



## MEETINGS

### MARCH

**BOARD MEETING**, Thursday, March 5, at 6 pm  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

**GUILD MEETINGS** Thursday, March 12, 10 am &  
6:30 pm Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
Morning/Evening Programs: Coiled Rope Bas-  
ketry, Katherine Lila, Mountain Thread Co.

**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, Feb. 15 9 am to 3 pm

Want company while you quilt? Come and  
make quilts for our service projects: Preemies  
for the local hospitals, Sunshine Quilts for the  
Family Guidance Center and Children's Advo-  
cacy Center, and Quilts Of Valor for local veter-  
ans, or work on 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, ma-  
chines, thread, etc., including expert guidance  
from the group!



## GUILD CALENDAR

### MISSION DAYS

**March 14, April 18, May 16** 9 am to 3 pm

**In House Workshop March 14, 2020 9 am to 12 noon**  
Coiled Rope Basketry, Katherine Lila, Mountain Thread  
Co. \$22 includes kit. To register contact  
gigim@charter.net

**THIRD ANNUAL GUILD SPRING RETREAT, April 26- May  
1, 2020** Sun. to Fri. (includes an extra day). Camp Hol-  
ston, Banner Elk. Price \$300-325 per person. Contact  
Debra Rubin if you are interested.

### QUILT SHOWS

**March 6-7, 2020 Carolina Quilters' Guild  
Carolina Lily Quilt Show**  
3230 Presson Rd., Monroe  
www.charlottequiltersquilt.org

**March 20-21, 2020 Capital Quilters Guild  
2020 Quilt Show — Hearts in Flight**  
Kerr Scott Bldg., NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC  
www.capitalquilters.org/quilt-show-2020/

**March 20-22, 2020 Palmetto Quilt Guild Quilt Fest**  
Hilton Head Beach and Tennis Resort  
40 Folly Field Road  
Hilton Head Island, SC

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### Birthdays

- 5 Martha Brown
- 8 Lucy Kearns
- 18 Michele Guinn
- 22 Bonnie Gold
- 25 Connie Carroll
- 31 Jean Gardiner
- 31 Diana Weber

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#### Meeting Dates / Times

Second Thursdays 10 am/6:30 pm Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 547 6th Street NW, Hickory, NC  
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## MINUTES EVENING MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2020

### WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

President Mary Long called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed the 29 members present and two visitors, Nicole Bolick and Kim Cater.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the previous meeting were printed in the February newsletter. No changes or corrections were stated. Joy Mease moved, seconded by Debbie Smith, to approve the January 2020 evening minutes as written.

### FINANCIALS

The guild's current financial report was printed in the February newsletter.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitor Kim Cater joined the guild tonight, and Connie Carroll re-joined.

Everyone thanked Shelley Thompson for bringing her fab chocolate covered strawberries to share.

Barbara Huggins' family has a few of her wooden quilt racks to give away. See Mary Long if interested.

The next 2 Mission Days are on Saturday, February 15 and March 14, 9:00 am at Holy Trinity.

### SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

- Eve Agee was present tonight, and said it feels great to be back.
- Dawn Barbersek's father passed away, and she would welcome hearing from members.
- Please remember guild founder Barbara Huggins with a card, a visit, a prayer ... she needs some encouragement.

### OLD BUSINESS

The 2020 Guild Retreat will be held April 26 to May 1, 2020, at Camp Holston in Banner Elk, NC with lots of quilting and fellowship, great food, and various free time activities. Debra Rubin said 10 people are now signed up. The cost is \$300-325 per person for 5 nights, Sunday evening through Friday morning.

Terrie Townsend discussed the Embroidery Class that Rebecca Mullins will teach in her home. Information was e-mailed to members earlier. Anyone with an embroidery machine who wants to learn more about embroidery, appliqué in a hoop, and long-arming might be interested. It will be a 1-day class for groups of 3-4 people on each day, with different options to attend in April and May.

### NEW BUSINESS

Hickory Landmarks Society will host local school kids at their annual Heritage Days, April 23-24 at Maple Grove House on Hwy. 127 in Hickory. Guild members will demonstrate quilting for the children, and Peggy Poe is signing up volunteers.

The 2020 Shop Hop dates are June 13-20, on two Saturdays. Terri said 12 shops are participating this year, including 2 new ones, Sew Original (Boone, NC) and Sew Much Fun (Lowell, NC).

**2020 Challenge:** Barbara Mahnke and Jan Carpenter are co-chairing the guild's Challenge this year, with the theme of "Trees." Members may make any quilt inspired by or representing anything related to a tree, in any size or style, and using any technique. All entries



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must be completed by December 1 for display at the guild's joint meeting on December 10; prizes will be awarded. A handout was distributed last month, and details are on the CVQG website.

### Workshops:

- The first 2020 workshop is Katherine Lile's "Introduction to Coiled Rope Basketry," 9 am to 12 noon, on Saturday, March 14.
- There are still openings for Nancy Mahoney's "Chocolate Caramel Stars" (paper piecing) workshop on Saturday, August 15.

### 2021 QUILT SHOW

Kay Dwyer has reserved the Hickory Metro Convention Center for the next quilt show, Thursday, October 21 through Saturday, October 23, 2021. The guild and Klingspor will again share the convention center, which is very good news (thank you, Melissa Shaw!)

Kay announced that Mary Bucy will be her Co-Chair. They are already off and running, with the quilt show just 20 months away now. Kay handed out a complete list of Quilt Show Committees, including a job description for each. Details on a few committees were shared:

Mary Bucy is on the Raffle Quilt Construction Committee, chaired by Bonnie Gold. They plan to use the *Winter Village* pattern from Laundry Basket Quilts for the 2021 Raffle Quilt, a lovely blue and white quilt using batiks.

Mary said the Raffle Quilt Sales Committee's co-chairs need to be named soon, and asked for volunteers. The guild typically completes the Raffle Quilt in June of the prior year, so that various sales venues and opportunities can be organized after the quilt is completed.

Mary Bucy and Chris Appenzeller will chair the Judging Committee. Their members met and discussed the judging critique sheet, completed by the judges for each quilt and given to the quilt's maker. They would like for the judges to provide more information to the quilter, and asked members to use the survey forms provided to offer their own judging feedback.

Kay said a quilt show theme is still needed and she requested suggestions. She asked everyone to send their ideas to her, noting a suggestion was made to include "community" in the 2021 theme.

### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt

Hickory Mayor Hank Guess attended the January morning meeting and asked the guild to consider making a quilt to help celebrate the City of Hickory's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during 2020. Debbie Swartzel shared the terrific plan for the quilt that quickly came together, based on a book Bonnie Gold had purchased. *That Town and Country Quilt* consists of 365 4-inch appliquéd blocks, which they tweaked (with the designer's permission) and downsized to only 160+ blocks. The quilt will include various Hickory features, historic industries, etc., with the City's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo in the center.

Debbie shared their plan for enlisting members in the process of making the individual blocks in two phases during February and March. Along with some helpers, they had already prepared and kitted individual blocks for members to choose from. She explained the process and distributed directions for making them, saying the Phase 1 blocks chosen tonight must be returned to the March meeting, and the Phase 2 blocks chosen by members in March must be returned in April. The entire quilt must be completed by early June, in time for the City's main

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celebration event.

A huge thank-you to Debbie and Bonnie for taking on this challenge and simplifying it for everyone else. Time is short, but these gals have it all figured out!

### DOOR PRIZES

**Attendance** – Barbara Mahnke

**Homemade Nametag** – Shelley Thompson

Debbie Swartzel brought additional door prizes donated by *Quiltfolk* magazine, including calendars, \$10 gift cards, a magazine, and a puzzle. Winners were: Terrie Townsend, Janet Hunt, Debbie Smith, Kay Dwyer, Debra Rubin, Gigi Miller, Judy Goble, Mary Bucy, Ann Lutz, and Shelley Thompson.

### SERVICE PROJECTS

**Quilts of Valor:** Judy Goble (1), Susan Bisulca (1)

**Pillowcases** – Peggy Barton (3)

### SHOW & TELL

Personal projects were shared by (3) guild members.

### PROGRAM

Guild member Gigi Miller presented a program on Pet Portraits. Clearly Gigi has been practicing her technique, learning new methods and tweaking her process along the way. She makes creating fabric portraits of family pets, kids, flowers, etc. from simple photos look fun and very interesting. Grace, the family's yellow lab, became her first "model," and her likeness (and very long tongue) has been captured in a variety of portraits. Another of her subjects was captured in portraits that ranged from sweet and simple, to Andy Warhol-ish in style.

Initially, Gigi took an on-line art quilt class from Leni Wiener and then picked up some ideas from Susan Brubaker Knapp's guild program a couple years ago, such as making a plastic overlay pattern, using Lite Steam a Seam, and adding thread painting. Next, Eve Agee's guild program on thread painting provided more good ideas, and she later borrowed a few ideas from Karen Ponischil's guild program last year. Gigi explained her process, and broke down the steps for making a pattern from her photo, noting that she has moved away from the plastic overlay pattern and now only uses tracing paper. One bit of advice when choosing a photo to use: simple is better.

When Gigi prepares the list of guild workshops for next year, she should add herself to the list. No doubt more than a few guild members would be interested in attending a more hands-on version of Pet Portraits, using their own personal photo. And if anyone doesn't really appreciate the resulting portrait, just tell them that "it's art."

There was an enthusiastic round of applause for Gigi's fun and motivating program, and Mary Long adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Starnes, Evening Secretary

**A Quilt of Valor was awarded to Willie Houck. Pieced and bound by Carol Carmen. Quilted by Dotty**







## (THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE) S H O W B I Z

### We Are On Our Way!

We are off to a good start with our Quilt Show activity thanks to so many of you who have volunteered or accepted the plea to chair many of our necessary committees. We still have a few committees to chair and would welcome a few more recruits. No worries, we will get you up to speed with the work involved. We will support you in every way to be a successful chair. **Do consider** filling the open chair positions and let Mary or myself know. We need a chair for **Raffle Quilt Sales ASAP!**

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**ADMISSIONS:** Dianne Black, Connie Bumgarner

**COMMUNITY DEN:** Candi Gordon, Peggy Poe & Dianne Johnston (replacing Bed Turning)

**DEMONSTRATIONS:** Kathleen Sigmon

**DOOR PRIZES:** **OPEN**

**FAT QUARTER RAFFLE BASKETS:** Martha Brown, Elle Clemens & Susan Fontyn

**HANGING, TAKE DOWN, RETURNING QUILTS:**  
**OPEN**

**HOSPITALITY:** Interested members considering

**JUDGING RULES AND DAY:** Chris Appenzeller, Mary Bucy, Barb Mahnke, Joy Mease

**LAYOUT DESIGN:** Gregg Colson

**LILY BOUTIQUE:** Gigi Miller, Debra Rubin

**PHOTOGRAPHY AND QS BOOK:** **OPEN**

**PRINTING:** Debbie Abernethy

**PUBLICITY:** Debbie Swartzel

**RAFFLE QUILT CONSTRUCTION:** Bonnie Gold

**RAFFLE QUILT SALES:** **OPEN**

**RIBBONS:** Janice Setzler, Dotty Williams

**QUILTS OF VALOR:** Peggy McCosh & Amanda Truett

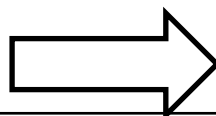
**QUILT SHOW PROGRAM & ADS:** Mary Bucy, Kay Dwyer

**TREASURER:** Guild Treasurer

**VENDORS:** Teena McRary, Reba Walden

We held an informal discussion on Quilt Show details on Mission Day February 15. We reviewed the specific expectations of our 2021 Quilt Show Chairs Mary Bucy and Kay Dwyer. Great brainstorming on ideas for Pipes and Drape, the work of hanging quilts, and supporting as well as selling raffle tickets at the Hickory Fair. Discussed the option of the pre raffle quilt and decision not to do one this year as need for start up funds is not needed. Preference is to focus resources and funds on our 2021 Raffle Quilts. Mary and Kay will consider all ideas brought forward.

RAFFLE QUILT





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Bonnie Gold, our chair for making the Raffle Quilt is off to a great start. Bonnie shared a sample piece of our Raffle Quilt at our February Guild Meeting. Amazing work considering we are all busy working on the City of Hickory Quilt for Mayor Hank Guess. Thank you Rebecca for donating your time and talent to quilt our raffle quilt. You are appreciated!

Thank you to the follow members for their work on our Raffle Quilt

Frances Allen	Rebecca Mullins
Chris Appenzeller	Kandi Peterson
Mary Bucy	Debra Rubin
Kay Dwyer	Debbie Swartzel
Bonnie Gold	Kathleen Whiddon
Jan Hutchinson	Dotty Williams
Marianne McCormic	

### Theme Title

We have narrowed down our top suggestions for the theme of our quilt show. Our goal is to align our theme with existing projects and challenges. For this reason, the consensus is to include the word "Community" in our title. Please take a look at the list below and be prepared for an informal vote at our March meeting. Thank you to many of you who provided suggestions!

- A Community Explosion
- A Community Collage
- Celebration of Community
- Community Celebration
- Community Celebration of Colors

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**March 19<sup>th</sup> 11:30 to 12:30**, we will have our first official QS meeting. Welcome QS chairs and guild members. We will send a proposed agenda to QS Chairs prior to the meeting.

**October 21 & 22 of 2021 CVQG Quilt Show**

Happy St Patrick's Day

Leprechauns Mary Bucy & Kay Dwyer





## MINUTES MORNING MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2020

### WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

President Debbie Swartzel called the meeting to order at 10 am and greeted the 39 persons in attendance, including a new member, Maria Aldridge.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Swartzel asked if everyone had received their minutes and asked if there were any additions or corrections. There being none she asked for a motion to approve the minutes, Debra Rubin made the motion and Reba Walden seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

### FINANCIALS

The guild's current financial report was printed in the February newsletter.

### SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

- Peggy Poe's granddaughter, who is in the Beta club, was in a competition for Marketing and Communications and won 1<sup>st</sup> place. They go to Texas in June for the National competition.
- Kathleen Whiddon's shadow is that her daughter's dog had a tumor and had to be put down.
- Connie Bumgarner shared that her grandson who plays baseball and wears the # 40 jersey has always looked up to another now retired baseball player Madison Bumgarner. Because they share the same last name, many of his teammates have asked if he knew Madison Bumgarner, and being in the right place at the right time, Connie's grandson was thrilled when the REAL

Madison Bumgarner drove by a practice and a picture was taken of both Bumgarner baseball players!

- Peggy McCosh told of her grandson who swims for State and his stroke is the difficult butterfly.
- Dawn Barbersek thanked the guild members for their cards notes and prayers with her father passing away last week.

### GUILD MAILBOX

- *Hickory Landmark Society* sent a flyer in reference to Heritage Days. This year it will be April 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> and Debbie asked for volunteers to chair this activity that we have done for several years. Discussion continued and Peggy Poe will coordinate.
- *Quiltfolk Goodies*: President Swartzel had a box filled with Quiltfolk magazines, calendars, puzzles and coupons for discounts with purchasing a subscription. It was decided to use them for door prizes.

### DOOR PRIZES

**Attendance** – Kandi Peterson

**Homemade Name Tag** – Barbara Mahnke

### OLD BUSINESS

Gigi Miller gave an update on the 2020 workshops. There were openings for the Friday and Saturday Nancy Mahoney sessions. Also she mentioned that she would be doing the evening program of pet portraits and for those interested to come!!





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The Guild Retreat is April 26<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup> and Debra Rubin was taking deposits of \$100.00 for the entire week. For those who could only attend for a few days, there is a daily rate.

### *The Ashe County Piecemakers Guild Invitational Guild Challenge*

Members are encouraged to present a quilt for consideration at the April 2020 meeting. Drop off details and instructions will be given at the March meeting and a viewer's choice vote will determine which quilt will represent our guild in July. This then will give an additional month to prepare.

#### **2020 Challenge: Trees...**

See Jan Carpenter or Barbara Mahnke if there are questions.

#### **QUILT SHOW**

Kay Dwyer gave an informative update on our 2021 quilt show. She was pleased to announce that Mary Bucy has agreed to be Co-Chair, and that brought much applause.

Bonnie Gold has agreed to organize the raffle quilt and she showed us a sample of Winter Villages quilt pattern.

*Quilt Judging Committee:* Chris Appenzeller, Barbara Mahnke, Joy Mease and Mary Bucy will head this committee. One question the group is asking its members is what would you like the judges to critique. The panel suggested that the judges could offer three positive com-

ments on the quilt and perhaps two constructive critiques, or having specific and abbreviated comments. A paper was passed to get member feedback.

Kay Dwyer recognized Dianne Black and Connie Bumgarner who will chair admissions.

Teena McRary and Reba Walden will chair Vendors.

Lily Boutique will be chaired by Debra Rubin and Gigi Miller.

The only position that needs to be filled is Publicity. Kay gave a detailed description as to the suggested requirements of that job.

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> will be the next informal organizational meeting from 11; 30 to 12; 30.

Kay went over the possibilities of our Quilt Show theme. Suggestions were: Quilts of the Valley, Community Explosions, QOTV Collage, and QOTV Harmony of Home. Suggestions from the floor were Celebration of Community, and Celebration of Colors. A decision hopefully will be made by the next meeting.

Lastly Kay handed out job descriptions for all the quilt show chairs. She reiterated that all individual committees will receive a folder or notebook to help with the understanding of the tasks of their jobs and their budget.

She invited anyone who was interested to join them for their meeting with The Hickory Metro Center, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.

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### NEW BUSINESS

**Next Mission Days:** Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, and March 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### *The Town and Country Quilt project*

President Swartzel discussed the quilt that our guild will be doing for the City of Hickory. Since our speaker cancelled due to illness, our time was well spent by working on this project.

Many thanks to Bonnie Gold and Debbie Swartzel for all their work and preparation for this wonderful project.

Joyce Pearce mentioned that Barbara Huggins health is declining and she will be going to Hospice. The family wanted our guild to know that several old quilt racks were available at no cost to whoever was interested. Contact Joyce if interested.

### SHOW & TELL

#### SERVICE PROJECTS

Peggy McCosh showed quilts of Valor and mentioned she was not the creator.

Reba Walden, "frozen" pillowcase.

Peggy showed a quilt from Susan Leithiser and she also made pillowcases.

Barbara Stroud, 2 Quilts of Valor she quilted with her longarm machine.

Peggy Poe, QOV and Rebecca Mullins quilted it.

Personal Quilts: There were 4 personal quilts.

Rebecca Mullins talked about her class regarding embroidery and she had several dates for those who were interested.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

### PROGRAM

Our program was working with the various blocks that will be for the city of Hickory, and judging by the hum of many ladies voices, all had a good and creative time.

Respectfully submitted,

Kandi Peterson

Secretary

### NEW MEMBER

Maria Aldridge  
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Hickory, NC, 28601  
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April 9

### DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please make a note in your directory:

Honorary and charter member, Libby Sigmon has new contact information:

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Hickory, NC 28601  
Phone: (828) 578-5192



## Save The Date:

**October 22 and 23, 2021 for our Quilt Show**

**Hickory Metro Convention Center**





## QUILT BLOCKS FOR AUSTRALIA

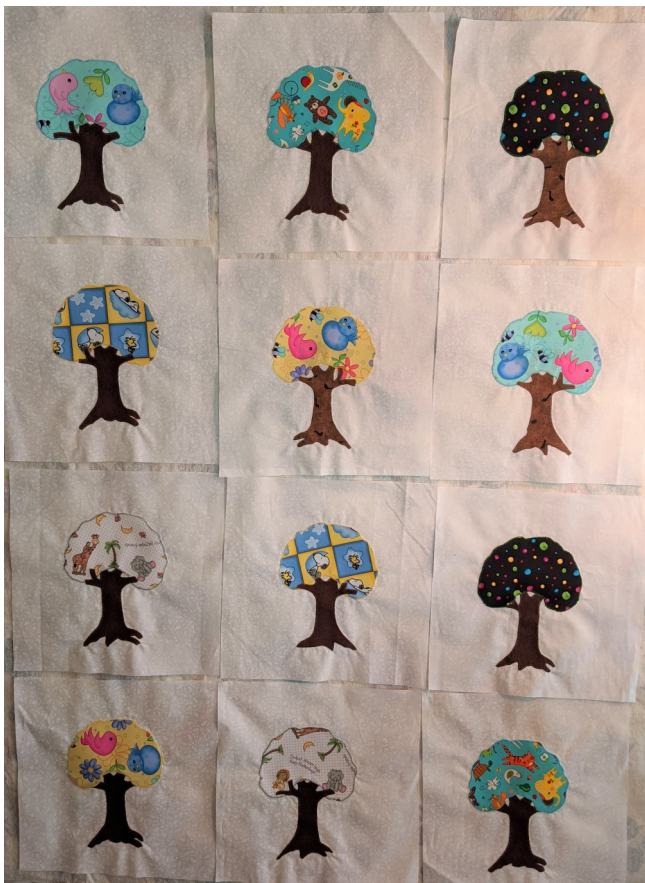
by Sue Fontyn

Members of our guild recently answered an international call for quilt blocks from the Wollongong Modern Quilt Guild in Australia. The Australian guild has undertaken the task of providing quilts of comfort for the families that lost everything in the recent bush fires there.

The response was wonderful. I am so proud to have just mailed off 180 blocks to arrive by early March. Approximately seventeen members of the guild participated. At last count, WMQG had just topped 4,000 blocks received!!!

If you'd like to see our blocks, they can be found on facebook at [#bushfireblocks -Quilts for Australia](#). Meanwhile, here are few samples of our blocks for your viewing pleasure and a peek at just some of the folks who participated in this project.

Sue Fontyn





When Mayor Hank Guess stopped by the January morning guild meeting to share about the 150th anniversary celebrations and to encourage our guild to make a quilt to help celebrate Hickory's history I had two thoughts:

1. I wished he'd asked this a year ago.
2. That Town and Country Quilt was perfect for this!

Of course there was no time to waste and I started talking to guild members and with the help of Bonnie Gold who had introduced this quilt to me we started planning. Within weeks we'd laid out an alternate design, bought background fabrics, fusible and stabilizer, chosen blocks, received the go ahead from the pattern designer and made kits. We had a plan but it depended heavily on guild members to buy in and I would be lying if I said I didn't lose some sleep over that. What if no one wanted to participate?

Well, to a person, I've had nothing but positive feedback about this project and I've been so unbelievably grateful for the enthusiasm that has greeted it. Once again, Catawba Valley Quilters Guild shows its generous spirit and I am sleeping through the night again.

I'm excited that we've chosen a project that so many people can (and are) participate in what a treasure it will be for the City of Hickory. It's an honor to serve as your leader every day but your reception of this project humbles me. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Don't forget to bring the blocks you chose in February to the March meetings and I hope everyone has been enjoying themselves enough to choose a few more blocks to do before the April meeting.

Debbie Swartzel



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