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AUGUST 2019

MEETINGS

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BOARD MEETING

No Board Meeting in August

GUILD MEETINGS

Thursday, August 8, 2019 10 am and 6:30 pm

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Morning Program: Gregg Colson shares his expertise on machine quilting from his workshops at Paducah.

Evening Program: Gregg discusses finishing quilts.

SIT 'N SEW

Thursday Mornings, 9:30—Noon, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church — an informal session to work on personal projects or to just connect with us, followed by lunch out.

MISSION DAY

Saturday, August 3, 9 am to 3 pm, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Join us to make quilts for our various service projects: Preemie Quilts for the local hospitals, Sunshine Quilts for the Family Guidance Center and Children's Advocacy Center, and Quilts Of Valor for local veterans, or a project of your own.

Bring lunch and stay all day or just drop by for a while. We have everything you need to help with these worthwhile projects: kits, machines, thread, etc.

EVENT CALENDAR

MISSION DAYS

August 3, September 14, October 5

QUILT SHOWS & WORKSHOPS

Aug. 2-3, 2019 Mountain Piecemakers Quilt Show

(alongside Mt. Mitchell Craft Fair)

Burnsville Town Center, 6 South Main Street
Burnsville, NC

Aug. 9-10, 2019 Lake Norman Quilters 2019 Quilt Show,

Talbert Recreation Center,

Talbert Pointe Drive, Mooresville

Aug. 10 & 17, 2019 The Cotton Quilt's Mini Quilt Show

4900 Troy Road

Granite Falls, NC 28630

See article on p. 12 for details.

Inhouse Workshop: Friday, September 13, 2019

Wholecloth Poppy Painting with Karen Ponishel

9 am (details on p. 11) Difficulty – All Levels. Charge for Members – \$25.00 plus kit fee \$10. Register with Gigi Miller @ gigim@charter.net.

Sept 27-29, 2019 Asheville Quilt Show

WNC Agricultural/Davis Event Center Pavillon,
Asheville, NC

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August Birthdays

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- 20 Debbie Cline
- 22 Anne Starnes
- 28 Barbara Stroud

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Meeting Dates / Times—

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MINUTES MORNING MEETING JULY 11, 2019

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

President Debbie Swartzel opened the morning meeting at 10 am. There were 36 in attendance. Guests were welcomed and Andrea Cuddy was recognized.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

- Peggy Poe's niece died unexpectedly. Our hearts go out to both Peggy and her family. Her Sunshine was her granddaughter and a group of other 15-year-olds doing a project with Skills USA, won a state competition, progressed to Nationals and in competing with 38 other teams, went home with a silver award.
- Diana Weber reported that Dawn Barbersek is doing well but had a terrible scare. After collapsing in the street Dawn found herself looking up at policemen who found her there. She spent four days at Frye hospital and though her blood sugar was high, the doctors don't know if anything else triggered the fall. Dawn appreciates the cards from the guild and perhaps now that the membership is aware, she will have others sending their good wishes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Debbie asked if all members had received their newsletters either via mail or internet; no one reported not receiving theirs. There were no changes or additions to the minutes and she then asked for a motion to approve minutes. Jan Hutchinson moved so, Kathleen Whiddon seconded; motion passed.

GUILD MAILBOX

Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee will be having a quilt show August 2-3 in Knoxville Tn.

The Mountain Piecemakers quilt guild will have their quilt show in Burnsville, Aug 2-3.

Also, there was a thank you note from the Family Guidance Center. Pam Lackey wrote how the women at the shelter so enjoyed the seven quilts and pilowcases the guild had recently sent. The residents

especially appreciated that others cared and that the quilts would continue to bring joy to them when they left the facility.

DOOR PRIZES

Diana Weber won attendance drawing and Peggy McCosh won name tag drawing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Debbie S. mentioned that members taking her paper piecing class in July were asking where to purchase the glue pen. Terri Townsend will carry them at Bills Sewing.

President Debbie also gave a shout out to all those who participated in making the Dragon Fly quilts for the girls in the Children's Advocacy Center Survival camp. Many had been returned with the binding completed, and one was shown to the group (photo on p. 8).

The Sewing Summer Camp at Hickory Day School, was cancelled due to lack of participation.

NEW BUSINESS

Next Mission Days will be July 13th and August 3rd.

July Challenge Theme: Chris Appenzeller talked about the July theme "Celebrations". Some suggestions were the 4th of July, Birthdays, Graduation, Anniversaries, celebrate good health, etc.

Elle Clemens mentioned that there is a class called "On Point" held in the Mooresville Charles Mack Senior Center building. Date is July 29th and if needing more information contact the Mooresville Centerpiece Quilters guild.

CVQG quilts of Valor will be displayed in the Bethlehem Library until the end of July. Many thanks to Amanda Truett for lending the quilts and to her helpers, Debra Rubin, Elle Clemens, Mary Bucy, and Peggy Barton. (Photos on p. 7).

President Debbie invited all to a Field Trip on Tuesday July 30th at 6 pm to hear Scott Fortunoff at

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“We’re So Creative” in Concord, NC. If interested contact the shop at 704-971-0351, Debbie S. or Mary Bucy.

SHOW AND TELL

Service Projects shared by the following were:

- Janice Setzler, QOV,
- Diana Weber, 3 preemie quilts,
- Jan Hutchinson 1 preemie quilt,
- Ellie Clemens showed a QOV made by Lennie Sever,
- Peggy Poe showed 5 pillowcases that Dianne Johnston made from fabric that Peggy fell out of love with, then Peggy showed one preemie quilt she had made,
- Peggy McCosh showed 5 QOVs that had been quilted by Rebecca Mullins and mentioned that they all needed bindings. She also said that could be done on Mission Day July 13th, and that the new labels would include who pieced, quilted and bound the QOV quilts.
- Dottie Williams 1 QOV,
- Reba Walden, 1 preemie quilt,
- Mary Long gave many thanks to Dianne Johnston who made 10 pillowcases,
- Susan Leithiser, 1 preemie quilt and 1 pillowcase.

As a special note, Peggy Poe mentioned that she had spoken to the Mom of a 15-year-old daughter who received one of our preemie quilts. The daughter spent months in the hospital, and to this day still treasures her quilt.

Peggy McCosh also mentioned that a special quilt was made for a recipient who was an organ donor and wanted to have that quilt surrounding her as she made her way down the hospital corridors for the “Angel Walk”.

Truly a special guild doing phenomenal acts of kindness.

PERSONAL PROJECTS

- Susan Fontyn, a Birthday quilt made for her

- friend who loves Southwestern fabrics,
- Mary Bucy her challenge quilt of scraps from her Alaskan trip, and a Christmas in July Tree skirt,
- Suzanne Sproul, baby quilts for a niece and nephew,
- Peggy Poe for her challenge quilt, her Memories of Europe, including HEAT.
- Reba Walden, her first panel baby quilt.

We adjourned for a quick break and resumed to hear our speaker....Debbie Swartzel!

PROGRAM

Debbie Swartzel, needing no introduction, took off her President’s hat and very professionally donned her Speaker’s hat.



Her program “Getting Comfortable with Modern Quilting” included a power point presentation and a trunk show of her many quilts.

Highlights she discussed were, “Modern Quilting is not a rejection of tradition rather a format to explore alternative techniques and aesthetics”.

The “Basics” she presented were, “Any quilt is three layers sewn together, they are made with readily available materials, the finished project is meant to be used, and there are no hard and fast rules”.

Her quilts were a visual accompaniment to her discussion, questions were asked and all enjoyed the bold and beautiful array of texture, fabric and talent.

Personally I went home and reintroduced myself to my sewing machine and wondered if I too could sew 15 quilts per year....for 5 years. Hmmmm... probably not.

Respectfully submitted

Kandi Peterson



MINUTES EVENING MEETING JULY 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

President Mary Long called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed everyone. There were 27 members present and two visitors: Terrie Townsend's granddaughters Harlan and Sawyer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the joint meeting in June were printed in the July newsletter. Debbie Smith moved, seconded by Joy Mease, to approve the July 2019 minutes. The motion carried.

FINANCIALS

The current financial report was printed in the July newsletter.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Dawn Barbersek fell recently and is home after a 4-day hospital stay. Members plan to send her cards.
- Terrie Townsend has been selected as a Myrtle Beach Quilting Party instructor, teaching two classes in January 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next two Mission Days will be on (Saturday) July 13 and August 3, 9 am to 3 pm.
- Cloth quilt labels were available to take for service projects.
- The Summer Sewing Camp with Hickory Day School was cancelled, due to low enrollment.
- Project Linus needs a new leader for Catawba and Burke Counties. Terrie said the local program would likely end if a new leader is not found. Anyone willing to serve should let her know.

WORKSHOPS UPDATE

Debbie Swartzel will present an English Paper Piecing workshop on Thursday, July 25, 9 am to 12 noon, with one open seat. Next up is Wholecloth Painting with Karen Ponishel, on Friday, Septem-

ber 13, 9 am to 3 pm.

GUILD MAILBOX

- Mooresville's guild will hold a "Points" workshop on July 29. Check their website for information.
- A Quilts of Valor display is hanging at the Bethlehem Library through July 31.
- On Tuesday, July 30, 6-8 pm, the We're Sew Creative shop in Concord will host Scott Fortunoff, Co-President of Free Spirit Fabrics, for a fabric discussion with consumers. Debbie Swartzel suggested members carpool and leave after lunch, allowing time for shopping and dinner before the program.
- Mountain Piecemakers Guild will hold a quilt show on August 2-3 in Burnsville, NC.
- Smoky Mountain Quilters (Knoxville, TN) will also hold a quilt show on August 2-3.
- A thank-you note from Pat Lackey at Family Guidance Center was shared, expressing thanks for the guild's continued support of the Shelter for Battered Women, and donation of quilts and pillowcases for their women and children.

OLD BUSINESS

The 12 quilts for the Children's Advocacy Center survivor's camp were all completed and are ready for their summer camp. Each one features dragonfly fabric and they are beautiful. Thanks to the members who participated!

NEW BUSINESS

Martha Annas has invited all interested members to hang their 2019 Challenge Quilts in The Cotton Quilt's Miniature Quilt Show on August 10 & 17.

Debra Rubin organized "take & make" bags of fabric scraps for members to use, using many fabrics from the meeting room storage cabinet.

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DRAWINGS

Nametag – Terrie Townsend

Attendance – Lennie Sever

2019 Guild Challenge

The year long 2019 Challenge is: Sew, What's the Story? June's challenge theme was "On the Road Again" and the July theme is "Celebration", August "Reflections." Members shared their 8½ x 11-inch challenge blocks:

- Cindy Konarski, "On the Road Again"
- Gigi Miller, "On the Road Again Gone Fishing"

SERVICE PROJECTS

Premie Quilts – Mary Whipkey (2), Joan Cole (1)

Quilts of Valor – Margaret Noah (2) and Connie Smith (2), all quilted by Rebecca Mullins; Rob Ford (3), Lennie Sever (2), Amanda Truett (2)

SHOW & TELL

Bed Quilts – Cindy Konarski (1), Melanie Mikusa (1), Wanda Bombyk (1), Gregg Colson (1 made by a family member, hand quilting & binding by Karen Berlin & Gregg)

Wall Hangings, Lap & Baby Quilts, and Table Runners – Lennie Sever (1), Rob Ford (1)

PROGRAM

Guild member Debbie Swartzel presented the program, "Identity Crisis: Getting Comfortable with Modern Quilting." She explained how she avoided quilting for nearly 30 years after initially taking a class. She enjoys knitting, and even wrote a few patterns, but gave it up for quilting five years ago.

Debbie never set out to be a "modern quilter," but, after learning more about modern quilting, has accepted that it fits her design style.



Early on, her style and fabric choices were more traditional, but through the years she has evolved more toward modern quilting. She described the two styles. The traditional quilting term first appeared about 40-years ago, in response to art quilts; these quilts are typically block-based, with rows, sashing and borders. Modern quilting experiments more, means different things to each quilter, and is typically expressed in different ways by quilters.

Debbie explained the nine elements of modern quilting in detail: construction, asymmetry and negative space, blocks vs. units, color choice and placement, improvisation, minimalism, modern traditionalism, lack of borders, and scale. As she explained the specifics of each element, she treated members to a vast assortment of quilts she made over the past five years ... a very busy five years, to say the least.

In the past eight months, Debbie has been long-arming her own quilts, and all of her machines are Berninas. She is also experimenting with EQ8. She loves a free pattern, and finds many through Moda Bake Shop and other fabric websites. (*Note: the guild website also lists various free pattern websites.*)

She prefers 70-inch quilts and often uses a single, but interesting, backing fabric. Debbie also enjoys using fabric collections and has a few favorite go-to stores, but she loves when fabric is delivered straight to her front door. She mainly uses Quilter's Dream Select or Dream Deluxe battings, and is experimenting with Dream Wool for quilts she long-arms herself. She also plans to experiment with poly or poly-blend battings. She offered to write a future newsletter article, including more details of her preferred patterns, fabrics, stores and websites.

Members thanked Debbie for a fantastic program and trunk show of her gorgeous quilts, and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Starnes

Evening Secretary



OUR QOVs ON DISPLAY AT BETHLEHEM LIBRARY



[Editor]: Debra, do you paint and/or hang wallpaper? Just





2019 QUILT CHALLENGE

NEW!

The theme for August is "Reflections"

(Suggestions: Your reflection in a mirror, a pretty landscape you've seen reflected in a pond, your "reflections" or thoughts on a topic)

JULY: CELEBRATION!

JUNE: On the Road Again

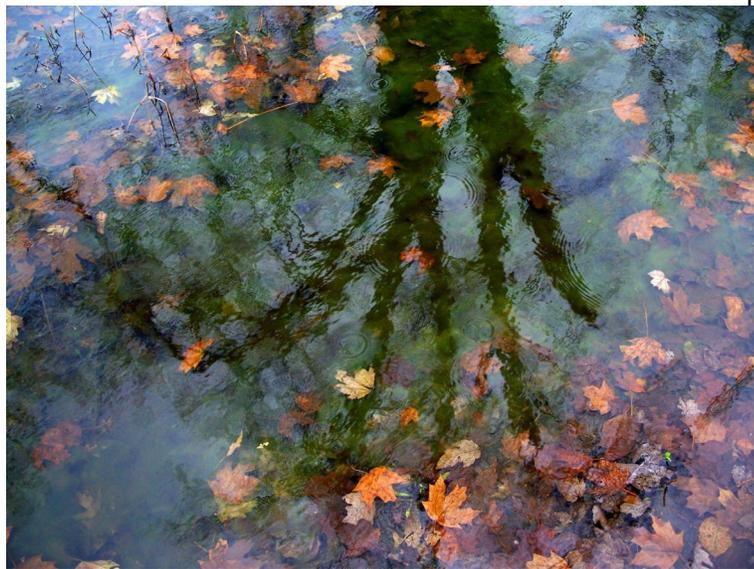
MAY: My Memorable May

APRIL: Music to My Ears

MARCH: Seeds, Roots, Blossoms

FEBRUARY: Love Is...

For challenge guidelines, refer to the March or April newsletters or contact Chris Appenzeller or Mary Bucy. If you missed a month or haven't started any of the small journal quilts, it's not too late to begin now or do some from the earlier themes. Remember to include a 3 x 5" card with a description of your inspiration (your story!) and technique used. All quilts will be displayed at the December joint meeting. Even if you are too busy to do a journal quilt each month, please consider doing



Mary Long displays one of the Dragonfly Quilts made for the Children's Advocacy Center Survivor Camp girls. Twelve (count them!) quilts were made on *very short order* by guild members!

Poorly pressed
patchwork
produces pleats,
puckers &
problems.



The better
the pressing
the better
the finished quilt.



**QOV CALENDAR
BY AMANDA TRUETT**

Upcoming Mission Days

August 3
September 14
October 5

**August 28, 2019 4 pm CVQG QOV
Presentation to Hickory Police Department**

Our Quilts Of Valor program made a commitment to honor the military veteran officers and staff of the Hickory Police Department. Our goal was to complete 28 QOV by November--but we have enough right now, thanks to your hard work and dedication to QOV.

The Hickory Police Department Quilt Of Valor Presentation has been moved from 11 November 2019 (to August 28) at Highland Recreation Center in the Community Room, 1451 8th Street Drive NE; Hickory, NC 28601.

Please plan to attend the ceremony to honor the men and women who have volunteered their lives in service to our country and continue to protect our community.

WELCOME



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Returning member

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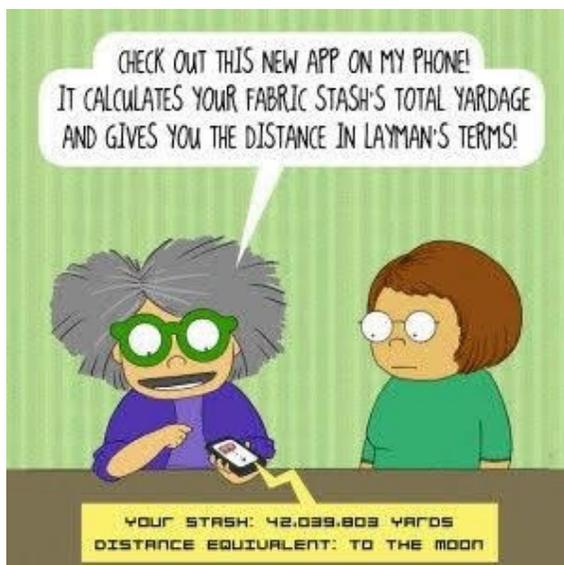
If you have joined recently, please send us a photo for our directory.

We also like to publish it in this column so our members will recognize you.

Send your best selfie to our membership chair, Elle Clemens (luv2quilt5@att.net) or to me (gmadidi7@gmail.com).

Thanks and welcome to the guild.

Diana Weber





QUILTS OF VALOR RECIPIENTS

Jody Lee Laffon. Pieced by Ann Lutz and quilted by Peggy McCosh.



Gene Isenhour. Pieced by LeeAnn Lynn. Quilted by Peggy McCosh.

Jeff Wofford. Pieced by Carol Carmen. Quilted by Rebecca Mullins. Gary Wolf is standing with Jeff...he is the MCLD 1163 Commandant



Robert Hone. Pieced by Lennie Sever. Quilted by Rebecca Mullins.





IN HOUSE WORKSHOPS BY GIGI MILLER

There are two more opportunities to join us for workshops this year. We have had good times learning new skills and getting to know each other better.

The next workshop is a great one with a nationally recognized artist. Karen Ponishel (<https://karenponischil.com/>) has exhibited at many prestigious shows including AQS and IQS. She was featured in this month's issue of Quilting Arts magazine.

WHOLECLOTH POPPY PAINTING WITH KAREN PONISHEL FRIDAY, SEPT. 13, 2019 9 am **Description**

In the workshop you will paint a poppy on cloth and in the afternoon we will free motion quilt the poppy. A kit with fabric, paint, and supplies to transfer image is included in the \$35.00 class fee. Four spots remain open.

Difficulty – All Levels **Class Size** Min 10 – Max 18 ; **Members** – \$25.00 plus kit fee \$10
Supply list includes sewing machine and supplies, fabric to sandwich cloth, free motion foot and ability for machine to free motion quilt.

SIMPLY WOVEN QUILT WITH TERRIE TOWNSEND, SATURDAY, NOV. 2, 2019 at 9 am

Description

Our last workshop will be in November with our very own Terrie Townsend. She will be presenting the quilt Simply Woven by Moda. This is a great scrap buster or jelly roll quick quilt. Terrie's classes are always fun and informative and perfect for beginners as well as experienced sewers. Cost is \$20 which includes pattern. Supply list to come. You can still register with Gigi Miller at gigim@charter.net.

FABRIC SHOPPING BY DEBBIE SWARTZEL

I had fun presenting the July Program for both meetings. I learned a lot in preparing for it and hoped you got something out of it, too. When I joined two years ago, I never would have thought I would be leading you as Morning President, much less presenting programs and workshops.

My participation in the guild has been such an important part of getting settled in Hickory. Pushing me outside of my comfort zone has been instrumental in boosting my confidence as a quilter—modern or otherwise. For that I can't thank you enough. I hope if someone taps you to do something outside your comfort zone, you'll say yes, too.

At the morning meeting someone asked where I bought my fabric so I thought I'd share some of my sources. I do like to use local shops when possible but no one shop can carry everything. So when I can't find what I'm looking for locally, here are some of my online shops.

I really like to look at fabric online. Fabric is usually listed in bundles and there is something about looking at just the line you want that I find less over stimulating than being in an actual store. Sometimes I walk in a store and there is pretty fabric everywhere and I can't focus. Check some of these out and sign up for their email lists:

- Etsy
- We're Sew Creative www.weresewcreative.com Also a brick and mortar store in Concord. Fresh fabrics with a contemporary feel. They do a fair number of BOM programs, create kits.
- Stash Fabrics www.stashfabrics.com they carry a lot of more modern fabrics and all 300+ Kona solids
- Pink Door Fabrics www.pinkdoorfabrics.com they curate bundles for quilt alongs and reimagine patterns in new fabrics then make kits and also carry a lot of modern lines—think Tula Pink and Alison Glass
- Pink Castle Fabrics www.pinkcastlefabrics.com they curate bundles from different collections, carry a wide variety collections and lots of blenders
- Hawthorne Supply Co. www.hawthornesupply.com they carry on trend fabrics by well known brands but check them out for their exclusive digitally printed fabric lines. They print as you order so nothings ever sold out, you can mix and match between lines because the colors are consistent, and their basics are available in at least 60 colors.

Quilters seem to be supportive by nature, CVQG has that in spades. Thank you for supporting and encouraging me.



THE COTTON QUILT'S MINI-QUILT SHOW

BY MARTHA ANNAS

I am planning on holding a miniature quilt show here at the shop on two Saturdays in August (10th and 17th) and would like to invite any member of the guild to enter a quilt.

The small blocks that were made for our show last year would work if you haven't made a miniature quilt. Quilts cannot be larger than 24" on any one side.

We will award prizes to the top three with the most votes. \$100, \$50 and \$25 gift certificates.

Thank you.

Martha

The Cotton Quilt

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The Cotton Quilt's May 2018 Show



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