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C A L E N D A R

BOARD MEETING MARCH 7, 2024 - 6 pm via Zoom

GUILD MEETINGS, MARCH 14, 2024 10 am & 6:30 pm Holy Trinity Lutheran Church .

MORNING & EVENING PROGRAM — PAT CARSON CREATE WHAT YOU ENVISION Have you ever worked on a quilt for weeks or months and anticipated it to be your best quilt of all time, then you realize it is not exactly what you envisioned at the outset? When we have done our very best and most careful workmanship in constructing a quilt but feel we did not get the results we hoped for we might need to take a look at the color interaction of fabrics we chose [see p. 2 quilt blocks in color v. black & white]. Some of us could probably benefit from referring periodically to some “experts” in the use of color in our quilt making. With the many amazing quiltmakers and quilt designers at our digital fingertips there is no shortage of “experts” to look at. For this program I will reference three or four who have published some excellent books and offer many inspirational and easy techniques to achieve what we envision in creating our quilts.

Elle Clemens’ fabric sale follows both AM & PM meetings.

**MISSION DAYS March 9, April 6
 9 am – 3 pm**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church — Help us make Preemies for local hospitals, Sunshine Quilts for the Family Guidance and Children’s Advocacy Centers, 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--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.

QUILTS OF VALOR PRESENTATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 11 AM, POARCH CHAPEL MISSIONARY METHODIST, 3580 Playmore Beach Rd; Lenoir, NC 28645. Presentation will be at the beginning of the service. All guild members welcome.

QUILT SHOWS & EVENTS

MARCH 6-9, 2024 ART FEEDS THE SOUL QUILT SHOW — ALAMANCE PIECEMAKERS & BURLINGTON CAROUSEL QUILT GUILDS
 Elon Community Church
 271 N. Williamson Avenue, Elon

MARCH 15-16, 2024 CAPITAL QUILTERS GUILD QUILT SHOW Kerr Scott Building, NC State Fairgrounds
 1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh
capitalquilters.org

MARCH 22-24, 2024 PALMETTO QUILT GUILD 2024 QUILT FESTIVAL Hilton Head Beach & Tennis Resort, 40 Folly Field Rd., Hilton Head, SC
palmettoquiltguild.org

SAT. APRIL 6, 2024 FUNDRAISER & QUILT SHOW 10 am to 2 pm / Baton United Methodist Church 1034 Dry Ponds Road, Granite Falls.
 Donations accepted. Food, demos, sale of fabrics and notions; early bird door prizes.
Brought to you by THE COTTON QUILT 4900 Troy Road, Granite Falls

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	Day	Night
President	Kathleen Whiddon (Shelley Thompson Jan Carpenter
Vice President	Cindi Williamson	
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Treasurer	Frances Allen	
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- 1 Joyce Gates
- 3 Dianne Weiss
- 5 Martha Brown
- 8 Lucy Kearns
- 16 Michele Ferber
- 17 Kathleen Dukelow
- 22 Bonnie Gold
- 22 Charlene DeLorenzo
- 25 Connie Carroll
- 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 /
 Instagram @CVquiltersguild



MINUTES EVENING MEETING, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Shelley Thompson opened the meeting at 6:34 pm with 28 ladies and gentlemen, and three new visitors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Debbie Smith moved that the February minutes as printed in the newsletter be approved. Cathy Starnes seconded. All present approved. Motion passed unanimously.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- A member's husband had a successful pacemaker implant.
- Patsy Caraway's niece had strep throat and died from complications.
- Frances Allen is recovering very well from her heart surgery.
- Nancy Garchek is recovering from her 5th wrist surgery.
- Millie Kaufman had knee replacement surgery.

DOOR PRIZES

Attendance: Meg Sander.

Homemade Nametag: Janet Hunt.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership Dues are \$30 and can be paid by check or cash. Please place your cash in an envelope with your name and "Dues" written on the front. Please write "Dues" in the memo line of your check.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members who have paid their dues need to pick up a 2024 calendar, their 2024 Membership Books, and a piece of chocolate. Special thanks to Debbie Abernethy for printing and laminating the calendars and printing and assembling the membership books.

- Next Mission Day is 9 March, 9a-3p.
- Sit and Sew every Thursday except for guild meeting days, 9a-11a.
- No mail in the PO Box.
- February Workshop still has three openings for \$35 each on 10 Feb 2024 from 9a-3p. Lisa Echerd is collecting workshop dues.
- April 13 Workshop 9a-3p for \$10. Beginner quilters welcome to join to make Lunch Bag quilts. Lisa Echerd is collecting workshop dues.

There is a selection of quilt tops and fabric on the center table that are available to be finished into a quilt for our Mission Projects.

NEW BUSINESS

The June 2024 joint meeting will be on the first Thursday of the month due to scheduling issues with the church calendar.

Next Quilt Challenge is presented by Michelle Hester – 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 each other on track to complete your UFO's.

Vote on Proration of Dues—Voting for elimination of the proration of dues. Motion made by Michelle Hester. Seconded by Joy Mease. Majority of attendees present approved the motion to eliminate the proration of dues for 2024 until rescinded.

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Financial Audit— Need one board member, one day member, and one night member will visit the Treasurer (interim Treasurer is Kathleen Whiddon for now). Kathleen will provide several dates of availability and Shelley will contact the evening volunteers for their final decision on availability.

2025-2026 Board Members Needed — The Board is starting to canvas for Board Members for 2025-2026. Volunteers can shadow current members in their roles to become comfortable with their new positions. We must have a full board in order to operate as a guild— please volunteer!

Fabric Sale — Elle's sale of fabrics will occur before and after the Morning and Evening meetings in March 2024. Cash, Check, or Venmo is accepted.

CVQG Missouri Star trip hosted by Christian Tours has 3 seats left and need to confirm by the end of February with Cathy Starnes.

SHOW AND TELL

- Susan Fontyn – 2 QOV tops and one Premie along with Elle Clemens.
- Dawn Cole – a QOV pieced by Carol Carmen, and a QOV pieced by Lori Skinner
- Jill Wells – 8 Sunshine quilts
- Janet Hunt – 2 Premies (made with leaders and enders) and 4 pillowcases
- Melissa Shaw – King Size quilt given as an Anniversary Gift to her son. A Stitchin' Heaven 18-month Block Of The Month Quilt.
- Meg Sandner – Color Wash Quilt as a gift for her friend of 40 years.
- Janice Setzler – 1 sunshine quilt and a personal project. HTLC has a project to make the high school seniors a "Quillow" for their graduation. Janice proposed to make "Quillows" for

the 4-year olds who will graduate from the pre-school at the church. Janice used a light table to trace her letters on the back of the fabric to applique "Jesus loves me" on the top border of the Quillows.

- Lisa Echerd – 2 sunshine quilts (30's fabrics and a sampler block)
- Cathy Starnes – Mountain Man Patchwork quilt for her husband.
- Judi Eller – 6 pillowcases

*A note regarding a donated Sunshine Quilt made by Elle Clemens – The Shark Panel Quilt was donated to the Children's Advocacy Center which asked permission from the board to auction the quilt to raise funds for their agency. The board approved.

PROGRAM

Debbie Smith began the program by introducing to-night's presenter, Beth Bailey.

Art quilts should be assembled top to bottom and background to foreground.

How do you frame a piece of fabric? Stitch the fabric to a larger piece watercolor paper, use double-sided tape to the front side of the edges of the watercolor paper, then place the mat on top of the fabric and press to adhere to the double-sided tape. Beth always figures out her size of mat opening first, then add 1" for the fabric to set beneath the mat opening, then a larger piece for the watercolor paper.

Beth uses Wonder Under 805 for fusible web along with fusible batting.

If you want to make art quilts, you don't need to know much about art—you just need to know what you love.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Truett





MINUTES MORNING MEETING, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Kathleen Whiddon opened the meeting and welcomed all members and visitors, including Kathleen Crocker who joined this morning.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Correction to January minutes: it was Susan Hall's husband who had surgery and a stroke. Michele Hester moved to accept February minutes as printed in the newsletter; Elle Clemens and Ann Becker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Frances Allen is doing well after her heart surgery.
- Nancy Garchek had another surgery on her wrist. She is doing well but finds this surgery more painful than previous ones and hopes it means she will have good results.
- Debra Eckard's husband's sister had a heart attack and stroke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks go out to Pat Carson and Jan Carpenter for the heart pins given to members.

New Members and Older are encouraged to ask questions when we might discuss something that they need further explanation. This can be done at meetings as well as calling board members for clarification.

Mission Day is March 9 at 9 am 3 pm
Sit and Sew is Thursdays 9:30-11:30 am

DOOR PRIZES

Attendance: Michele Hester

Homemade Nametag: Susan Trotter

NEW BUSINESS

June Quilt Challenge -- By next June, finish a UFO and get to know someone new by having an Accountability Buddy to encourage you to finish the UFO. Sit and Sew is a good time to meet members. Michele said if you are new and don't know anyone, contact her to be a buddy.

June Meeting Date change — **** Holy Trinity has requested that we move our June dinner meeting forward a week to June 6th because of a schedule conflict. We will do so and eblasts will be sent out to remind members.

Helen Howell brought quilt tops in need of quilting and finishing for Charity. Reminder that preemie quilts can be from 36x36 up to 50x60 inches in size.

A vote to change the by-laws to remove proration of dues passed.

Cindi Williamson spoke about her 'lunch bag piecing' workshop April 13, a beginner friendly workshop to cut up fat quarters into standard shapes and sizes. They are then mixed up in bags to make a sampler quilt. The cost is \$10. Contact Debra Eckard if you want to attend.

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Elle Clemens will have her fabric sale between morning and evening meetings in March.

SHOW AND TELL

- Kathleen Crocker personal project
- Susan Fontyn 2 QOV from kits cut by Amanda
- Peggy Poe 10 hats made by Glad Hatters of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
- Ann Becker 2 personal projects
- Marti Ward personal project
- Pat Carson personal project
- Michele Hester June 2023 challenge quilt
- Catherine Caswell personal project from curve workshop
- Dotty Williams premie, sunshine, and a personal project from the curve workshop
- Diane Gantt 12 pillowcases
- Teena McRary premie quilt
- Chris Appenzeller personal project
- Kathleen Whiddon personal project
- Mary Bucy personal project
- Helen Powell QOV
- Wanda Greer donation quilt
- Candi Gordon favorite quilt her mother made with 2 army blankets inside

PROGRAM: BETH BAILEY

Sarah Gomez introduced Beth telling a little about her background as an art educator in Burke County and the NC School of the Deaf. Beth has always been fascinated by Batik fabric (she has made some of her own) and art composition. Now that she is retired, she enjoys making art landscape quilts and teaching her technique. Her creations are offered for

sale at Hamilton Williams Gallery in Morganton and 2 other shops.

1st choose your size. You can go small to large. Basically, any size is good. Beth showed us quilts matted and framed behind glass. These are stitched to slightly larger watercolor paper and then glued to secure to the mat. Another was hung from a birch branch. Smaller quilts could be mounted on a wooden box from Dick Blick art supplies online. She divulged that she is self-taught and tries to avoid the binding of a quilt.

2nd, decide on what you love. This will help you choose a subject. Find an image or photo to work from. She works from the top down and from the back to the front. You can add dimension through the fabrics and possible fusible batting. Beth prefers to use batiks because they are easy work with, beautiful colors, and are the same on both sides. She uses different machine stitches to enhance the design, and even adds yarns and threads, sometimes even twigs and leaves. She likes to use Wonder Under 800. She says her creations are "like peel and stick art on steroids". She adds depth and shading with her stitches and sometimes an Inktense colored pencil.

Her creations are sewn on a Janome sewing machine from Bill's and she generally uses Sulky thread.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bucy





CLASSIFIED ADS

Help Wanted – Memory Quilts

Lisa Greene has requested a quilter to make custom quilts from her daughter's clothing. Lisa's daughter passed away recently and would like memory quilts for her two grandchildren. If you are interested, please contact Lisa at ligreene@caldwellschools.com or through Facebook, "Lisa Hawkins Greene".

For Sale: From Debbie Smith

Aboriginal fabrics for sale: 2 one-half yard pieces and 8 fat quarters. All very colorful prints. Happy to send pics if needed. Asking \$15. Please text me if you're interested.

Debbie Smith (828) 514-7091

CREATE WHAT YOU ENVISION

Pat Carson's Program March 14

