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C A L E N D A R

**BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED FOR JULY 3, 2024
DUE TO JULY 4TH HOLIDAY- 6 pm** via Zoom

GUILD MEETINGS JULY 11, 2024 10 am & 6:30 pm
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Program (morning & evening) Susan McRae
This month we welcome Susan McCrae from Oh Susannah's in Morganton. This will primarily be an overview of Sashiko, Japanese decorative stitching. She will bring examples and go over traditional sashiko as well as how it was adapted it to her art process. Susan will also share with us her picture quilts highlighting both Shibori and Sashiko techniques.

MISSION DAYS JULY 13, 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
NOTE: No sit n sew on Aug. 1 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church — an informal session to work on personal projects or to just connect with others, sometimes followed by lunch out.

IN HOUSE WORKSHOPS
SAT., JULY 20 SUSAN McRAE WORKSHOP
CANCELLED

QOV PRESENTATION

JULY 11, 2024 6:30 pm HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH JULY 11, 2024 6:30 pm

We will present a QOV award to a national nomination for a veteran at the start of the evening meeting.

QUILT SHOWS & EVENTS

AUG. 2-3, 2024 MOUNTAIN PIECEMAKERS QUILT SHOW
Visit our annual quilt show during the Mt Mitchel Craft Fair.

6 South Main Street, Burnsville 28714

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. 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 (910)471-2071

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	Day	Night
President	Kathleen Whiddon (Shelley Thompson Jan Carpenter
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11	Melissa Shaw
12	Dawn Barbersek
15	Kandi Peterson
19	Nora Chase
21	Diane Putnam Lorraine Yount
22	Barbara Phillips
27	Lori Skinner Diane Gantt
29	Geri Helton

Membership – Elle Clemens daytime Co-Chair luv2quil

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 /

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MINUTES, JOINT MEETING, JUNE 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Jan Carpenter opened the meeting at 6:08 pm with dinner occurring first. Attending were 57 ladies and gentlemen present including new members and visitors. Joyce Lutz was also able to join us for the first time in a while.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Amanda Truett amended the evening meeting notes for the UFO challenge from "each entry will receive a prize" to "each entry will receive a chance for a prize." All present approved.

DOOR PRIZES

Attendance: Judi Eller

Homemade Nametag: Susan Leithiser

OLD BUSINESS

2025 QUILT SHOW

Kay Dwyer gave an update on the Quilt Show tentatively scheduled for Fall 2025. Looking for different options for the venue and scaling back size of show due to the price of the Hickory Metro. Took a poll to see the interest for moving the quilt show to the Spring of 2026 to give more time for planning and keep away from the Asheville Quilt Show which normally occurs two weeks before our show. Many members agreed to the change.

NEW BUSINESS

- Workshops for June and July have been cancelled for lack of interest. These may be re-scheduled if more members show interest. See Lisa Echerd for reimbursements and future interest.

- New batch of guild labels for Preemie/Sunshine Quilts and pillowcases have arrived.
- Mark and Nancy Price are opening a new quilt shop in Conover. Tentative date for opening is set for 22 June 2024 based upon Fire Department Inspections. If this date does not happen, will open Saturday after Independence Day. Currently carrying 1000 bolts of fabric with more to come, machines, and rulers. Will offer longarm services in the fall.
- Mary Bucy announced that the fabric on the back table is from Barbara Huggins' collection. Please sort through the fabric for your stashes. Think about the Lily Boutique and charitable items when you collect the fabric. Mary showed a tree skirt made from these fabrics that is set for the Lily Boutique. The fabric on the top of the cabinets in the night meeting room has been washed and is ready for the taking. Peggy Poe took some of the signature blocks from Barbara's collection, pieced them together, and made as a wall hanging for the PM meeting room as a tribute to Barbara Huggins.
- Shout out to the Hospitality Committee for the beautiful place settings tonight.
- Cathy Starnes announced that there will be another trip to Missouri Star in two months

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and Lancaster PA for AQS Quilt Week from 9-12 September 2025 between \$800 and \$1100 depending on sleeping arrangements.

Fall Retreat Oct. 14-19, 2024

Update on the retreat by Diane Putman: there are 15 people signed up for the retreat so it is confirmed for this fall 14-19 October 2024. First installment of \$150 will be collected soon.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Mission Day is July 13, 9a-3p. Sit and Sew every Thursday except for guild meeting days, 9a-11a. NOTE: Sit n Sew on Aug. 1st cancelled.

SHOW AND TELL

- Susan Fontyn – Walkabout personal project
- Peggy Poe – 5 pillowcases, 3 UFO personal projects
- Tina McRary – T-shirt quilt for grandson
- Reba Walden – COVID Quilt UFO challenge, Carpenters Star UFO challenge, Sunshine Quilt, 2 pillowcases
- Sherry Huffman – 9 pillowcases, UFO started for 2022 quilt show, Quilt for grandson graduating from college tomorrow, a quilt for her own bed made from fabrics sold by Elle Clemens along with pillowcases.
- Mary Whipkey – 2 pillowcases
- A joint effort by Candi Gordon, Janice Setzler and Peggy Poe – a preemie quilt for a perfect little stranger. [Details and photo on p. 6]
- Judi Eller – 3 NICU quilts of updated size, 2 pillowcases
- Debbie Smith – UFO from workshop in Feb-

ruary, UFO of “the cat”

- Nancy Garchek – a quilt made for Rising Hope Therapeutic Horse farm. Made with printed pictures of the horses at the farm and quilted with horseshoes. Made with June Taylor inkjet colorfast printer paper.
- Susan Leithiser – UFO table runner
- Susan Trotter – Ohio star quilt UFO
- Peggy Barton – UFO of Terri Townsend’s workshop, quilted by Nancy Garchek
- Gigi Miller – UFO of a collection of Catholic art fabrics with a wool cotton batting.
- Debbie Rubin – UFO started by Bonnie Gold a few years ago – 3D pinwheels for premie quilt, 4 pillowcases from retreat
- Mary Bucy – UFO COVID Quilt Block of the Month from 2021, UFO 2 year old “Shakespeare in the Park”, UFO from 2017 of Flying Geese.
- Michelle Hester – 2 pillowcases made by “newbie” quilters, 1 pillowcase made by her. UFO from 2000 while in Africa when her friends sent her block of the month where the New York Beauty blocks were squared from different corners. UFO made from blue and white checkered star blocks set wonky in a queen size quilt.
- Millie Kaufman – 2 pillowcases and a UFO Bill’s Sewing workshop from 2 years ago
- Dawn Cole – Quilt for an APQS challenge for certification using a pantograph, made for a co-worker’s baby. A Mickey Mouse quilt made for a friend and his wife. 2 pillowcases. UFO hand embroidery projects for Lily Boutique. UFO from an Angela Walters panel challenge. UFO from Eleanor Burns from 6 years ago. UFO hand embroidered jars made into a wall hanging. UFO King Size for their bed. UFO started 3 years

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- ago of friendship stars - for sale!
- Elle Clemens –UFO started in 1998 Butterfly Sunrise
 - Mary Whipkey - 2 pillowcases
 - Beth Helmick – UFO started about 1.5 years ago. Show and Tell of a quilt made by her grandmother made of the Sunbonnet Sue embroidery and applique pattern.
 - Jan Carpenter – UFO medallion wallhanging quilt
 - Elaine Mauney - Paperdoll quilt for second great-granddaughter, fabric is still available online
 - Pat Carson – A “Work In Progress” rather than a UFO, strip blocks
 - Barbara Mahnke – UFO from last challenge which is now done by tucking in threads. UFO from retreat – snowflake
 - Amanda Truett – UFO of a QOV French Braid from several years ago.

PROGRAM

Barbara Mahnke asked for feedback on challenges: how many challenges per year, what is the purpose of the challenge, themes for the challenge.

She reiterated that the challenges are to promote creativity and growth and NOT guilt, stress, or pressure. If you feel that you cannot dedicate yourself to the challenge parameters (time, theme, etc), then please wait for the next challenge. These challenges are proposed for your enjoyment.

Michelle Hester announced the winners for the UFO Challenge who will receive one of four gift certificates: Gigi Miller, Reba Walden, Nancy Garchek, Millie Kaufman.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Truett

Every Quilt Has a Story (by Kimberly Einmo, American Quilter Jan 2023

The author of the article writes a monthly column called Stray Threads. [printed with author's permission]

Consider *your* UFO's. What was the reason you put the project aside? Was it frustration, ambivalence, or lack of time? You have choices: Acceptance. Maybe you need to release the idea your blocks must be perfect to be included in a quilt. Minor mistakes, flaws—even stains— can give a quilt its own “patina.” What you see as an imperfection might make the quilt “quirky,” fun, and certainly unique.

Let go. If a long-forgotten project has too many painful memories attached, it is time to let it go to someone who is not emotionally involved. Ask a friend to finish it (and you can do the same for him/her) or offer it up on the swap table at your next guild meeting. When you let go of the project, let go of any guilt associated with it. Reimagine. Your blocks or project can take on a whole new life by changing the fabrics, the layout, or even the purpose. For example, a quilt begun for a wedding which never took place can be turned into a housewarming gift for someone else. Orphans no more. Every quilter I know has leftover blocks which could be sewn into a useful or meaningful quilt. Sampler quilts are perfect for this! As you stitch, remember where you were or what you were doing in life when you constructed these bits and pieces. Savor simplicity. Simple and done is better than complex and unfinished. Gratitude. Time has a way of dulling painful moments. It can be cathartic to work through emotions as you finish your project. Make a point to remember the happy times along the way.

As for my quilt and the block with the stain? I prefer to remember it as a permanent tear stain, shed for a mother I loved. Every quilt tells a story. I hope you will share the stories behind your quilts with those you love most.

Quilted blessings,

Kimberly

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A PERFECT LITTLE STRANGER RECEIVES ONE OF OUR PREEMIE QUILTS by Diana Weber

I was having lunch with Candi Gordon, Janice Setzler and Peggy Poe at the Olde Hickory Station recently when I noticed a newborn baby nearby. When her mother said that Sutton was 4 months old, I remarked that she seemed small. Jessica explained that Sutton was premature, born at Frye Hospital. Then I asked if she got a preemie quilt from us. She hadn't.

To make the story short...[as my father would say] Candi, Janice and Peggy agreed we should make her a quilt immediately (I had no hand in the making). They created this adorable quilt.

That's what this guild is about. You have distributed your quilts far and wide. As far as Australia, in fact. Susan Fontyn headed up the effort. A total of 182 quilt squares went to Australia after the horrible fire season they endured there.

Kudos to all y'all.



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