



The Thimbleful

Capital Quilters Guild

Raleigh, North Carolina

April 2022

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2022

6:30 Social

7:00 Meeting Begins

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

Remember to Bring:

President Challenge Quilts

Quilt Show Quilts for Sharing

Name tag

Membership pin

Comfort Quilts

New Membership Forms and Dues

Winter/Spring Workshop Sign-up Sheet

And of course.... A Quilting Friend!

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April
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President's Message

Hi Everyone!

Welcome to Spring and what a wonderful month March was for the guild! An enormous THANK YOU should go out to the amazing Quilt Show Committee and all who participated in our show. It was great success, and we will share more information about that at the next guild meeting.

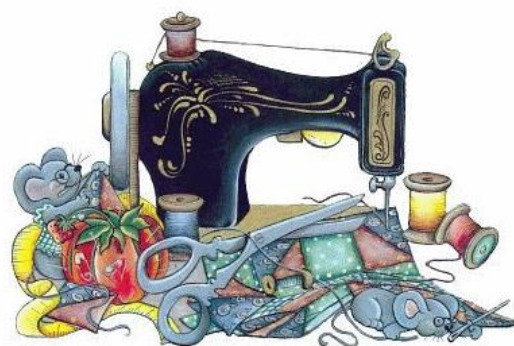
For the April Guild Meeting, I would love for as many people as possible to bring in some of the quilts they entered into the quilt show. Some many people had questions for the makers of these quilts that I would love to have a show-n-tell where people could ask the quilter about their work. Please bring your entries whether they had been judged or not. Don't be shy! There is so much that we can learn from one another.

In addition, don't forget to bring your President's Challenge Quilts to the meeting. We will vote as a guild for viewer's choice. In addition, Cary Quilting Company has offered to hang these quilts in their meeting area in the month of May. Everyone should have received information when they picked up their quilt from the show regarding this opportunity. It is very exciting to know that these quilts will hang beyond the quilt show and meeting. Thank you to Cary Quilting Company. We are seeking other venues to show our work as the display certainly caught the attention of many people and the diversity of the entries really reflects many different styles of quilting.

Finally, the guild is updating the Mask Policy. While the Board is aware that there is no longer a mask mandate in place, we continue to encourage members to wear their masks at guild gatherings. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home, take care of yourself and we will see you next time.

Happy Quilting!

Anna



From The Board...



The Board would like to thank the Quilt Show Chairs Sue Ann Jatko & Nora Bailey and their Committee for all their work for this year's amazing 2022 Quilt Show. It was an exceptional year!

We would also like to thank Irene Thomas for all her hard work this past year finding events, wrangling volunteers and selling out tickets! What a successful fundraiser!

Fundraising

I just want to send a big thank you to everyone who that was involved in designing, making of the raffle quilt, volunteered sitting events, selling and buying tickets and volunteering at the quilt show. It was an amazing effort and we **SOLD OUT** of tickets this year!!!

As a reminder to members that volunteered making blocks for this year's raffle quilt, please bring your block to the this month's guild meeting. If you are unable to attend, please let me know so I can pick up the block.

Our goal is to have the top put together and off to the quilter by April 21st. Raffle ticket sales should begin in early May.

Any questions? Just let me know.

Irene Thomas

Buckeyegirlict@gmail.com



Masking at Meetings

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Board and Committee Members Wanted—We Need YOU!

This year we have several board and committee members finishing their time and we are looking to fill those positions. If you are interested in a position, please the Board President or any board member. If you are unsure, ask to shadow the position for a few months to get a feel of what we do. Without dedicated volunteers, our guild could not continue all the good works and fun we enjoy. Can you imagine a world with no comfort quilts, block party, or quilt show? **The HORROR!** Please, volunteer today.



Winter/Spring Workshops

June In Person Workshops, The Pizza Girls (The Quilters Gallery) – 6/17 and 6/18

The Quilter's Gallery was a full service quilt shop run by Patti Cline and Cindy Page in Charlotte, NC for over 25 years. They closed their shop in 2006 and are doing quilt shows, guild programs and workshops. They got the nickname, "The Pizza Girls" because of their fabric packaging. Their specialty is making kits, coordinating fabrics for maximum impact for each project and packaging them to look like pizzas.

15 Degrees – Friday 6/17: Member \$55 & Non-member \$75

15 degrees is something a little different. It looks like curves, but everything is straight sewing. \$20 kit includes 15 degree ruler, 9" Stack and Whack), fabric strips for two blocks and an e-pattern. The class covers the basic technique and demo other wedge rulers – from miniature blocks to a 48" centerpiece. Appropriate for beginners.



Jack's Chain – Saturday 6/18: Member \$55 & Non-member \$75

Everyone loves this quilt. This was Cindy's pandemic quilt. Yes, you can make one too. You will need to do some prep work before class and the quilt has Y seams. Each quilter will need to make some 9-patches before class. \$29.95 person for the templates and pattern. Appropriate for more experienced quilters.

August In Person Workshops, Nina Clotfelter – 8/19 and 8/20



Nina has a passion for free motion quilting! “There is SO much freedom to do anything you wish and ability to express your creativity. Free motion quilting does NOT have to be an expensive endeavor! NO long arm is necessary! You can use your DOMESTIC sewing machine!”

Nina lives in Mobile Alabama and taught at the Houston Quilt Festival in 2021. She is an educator for WonderFil Specialty threads and loves to teach. “There is Nothing more fun and satisfying than to share what you love with others who then become successful! Traveling and teaching are two of my favorite things. My most favorite thing in life is meeting new wonderful quilters”

Beginning Free Motion Quilting – Friday 8/19: Member - \$55 & Non-Member \$75

Been afraid to try free motion quilting? Come let Nina hold your hand...you'll learn ALL the basics and more! You'll learn how much fun free motion quilting on your domestic machine can be! We REALLY do start at the very beginning! This class is for YOU! You'll come away with new found confidence and a sampler you can refer to for many different designs...that you'll create! Come on...let's start the fun!

Enrollment is limited to 16 people.



Ruler Work on a Domestic Machine – Saturday 8/20: Member \$55 and Non-Member \$75

In this Beginner class you learn how to hold and work with RULERS on your domestic machine. You will start at the beginning with how to prepare the RULER and why this is important. You will work with a special RULER designed just for this class with 4 different shapes on it. By the end of class each student has successfully managed the RULER as well as learned to think with a RULER and created a block using the RULER. RULER Work is a GREAT way to enhance your Free Motion Quilting! \$50 supply fee includes: Class RULER, Drawing circle, Mechanical pencil, True Grips, Needle, Single hole needle plate trick

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Our Committee Reports...

Sunshine and Shadows

As *the Sunshine and Shadows* Chairperson, I will send out cards as needed to Guild members on behalf of the entire Guild. These cards are to express congratulations, get well wishes or condolences. Please contact me, Joni Amerson/
Sunshine & Shadows, at: information@capitalquilters.org



Comfort Quilts

Spotlight on Comfort Quilt Donations				
Charity	Goal for 21/22	Received in March	Received this Year	Drawing Winners
Quilts on Wheels	1000 Quilts!	48	342	This months winners: Caroline Swanson, Lynn Farrell, and Joyce Bubar.
Walker Bags				
Quilts for Kids		31	263	
Newborn Hats		4		
Flannel Receiving Blankets		2		
QFK Pillow Cases				
SAFEchild/Green		35	390	
Comfort Quilts				
Other:				

Bee Keeper



If anyone would like to be part of a bee, please email me your first name, last name and email address, phone number and city and zip code. I have received some lists with the existing bees that I might need to update and I'll do my best to match you up with one near your zip code. If you want a bee in the am or pm on a particular day of the week that would be helpful also. Please note that due to COVID some bees still aren't meeting in homes currently.

"Billie" Houchens sbshouchens@comcast.net

Block Party

At the March meeting we collected blocks from January and February – Hearts and Shamrocks (since there was no meeting in January both were distributed in February). We received 19 Heart blocks which were won by Pam Dube'. We collected 17 Shamrock blocks, which were won by Joyce Bubar. Congratulations to both lucky winners!!

We distributed patterns and materials for the Tulip block. We supplied the background and stem/leaf fabrics, but participants get to pick their favorite tulip color or colors for the two flowers. You could use yellow, red, pink, purple blenders, batiks, or prints. I'm looking forward to seeing all the pretty spring colors when you return your block at the April meeting! Remember to fill out a slip when you return your finished block so that your name is entered in the drawing. There may be enough materials left for one or two more blocks if you are interested in making one to turn in for the drawing.

Remember there will be a prize in July for the person who made the most blocks during the year. AND you still have time to make yourself a sampler quilt using all the patterns that we used during the year. The patterns that we have used so far this year are all on the Guild website Block Party page if you need them and were posted on our Facebook page. In July we will have a show and tell of the sampler quilts with a prize drawing. Don't worry if your quilt is not completed, just bring your **quilt top!**

If you have any questions or need any help with anything Block Party, please contact Jan at jchvatal2@gmail.com.

See you at the April meeting for the next fun block!

Thanks,

Jan Chvatal & Cindy Prow

Tulip Block

Materials Needed:

Fabric 1. Cream (cutting diagram below):

- A Four $2 \times 3 \frac{1}{2}$ inch rectangles
- B Four $2 \frac{1}{2} \times 3$ inch rectangles
- C Twelve $2 \frac{1}{4}$ inch squares

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Fabric 2. Green (cutting diagram below):

- D Two $1 \frac{1}{2} \times 6 \frac{1}{2}$ inch rectangles
- E Four $3 \times 4 \frac{1}{2}$ inch rectangles

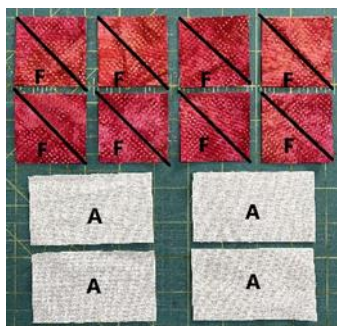
$3 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$	$3 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$	$3 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$	$3 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$
$6\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$		

Fabric 3: Your Choice

- F Eight 2 inch squares
- G Two $5 \times 6 \frac{1}{2}$ inch rectangles

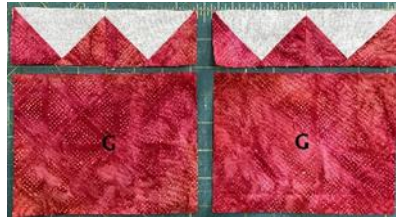
Step 1: Make the Flying Geese

Select the four A rectangles from Fabric 1 and the eight F squares from Fabric 3. Mark diagonal lines on all eight of the F squares as shown below left. Place one F square on each of the A rectangles. Stitch on the diagonal lines, trim seams to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, and press toward each square. Then place one of the remaining F squares on the other end of the rectangle as shown below right. Stitch on the diagonal lines, trim seams to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, and press toward the squares.



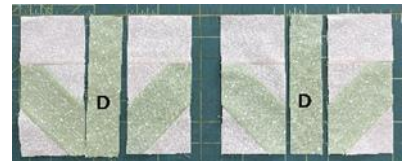
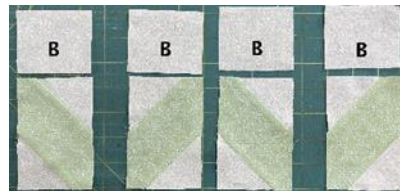
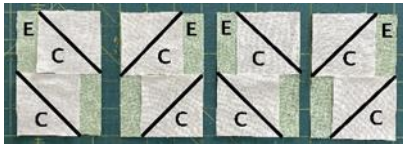
Step 2: Finish the flower

Line up two flying geese next to each other as shown below left. Stitch the short sides together, and press seams open. Repeat on the other two flying geese. Using the G pieces from Fabric 3, line up the flying geese at the top of the G pieces as shown below center. Stitch the flying geese pieces to the G pieces. Press one seam toward the geese and one toward piece G. From Fabric 1, select the twelve C pieces. Mark each with a diagonal line on the wrong side of the fabric. Set aside 8 of the C pieces. Using the remaining four C pieces, place them on the G pieces as shown below right. Stich on the diagonal lines, trim to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and press them all toward the G pieces.



Step 3: Make the Stems

From Fabric 2, select the four E pieces the remaining eight C pieces from step 2. Arrange the C squares as shown below left; note the directions of the diagonal lines. Stitch all C pieces to the E pieces on the diagonal lines. Trim seams to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Press toward the E pieces. Using these completed pieces and the B pieces from Fabric 1, arrange as shown below center. Stitch the B pieces to the C/E leaf pieces. Press toward the B pieces. Arrange the petal pieces on either side of the two D pieces, as shown below right. Stitch the petal pieces to the D pieces. Press the seams toward the D pieces.



Step 4: Complete the block!

Arrange the flowers and stems as shown to the right. Seam each flower to its stem. Press the seams in opposite directions. Seam the two flowers together. Press the seam open.

Happy Spring!



One Quilter's Experience

By Darlene Silverman

Disclaimer: I do not hold myself out as an expert. I know that many of you know so much more than I do. I share my experience in the hope of helping newer quilters as well as to stimulate conversation among more experienced quilters. I welcome feedback and differing views, as we are all on this journey together and can only benefit from hearing each other. (If you are reading this in the newsletter, please weigh in on Facebook.)

ONE THING

What is the one thing you can do to improve your quilts and increase your enjoyment of quilt-making? After the obvious skill-building, such as attaining accuracy in cutting, stitching and pressing, the single most important thing to add to your experience is. . . other quilters! Nothing has taught me more nor has improved my skills more than my relationships with other quilters. The opportunity to share ideas; to accompany my friends as they progress through their projects; to learn how they go through their creative process; to see my projects through their eyes and not just my own; to have a support system to help me get past my own creative and technical hurdles — all of this has been incalculably valuable to me.

I am actually the fortunate member of two creative bees and each has its own distinctive flavor — the wonderful group dynamics that come from a unique mix of individuals. Each has changed with time due to the natural process of members going through their life journeys, as they leave or join, removing from or adding to the group with their skills and taste and sense of humor.

I know the pandemic (in all its iterations and accompanying worries and confusion) has been a challenge to us all — as individuals, as families, as friends, as a Guild. I have found strength and comfort in many things. Without question, one of these has been my quilting friends. In addition to making me a better (and happier!) quilter, I am quite certain that they have also helped to keep me sane. [Feel free to insert snarky comment questioning my sanity here.]

While bees come in many flavors and each needs to find a formula that works for its members, I can tell you that spending time together in a room, working on projects and leaning on each other for advice and encouragement is a bonding experience. Attending an all-day sew day or, better yet, a multi-day retreat allows your bee to get to know each other in a way nothing else can. Road trips to quilt shows, shops and museums are more fun when they are bee activities. Group projects of all kinds are wonderfully enriching

and well worth the effort of coordinating with members of your bee.

It is part of the fascinating math of the human experience that joys shared multiply and sorrows shared divide. My advice to all of you is to find your people. Find fellow quilters to enhance and expand your joy in quilting. If you can't find a bee to join, make one. Bees are just a bunch of people who share an experience and, like all experiences, the more you are willing to put into it, the more you will likely get out of it.

Next up: Mitering

(Suggestions for future topics gratefully accepted.)



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Bee Keeper: Billie Houchens

Block Party: Jan Chvatal

Holiday Blocks: The Remnants Bee (Darlene Silverman)

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Quilts on Wheels: Sue Hatch

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Sunshine & Shadows: Joni Amerson

Quilt Show: Sue Ann Jatko & Nora Bailey

To contact us, email: information@capitalquilters.org

Upcoming Events!

CQG Workshop Dates

- Jun 17** “15 Degrees” with The Pizza Girls
June 18 “Jack’s Chain” with The Pizza Girls
Aug 19 Beginning Free-Motion Quilting with Nina Clotfelter
Aug 20 Ruler Work on a Domestic Machine with Nina Clotfelter

Quilt/Vendor Shows

- Jul 15-16** The Columbia Quilting Expo

Other Events of Interest

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Let us know if there are any other events of interest you would like to see noted in our Newsletter.



Capital Quilters Guild Membership Form

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Help us confirm that our records are accurate by completing all the information below:

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Phone_____

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Email_____

In Person Workshop – Member fee: \$55 Non-member fee: \$75

<u>Teacher:</u>	<u>Class:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Amt: Cash/Ck#/Chg</u>
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<u>Quilters Gallery</u>	<u>In Person 15 Degrees</u>	<u>6/17/22</u>	
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<u>Quilters Gallery</u>	<u>In Person Jack's Chain</u>	<u>6/18/22</u>	
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<u>Nina Clotfelter</u>	<u>In Person Beg. Free Motion</u>	<u>8/19/22</u>	
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<u>Nina Clotfelter</u>	<u>In Person Beg Ruler Work</u>	<u>8/20/22</u>	
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Total:_____

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