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

MEETINGS & IMPORTANT DATES

BOARD MEETING MARCH 2, 2023, 6 PM

Via Zoom Call

GUILD MEETINGS, MARCH 9, 2023 10 AM / 6:30 PM Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

AM and PM Programs: TRUNK SALE See p. 3 under New Business heading for details.

MISSION DAYS

MARCH 11/APRIL 15

Help us make quilts for our service projects: Preemies 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.

PROJECT LINUS DAYS

MARCH 25 9a-4p *Blanket Day*

Mt Hebron Lutheran Church,
103 Main Ave E. Hildebran.

April 22 9a-4p Bills Sewing Center Hildebran

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

MARCH 11, 9am TAR RIVER PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GUILD WORKSHOP—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

MARCH 17-18, 2023 CAPITAL QUILTERS GUILD QUILT SHOW

Kerr Scott Building,

NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh

information@capitalquilters.org

APRIL 22, 2023 TIME: TBD IN-HOUSE WORKSHOP

Kay Dwyer will show us how to make quilts from scraps and selvages.

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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

- 1 Joyce Gates
- 5 Martha Brown
- 8 Lucy Kearns
- 16 Michele Ferber
- 17 Kathleen Dukelow
- 22 Bonnie Gold
- 22 Charlene DeLorenzo
- 25 Connie Carroll
- 25 Nicole Bolick
- 31 Diana Weber

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 /
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MINUTES MORNING MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Kathleen Whiddon opened the meeting at 10 AM. Pat Carson brought Quilted Heart Pins that she had sewn and invited members to choose one to wear.

Kathleen welcomed returning member, Bonnie King and visitor, Helen Powell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 2023 minutes were approved; motion to approve by Dianne Black, second by Ann Becker; vote unanimous in favor.

DOOR PRIZES

Homemade Name Tag: Diana Weber

Attendance: Carol Carman

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Margaret Noah's sister passed away and we send our condolences.
- Janice Setzler is recovering well from shoulder surgery, but she will need to have the other shoulder operated on soon.
- Pat Carson's and Jan Carpenter's brother, Ron is in bad health and would appreciate prayers.
- Susan Fontyn celebrated her birthday the day before the meeting.

MAIL BOX

In the Guild Mailbox, a thank you from Linda Caldwell was received. She was awarded a QOV from the Maiden Veterans Day Celebration and she sent special thanks to Margaret Noah and Lori Skinner who worked on the quilt.

OLD BUSINESS

Barbara Mahnke passed out patterns for the June Challenge, Mariners Compass and Dancing Ribbons. She is offering morning workshops on Feb 11, and Feb 18 for \$10. Members will receive a practice pattern and fabric to make a quilt square. This quilt square should provide the instruction so that members will gain confidence for the challenge patterns. Both workshops are basically full will 15 or 16 members.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary Bucy discussed the March Trunk Sale. Members should bring their items for sale, priced and ready to be displayed in their cars in the parking lot (weather permitting, we will hold it in the meeting room if it rains.) Members should make the prices even dollars to make it easier and they should have dollar bills and 5 dollar bills to make change. If you are buying, please bring cash and/or checks. It would be good to pair up so that one can shop while the other sells.

Our April meeting will feature Kay Dwyer to discuss quilting with scraps and selvages. She has lots of ingenious ideas including how to organize and store your scraps. She will offer a morning workshop on April 22. A signup sheet was passed around and now has a wait list.

There is a possibility of a Barn Quilt workshop. A sheet was passed around to determine interest in this event. A lady who organized Taylorsville Barn Quilt exhibit would do a workshop for \$75 each. She would provide everything needed including paint, brushes, and a 2 ft x 2 ft primed sign board. Date of the workshop is yet to be determined.

A Fall retreat is being scheduled. There is still room to sign up. The most likely date will be Sept 27-30 at Camp Holston. Contact Cindi Williamson.

Gigi presented a request from Tracey Bolick, Director of Development at Catawba Memorial for special T-shirts for mastectomy patients. Gigi will develop a pattern, which shouldn't be complicated. They have approximately 200 patients a year who need these. Surging the edges is the bulk of the work. Please contact Gigi if you can devote some time to making the shirts. Connie Bumgarner said her church has helped in the past.

SHOW & TELL

- Debra Eckard: quilt she pieced from her new Accuquilt.
- Susan Fontyn: 2 baby quilts for her cousin's daughter's babies.
- Catherine Caswell: batik UFO from 2022
- Teena McRary: Charity quilt with poppies. She viewed YouTube, How to Quilt a Poppy
- Debbie Rubin: 2 Sunshine quilts, white and purple strips and an original half square triangles
- Barbara Mahnke: 2 pillow cases

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- Sherry Huffman: a preemie quilt
- Nancy Garchek: a Ruth Bader Ginsberg quilt for her granddaughter
- Peggy Poe: Phoebe quilt she finished from 2019 and 2 origami baskets
- Bonnie King: a preemie quilt
- Suzanne Sproul: microwave bowl covers
- Gigi Miller: 2 t-shirt quilts made with summer camp t-shirts and academic t-shirts
- Dotty Williams: a QOV made from leftovers, and the last Owl quilt from Wanda Morisson's shop
- Dana Lowry: Beach Crawl featuring applique turtles, sand and water
- Michelle Hester: 2 quilts from when she lived in Africa, paper pieced (her first quilt ever)
- Millie Kaufman: The Ugly Quilt from Justgetitdone.com
- Ann Becker: quilt made from a layer cake for her swing on her front porch
- Jan Hutchinson: 2 sunshine quilts and 9 pillow cases
- Mary Bucy: preemie quilt quilted from Terri Townsend's Embroidery Machine class and snowflakes
- Cindi Williamson: Sunshine quilt made from blocks completed at the show's Learning Center
- Kathleen Whiddon: Birthday table runner and napkins and a quilt for her sister, featuring her late son's shirts.

PROGRAM

Pops and Mama Rose Art Kernersville, NC.

History of Gees Bend and Gees Bend style quilting

Members of the Heart of the Triad Quilters Guild, Mark Craven got into quilting through Teri Craven after they met on a Senior dating app. Mark retired from business and went on to get a degree in Sculpture at UNCG, and his quilting started with a cover for his sketch book. Teri started sewing at age 10 and was a Home Economics major in college. Her first quilt was entirely hand done.

Gees Bend Quilters are named from their geographic area in Alabama and the land bought by Joseph Gee (from NC) in 1816. The actual area is Boykin, Alabama. Gee brought 18 slaves with him to work the land growing cotton. He was not successful and ended up selling the land to Mark Pettway, also from NC, who continued to increase his number of slaves to 100. After the Civil War, the slaves stayed on the land.

In the 1960s, Rev. Martin Luther King visited the area and encouraged black residents to register to vote. This was not an easy feat as they would have to cross a river, and the government closed the ferry, and it remained closed for 44 years. Time went on and eventually, Bill Arnett stumbled onto a Gees Bend quilt. He had connections to the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston. After seeing photos and quilts that Arnett had purchased, it was decided to open a Gees Bend Quilt exhibit in 2002. From then on demand for quilts and exhibits has grown. There was even a commemorative set of U.S. postage stamps featuring the quilts.

There is a Gees Bend Quilters' Collective, although membership has dwindled to 15. Features of their quilts are the bright colors, use of old clothing for their fabric, irregular and wonky geometric shapes with similarities to Modern Art and African Art.

In 2015, The National Endowment of the Arts awarded three National Heritage Foundation Awards to Gees Bend quilters, Loretta Pettway, Lucy Mingo, and Mary Lee Bandolph.

Mark and Terri Craven then showed their own works featuring the abstract improvisational technique of the Gees Bend Quilters. Many pieces were hand quilted using the Big Stitch technique.

Meeting adjourned at 11: 45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bucy



March 12, 2023



**MINUTES EVENING MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Shelley Thompson opened the meeting at 6:27p with program occurring first. 23 members present with new members Michele Hester, 2 guests Debbie Neilson and Meg Sandner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 2023 minutes were approved; motion to approve by Susan Fontyn, second by Debbie Smith; vote unanimous in favor.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Wanda Bombyk is recovering from surgery and must be in isolation, please send cards
- Margaret Noah's sister passed in January

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Caldwell sent a thank you note to Lori Skinner and Margaret Noah for the QOV she received at the Maiden QOV presentation.

Gigi Miller announced that the Catawba Extension Office makes items for mastectomy patients and the group needs help making these shirt, pocket, and pillow items.

Next Mission Days are March 11 and April 15.

Linus Blanket Day is at Bill's Sewing in Hildebran on Apr 25th 9a-4p.

OLD BUSINESS

Barbara Mahnke – June 2023 Quilt Challenge. Three Activities:

Paper Pieced Mariner's Star

Paper Pieced Dancing Ribbons

Feb 11 7 Feb 18, 9a-1p Barbara is conducting a paper piecing class, \$10

Shelley Thompson thanked the guild for donations

to the Family Guidance Center.

Need Heritage Day Volunteers at Maple Grove, Apr 20 – 21st.

Quilt Show Books still available for \$45.

NEW BUSINESS

March meetings will be trunk sales. AM will be in the parking lot. PM will be in the meeting room. Bring any and all craft supplies, not just quilting items. Price as even dollars and price items before you bring them. Bring some change. Sign up with Mary Bucy just to give a head's up on spacing for PM meeting.

April 22, 2023 Workshop Kay Dwyer – Scraps, Strings, and Selvages. 9a-12p \$10. Sign up with Mary Bucy.

Barn Quilt Workshop. No dates or times yet – please give interest to Mary Bucy. 2'x2' signboard and paint provided. \$75

Program Committee Cindy Williamson has been working on programs for the next two years. Both member experts and external experts. April – Scraps, Strings, and Selvedges. May – National Speaker presentation on 10 mistakes art quilters make.

Cindy Williamson – Sep 27-30 with early check in on 27th. 10 rooms at Camp Holston. Retreat \$225-250. \$100 non-refundable deposit by June 2023 meeting. Bring collection of low-cost goodies to exchange.

PROGRAM

POPS AND MAMA ROSE ART – INTERPRETATION OF

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IMPROV QUILTING WITH GEES BEND INFLUENCE WITH TERI AND MARK CRAVEN, Kernersville, NC.

In 1816 Joseph Gee from North Carolina bought land in Alabama where there was fertile soil. He took 18 slaves with him to plant cotton and the area was re-named from Boykin to Gee's Bend. After Joseph's death, his sons took over the debt of his father and then sold the land to William Pettway. Pettway walked from North Carolina to Alabama with 100 slaves in 1845. After the Civil War, some slaves stayed on the land as sharecroppers and took on the Pettway name.

During the Civil Rights Movement, Rev. Martin Luther King encouraged the African American community to vote but the sheriff shut down the ferry that was the only transportation to and from Gee's Bend and the area was isolated from the community.

Bill Arnett, while touring Alabama researching African American culture, offered to purchase Annie Mae Young's only remaining quilt for \$1000. She quickly spread the word that Arnett wanted to purchase the ladies' quilts and their fame has grown ever since. In 2002 their quilts were featured in the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston. Their quilts made it onto the USPS stamps in 2006.

Their quilts were not made as pieces of art, rather as utilitarian quilts for warmth and comfort. Their quilts are improvisational and are similar to improv artists even though the community was closed off. The quilt tops were made by one person and quilted as a community.

Teri and Mark visited Gee's Bend in 2017 on their way to visit family in Louisiana. They were taken to the Gee's Bend Collective which was formed in 2003

by the ladies of Gee's Bend to gather and create the quilts. They returned in 2022 and spent time with

Mary Ann Pettaway who teaches around the South.

In 2015, three of the Gee's Bend Quilters were given 2015 National Heritage Fellowships in Folk Art.

Mark says that he doesn't necessarily like some of the quilts that the Gee's Bend ladies make but he is still inspired by their work. Teri said that they do have a long arm rack but the collective will not allow progression to mechanical quilting because the method of the true Gee's Bend quilt.

Teri and Mark showed their collection by picture and in person.

DOOR PRIZES

Attendance – Linda Thompson,

Handmade Nametag – Joy Mease

SHOW & TELL

- Linda Thompson – 1 Personal Project
- Pam Ruerup – 2 Personal Projects
- Susan Fontyn – 2 Personal Projects
- Kathleen Sigmon – 4 Personal Projects (1 quilt, 1 wall hanging, 2 backpacks)
- Susan Bisulca – 2 QOV + 1 QOV made by Carol Carmen and Gregg Colson
- Judi Eller – 5 Premie's, 1 personal project
- Shelly Thompson – 3 premie's, 2 Sunshines
- Jill Wells – 4 sunshine quilts
- Gregg Colson – 1 personal quilt
- Michele Hester – 2 personal wall hangings made while she lived in Africa

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Truett



QUILTS OF VALOR AWARDED

Jerry Lael, National Guard — Pieced and bound by Peggy Poe; Quilted by Rebecca Mullins

David Rudisill, Army — Pieced and bound by Peggy Poe; Quilted by Rebecca Mullins



Billy Cochran, USMC, Vietnam War Veteran
Pieced, Quilted and Bound by Dotty Williams





CATAWBA VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD — BAD WEATHER POLICY

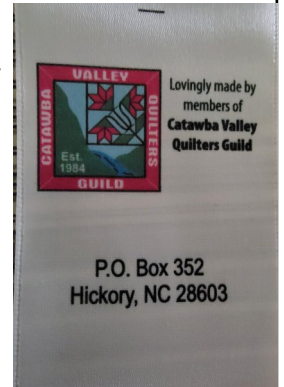
In case of snow or ice or other bad weather, CVQG will follow the Catawba County School schedule. If schools are closed or delayed, both our meetings will be cancelled.



CHARITY PROJECT LABELS

We have special guild labels for our charity projects that are available at meetings and sit n sew. The label measures approximately 2 1/4" x 3 3/8."

In the past some of our quilts found their way to people other than our charity clients, so we recommend sewing the label into a corner, securing it with your binding.



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