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**MAY 2019**

## MEETINGS

### MAY 2019

**Board Meeting, 6 pm, Thursday, May 2,**  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

**Monthly Guild Meetings, Thursday, May 9,**  
**10 am and 6:30 pm** Holy Trinity Lutheran  
Church

**Morning Program: Round Table Demos --**  
Come learn the tricks of the trade from experi-  
enced members. Demos include perfect binding,  
precise 1/2 square triangles and more.

**Evening Program: Todd from Quilt Shop in**  
**Boone** — Learn more about the very popular  
collage quilt pattern by Laura Heine.

**Thursday Mornings, 9:30—Noon Sit 'n Sew,**  
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, May 18, 9 am to 3 pm,**  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Join us to make  
quilts for our various service projects: Preemie  
Quilts for the local hospitals, Sunshine Quilts for  
the Family Guidance Center, and Quilts Of Valor  
for local veterans or 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, machines,  
thread, etc.

## EVENT CALENDAR

### MISSION DAYS

**May 18, June 22**

### QUILT SHOWS

**May 2 – 5, 2019 2019 North Carolina Quilt**  
**Symposium, Inc. Quiltstock, celebrating the**  
**50th Anniversary of Woodstock**  
Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center /  
91 North Lakeshore Drive  
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745  
<http://ncqsi.org/>

**May 17-18, 2019 Garden of Quilts Show**  
Western North Carolina Quilters Guild  
Bonclarken Conference Center 500 Pine Drive  
Flat Rock, NC  
<http://westernncquilters.org>

**March 26-May 20, 2019 ArtQuilts Passion**  
14th Biennial Member Exhibition  
Page-Walker Arts & History Center  
119 Ambassador Loop Cary, NC

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### Birthdays

2	Mary Duquette
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14	Lavina Smith
23	Peggy Poe
23	Martha Annas
23	Mary Ann Hopkins
29	Joyce Lutz
29	Barbara Mahnke

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I would like to thank everyone for all the concerns about Rick over the last few years and for all the phone calls, cards, those who attended the funeral, and all the kind sentiments and support upon Rick's passing. I am very grateful and blessed to have such kind friends.

Thanks again,  
With love,

Jan H. Carpenter



## MINUTES EVENING MEETING APRIL 11, 2019

### CALL TO ORDER

President Mary Long called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed everyone. There were 30 members present and 1 visitor, Beth Moore's nephew Joe LoPresti.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March meeting were printed in the April newsletter. Shelley Thompson moved, seconded by Lennie Sever, to approve the March minutes. The motion carried.

### FINANCIALS

The financial report was printed in the current newsletter.

### SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

- Jan Carpenter's husband Rick passed away this week, and his funeral will be held tomorrow.
- Terrie Townsend is dealing with a bad case of Shingles, for the third time.
- Amanda Truett is expecting her second child in November.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Joan Cole's invited everyone to her Open House in Morganton on Tuesday, April 30, 1-3 pm, featuring 100 of her quilts.
- The guild has now made and presented nearly 300 Quilts of Valor.
- The guild was invited to participate in the Broughton Festival, but it was cancelled.
- The next Mission Day will be on Saturday, May 18.
- The By-Laws Committee will meet at Holy Trinity next Thursday.

### GUILD MAILBOX

Linda Nichols' husband Alan sent a note to thank guild members for his Quilt of Valor.

### WORKSHOPS

Gigi Miller reported that Eve Agee's workshop last Saturday entitled "Beginning Free Motion Thread Painting" was a great success, and she encouraged members to register for the remaining ones. She handed out workshop brochures and noted it is also on the website. Next up is "Aubry: Stack-n-Whack Piecing" with Candace Hassen on Friday, June 14.

### 2019 CHALLENGE

The Challenge theme for April is "It's Music to my Ears." Members shared the 8½ x 11-inch blocks they made for the March Challenge theme, "Seeds, Roots & Blossoms."

- Chris Appenzeller, "I'm Growing Garlic"
- Cindy Konarski, "I Can Read The Tiny Seed"
- Gigi Miller, "My Daughter Lindsay"
- Susan Bisulca, "Pot of Tulips"

### OLD BUSINESS

Amanda renewed the guild's website service with Go Daddy and got a great deal of \$430 for 5-years of service, including a discount of \$300-400.

The guild is helping the Hickory Landmarks Society with Heritage Days at Maple Grove for local fourth graders, today and tomorrow.



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The Quilting Retreat at Camp Holston in Banner Elk on April 21-25 (Sunday to Thursday) is full, with 15 participants.

The guild's new fabric labels were shared with members.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

V-P Mary Whipkey said she and Jan Carpenter are working on the 2020 evening programs and welcome members' ideas.

Members with two asterisks by their names in the member handbook have reached the exceptional age of 80 and free (honorary) guild membership. Any member turning 80 this year should let Joy Mease or Jan Carpenter know, and their \$20 dues will now be waived.

#### **DRAWINGS**

Attendance – Alyce Carlson

Nametag – Charlotte Hyde

#### **SERVICE PROJECTS**

**Preemie Quilts** – Shelley Thompson (1), Cindy Konarski (1)

**Sunshine Quilts** – Joan Cole (7)

**Quilts of Valor** – Susan Bisulca (1), Amanda Truett (1)

#### **SHOW & TELL**

Bed Quilts – Cindy Konarski (paper doll quilt) and new member Joe LoPresti (snowman quilt)

Small Art Quilt – Gigi Miller (1)

Baby Quilts – Shelley Thompson (1)

Handwork – Mary Whipkey (wool bird and needle punch bird)

#### **PROGRAM**

V-P Mary Whipkey introduced guild member Rob Ford, who presented a terrific trunk show of beautiful quilts. A tool engineer by trade, he began quilting in 2011. Included were his first sewing project (an apron), the first quilts that he quilted on a domestic sewing machine, numer-

ous recent ones quilted on his long arm, two quilts that won 1st and 2nd Place ribbon in Pigeon Forge, and some very special Quilts of Valor. He also quilts tops for others, and has now made 107 Quilts of Valor himself. He has five sewing machines, including his long arm machine. Rob said his favorite part of creating a quilt is doing machine embroidery, using his Bernina 830 and Baby Lock machines. He shared a couple beautiful stack-n-whack quilts that members all loved. (Hint-hint ... that's the featured technique of the guild's June 14th workshop!)

Everyone applauded Rob's program, and Mary Long thanked him for sharing his quilts. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Starnes,

Evening Secretary

#### **2019 GUILD CHALLENGE: "SEW, WHAT'S THE STORY?" BY CHRIS APPENZELLER**



Theme for May: My Memorable May

(Tell about something happening in your life this month or commemorate something special that took place in a past May.)

April theme: Music to My Ears

March theme: Seeds, Roots, Blossoms

February theme: Love is...

(See either of the last two issues of the newsletter for guidelines in making your monthly journal quilt.)



**SPRING QUILT RETREAT BY DEBRA RUBIN**

Our retreat was quite a success for the second year in a row, 15 participants enjoyed the late night campfires, tasty coffees, roasted marshmallows and wonderful food prepared by Miss Peggy, and all of the many stitches and laughs we shared together.



Some quick trips, if there is such a thing, to the quilt shop and sew original and the banner elk winery, shopping in Boone, banner elk and the fantastic buys of the year including one penny, yes one penny irons purchased at the dollar general store were enjoyed by at many of the group.

Fantastic progress was made on pieces ranging from project quilts to T-shirt quilts and sharing Shibori fabric dyeing and cooperative 12 inch block donation quilt project.

The weather was absolutely wonderful with sunny skies and mild temperatures leading way to pleasant hiking and scenic walks. Looking forward to having new friendships be pieced together next year and enjoying time with the fantastic friends of the guild.

The projected time for next retreat will start the last Sunday of April 2020. Save the date!





## MINUTES MORNING MEETING APRIL 11, 2019

**WELCOME –CALL TO ORDER**, president-Debbie Swartzel

- a) Introductions and guests – Gail Meyer, Peggy Senn, Cindy Williams.
- b) Please give your name when doing Show and Tell. This is most helpful to the secretaries.

### SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS – PEGGY McCOSH

- Debra Rubin will rejoice when her grandchild is born.
- Jan Carpenter's husband passed away.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Debbie asked if all guild members were receiving their newsletter via email or snail mail. No one reported not receiving it.
- b) Elle Clemens moved we accept the minutes, seconded by Maureen Teague. Motion passed.
- c) Guild mailbox had one card thanking the guild for the quilt of valor received at the Guild Show October 2018.

### DOOR PRIZES

**Name Tag** was won by **Frieda Williams** and the **Attendance** drawing was won by **Rita Williams**.

### OLD BUSINESS

- a) Elle Clemens has volunteered to be the new Membership Chair.
- b) The by-laws committee will meet next week.
- c) The Spring Quilt Retreat April 21-24 – final payments are due today. Please give to Mary Bucy.
- d) Heritage Days, today, April 11 and tomorrow April 12 will be at Maple Grove. Debra

Rubin would love to have more volunteers. See Debbie if you can help.

- e) Recovery Festival is cancelled.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### *General Announcements*

- Next Mission Day – May 18, 2019
- May Theme Challenge **My Memorable May** (Tell about something happening in your life this month or commemorate something special that took place in a past May.)
- Don't forget to tag quilting related photos to #cvquiltersguild and @cvquiltersguild

### SHOW AND TELL

Please state your name when sharing.

#### **Service Projects were shared by the following:**

Peggy McCosh, Barbara Mahnke, Debbie Swartzel, Dotty Williams, Barbara Davis, Dianne Johnston, Teena McRary, Susan Leithiser

**Personal Projects:** Lorraine Yount, Libby Sigmon, Joyce Pearce, Mary Bucy, Debbie Swartzel, JoAnn Johnson, Janice Setzler and Deanne Clark

**Challenge for April** – Music to my Ears. Kandi Peterson, Mary Bucy and Chris Appenzeller shared their challenge for Seeds, Roots and Garlic.

### PROGRAM

We had a short break and then our program was led by Susan Edmonston. She had amazing items to share as well as many items available for purchase.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Teague



## HERITAGE DAYS AT MAPLE GROVE BY KAREN BERLIN



Each year the guild is invited to participate in Heritage Days at Maple Grove mansion in Hickory to demonstrate and explain the necessity and art of quilting in this area for our forefathers.

Typically the county's 4th graders are brought in by buses on a Thursday and Friday in April. Debra Rubin, Candi Gordon and Karen Berlin participated this year. Unfortunately, rain got us on Friday, but Thursday was great fun.

It is a wonderful opportunity for our guild to exercise one of our missions: to further the art of quilting. It was hard to keep their attention for too long between the rifle volleys of the Revolutionary War characters, the metal forger, and an hilarious conquistador. But the kids posed some excellent questions and were especially engaged when we explained how indigo dye was set. That is, with urine. You have to know your audience!



Next year the event will not conflict with our guild meeting, so you should look forward to joining the demonstration. Heck, lunch was even provided!





## WORKSHOP NEWS BY GIGI MILLER



Our first workshop of 2019 with Eve Agee was a great success. We had a great time and learned so much from this very talented and knowledgeable teacher.

Our next workshop will be Friday June 14th from 9-3PM. Candace Hassen (quilt designs by candace.com) will be sharing her beautiful quilts during the evening combined meeting.

On Friday she will teach Aubry. (photo below). In this class, we use the "stack-n-whack" technique and explore alternative ways of laying out the resulting blocks. We also learn to add further design elements by piecing some of our triangles. Not only will you get to spend the day sewing with your quilting friends, but are sure to learn some new techniques or perfect some old ones. The class is \$20 and the supply list is attached to this newsletter. There are scholarships available.

Contact Gigi Miller if you are interested. [gigim@charter.net](mailto:gigim@charter.net).



**ABOUT OUR NEW WEBSITE BY AMANDA TRUETT**

GoDaddy, our website host, has created a new Website Manager program called GoCentral which is less expensive than the program currently in use. I have begun the process of rebuilding the website in the new program. Sometime in May or June, our guild's website will have a fresh look! The navigation menu and pages will mostly remain the same but the content will be displayed more simply. A few new options include better Social Media links and presence, an interactive Calendar, a private page (e.g. a Members Only page, if we choose to add in the future), and the ability to make monetary transactions (again, if we choose to add in the future).

The new website should also load more quickly than the current and have a Secure Sockets Layer certificate, or SSL certificate, which major browsers (like Google Chrome) will require of legitimate organizations in the future. Our guild doesn't necessarily need a "secure" website right now since we do not collect sensitive information like credit card transactions or medical records. However, websites without an SSL Certificate will have a notification like an annoying Pop-Up or banner displayed when the website is opened stating that it is not "secure".

The biggest difference between the current and new websites is that the new website is not quite as customizable but the enhancements with GoCentral, including SSL, will benefit our guild and Webmasters in the long run.

Amanda Truett

**NEW MEMBERS**

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Welcome! If you have joined recently, please send us a photo for our directory. We also like to publish it in this column so our members will recognize you. No guarantees that they'll remember your name, but they might see a unfamiliar face and introduce themselves. Or not!



QUILTS OF VALOR



George Walrath received a quilt pieced and quilted by Betty Ford.



A quilt pieced by Quilts Of Valor Stars and quilted by Rebecca Mullins was awarded to Charles Watkins



Mary Belle Tate, resident of Trinity Village in Hickory and veteran of the Women's Army Corps, received a QOV pieced by Lennie Sever and quilted by Margaret Noah. The QOV was sponsored by the City of Hickory Community Relations Council 2017 Spring grant.



QUILTS OF VALOR



Wayne Davis was awarded a QOV on Sunday pieced by Ann Lutz and quilted by Peggy McCosh



Lonnie Rousselle was awarded a QOV pieced by Janice Setzler and quilted by Dorothy Williams.



Wendy Rousselle received a QOV pieced and quilted by Margaret Noah and sponsored by the City Of Hickory Community Relations Council.



## EDITOR'S NOTE BY DIANA WEBER

HAAALLOOOO! Remember me? I'm back from my yearly pilgrimage to Puerto Rico, and a two week stint helping my son and his family AND his in-laws move on the same day! Who does that???? Both houses were multi-story and my legs got a workout a stairmaster could not improve on. It feels so good to be back home, even if it means working on this newsletter. There's no place like home!



The situation in Puerto Rico has improved slightly. Some infrastructure improvements were evident. But progress is slow. We had a major scare when my Aunty was rushed to the hospital with severe stomach pains. She had a blocked intestine. The moment she got back, she started planning on what to cook for me because I had come down with the flu. Bless her heart, as y'all would say. She's my "mami" now that my own mother passed 14 years ago.

On my return my friend, a former co-worker invited me to Paducah! We spent days in the inviting old town and visited the quilt show..... OMG, if you get a chance to go, don't pass it up. We visited five fabric stores having sales, a coffee shop that served cappuccinos and mochas for our morning coffee.

Other than sharing my spring travel plans, I do have a favor to ask. As background, our newsletter deadline is usually the fourth Monday of the previous month. However, lately folks are sending articles with photos which take **much more time** to edit. Downloading, cropping it, saving and then pasting a photo into an article (a process that requires moving photos so that text is not obscured) is very time-consuming. It takes many hours to edit the newsletter, usually when we are facing **my** deadline — to get the it to the membership in time for the Board Meeting on the first Thursday of the month. Keep in mind that a dozen persons receive the newsletter by U.S. Mail; not all members receive it by email.

So please follow Amanda Truett's example. She sends multiple articles/photos for the QOV page in the weeks before the deadline. I appreciate your efforts in making this newsletter so interesting. Keep up the good work!



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