



# Patchwork Press

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### C A L E N D A R

**BOARD MEETING MAY 29, 2024 - 6 pm** via Zoom  
**JOINT MEETING & COVERED DISH SUPPER, UFO QUILT CHALLENGE, JUNE 6, 2024 6 pm** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church fellowship hall on side of the church with offices and playground. Front circular drive door should be open for handicap entry.  
**Program:** Covered dish dinner followed by business meeting and viewing of 2024 UFO Challenge quilts. (Please bring a utensil to serve your food & remember to take it home!)

**MISSION DAY June 8, 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** 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., JUNE 15 GREGG COLSON IMPROV QUILTING WORKSHOP — 9 am to 3 pm.** Improv Quilting is all about playing with colors, fabric combinations, and intermingling different techniques to create truly one-of-a-kind pieces. Asking the question "What if I". See details on p. 8. Cost \$20

**SAT., JULY 20 SUSAN McRAE WORKSHOP 9 am -3 pm** Meeting room C (night guild room). We will begin by playing in the dyes with some bits of fabric, mixing colors, even a bit of resist with rubber bands and ties. Then we will move on to a hand-stitching project. Either traditional sashiko stitching (stencils and available markers for use) or a less traditional approach. I will provide a kit that will include scraps of fabrics and sashiko thread to make either a small wall piece or a draw string bag. Cost \$30. Details p. 8. Contact Debra to sign up at [debra.eckard7523@gmail.com](mailto:debra.eckard7523@gmail.com)

### QUILT SHOWS & EVENTS

**JUNE 20-22 KEEPSAKE QUILTING SUMMER SALE**  
 Stock up on fabric, fabric plus accessories.

Thursday/Friday 9 –5; Saturday 9 –4  
 505 Aztec Drive, Archdale, NC 27263

**JUNE 21-23 QUILT ART BY THE SHADY LADIES**  
 (Fri. & Sat. 10-5, Sun. Noon - 4)  
 Haywood Co. Schools Hazelwood Conference Center (Immediately Adjacent to Folkmoot)  
 112 Virginia Avenue, Waynesville, NC  
 Admission \$5

**JUNE 21-22, 2024 SMOKY MOUNTAIN QUILTERS OF TENNESSEE 43RD QUILT SHOW & COMPETITION**  
 Knoxville Expo Center  
 5541 Clinton Highway, Knoxville  
[www.smokymtnquilters.com](http://www.smokymtnquilters.com)

**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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Hickory, North Carolina 28603

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- 23 Linda Thompson
- 24 Ann Becker
- 29 Debbie Schwartzel

**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

I need to sell my Baby Lock Crescendo! I only used it slightly, maybe one quilt while another machine was being worked on. I even bought additional feet. If anyone is interested, please call or text me at (828)303-6446 . I am asking for \$2500. Or best offer. So this would truly help me out. Thanks so much.

Angela Mason





## MINUTES, EVENING MEETING, MAY 9, 2024

### CALL TO ORDER

Jan Carpenter opened the meeting at 6:34p with business occurring first. Attending were 20 ladies and a visitor, Judi Eller's grandson's girlfriend.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Susan Fontyn made a motion that the May minutes as printed in the newsletter be approved. Judi Eller seconded. Motion passed.

### SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Mary Whipkey's great-great grandson was born.
- Dawn Cole had a great-niece born this week.

### DOOR PRIZES

**Attendance:** Sue Fontyn

**Homemade Nametag:** Deb Nielsen

### OLD BUSINESS

June 2024 Joint Meeting is on 6 June at 6pm *instead of on 13 June* due to church scheduling.

Bring a covered dish and a serving utensil, meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall. UFO Challenge will be held.

Michelle Hester described the challenge – Get Your UFO's Off The Shelf with Complete Accountability. For every UFO you get done by June, you will get a prize. The "Complete Accountability" part of this challenge is an opportunity to continue your current friendships and extend your friendships to other members of the guild. You will utilize your Accountability Partner to keep you and them on track to complete your UFO's.

Catherine Caswell showed the kits available for pillowcases and Sunshine/Premie quilts. There are also patterns available near the kits.

Raffle Quilt blocks are being collected at meetings and Sit and Sew. 4.5" finished blocks with a square in the middle-ish. Colors are purples, blues, and greens. Extra blocks will be used to make an additional Sunshine/Premie quilt.

### *Fall Retreat Oct. 14-19, 2024*

Retreat is scheduled for 14-19 October 2024. Sign up available with Diane Putman.

### 2025 QUILT SHOW

Gail Meyer gave an update about the Quilt Show. We need a theme, please submit ideas to Gail. She will be touring the convention center tomorrow (10 May) and will lock in the dates for the show in 2025. Michelle Macy will provide an update at the June joint meeting. Committee sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting.

Diana Weber has been the newsletter editor for the past 10 years. She is looking for a replacement newsletter editor and will train the member who takes her position.

Lisa Echerd spoke about workshops in June 15 with Gregg Colson for \$20 and July 20 with Susan McRae for \$30. Please speak with Lisa about registering. [Ed. Note: more detail on workshops on p. 8.]

Mark and Nancy Price are working on opening a quilt shop in Conover. They hope to have the online store open next month and the physical

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building open in July. "Conover Quilt Company" will have opening day discounts and door prizes.

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Mission Day is 8 June, 9a-3p. Sit and Sew every Thursday except for guild meeting days, 9a-11a.

The Catawba Valley Quilters Guild has awarded 668 QOV to local veterans since 2015. The next two presentations are 11 May at the Hickory Motor Speedway at about 6:45p and 17 May 2024 4pm at City of Hickory City Hall.

The Premie quilt size range has been enlarged to 50" x 60 " to accommodate the larger iso-lettes. Please reference the email blast sent by Joy Mease.

#### SHOW AND TELL

- Lisa Echerd – 1 Sunshine quilt
- Susan Bisulca – 1 QOV
- Dawn Cole – 1 pillowcase, 2 QOV, 1 sunshine quilt
- Jill Wells – 7 sunshine quilts, 7 pillowcases
- Elle Clemens – purple jelly roll race quilt
- Catherine Caswell – table runner, placemats for daughter

#### PROGRAM

Jan Carpenter began the program by introducing tonight's presenter, Joann Nichols, an AQS Grand Prize Winner. Joann is from Lenoir, has been quilting for a long time, using many different quilting methods.

Joann's background is sewing apparel. Once she got through the different dresses, she turned to quilting. Joann presents, "Hand ap-

plique and quilting trunk show".

Joann showed a quilt that she pieced and quilted during COVID that has an applique grid on the backing. Many of her quilts are faced (without binding). Favorite style of quilt piecing is Jacobean applique. Joann has an Accu-Quilt Go cutter and gets a little carried away with processing scraps. She has a Janome domestic that she uses to piece and quilt when she quilts by machine. Joann uses the thinnest available Quilters' Dream called "Request". Joann also likes to fussy cut and applique – one quilt has small flowers cut from flower fabric and the flowers were appliqued to the center of pinwheels. Her favorite needle is a Richard Hemmings number 10 which she uses for applique and quilting. Joann's typical quilts take about 1-2 years but she works on the quilts in a rotation. Joann has a book of quilting designs and will transfer the design with a Friction pen. She uses Invisafil 100 weight invisible thread for applique and, very rarely, for quilting. Joann does not use a hoop or frame to hand-quilt – she prepares the quilt sandwich with loose thread basting. Joann demonstrated her applique technique for members present and shared her materials used.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Truett



**CATAWBA VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**MARCH 1-31, 2024 *Corrected***

Balance 2/29/2024 \$19,840.22

**Receipts**

Workshop	\$115.00
Membership Dues 2024	\$120.00
Interest	\$14.49
Donations QOV	\$150.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$399.49</b>

**Expenses**

Program	(\$100.00)
Misc	(\$66.32)
QOV	(\$182.05)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$348.37)</b>

Balance 3/31/2024 \$19,891.34

**QOV DESIGNATED FUNDS**

DESIGNATED QOV 2/29/2024	\$885.89
Mar 2024 Donations	\$150.00
Mar 2024 Expense	(\$182.05)
<b>DESIGNATED QOV 3/31/2024</b>	<b><u>\$853.84</u></b>

**CATAWBA VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**APRIL 1-30, 2024**

Balance 3/31/2024 \$19,891.34

**Receipts**

Workshop	\$20.00
Membership Dues 2024	\$90.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>

**Expenses**

Program	(\$90.00)
Patchwork Printing & CVQG Website & Marketing Renewal	(\$44.72)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$1,379.40)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$1,514.12)</b>

Balance 4/30/2024 \$18,487.22

**QOV DESIGNATED FUNDS**

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**MINUTES, MORNING MEETING MAY 9, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Kathleen Whiddon called the meeting to order at 10:06 am. We had 48 members present. Peggy Poe introduced her friend and guest Alice Potter from Granite Falls.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The April 2024 minutes were approved as written in the May newsletter. Kandi Peterson and Elle Clemens made and seconded the motion to approve.

**FINANCES**

The guild financial report is posted every month in this newsletter.

**SUNSHINE & SHADOWS**

- Debra Eckard has 4 little kittens.

- Elle Clemens said hello to everyone from Susan Fontyn.
- Ann Becker updated us on Susan Hall: Susan is going through so much and is continuing to lose weight. She has upcoming appointment with Infectious Disease Clinic to determine why she has continuing problems with sepsis.
- *Via email from Kathleen Dukelow:* Thank you for your prayers. My husband, Ted, had his echocardiogram - wonderful recovery. I'm quilting again! Tension is running perfect for two-sided thread color choices. Using Innovatech & Glide thread only.

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## MINUTES, MORNING MEETING MAY 9, 2024 Continued

### DOOR PRIZES

**Attendance:** Kay Dwyer

**Homemade Nametag:** Connie Bumgarner

### OLD BUSINESS

**June Joint Meeting — June 6, 2024** Please remember that our June Combined Meeting and Potluck is being held *a week earlier* than usual on June 6, 2024, and this is also the meeting to bring the UFO (singular or multiple) that you've been working on this year.

### QUILT SHOW 2025

#### Raffle Quilt

There is available fabric for making 4 1/2" squares for the show quilt. Next Thursday (June 13), Kay Dwyer requests that members come to Sit n Sew at 10 am to team produce these squares.

#### Vendor Committee

Kay Dwyer and Reba Walden are the Co-Chairs of the committee acquiring vendors for our Quilt Show. Both are experienced at this and would like to have a third person to help and to learn the process.

#### Lily Boutique

Catherine Caswell (Chair) announced that she sold one of your items that same day it was received, before the meeting got underway. She is happy to do "pre-Show sales" at any point and that revenue will be shown in future.

#### Fall 2024 Retreat Oct. 14-19, 2024

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#### Charity Projects

- Debbie Rubin announced that pillowcase and quilt kits are ready to be made. Some have batting and others don't.
- We are in search of the CVQG tags to be sewn into the completed items. We may have used all of them in which case we will order more.
- Some of the quilt kits are appropriate sizes for Family Guidance Center clients. If anyone would also like to donate toiletries or clean underwear,

please bring them to a guild meeting and Kathleen Whiddon will take them to the Center.

### SHOW 'N TELL

- Debra Eckard: 6 pillowcases
- Susan Trotter: preemie quilt
- Susan Leithiser: sunshine quilt
- Wanda Greer: 3 sunshine quilts made of home-spun fabric and a personal project
- Dotty Williams: 2 Quilts of Valor
- Reba Walden: preemie quilt
- Millie Kaufman: 4 pillowcases
- Elle Clemens: applique quilt and jelly roll quilt
- Joyce Gates: baby quilt
- Sherry Huffman: 2 pillowcases
- Lynda Benfield: personal project (Honey Bee panel given to her by a friend)
- Peggy Poe: preemie quilt, 13 pillowcases, 4 lanyards and headbands for Lily Boutique
- Nancy Garchek: 2 personal projects (a dachshund-themed baby quilt with minky backing for a girl Nancy babysat during 9/11 who is now expecting her first child and a prayer quilt for an amputee)
- Marianne McCormic: 2 personal projects (small quilt with chenille blocks and a large tote bag) and 2 pillowcases
- Ann Becker: personal project (Pickle Houses of Oshkosh quilt)
- Tonya Hodge: personal project (a zippered drum cover for her church)
- Maureen Teague: 4 personal projects (2 UFOs from Terrie Townsend class, Christmas table runner with light bulbs, Christmas star)
- Kay Dwyer: personal project (boule from weaving bowl class)
- Catherine Caswell: 3 pillowcases and personal project (placemats, table runner and napkins)
- Connie Bumgarner: personal project (table runner)



### NEW BUSINESS

#### *Wanted: people to fill important guild roles*

- Candidates for 2025-26 Officer Positions
- Diana Weber has been writing, compiling and decorating our Patchwork Press for 10+ years. Her extraordinary work has informed, entertained us and bound us together through celebrations and difficult times. We are immensely grateful to her and understand her desire to retire from this job at the end of 2024. She has agreed to provide templates, tips and assistance to the next editor. [Ed. Note: why....thank you!]
- Millie Kaufman is our Membership Chair but this job needs to be shared/coordinated by 2 people.

#### **Question Raised about Premie Quilts**

Candi Gordon asked about the premie quilts the guild donated to NICU at Catawba Valley Medical Center. She said she'd recently seen a mother with a baby born prematurely who spent time in NICU at CVMC. Candi asked if she had received a quilt and the woman replied no, and had not seen quilts anywhere in NICU. Kathleen Whiddon said she would look into this promptly and provide a response via E-BLAST. [Editor's note: Kathleen's response follows these minutes.]

#### **PROGRAM**

Our speaker was JoAnn Nichols of Lenoir. Her hand-appliqued and hand-quilted works have been exhibited and have won awards nationwide. We were lucky to see so many of them in person as she talked about how she created them. She hand-quilts all of her work, even king size quilts. Her hand-quilting is cross-hatched to give a diamond look unless the fabric gives her a different and usable pattern to follow. She prefers Quilter's Dream Batting and #10 needles by Richard Hemming & Son for hand-quilting. See morning program description on p. 4 for more details.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joy Mease for Mary Bucy

#### **May 09, 2024 Kathleen Whiddon's response to Candi Gordon's question:**

I know this is wordy but please bear with me. I spoke to the contacts for **Catawba Valley Medical Center NICU** to get an update of their needs and policies:

The isolettes (previously known in incubators) in NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) are bigger now and require larger quilts to block the light. They **need 50" by 60" quilts** to cover them correctly. That means the little quilts don't serve **this** purpose; **however**, they **do** send quilts home with babies if they have them.

Their policies have changed so they are **no longer allowed** to use them in the open cribs. Both of these facts are more than likely why workers haven't seen them in use. They were either too small for the isolettes or not allowed in the other cribs.

Our quilts are **very much appreciated and handed out**. We more than likely don't keep up with their demand. If you feel strongly that every baby in the NICU should receive a quilt, feel free to make that your mission and start sewing. Otherwise, we will do what we are able.

Maybe we should not give unrealistic expectations to the public in case their child left the hospital without a quilt. We don't want Moms to feel left out or hurt. We **certainly don't want** Moms calling the NICU saying why didn't my child receive a quilt. I am glad this came up so we could clarify their needs and policies.

**Children's Advocacy:** I called to update their policies and needs as well. They serve children ages 4-17. The makeup of the children served is 50-50 boys and girls. I asked about sizes for the quilts and all sizes are fine even the small ones. They currently do not need or want any more quilts **until the fall**.

Pillow cases are great. The children/young people like themed pillow cases but all are appreciated.

Thanks for being such a special and talented group. I appreciate each and every one of you.

Kathleen Whiddon, Daytime President



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

### GREGG COLSON WORKSHOP SAT., JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> COST \$20

Come ready to play! Improv Quilting is all about playing with colors, fabric combinations, and intermingling different techniques to create a truly one-of-a-kind piece. Asking the question "What if I..." and willingness to experiment without messing up a quilt pattern is what makes this technique so fun and interesting. In this improv quilting class you'll learn multiple improv piecing techniques, including how to make: - Strata / Improv Flying Geese / Wonky stars / Improv Log Cabin blocks / - "Braided" curves

It also provides instruction for how to put them together into a wall hanging or quilt, what quilting designs work well with this type of piecing, and different mounting and finishing options.

The techniques work best with solid or mottled fabrics. I encourage you to have at least 12-18 solid fat quarters or fat eighths. You can also mix in some mottled fabrics or blender prints if desired and I'll have some scraps on hand to show you how if you want to try it. Just remember: the more colors you have means more fun and more exciting improv pieces! My 'must have' colors include:

- Lime Green - Bold Red - Electric Blue - Bold Orange - Hot Pink or Fuschia - Sunflower Yellow

- You'll also need other subtle, pastel, or muted colors of your own choosing to balance these bold ones

#### Materials to bring:

Solid or mottled Fat Quarters (see above)

- Sewing machine, extra needles, and open-toe appliqué foot (don't forget cord and pedal)

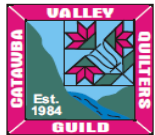
- Small cutting mat
- Pressing mat and small iron if you have one, or you can also use a seam roller for these small seams
- Rotary cutter with fresh blade - we will be cutting several layers at once, no rulers needed!
- Fabric scissors
- Small pins
- Regular, chalk, or fabric pencil
- Thread and newly wound bobbin - light grey or taupe works well when working with multiple color fabrics

Number of Participants: Min 12 - Max 20

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**Susan McRae Program July 11 Morning and evening meeting** This will primarily be an overview of Sashiko, Japanese decorative stitching. I will bring examples and go over traditional sashiko as well as how I have adapted it to my art process.



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