



# Patchwork Press

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Catawba Valley Quilters Guild  
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### C A L E N D A R

**NO BOARD MEETING IN AUGUST**

**GUILD MEETINGS, AUG. 10, 2023 10 AM & 6:30 PM** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

**MORNING & EVENING PROGRAMS —**

**CARL STEVENS: WHO KNEW A HARDWARE STORE COULD BE A QUILTER'S BEST FRIEND?**

Come see what deals Harbor Freight has to offer. After a brief "show and tell" of his latest quilts, Carl will show us a number of items from Harbor Freight that replace the more expensive items from the quilt store. Then he will lead us in a "Price is Right" type game with Prizes!!

**MISSION DAY — AUG. 26**

**9am – 3 pm**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church — Help us make Preemies for local hospitals, Sunshine Quilts for the Family Guidance and Children's Advocacy Centers, 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.

**SIT N SEW Thursday Mornings 9:30--11:30 am** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church — an informal session to work on personal projects or to just connect with others, sometimes followed by lunch out.

### QUILT SHOWS & EVENTS

**AUG. 4-5, 2023 QUILTING AS ART EXPO**

Hub Station, Hudson, NC. Georgia Bonesteel will do a demonstration.

**BURKE HOSPICE THRIFTS & GIFTS**

**VINTAGE QUILT SILENT AUCTION** ends

August 18 2023. 148 Main St E, Valdese NC

**SEP. 15-16, 2023 GREENVILLE QUILTERS**

**GUILD PRESENTS "STARS ARE BORN"**

Greenville Convention Center, 303 Greenville Boulevard Southwest, Greenville

**SEP. 28-30, 2023 39TH ANNUAL ASHEVILLE**

**QUILT SHOW** WNC Ag Center, Davis Event Center 761 Boylston Highway, Fletcher

**SATURDAY, OCT. 7, 2023**

**CASHIERS QUILTERS QUILT SHOW**

Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library  
249 Frank Allen Road, Cashiers

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### Officers & Worker Bees

	Day	Night
President	Kathleen Whiddon (	Shelley Thompson  Jan Carpenter
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Secretary	Mary Bucy	Amanda Truett
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1	Dianne Black
3	Karen McBennett Betty Stokes
5	Mary Long
5	Alyce Carlson
18	Elizabeth Braun
22	Dawn Cole Anne Starnes

**Membership** – Elle Clemens daytime Co-Chair luv2quilt

Jan Carpenter evening Co-Chair;

Joy Mease

**Newsletter** – Diana Weber *Newsletter deadline: third Monday of prior month*

**Webmistress / Quilts of Valor** –Amanda Truett

#### Meeting Dates / Times

Second Thursdays 10 am/6:30 pm

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 547 6th Street NW,

Hickory, NC [catawbavalleyquiltersguild.com](http://catawbavalleyquiltersguild.com) /

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## MINUTES EVENING MEETING, JULY 13, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER

Joy Mease opened the meeting at 6:34p with business occurring first. 17 ladies present. Jan welcomed Terrie Townsend as the presenter. No new members or visitors in attendance.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Anne Starnes moved the June minutes as printed in the newsletter be approved. Melissa Shaw seconded. Minutes were accepted by all present.

### SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Elle Clemens is back in the hospital – please send cards or texts, call before visiting.
- Libby Sigmon getting a port for dialysis.
- Connie Carroll is sick with COVID.
- Connie Bumgarner and her husband celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Peggy Poe has a super-star soccer player grandson who will visit England to attend a football academy.
- Wanda Bombyk had foot surgery.
- Barbara Mahnke is grateful for all the assistance in cleaning out and setting up our meeting room.
- Jan Carpenter fell several weeks ago and has a torn rotator cuff.
- Terrie Townsend's niece, Leanna, has a boy named Parker who is going to have a little brother soon (Terrie's second great-nephew).

### DOOR PRIZES

**Attendance** Amanda Truett.

**Homemade Nametag** Cathy Starnes

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Announcements:** Mission Days are Saturday, 29 Ju-

ly and 26 August 2023 9a-3p. Sit and Sew should resume every Thursday 930a-11a, any projects. Mission labels are available and please add to the Premie, Sunshine, and pillowcase projects. New labels will be ordered with care instructions on them.

Bill's Sewing is having a get-together on Sunday, 16 July, for Mrs. Patel who is moving to California.

August 4-5, 2023 Hudson, NC. Georgia Bonesteel is doing a demonstration. Register online. Two-day pass is about \$25.

Applique workshop demonstrated by Terrie Townsend on 15 July 2023.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### *December 2023 Challenge*

The Carolina Lily was originally named the Cleveland Lily, named after Grover Cleveland. We will use the Carolina Lily as the basis for the challenge but modify the block in size, method, style, colorways, quantity of blocks, setting, etc. Rule: any size, any technique, newly pieced block (created just for the December 2023 Challenge). Think of a favorite color, think of your least favorite color. What is your favorite quilting technique, least favorite activity when quilting. This is not a competitive challenge!

Barbara Mahnke is also hosting a Charade Quilt and will send out more information about the activity.

### SHOW & TELL

- Judi Eller – 2 premie quilts, 2 sunshine quilts, 6 yellow pillowcases
- Melissa Shaw – silk Log Cabin repaired quilt
- Jill Wells – 3 sunshine quilts
- Susan Bisulca – 1 QOV top

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### PROGRAM

Terrie Townsend presents: Applique.

There are lots of methods for applique: fusible, non-fusible, raw edge, needle turn, reverse applique, machine applique, hand applique.

Reverse applique is a technique where you place the fabric under the main background fabric then cut out the background fabric to reveal the fabric below. This Saturday, the group will do raw edge applique with fusible and adding decorative stitches. Terrie passed around samples of decorative stitches ranging from 9mm wide to 3mm wide to show how decorative stitches look different in different widths.

You need a stabilizer behind the fabric to support the fabric while doing the decorative stitch. Transweb by HTC is Terrie's favorite, it is about \$3 per yard compared with Steam-A-Seam at \$7 a yard. Sometimes stitches, even a satin stitch, will pucker even with a stabilizer. Fusibles have paper which needs to be removed. Use a straight pin to score the paper, bend the paper a little, and then tear the paper off.

Sewing a shape with a cut-away—use a light-weight stabilizer. Sew your shape, trim around the edges to  $\frac{1}{4}$ ", make the nicks, then cut through the stabilizer a little bit to help with turning right-side-out. Use a tool to help smooth out the edges. Used dryer sheets can be re-used as light-weight stabilizers.

If you have an AccuQuilt cutter, or have a friend who has one, prep your fabric with the fusible stabilizer and then run it through the cutter.

Material Girlfriends have free patterns for ap-

plique.

Terrie likes Aurifil and 40 or 50 weight embroidery threads and size 14 needle for applique. If you have batik fabrics, definitely use a size 14 needle. 50 weight or 60 weight in the bobbin. You can use batting as stabilizer also. Reduce your presser foot pressure by one setting to help with rotating around the edges. Use an open-toe foot to help you see the applique edge.

Use the needle-down setting to keep the needle down in the applique when you rotate the fabric. Watch where your needle goes down into the fabric to keep on the line of the edge. For curvy or circular pieces, you will have to lift your presser foot and rotate the fabric every few stitches. Make sure that your needle is in the down position on the outside of the fabric on convex curves and on the inside of the applied fabric on concave curves. For points, practice the point before with the stitch you are using to see how far out from the point you will have to sew before turning the point.

You can draw a pattern on a piece of fusible. Cut apart the fusible paper and fuse them to the fabric. Put the pieces back together and satin stitch the raw edges.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Truett





## MINUTES MORNING MEETING, JULY 13, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting opened at 10:03 am and welcome extended to all.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jan Hutchinson moved that the minutes from June be approved. Motion seconded by Susan Fontyn and passed unanimously.

### SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Elle Clemens has been readmitted to the Catawba Medical Center from Rehab.
- Connie Carroll has covid again.
- Libby Sigmon is having a port put in this morning and will start dialysis this afternoon.
- Jan Carpenter fell last week, had an MRI and will meet with her doctor to see about next steps.
- Janice Setzler is doing well after her shoulder surgery and demonstrated by lifting her arms.
- Kathleen Dukelow fell this past week but recovering.
- Nancy Garchek is longarm quilting again but handwork is difficult.
- Peggy Poe's grandson will be attending the University of Chester in Great Britain to play soccer.
- Connie Bumgarner and husband celebrated 65 years of marriage.
- Cindi Williamson and her husband are celebrating 29 years of marriage.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Day Aug 26 from 9 to 3PM

Sit and Sew Thursdays 9:30 to 11:30 AM

Quilting as Art Expo Aug 4-5 at the Hub Station Hudson NC. Georgia Bonesteel will do a demo.

### DOOR PRIZES

**Attendance** Susan Leithiser

**Homemade Nametag** Kathy Bogue

### NEW BUSINESS

Barb Mahnke is interested in organizing a group of us who would like to work on a quilt-along using the Charade pattern by Jittery Wings, <https://jitterywingsquiltco.com/shop/p/charade>.

This would be to provide a support group for quilters. It is also helpful to work within a group to keep members focused and current as well as having a group to ask questions when they occur. Barb will be sending out an eblast with information.

**New Challenge 2023:** Anything Goes, Carolina Lily! You can do any size, any technique featuring the Carolina Lily, our guild's logo. Use this theme to challenge yourself. Try something new! These quilts will be displayed at the December 2023 joint meeting. Only stipulation is that this block/quilt must be specifically for this challenge. Contact Barb Mahnke, Chris Appenzeller, Jan Carpenter, or Michelle Hester if you have questions.

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**Library**—Susan Fontyn offered a tour of the Library to members during the break to explain the system of borrowing and returning books. If anyone was unable to attend and has questions, please contact Susan.

#### SHOW & TELL

- Mary Bucy, 3 personal items (2 quilts, applique pillow)
- Wanda Greer, Sunshine quilt
- Nancy Lisk, quilt for her daughter in Maine
- Susan Fontyn, Patriotic Picnic quilt
- Dotty Williams, 2 Sunshine quilts from panels

- Candi Gordon, good neighbor quilt
- Susan Leithiser, Preemie
- Suzanne Sproul, Grand niece quilt
- Dianne Putnam, Preemie
- Diane Gantt, 18 Pillowcases
- Sherry Huffman, Preemie
- Kathleen Dukelow, table runners
- Reba Walden, friends granddaughter quilt
- Peggy Poe, 3 QOVs and a Preemie!
- Martha Underdown, visitor, showed her mother's scrap quilt which needs repair.

#### PROGRAM

See page 4 for Amanda's writeup on Terrie Townsend's applique workshop.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Bucy



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