



# Patchwork Press

## February 2023

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

#### MEETINGS & IMPORTANT DATES

**BOARD MEETING FEB. 2, 2023, 6 PM**

Via Zoom Call

**GUILD MEETINGS, FEB. 9, 2023 10 AM / 6:30 PM**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

**AM and PM Programs:** Pops and Momma Rose present their interpretation of improv art quilt designs, many from the quiltmakers of Gees Bend abstract designs and unique interpretations of traditional quilt blocks. <https://www.popsandmommaroseart.com>

#### MISSION DAYS

**FEBRUARY 4 / MARCH 11 / APRIL 15**

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.

**SIT N SEW Thursday Mornings 9:30 to Noon**

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

**MARCH 3-4, 2023 THE CHARLOTTE QUILTERS' GUILD CAROLINA LILY QUILT SHOW**

Union County Agricultural Center

3230 Presson Road in Monroe

[www.charlottequiltersguild.org](http://www.charlottequiltersguild.org)

**SAT. MARCH 11, 9-4PM TAR RIVER PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GUILD PEPPER CORY ON THE TRAIL OF DRUNKARD'S PATH:**

Machine Quilting Workshop, 344 Falls Rd, Rocky Mount

\$25/kit. Workshop full but they have a waiting list. For

details contact [tracy.grosner@rockymountnc.gov](mailto:tracy.grosner@rockymountnc.gov)

**MARCH 17-18, 2023 CAPITAL QUILTERS GUILD QUILT SHOW**

Kerr Scott Building

NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh

[information@capitalquilters.org](mailto:information@capitalquilters.org)

**JUNE 23-24, 2023 SMOKY MOUNTAIN QUILTERS OF TENNESSEE SHOW**

Knoxville Expo Center in Tennessee

Deadline for entries is April 22, 2023

[www.smokymtnquilters.com](http://www.smokymtnquilters.com) for information.

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## Officers & Worker Bees

	Day	Night
President	Kathleen Whiddon (	Shelley Thompson  Jan Carpenter
Vice President	Cindi Williamson	
Secretary	Mary Bucy	Amanda Truett
Treasurer	Frances Allen	
Members-at-Large	Nancy Garchek	Debbie Smith

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

**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) /  
 Instagram @CVquiltersguild



## MINUTES MORNING MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER

Cindi Williamson called the meeting to order at 10 am. New members were recognized: Michelle Hester and Nancie Jaeger.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dec 2022 minutes were approved. First by Dianne Black, 2nd by Ann Becker.

### SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Janice Setzler is scheduled for shoulder surgery Jan 19th
- Peggy Bowman celebrated a birthday today.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Mission Day in January. Next Mission Day is Feb 4, 2023 9-3.

### NEW BUSINESS

Cindi Williamson passed out a Needs Assessment for members to complete during the meeting so that programs and workshops can be planned. These will be discussed by the program committee.

Barbara Mahnke passed out and read a vision statement discussed with the sit and sew group and board members. This is included at the end of these notes. P. 9.

### NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS

Cindi acknowledged the outstanding work done by the outgoing board and committee and show chairs the past 4 years. She introduced the new board.

- President Morning Kathleen Whiddon  
Evening Shelley Thompson and Jan Car-

penter

- Vice-President Cindi Williamson AM & PM
- Treasurer Frances Allen AM & PM
- Secretary Mary Bucy AM/ Amanda Truett PM
- Members at Large Nancy Garchek AM/ Debbie Smith PM

There were no additional nominations. The morning board was approved. First Susan Trotter, and second by Sherry Huffman.

Cindi discussed the need for committees to share the workload. She passed out a list of committees and their responsibilities. Additional members were asked to signup during the break.

Also during the break Susan Fontyn asked members to write down suggestions for new library books.

### PROGRAM

Frances Allen presented the 2023 budget and answered questions.

### QUILT CHALLENGE

Barbara Mahnke presented the January to June Challenge, doing a foundation paper pieced project, Dancing Ribbons on the AQS website. It was decided that a less intimidating paper piece project should be offered to newer quilters. She will find one and prepare papers for both by the next meeting. Barbara will present a workshop to help members work on these projects in Febru-

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ary. Fabric choice is up to members, and finishing the project either by using the square alone, or incorporating it into another project is also up to members

### DOOR PRIZES

**Homemade Name Tag:** Libby Sigmon

**Attendance:** Susan Fontyn

### SHOW & TELL

- Gigi Miller presented a small quilt she made for the Moda Charm Pack Challenge for January 14-16, a good choice for preemie and sunshine quilts.
- Debbie Eckard had both a blue and a pink baby quilt.
- Frances Allen made a pillow case.
- Sherry Huffman showed a Chandelier quilt.
- Peggy Barton and Kathleen made a quilt for a neighbor beginning chemo.
- Kathy Bogue presented a preemie, a sunshine and a pillowcase.

### PROGRAM

Beth Ledbetter and 2 associates from the Family Guidance Center spoke about the Family Guidance Center located on Rt 70 between McDonalds and Udderly Delicious, across from a KIA dealership. It has been serving Catawba County for over 60 years providing services for victims (men, women, and children). of domestic violence and sexual assault. 1 in 4 women, and 1 in 7 men are affected by domestic violence. Domestic violence can be physical, emo-

tional, verbal, mental, and/or financial. Their clients could be in need of trauma support, court advocacy, housing, obtaining driver's license, IDs, and social security card, job resources, and health care. Often clients arrive with only the clothes on their back, so they need clothing and household items.

Each new client receives a Welcome Badge, with personal hygiene products, a pillow case, and a blanket or quilt. This is where many of our donation quilts and pillow cases go, and the ladies stressed how appreciative the clients were to receive comfort in the form of something pretty during some of their darkest times. Families and singles are provided with shelter up to 45 days. The Family Guidance Center operates the only shelter in the area, and it can hold up to 26. Last December they had 16 women and children including a newborn.

Family Guidance services are free of charge for their clients due to Grants, Donations, and the United Way. They accept gently used clothing in all sizes, purses and wallets, household good, and personal care products. Donations can be made at the office M-Th 8 to 5, and F 8-12. Volunteers are also welcome.

### PROGRAM NOTES

#### *February Meeting:*

Both morning and evening groups will have Pops and Momma Rose from Greensboro NC present their interpretation of improv art quilt designs. These come from many sources but most often from the quiltmakers of Gees Bend who have influenced them with abstract designs and unique interpretations of traditional



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quilt blocks. The softness of hand quilting and the dimensional quality of the quilting process is their inspiration to create unique art quilts for home decor. You can check out their website at <https://www.popsand mommaroseart.com> and they are also on Facebook.

In February, we will also have a box for members to bring contributions for the Family Guidance Center, our January presenters. They have need of toiletries, personal journals and ink pens, coloring books, adult and children, markers and crayons, cleaning supplies, and paper items, among other items. If you bring something to donate, place it in the box and we will make sure it gets to FGC.

**Getting ready for our March Meeting:** In March we will have our **Member Trunk Sale**. This is an opportunity for members to sell items from their sewing and craft rooms that they will no longer need. These could be extra yardage, kits

you no longer want to make, rulers, patterns, books, other craft items you might have invested in and no longer want.

You will need to price the items and pair up with another member so that one can watch and sell your items while you go around and see what others are selling and then switch. We will have a business meeting and then go to the parking lot where members can open up their trunks and begin to bargain. Bring lots of dollar bills, and or checks. Try to mark your items with even dollars, in other words, avoid change. If it is raining, we will probably move this inside. Evening meeting will definitely be inside as it will still be dark in March. A good way to transport your items would be a rolling suitcase.

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Bucy





## MINUTES EVENING MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER

Cindi Williamson introduced herself to the guild members present as the morning Vice President assisting the January 2023 meeting for 2023 board and committee selections and voting.

Three new members were present: Shyann Carter, Linda Thompson, and Pam Ruerup (pronounced eur-up).

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

First – Dawn Cole. Second - Janet Hunt. Accepted by members present

### SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Janice Setzler – surgery on shoulder.
- Dawn Cole – scans showed a mass on both ovaries. Oncologist will perform full hysterectomy in February.
- Cathy Starnes – husband Wes had hip surgery.
- Debbie Smith – husband having heart issues.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 2023 program is a trunk Sale – bring your no-longer-needed quilting/sewing/art items

Mission Day: No mission day in January. Next is 4 February 2023 9a-3p.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Needs assessment awareness
- Needs of officer volunteers.

- Instituting “A Place of Grace.” See p. 9.
- Proposal to add a Sit and Sew for evening members. Need church acknowledgement of available rooms. Could have every Thursday or one Thursday a month, etc.

### NEW OFFICERS

Cindi acknowledged the outstanding work of the outgoing officers and committee chairs. Slate of Officers – Officers and Committee Sign up explanation distributed by Cindi Williamson.

Morning group has a full slate.

Evening:

Presidents: Shelley Thompson and Jan Carpenter.

VP – Cindy Williamson

Secretary – Amanda Truett

Member at Large: Debbie Smith

Treasurer: Frances Allen

PM Board Elections – 1st Terrie Townsend, 2nd Judi Eller. All present members accepted.

- Vote to elect slate of officers by breaking the by-law requiring a one month advance notice
- Amanda Truett - Proposal for the board to consider reducing the term minimum from two years to one year.
- Mary Bucy – proposal to stagger the elections of the board members.
- Terri and Cindi mentioned a step up board (secretary to VP, VP to P, P to P

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emeritus).

### PROGRAM

Beth Ledbetter- Family Guidance Center presented the program at morning session. She urged us to bring care package items to February Meeting. Show your "heart" by bringing the items on the needs list to the February meeting Diapers and pull-ups – all sizes, baby wipes, baby formula, shampoo and conditioner, body wash and bar soap, deodorant, razors, q-tips, cotton pads, cotton balls, ChapStick, toothbrushes and toothpaste, make up (foundation, eye shadow, liner, mascara, lipstick, blush, etc), feminine products, hand mirrors, tweezers, nail clippers, toenail clippers, nail polish and nail polish remover, hair brushes, hair color, personal journals and ink pens, colored pencils and adult coloring books, bed pillows and pillow protectors, twin sheets, twin mattress cover protectors, bath towels, wash cloths, kitchen towels, dish cloths, cleaning supplies (Clorox, floor cleaner, bathroom cleaner, kitchen cleaner, anti-bacterial spray), dish detergent, dish washer tabs, laundry detergent and fabric softener, large black trash bags, "good" brooms and mops, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, school supplies, non-perishable food items with good best-by or expiration dates.

### COMMITTEE SIGN UP

**Audit subcommittee:** Chair Mary Bucy, AM Debbie Rubin, PM, Joy Mease

**Membership:** Chair Elle Clemens. AM – Kandi Peterson, Nancie Jagger, Millie Kaufman; PM Jan Carpenter, Dawn Cole, Melissa Shaw

**Hospitality:** Need Chairs. AM Sherry Huffman, Nancy Garchek, Catherine Caswell, Nancie Jaeger. PM Shelley Thompson, Dawn Cole, need two more for PM.

**Workshops:** Need Chair. Ann Becker, Dianne Weiss, Maureen Teague, Kandi Peterson, Susan Trotter, Cindi Williamson

**Equipment/Technology:** Chair Dawn Cole. AM Dianne Weiss, Reba Walden, Cindi Williamson. Need PM.

**Web page:** Chair Amanda Truett. Diane Gantt, need one more.

**Programs.** Chair Cindi Williamson. Mary Bucy, Debbie Smith, Susan Trotter, Nancy Morin, Catherine Caswell, Susan Fontyn. Need PM Proposal for another pillow case party, preemie party

**Sunshine/Shadows:** Chair is Member at Large. AM Dianne Black. Susan Bisulca

### Budget Overall

We made \$7,253.99 for the 2022 calendar year. 1st – Joy Mease, 2nd – Terrie Townsend. All approved. "Thank You, Frances".

There is also an addendum for Quilts Of Valor

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### QUILT CHALLENGE

Paper Pieced “Dancing Ribbons” is the “intermediate” pattern. It will be an 18” block rather than a 12” block. Another, more “beginner friendly”, paper pieced pattern will be made available as well. The “challenge” is intended to challenge the skills of the guild members. Challenge quilts will be displayed at our semi-annual meeting in June.

### PROGRAM NOTES

**Workshop**– Pepper Cory. Drunkards Path with Tar River Piecemakers Guild; Bill’s Sewing also has workshops. See their emails or webpage for details.

**Library.** If you would like to add to the library, please fill out a request and send it to Susan Fontyn.

**Project Linus** has a new Director – Angie Gouge. Julie and Terrie Townsend are assisting her.

Blanket Day is 25 March 2023 9a-4p at Mt Hebron in Hildebran.

### DOOR PRIZES

**Attendance** – Amanda Truett

**Handmade Nametag** – Susan Bisulca

### SHOW & TELL

- Mary Bucy showed Gigi Miller’s Moda Love Charm Pack Challenge
- Janet Hunt had a picture of a baby quilt
- Susan Bisulca had two QOV tops
- Jill Wells had 7 Sunshine Quilts

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Truett







## VISION STATEMENT FOR CATAWBA VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

### 2023 – OUR GUILD... “A PLACE OF GRACE”

This is from the heart and was generated for all members to consider and then act accordingly...

We (the Catawba Valley Quilters Guild) are an amazing group of individuals from many walks of life who have been VOLUNTARILY drawn together from the Hickory area due to our interest in or passion for quilting. We have a wide range of quilting experience from professional, long-time experienced quilters to some who have never touched a sewing machine or used a rotary cutter.

We are seeking a safe place to learn about, share and grow our quilting knowledge and skills.

We enjoy the camaraderie and friendships we have developed as a result of our participation in this guild.

We live in a world that is currently rife with political division, pandemic stress, fear, loss and economic uncertainty, as well as individual family and medical challenges (known and unknown). We are an aging group who have served in many capacities and lived full lives. Few of us want to “be in charge”. But... some have graciously agreed to step up to serve in elected and non-elected leadership positions because we cannot continue without leadership. THANK YOU!

As a guild member in 2023, please honor the following requests:

- Support our elected and non-elected leaders with positive encouragement and energy
- Offer new ideas and solutions that help us meet the needs of our members
- Volunteer to help and participate on committees –“many hands really do make light work!”
- Support fellow members with praise for the work they display
- Quickly discourage comments and behavior that do not build up another member
- Have fun when we are together and make it fun for those around you

In 2023, this group and these meetings should be a place to learn about and share our quilting. It should be a refuge from life’s and society’s challenges. I ask you to strongly think every time you raise your hand (or don’t), every time you make a comment (or don’t), every time you offer encouragement (or don’t)... are you helping to insure our guild is a PLACE OF GRACE???

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\* **GRACE:** (2d) disposition to or an act or instance of kindness, courtesy or clemency (3a) a charming or attractive trait or characteristic (Merriam-Webster)



**QUILTS OF VALOR AWARDED**

Olin Treadway, US Navy WW2 Mr. Treadway was involved in the second wave of beach landings on Omaha Beach on D-Day on his LST-510 and in the Battle of the Bulge. Olin is pictured on the right in his uniform. Pieced, Quilted, and bound by Dotty Williams



John Settlemyre, US Army Pieced by Peggy Poe Quilted by Rebecca Mullins Bound by Lynda Benfield







## QUILTS OF VALOR AWARDED

**Left to Right :** Don Grau - Bob Wolgemuth - Ron Hight - Jim Peppers Bill Wiggs - Larry Williams -

**Front Seated:** Bill Yost - Tom Richards

**Not pictured:** Jim Whitworth, Myrtle Racey, Ann Lutz, Peggy McCosh, Susan Bisulca, Rebecca Mullins, Margaret Noah, Kathy Knight, Rosalyn Gardner, Maureen Teague and Dotty Williams, Elle Clemens, Kathleen Dukelow



**CATAWBA VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD — BAD WEATHER POLICY**

Historically February is the worst month for snow in our area. Please follow our policy concerning snowy or icy weather:

**Bad Weather Policy**

In case of snow or ice or other bad weather, CVQG will follow the Catawba County School schedule. If schools are closed or delayed, both our meetings will be cancelled.



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