



# Patchwork Press

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### C A L E N D A R

#### MEETINGS

**BOARD MEETING AUGUST 1, 2024 6 pm** via Zoom

**GUILD MEETINGS AUGUST 8, 2024 10 am & 6:30 pm** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Program (morning & evening) **English Paper Piecing with Debbie Schwartzel.** Debbie (former president and talented quilter) will conduct a "hands on" program where participants are asked to bring a few scraps of fabric, scissors and a needle to learn how to English Paper Piece.

#### **MISSION DAY AUG. 17, 2024**

**9 am – 3 pm** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church — Help us make charity quilts for local hospitals, the Family Guidance and Children's Advocacy Centers, Quilts Of Valor for local veterans, or a project of your own.

#### **SIT N SEW THURSDAY MORNINGS**

**9:30--11:30 am [No sit n sew session August 1 due to conflict with Church calendar.]**

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

**SEPT. 26-28, 2024 40TH ANNUAL ASHEVILLE QUILT SHOW**  
WNC Ag Center / Davis Event Center  
Fletcher

**OCT. 4-6, 2024 THE THREADS THAT BIND US**  
Durham-Orange Quilters' Guild  
Mebane Arts & Community Center  
Mebane

**OCT. 11-12, 2024 9:30 – 5:00, GATE CITY 2024 QUILT SHOW "CIRCLE OF LIFE"**  
Congregational United Church of Christ  
400 West Radiance Drive  
Greensboro, NC

Beautiful quilts made by guild members along with Raffle Baskets, a Silent Auction, a Yard Sale, and a Boutique as well as outside vendors with items for sale.

**OCT. 14-19, 2024 OUR FALL RETREAT AT CAMP HOLSTON, 6993 Hickory Nut Gap Rd., Banner Elk.** \$300 for double occupancy, \$375 for single. Includes breakfast and 4 dinners. Contact Diane Putnam if interested. [deputnam@charter.net](mailto:deputnam@charter.net) (910)471-2071

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**Officers & Worker Bees**

	Day	Night
President	Kathleen Whiddon (	Shelley Thompson  Jan Carpenter
Vice President	Position Open	
Secretary	Mary Bucy	Amanda Truett
Treasurer	Acting—Kathleen Whiddon	
Members-at-Large	Nancy Garchek	Debbie Smith

- 1 Dianne Black
- 5 Mary Long
- 11 Michelle Macy
- 22 Dawn Cole
- 22 Anne Starnes
- 24 Jacquelyn Mate

**Membership** – Millie Kaufman, Chair, // Catherine Caswell // Judi Eller // 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) /  
 Instagram @CVquiltersguild



## MINUTES, EVENING MEETING, JULY 11, 2024

### CALL TO ORDER

Jan Carpenter opened the meeting at 6:32 pm. Attending were 17 ladies including new members and visitors, including US Air Force Veteran Derek Keener and his family.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Susan Fontyn moved that the June minutes as printed in the July newsletter be approved. Terrie Townsend seconded her motion. All present approved.

### SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Terri Townsend's brother, Bill Clark, has finished radiation and chemo. He cannot taste food but his taste is returning. Still has a long way to go.
- Elle Clemens is home but is weak after her stay in the hospital.

### QOV PRESENTATION

The CVQG presented our guild's 700<sup>th</sup> QOV to Derek Keener, USAF.

### DOOR PRIZES

**Attendance:** Cathleen Zurich

**Homemade Nametag:** Susan Bisulca

### OLD BUSINESS

#### 2025 QUILT SHOW

Gail Meyer and Michelle Macy gave an update on the Quilt Show. Nearing a decision on the location of the quilt show. If we return to the Hickory Metro, we will have to downsize by half the space. Looking at two last places before making a final decision. Susan Bisulca proposed to speak with Mark Seamon at Highland Recreation. Gail and Michelle are preparing a survey for feedback on the elements to include in the 2026 quilt show.

The Raffle Quilt is being quilted now.

### NEW BUSINESS

Cindi Williamson, day and night VP, has resigned.

Melissa Shaw and Cindi Williamson proposed to

be the nomination committee for the board members for the 2025-2027 term. We have the Treasurer set. Please volunteer quickly so that we can prepare our new board members. On-the-job training will be provided.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Mission Day is August 17, 9a-3p. Sit and Sew Thursdays except for guild meeting days, 9a-11a. **NOTE: No Sit and Sew on Aug. 1.**

### SHOW AND TELL

- Nancy Price – one personal quilt, one premie quilt
- Terrie Townsend – one sunshine quilt: Animal and bug quilt
- Susan Bisulca – one QOV and seven pillowcases
- Susan Fontyn – one personal project, a table runner
- Pat Carson – Lily Boutique items: table runner and 4 matching placemats.

**Note re: Lily Boutique items** for the 2026 show will be tagged with member numbers (pre-assigned), a price, and given to Catherine Caswell. The reason for the numbers is so that the items can be returned to the maker after the show if they aren't sold. Price reasonably so that it sells—these funds will add to our treasury. These items do not have to be made just of fabrics—any craft will sell!

### PROGRAM

Susan McRae from Oh Susannah's Yarn on Union in Morganton presented a program on fabric creation, dying, and sashiko. [See p. 5 for full program description.]

Meeting Adjourned at 8:16p.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Truett



## MINUTES, MORNING MEETING, JULY 11, 2024

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Last month's minutes approved after a motion by Jan Hutchinson which was seconded by Dianne Putnam. Motion passed unanimously.

### SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Millie Kaufman has had shoulder surgery.
- Elle Clemens was back home for a bit, but she was readmitted to the hospital.
- Susan Hall is doing well. We wish all our members good health.
- The Conover Quilt Company opened their doors on June 22.
- Marianne McCormic won the Shop Hop basket from the Cotton Quilt.
- Debbie Eckerd has a new great grandchild.

### DOOR PRIZES

**Attendance:** Susan Trotter

**Homemade Nametag:** Dianne Black

### OLD BUSINESS

#### 2025 QUILT SHOW

Mary Bucy showed the Color Wash Raffle Quilt, an impressionistic representation of a hydrangea bouquet. The back is a hydrangea panel with hydrangea blossom border. Nancy Garchek will quilt it for us. There was a box of extra squares and Chris Appenzeller agreed to sew these together for a Lily Boutique item.

Catherine Caswell is collecting Lily Boutique items. She is also requesting plastic tubs if anyone has some sitting around. She is willing to store items at her house, but if you could keep them until closer to the show, that would be great.

We encouraged members to use some of Barbara Huggins' fabric in the back. We continue to wash and fold additional fabric.

Still evaluating venues for the quilt show. We can go back to the Metro Center for half the space and about the same price we paid in 2022. Members suggested we look at Highland Recreation Center. A survey should be coming to us soon to rank criteria we want to see in the show.

### NEW BUSINESS

Cindi Williamson has resigned from her position as Vice President. We want to thank her for the wonderful job she has done. The programs and workshops have been superb and we appreciate all the time and effort she put into setting up our online membership directory.

August 1 Sit and Sew will be cancelled as the church will need to use that room.

#### Nomination Committee for 2025-26 officers.

We need at least 1 morning and 1 evening member to be on the committee. Cindi Williamson and Melissa Shaw volunteered. If you are interested in helping them or would like to be considered for a position please contact them. We are hoping for 2 candidates for each position so that they can fill in for each other when unable to attend. We also need coordinators for workshops and membership.

### FALL RETREAT

Dianne Putnam is asking for a \$150 deposit for the fall Oct 14 -19 retreat. We need 2 additional members to fill the retreat. Contact Dianne if interested.

### SHOW AND TELL

- Mary Bucy showed a quilt found in the Sit and Sew room, Nancy Garchek quilted it.
- Catherine Caswell: 4<sup>th</sup> of July reversable placemats and napkins. She also cut 50 pillow case kits from the fabric from Barbara Huggins
- Suzanne Sproul: quilt for niece made from blocks she had won
- Dianne Putnam: Buzz saw quilt and pillow from extra blocks and a basket tote
- Lori Skinner: 5 pillow cases. Lori was unable to sew due to surgery so she instructed her husband
- Wanda Greer: dog quilt and Halloween quilt
- Helen Powell: 3 QOV tops
- Susan Leithiser: 2 pillowcases
- Debbie Eckerd: 9 pillowcases
- Susan Trotter: Star quilt for her grandson
- Cindi Williamson: 2 baby quilts, a comfort quilt and 3 pillowcas-

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es and UFO quilt

- Sherry Huffman: 2 child advocacy quilts
- Nancy Garchek: 2 Donation quilts and fall quilt
- Deanna Weis: quilts she started at the fall retreat, 1 fall and 1 Christmas
- Maureen Teague: Fuzzy Carolina quilt quilted by Nancy Garchek
- Peggy Poe: Mug cozies to store sewing or desk supplies, hair bows, pouches, an embroidered towel and a quilt
- Dianne Johnston: Modern quilt using her stash
- Marianne McCormic: pillowcases
- Pat Carson: 4 placemats and table runner for the Lily Boutique
- Anne Becker: lunch totes for the Lily Boutique, 2 pillowcases, and a triangle quilt
- Tanya Hodge: Table Runner with flange binding, granddaughter's baby quilt, pink triangle quilt with the remnants and a sewing machine cover
- Janet Hunt for Jill Wells: 3 pillowcases and 3 NICU quilts
- Reba Walden: 2 pillowcases
- Melissa Shaw: 5 pillowcases
- Ann Williams: 8 pillowcases

#### PROGRAM

Susan McRae from OSuzannah's Yarn on Union, 130 W Union St Morganton NC. Her shop specializes in yarns, hand dyed yarns, weaving, Sashiko and Shibori items. You can follow her OSuzannahYarnonUnion.

Susan is a 'maker' and a weaver. She has been interested in fibers and cloth from an early age in Smyrna GA and has lived in a number of states since. She learned to sew on an old Singer doing a chain stitch, and graduated to a second-hand machine in college. She was a Psychology major in college with a minor in Art. Her interest in art was inspired by her 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher who noticed she had a natural understanding of color. She was ahead of the trends early on doing slow stitch and embroidery on her friend's blue jeans in college and embellishing everything. Weaving has been a long-term love and she has 2 large looms at her shop and teaches lessons on Rigid Heddle Looms.

Sashiko (little stabs) is Japanese Quilting. It uses long straight stitches by hand (slow stitch) following decorative patterns. The Japanese are reluctant to throw old clothing away, rather they would mend the fabric and reinforce areas of wear by applying patches made attractive by stitching. Boro is a term for tattered.

Shibori is indigo dye resist on cloth. Indigo doesn't require heat to set which makes it easier than some dyes. The dye is prevented from reaching the fabric by folding, clamping, and stitching. Japanese even use Katazome which is a very thin rice paper cut into intricate shapes. The paper makes a paste that will then resist the dye. Shibori patterns complement any fabric product.

Several members were wearing clothing inspired by shibori. Susan also showed bags, scarves, wall hanging, and pillows created by using Shibori fabric along with Sashiko and Boro.

Fabric needs to be prepared to take dye and require a mordant soak in alum. The fabric should only be natural fibers like cotton, silk, linen, and hemp. If you have purchased fabric, you should first wash in hot water with a soda ash soap, and no fabric softeners to remove the sizing. RFD, Ready for Dye fabric can be purchased. One place to find it is online at Dharma Trading.

Ice dyeing also produces beautiful designs. In this the fabric is 'scrunched' a bit and laid in a trough. Ice is spread over it and then sprinkled with dye powder. As the ice melts it lets the dye soak through to make pattern. There is no control in this form of dyeing.

Susan also showed items made from other natural dyes like avocado skins and pits and walnut hulls. All shades of pink, peach and browns can be formed.

Susan closed with a statement. "Creativity—you can't use it up. The more you use it, the more you have. The more you share it, the more it comes back to you. You have to be brave, brave enough to fail."

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

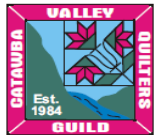
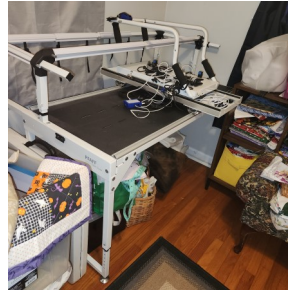
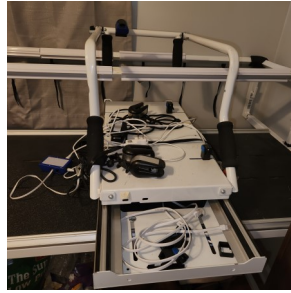
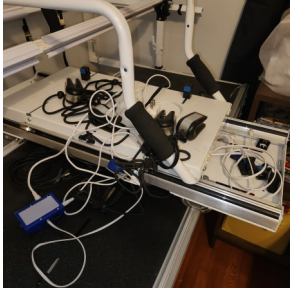
Mary Bucy





## FIVE FOOT PFAFF FRAME FOR SALE

This is a 5 ft Pfaff frame. I paid \$1999 for it and am asking \$600. Call Vicki Beck if interested, 209-872-3546 / beachsounds58@gmail.com/ Located in NE Hickory.



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