A.

And while we are starting the year being thankful, remember Diana Weber who shares her talents with us as she keeps us informed with the monthly newsletter. Then there's Libby Sigmon who writes newspaper articles that not only keep the Guild informed, but also let the public know about us. Add to that Amanda Truett who keeps our website up; to Teena McRary who just retired as treasurer after many years, and to Frances Allen who is taking up the treasurer's challenge; to all of our officers who fulfill their leadership roles well; and to all of you, our members who are faithful to be a part of our strong and talented Guild. I am also thankful that Debbie Swartzel has "Zoom" knowledge which gives us the ability to meet remotely each month. At least we get to "see" each other that way.

And then prayers that we will be able to meet again soon in person with members who are healthy and who are using their talents to create beauty and love with their quilts.

Mary Long

GUILD COVID CALENDAR

All in-person activities cancelled until further notice due to COVID crisis

MEETINGS

Monthly membership meetings

2nd Thursdays 6:30 pm via Zoom

Look for an invitation via email.

MEANWHILE:

Debra Rubin suggests checking out Quilt Con—(quiltcon.com) featuring the Modern quilt Guild Feb. 18-22 online! it's kind of exciting to see something online that you might not have been able to go to in person.



Inside this Issue

Who's Who, Treasurer's Report, Birthdays	2
Show & Tell	3
Quilts of Valor	6
Minutes	7
Quilt Show News	10
Winter Village Raffle Quilt	11



Catawba Valley Quilters Guild
P.O. Box 352
Hickory, North Carolina 28603

Officers & Worker Bees

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



Birthdays

2 Janet Hunt
5 Kitty Barco
7 Debra Rubin
8 Sue Fontyn
11 Wanda Greer
16 Candi Gordon
17 Kay Henderson
21 Sherry Huffman
21 Lennie Sever
23 Barbara Davis
28 Kay Dwyer

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/6:30 pm Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 547 6th Street NW, Hickory, NC
catawbavalleyquiltersguild.com / Instagram
@CVquiltersguild



SHOW & TELL

Gigi Miller: My brother in law passed Christmas 2019 and his wife asked me to make 3 quilts from his clothes. One for the grandchild born a couple days before his death and the others for her and her son. I made a heart pattern using the sleeves of his shirts to symbolize his arms holding her. The other two were entirely his shirts and pants.



Rebecca Mullins: This is

one of nine blocks in the Woodland Creatures quilt pattern that I made into a wall hanging. Used double batting of wool over cotton and background fill to keep characters puffy. Miss seeing everyone.



Opossum with babies block made into a wall hanging.



Skunk wall hanging made from one block.



This is one of three QOV that I quilted for Peggy Poe this month.



This is a table runner that I quilted for another guild member, Michelle Macy. This is applique.





(Continued from page 3)

Karen Berlin: This is a repair/restoration of a "throwaway quilt" from about 1910. I love these old gals (that's what I call them).



Before

After!



Janice Setzler:

I am making this quilt for our new Associate Pastor at Holy Trinity



Pat Carson: The center block was from years ago. Little quilt done this December.



Catherine Caswell: This is my first quilt-as-you-go.



Cindi Williamson: This king size quilt was a commission piece. Done in shabby chic florals and cream.



Debbie Smith: I really did get a quilt done. Held up by My husband, Handsome Dave



(Continued on page 5)



(Continued from page 4)

Debra Rubin:
this is my Val-
entine door dec-
oration, Similar
item to be made
for Lily bou-
tique!



Maureen Teague:
First year to hang.



Taking a class at
Bills. My fabrics.



My
of



first
block
from
block
the
month
Bills.

Peggy Poe: All three
are QOVs.

This is all I've done
other than working
on an appliqué quilt
which is a
loooooonnnnggggh
way from comple-
tion!

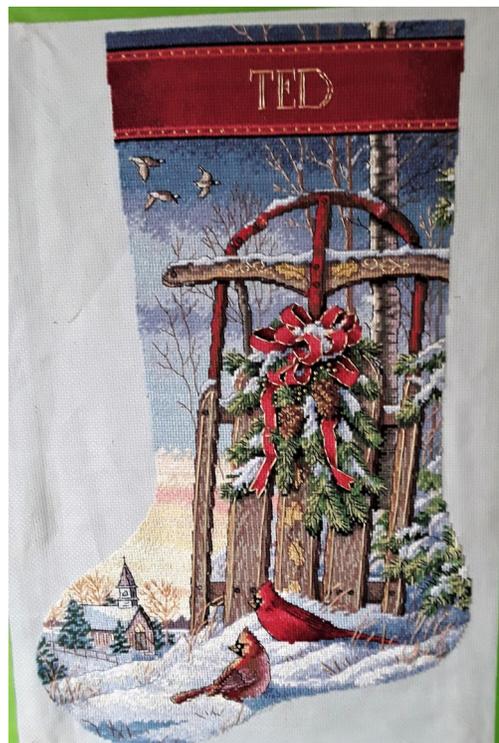




Peg: I really like this pattern! [Ed. Note: For a closeup of quilting on this beauty, see detail shot on p. 3, col. 2 Rebecca Mullins's work.]



Bob Hampel: Life of a cat in a house with two quilters.

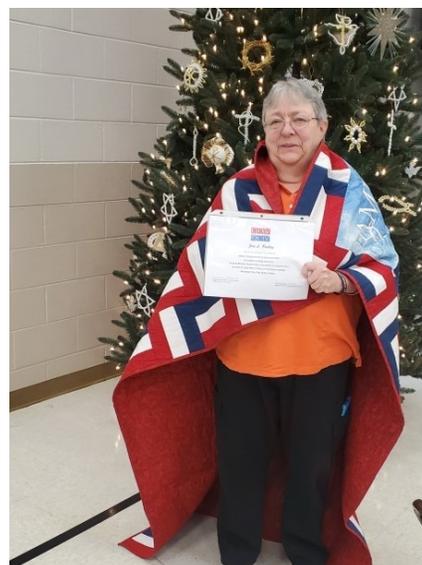


Kathleen Dukelow a needlepoint Christmas stocking finally finished!

QUILTS OF VALOR

James "Jimmy" William Faile, Army. Pieced and bound by Joyce Pearce. Quilted by Rebecca Mullins.

Toni Bentley. Pieced by Ann Lutz, quilted by Peggy McCosh, bound by Susan Bisulca





QUILTS OF VALOR

Larry Eckard. Pieced, quilted, and bound by Myrtle Racey. US Army , Green Beret and Military Intelligence 1956-1978



Joseph Cardwell III. Pieced and bound by Peggy Poe. Quilted by Rebecca Mullins





CATAWBA VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD MINUTES

ZOOM MEETING JANUARY 14, 2021

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

President Debbie Swartzel called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Members present via Zoom. Mary Bucy, Suzanne Hastings, Elle Clemens, Marianne McCormick, Jan Hutchinson, Kandi Peterson, Debbie Smith, Ginny Quinlan, Wanda Bombeck, Mary Whipkey, Alyce Carlson, Frances Allen, Kathleen Whiddon, Sue Button, Kay Dwyer, Reba Walden, Mary Long, Catherine Caswell, Teena McRary, Mary Duquette, Elizabeth Moore and Marcy, Jan Hunt, Susan Biscula, Pat Sain, Joy Mease, Amanda Taaruett, Peggy McCosh, Connie Carroll, Pat Carson, Joyce Pearce, Debbie Rubin, Gigi Miller, Shelley Thompson, Anne Starnes, Greg Colson, Cathy Starnes.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

- Joyce Pearce has had COVID but was able to join us on Zoom tonight.
- Debbie Rubin requested prayers for her 92-year old father-in-law who has COVID. Other friends Mary and Allison have COVID also.
- Cathy Starnes's father-in-law passed away in December.
- Joy Mease shared this remembrance:
Joan Lenora Cole passed away peacefully on 01/29/2021 at the young age of 89. Joan and Melissa Shaw, an amazing mother-daughter team, have contributed throughout the years to our guild's service projects and to our quilt shows. If you attended the night meetings, you quickly learned the only times Joan had just 3 things for Show and Tell were when she had 6 or even more. I once asked how she managed to do so much quilting and she replied "I don't cook."

It's one of my many happy memories of being around Joan.

We will all miss Joan and extend our deepest condolences to Melissa and her family.

OLD BUSINESS

Administrative Changes

- Teena McRary and Frances Allen are in the process of exchanging financial duties as treasurer and did not have the financial information for review. Information to be emailed for inclusion in the newsletter for February. [Ed. Note: Frances reported that 2020 financial information and budget for 2021 reviewed and accepted.] Teena has deposited all membership checks on Friday. Elle has a couple to mail for deposit.

Budget Review

Budget topics discussed:

- Update of webpage design from \$150.00 to \$400.00
- Service project from \$300.00 to \$500.00
- Library books to \$50.00
- Gifts to church from \$450.00 to \$550.00
- Postage to \$250.00 (this includes mailing the directory to the members since pickup is problematic due to COVID)
- Discretionary fund to \$400.00
- Guest speakers same this year – no Change - \$5,500.00.

Gigi Miller pointed out that workshop revenues offset the costs \$2,500.00 She also noted that getting good speakers is a way to make the workshops less expensive to guild members.

Amanda Truett made a motion to approve the Budget as presented; Debbie Rubin seconded the



MINUTES ZOOM MEETING JANUARY 14, 2021

motion with all members voting unanimously to accept the budget.

QUILT SHOW 2022

- Mary Bucy told the guild about the new raffle quilt due for completion in October.

Lily Boutique

- Debbie Rubin discussed the Lily Boutique and showed us a Muslin valentine gift bag. [<https://view.email.bernina.com/?qs=84a9bb3616f73d978cf74c063229a64556edf67d632cbc126793f4d6830b54f5f2648d4f44b804142fef731311333c5675ca65b9fcd4c073031f6c38d0295ecfee8a7f94936a4f4885d4ed853024a53d>]
- Mary Bucy showed examples of A Spoonful of Sugar design,
 - ◆ a Heart hot pad,
 - ◆ Ear bud purse – dogundermydesk.com. Zipper – whole pattern – copy and past then enlarge to get the size,
 - ◆ Heart shaped book mark– pattern has 90 degree corner – can be sewn many ways
- Shelley Thompson had pictures of items that need a price for sale in boutique. Members should price their own items prior to quilt show. Special shout out for the ruler holder that she was given by another member.

City of Hickory Quilt Update

Two blocks still missing. Kandi Peterson volunteered to pick up the blocks. Four landscape borders to be completed. Janice asked when the quilt is due to Mayor Guess. March 2021.

2021 Directory

Mary Long and Debbie Abernethy discussed the directory and calendars. Debbie said these

items would be a free gift to the guild. More discussion about the cost of mailing the directory to the guild members. Budgeted \$250.00 but it may be more which all the members agreed to accept whatever the cost would be to mail the directory/ booklet to members. The labels and booklets are set to be mailed out to the guild members next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Announcement was made to the guild members to beware of emails that may be scam. As a precaution, the decision made to remove board member contact info and email from the website and online newsletter.

WORKSHOPS

Terri Townsend will teach one last hurrah workshop.

Debbie Swartzel reminded the members that we hope to be able to meet soon, but suggested that it may be six months or more before in person meetings can resume.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Starnes





There's no Business like
QUILT SHOW BUSINESS

2021 QUILT SHOW THEME

by Gigi Miller



With the 2021 quilt show being postponed to 2022 we are looking to change the theme of the show to reflect the changes and challenges of the past year. The word *Unprecedented* has been used prolifically to describe 2020. For our guild I would consider *persevered*, *renewed*, or *strengthened* to better characterize us.

In this past year, we rose to the challenge. Early on in the pandemic we united to provide hundreds of masks for health care workers, being creative in distribution and finding supplies. In a way we found sewing to be our superpower!

With that in mind the theme “New Stars over the Valley” or “Stars over the Valley” or “Strong Threads Together” might fit us better. We welcome your ideas and will vote on one to adopt for the 2021 show at the February 11th meeting.

Mary Bucy and Gigi Miller
 2022 Quilt Show Co-Chairs

**CONGRATULATIONS TO QUILT
 SHOW CO-CHAIRS**

By Kay Dwyer



After recovering from the disappointing, but right decision to cancel the 2021 fall Quilt Show, we are thrilled that Mary Bucy and Gigi Miller volunteered to co-chair the October 2022 Quilt Show.

They are already a great team working together, aligning the work, sharing their expertise and creative energy. Having representation from both the Day and Evening Guild meetings will help tremendously going forward when we can hopefully resume our meetings.

I am optimistic you will support them in every way as that is what makes our quilt show so enjoyable. You will be hearing from them and know you will reach out and stand up for them and our quilt show. Gratitude and Congratulations Mary and Gigi for your dedication!

Kay Dwyer
 (Former Quilt Show Chair)





ARE YOU READY FOR SOMETHING NICE TO REMEMBER THE WINTER OF 20/21?

The Catawba Valley Quilters' Guild is raffling off their Winter Village Quilt. This is a Laundry Basket design with our own interpretation for borders and measures 72 3/4" x 82 1/4". It is pieced and appliqued by members of our guild in beautiful blue and cream batiks.



Winter Village is custom quilted in a winter motif by our award winning member, Rebecca Mullins. You will find snowflakes hidden all over the quilting.

The Catawba Valley Quilters' Guild is a nonprofit and ticket purchases are considered donations. You can purchase 1 ticket for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. Please send contact information (name, address, phone, and email) to the guild email at cvquiltersguild@gmail.com You will be given information on how to make your purchase either through Venmo or personal check.

The Winter Village Quilt is now featured in ads on our website, Facebook page and Instagram accounts. The Facebook link is shown below

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=3952586474753779&id=157641290915002

We hope you will share this on your own social media pages so we can reach as many people as possible for raffle tickets. There is a guild email address on the ad; interested people can send an email and we will respond with directions for either check or Venmo.

Thanks, Mary Bucy



February

1. February is one of the most frequently misspelled words in the English language. It's named after "Februa" an early Roman festival and cleansing ritual held on Feb. 15.
2. For more than 40 years, February has been Black History Month, a week chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12) and Frederick Douglass (Feb. 14).
3. It's the only month that can pass without having a full moon. That doesn't mean February never has a full moon—it usually does, as a matter of fact. The last time it didn't was 1999. The next time it won't have a full moon? 2037!
4. Groundhog Day—Feb. 2—is based on a German superstition. In Germany, though, it's not a groundhog that forecasts either an early spring or a longer winter: It's a badger.
5. February is the only month that gets longer every four years. Sure, everybody knows about leap years, and most know why we have them. But did you know that every so often, we need a "leap second," too? This is typically added to Coordinated Universal Time in June or December, because of irregularities in our planet's rotation.
6. The odds of being born on Feb. 29 are about 1 in 1,461. If you're born on a leap day, you're typically known as a "leaper" or "leapling." And depending on where you live, Feb. 28 or March 1 is considered your birthday in non-leap years.
7. The first Sunday in February is Super Bowl Sunday, a great way to **kick off** a month!



Catawba Valley Quilters Guild

P.O. Box 352

Hickory, NC 28603

www.catawbavalleyquiltersguild.com