



The Thimbleful

Capital Quilters Guild

Raleigh, North Carolina

Next Meeting:

Thursday, Dec 17, 2015

6:30 Social

7:00 Meeting Start

Holiday Blocks and Social

Location: Temple Beth Or
5315 Creedmoor Road
Raleigh, NC 27612

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Did you know that you can join facebook and only get posts from the Capital Quilter's Guild? Email Kim at kimthez@aol.com to get instructions.



"What does your Membership Fee pay for?"

There are currently 328 members (269 paid) of the Capital Quilters Guild. Let's look at the "necessary" expenses that the guild needs to meet its goals.

\$23.64 Temple Beth Or

7.62 Storage Unit

3.72 Insurance

4.46 Tax Accountant

7.16 Charity Quilts/Outreach

\$46.60 total per member

You pay \$25.00 in dues every year and that amount doesn't cover the necessary expenses, much less the costs associated with running the guild meetings, workshops, or speakers.

Workshops are meant to be self sustaining. If we leave a seat open in a workshop we are losing money on that speaker. The workshops on Friday and Saturday also cover the fee charged by the speaker for the Thursday night lecture.

Without your help attending workshops, supporting fundraising activities and selling raffle tickets we can not meet our Annual Expenses.

When the Board asks for your help we are asking because we want to provide you with everything that you expect year after year.

Laura Suich and Lanakila Alexander

Holiday Potluck Social!

We will celebrate the holidays together with a limited "Potluck Social" at our December meeting.

We are asking members to bring one of the following finger foods to share: Cheese & Crackers, Fruit, or Cookies and your own beverage. The guild will provide paper goods.

To promote conversations and sharing among the membership we will set up the hall with round tables and chairs. We are looking forward to having you join us!

December 2015

President's Message

Dear Guild,

Signs everywhere declare that we have entered the 'Season of Giving'. Every year it seems that the Christmas holiday season gets started earlier and earlier, with decorations popping up even before Halloween. I am not a woman of faith, but the commercialization of the whole 'Season of Giving' still makes me bitter. A few years ago my family decided to cancel holidays. We see each other when the prices for flights aren't insane, we eat turkey, ham, and pumpkin pie any time we please, and we don't stress about finding the perfect gift for absolutely everyone we know. So often those gifts are chosen out of a sense of obligation and given hardly a second thought by the recipient after the initial glow wears off.

Any cook can tell you that to counter a bitter taste, you just need to add in some sweet with a touch of salty. My entire 'Season of Giving' was rescued in just 5 minutes during the last guild meeting. Take my Bah Humbug Bitterness, add in more than 80 (EIGHTY!!!) charity quilts along with a touch of salt from my misty eyes, and voila! A couple of months ago we asked our members to help us collect a little more for the charities so that we could give more during a time when so many are often forgotten. It truly renewed my faith in humanity to see so many beautiful quilts come out for the charity parade that there literally was no room to move! These were gifts made from a sense of caring rather than obligation.

Just 4 days after this beautiful event, I received the following email through the guild email address:

"Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt you made for my mother-in-law. She is at Universal Healthcare off Perry Creek Road. When she was younger she made about 125 quilts to give to her four children. They are a treasure to us!! She is 95 years old now and is not able to quilt. We appreciate your thoughtfulness!!"

The 'Season of Giving' just kept giving when that very same guild meeting was featured in a very, very famous blog.

"The Capital Quilt Guild in Raleigh is a wonderful group with a very huge heart!"- Bonnie K. Hunter <http://quiltville.blogspot.com/2015/11/>

I have no words that can adequately capture my emotions, so I will share an appropriate quote instead. "I'm all toasty inside. And I'm leaking."- The Grinch

A hui hou kākou (Until we meet again),

Lanakila

Bee Keeper

The Board is helping me look for a second person to help run the Bee Keeper position. This is a very easy job, but also very important, as the Bees are small groups within the larger guild which keep us more connected.

There is a new Bee that has started at Wish Upon a Quilt Shop. This is a charity group only. What a great opportunity to make new friends and do something for the community.

Barbara Becker



2016 North Carolina
Quilt Symposium
at William Peace University
Raleigh, June 2nd-5th

Quilting with the Stars

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Many thanks for the nametags you are making. We received some of them back already and more of you picked up some kits to work on. We are looking forward to seeing where we stand at the December meeting. More kits will be available in December. Thank you for helping!

Sue Ann Jatko and Marsha Tolley, chairs, Symposium 2016

Check out all the updates on our Symposium website
<http://capitalquilters.org/symposium2016/>



Block Party

Congratulations to our November Winners: Anne Allen and Judy Hamrick Carolyn and I have been very excited about the participation in Block Party. It has been a lot of fun for us. 30 Blocks sets were turned in for November.



The block distributed this month is the Baby Chinese Coin. The block instructions are posted on our social media sites. Contact us for the focus fabric if you missed it during the meeting.

Thanks, Barb and Carolyn

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For Sale

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Nametag Drawing

Create a handcrafted nametag that you feel represents your style of quilting. Each time you wear it to a meeting, you may enter a drawing for a door prize. Be sure to fill out your drawing form at the hostess table.



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Teachers and Workshops

Bonnie Hunter's lecture and workshops in November were very inspirational. The lecture describing her Scrap Users System and the accompanying trunk show were fabulous. On Friday students learned tips and tricks for completing Roll, Roll, Cotton Boll and on Saturday we worked on Texas Tumbleweed. Bonnie's enthusiasm and creativity was contagious.

Don't forget to check out the spring speakers and sign up for a class.

Our workshops are held at Highland United Methodist Church from 9 am—3:30 pm. You may register at the guild meeting or mail your registration form to Debby Femia at 4408 Irving Ct, Raleigh NC 27609



Workshop Registration

Name _____

Member fee \$50.00

Phone _____

Non-member fee \$60.00

Home Address _____

Email _____

Teacher	Class	Date	Amount	Check#/Cash
Allison Lee	Quilt as You Go-Go Log Cabin & Pineapple	Fri, Mar 18, 2016		
Allison Lee	Quilt as You Go-Go Bias Tape Applique	Sat, Mar 19, 2016		
Gudrun Erla	Stripology	Fri, Apr 22, 2016		
Gudrun Erla	Scandinavian Style	Sat, Apr 23, 2016		

Registration forms and payments may be sent to Debby Femia at 4408 Irving Ct, Raleigh NC 27609

Registration for Spring workshops are now open to guild members only until January 15th. After that Spring workshops will be open to the public. No refunds will be issued if participant withdraws 30 days or less before date of workshop.



The library was a busy place last month, and it is sure to be the same this month!

Generous magazine donations continue to pour into the library. Thank you to all of those kind souls because the magazines are always very popular and appreciated.

Five new books are being added to the library collection. I purchased all three Linda Hahn books in October: *New York Beauty Simplified*, *New York Beauty Diversified*, and *Rock That Quilt Block: Weathervane*. Linda also signed and donated *Insider's Guide to Quilting Careers*!

Bonnie Hunter was also generous in November when she signed and donated *String Fling: Scrappy, Happy, and Loving It!* This book has that fabulous pineapple quilt pattern in it! Come by the library this month and check out these books!

Happy reading and sewing,

Ginger



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Charity and Outreach

Put a star on your calendar for Saturday, January 23rd and plan to attend the Charity Workshop that day at Highland United Methodist Church. More details will be in next month's newsletter.

Spotlight on Charity Donations

Charity	Goal	Received this Month	Total to date
Quilts on Wheels	225	44	111
Walker Bags		17	43
Quilts For Kids	225	18	74
SAFEChild	225	22	112

I wanted to let you know that I double checked the numbers for the Quilt Donations to date and they are now correct. Thank you to the person that asked me to check this out. FYI - There were no numbers submitted for the quilts donated in July.

Kim Zebrowski



Holiday Blocks

We had quite a few completed block kits returned at the November meeting. All kits must be turned in at the December meeting so that we can hold our drawings for the winners. Make sure you have filled out the two name tags and attached one to the block and the second will be used for the drawing. If you are not going to be able to attend, please send your block in with a friend. If you did not complete your block, return your kit (you will not be eligible for the drawing).

Good luck to everyone who participated in Holiday blocks. Hopefully there will be some lovely quilts completed from these kits in time for our June quilt show.

Ina Stringfellow

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Charity Groups
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Membership

Please come by to pick up your membership card at the Membership table at the next guild meeting.

Also, if you are not receiving email reminders about the guild meeting, please check with us to make sure we have your correct email address. Thanks!

Christine Vitron and Ginny Nugent

Sunshine & Shadows

We want to recognize the passing of Ruth Ann Shorter in late October.

If you (or someone you know in the guild) has some exciting news, or experienced a loss, please let me know by email, (loishmccoy@gmail.com) or phone (919.266.1045) so that I can send them a note from the guild.

Thanks! Lois McCoy



2015 - 2016 Guild Leadership

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Teachers & Workshops—Debby Femia & Remnants Bee
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Symposium Co-Chairs: Sue Ann Jatko & Marsha Tolley

Committee Members

Bee Keeper—**VACANT**
Block Party—Carolyn Ruby & Barbara Biggs
Fundraising—Ginny Nugent
Holiday Blocks—Ina Stringfellow & Material Girls Bee
Hostess—Sue Hatch & Martha Bragg
Library—Ginger Cherry
Raffle Quilt—Penny Prichard
Secret Pals—Nancy Adams
Sunshine & Shadows—Lois McCoy
Quilts for Kids—Arlene Vining
Quilts on Wheels—Anne Allen
SAFEChild—Myra Martin
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\$10—Classified \$10—Business Card
\$20—Quarter Page \$40—Half Page

Ads are due on Guild meeting night for the next month's issue.



Sleigh Rides & Cider

A Winter Night at
Oak View

December 5, 2015
5:00 - 7:30 pm

Ride in a horse-drawn carriage
Play a game of Holiday Bingo
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Sleigh Rides & Cider

Thank you so much to those of you who donated items for the Historic Oak View County Park's Sleigh Rides and Cider event on Saturday, December 5, 2015

They have been so good to us with allowing us to have our quilt auction there for quite a few years. I am glad we can support them with some boutique items for them to sell to raise some money for their projects.

Ginny Nugent

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Thank you for your love and support this year.

Don't miss our big after Christmas sale December 26th – 31st.

We close at noon on the 24th & 31st.

Upcoming Events

Guild Meeting Dates

Temple Beth Or

5315 Creedmoor Road
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Thursdays

December 17 – Holiday Blocks

January 21 – Silent Auction including up to 30 quilts (some vintage) from the Heritage Day donations.

Other Events

December 13, 2015 The Scrap Exchange Sewing Event

2050 Chapel Hill Rd., Durham
Bring a project, buy materials to work with. Textile artist Christine Ramsey will assist. Register at sewsunday.event.brite.com

Feb 29—May 5 Academy of Applique, Williamsburg, VA,
www.academyofapplique.com

June 2 –5 Quilting With the Stars – NC Quilt Symposium; William Peace University, Raleigh, NC

Workshop Dates & Titles

Highland United Methodist Church

1901 Ridge Rd, Raleigh, NC 27607
9 am—3:30 pm

January 23 - Charity Workshop

March 18— Alison Lee, Quilt As You Go, Log Cabin & Pineapple www.thego-goquilter.com

March 19— Alison Lee, Quilt As You Go, Bias Tape Applique

April 22— Gudrun Erla, Stripology
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April 23— Gudrun Erla, Scandinavian Style

Workshop in Fayetteville—February 21—22

Joan Ford trunk show and workshop

Tarheel Guild website

<https://tarheelpiecemakers.wordpress.com/>

Joan's website <http://hummingbird-highway.com/>

Workshop in Durham - Nancy Mahoney on April 16 – 18, 2016

Quilt/Vendor Shows

December 6, 2015 Sew 'n Sews Quilt Show & Craft Sale

Hillsborough Presbyterian Church 102 W. Tryon St, Hillsborough 1 – 5 pm

January 8 & 9 2016 The Quilting and Fiber Art Marketplace www.quiltersgallery.net

Dennis A Wicker Civic Center, 1801 Nash St, Sanford, NC 27330

January 14 - 17 2016

Kanuga Knitting & Quilting Annual Retreat www.kanuga.org/KKQ
130 Kanuga Chapel Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28739

January 29-30, 2016 The Quilting & Needle Art Extravaganza
Statesville Civic Center 300 S. Center St., Statesville, NC

February 25 - 28, Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, VA

April 2016 TBD Springtime in the Carolinas Quilt Show by the Rutherford Quilt Guild
Isothermal Community College, Student Union 286 ICC Loop Road (off Route 74 Alt), Spindale, NC
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