



The Thimbleful

Capital Quilters Guild

Raleigh, North Carolina

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, Dec 18th

6:30 p.m. Social Time

7:00 p.m. Call to Order

PROGRAM

100% Social!

Bring along Cookies, Veggies, or Fruit to share.

LOCATION

Temple Beth Or

5315 Creedmoor Road

Raleigh NC 27612

Holiday Blocks

Cathy Kirk

Blocks must be completed and turned in at the December meeting. If you cannot attend in December, send your blocks in with a friend that will be there.

Each block returned complete will qualify the participant for one entry into the drawing for all of the blocks from that set. We plan to have a show of President's Challenge and Holiday Block quilts in June. Join the fun!

Charity Groups & Community Outreach

Ann Young

We had a really nice Charity Quilt Parade at our November meeting. Our Guild has soooo many talented and generous members!!! Thank you for your donations to all of our groups.

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The Cutting Bee, which supports our Charity Groups, has a new project that will be beneficial to the Guild and to individual members. This Bee relies on fabric donations from quilters who are cleaning out stashes. Sometimes those fabric pieces are small items that can only be cut into small pieces. We have used those pieces to cut 5 inch charm squares. We've got so many, that we decided to bundle them up into charm square packs and give them to you as Guild members for a small donation of \$2.00. What a bargain!! We will have them at Guild meetings. Please take a look at them for your next charity project. They will be at the Charity Groups tables for the next few months.

Our Winter Charity workshop will be held on Saturday, January 24 at Highland Methodist Church. We plan to have a special class for beginner or new quilters. Please reserve your space by January 15. This opportunity is open to both members and non-members!

Happy Holiday Quilting!



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NEW QUILTING BEE INTEREST MEETING

NC State Campus Area Bee
Thursday, December 4th
5:30 pm, SAS Hall, Room 1218
Email LMAlexa2@ncsu.edu

Charity Quilts	Received		Annual Goal
	NOV	YTD	
Quilts on Wheels Bonus Walker Bags!	22 27	102 47	200
Quilts for Kids	24	135	200
SAFEchild	19	77	200

President's Message

Dear Quilters,

Two things about this time of year are terrific for quilters, cooler weather and time for gifts - what a great time to share our quilts with others. Wait, who am I trying to kid? We passed cooler weather and have gone all of the way to COLD weather! Like many folks in the Raleigh area, I am not a native North Carolinian but I did get here as quickly as I could. I moved to Greensboro when I was 21 and have had the joy of living all over this great state. Love the weather, love the people, and I love the culture.

I am working on a tuffet as a gift for my younger son. I can see why the woman who teaches these classes has 11 of them in her home. They are gorgeous and addicting to make. I know I will be making a few more in the next few months.

A recent conversation among board members prompted, in my mind, a question - What is quilting? To me quilting is many things. When I refer to "a quilt I made" I usually mean a quilt that I have pieced and someone else has done the actual quilting on. In Britain they would refer to me as a piecer which is much more accurate but I still call myself a quilter. Quilting is, as we all know, technically, the application of stitches to three (or more) layers to secure the layers together. We all also know that it can be so much more than that. To me, quilting is historical, it is also social, practical and most of all, an art form.

For generations women gathered around quilt frames in all sorts of cultures. While there, children played underneath while the women solved problems of the world, cared for one another, shared advice and laughed. Today, we keep up that tradition with Bees, retreats, shop hops, and trips to big shows. Women have been combining their piecing and quilting skills for centuries as a way of raising money for causes, celebrating an accomplishment, a marriage or the birth of a baby.

There is something in the human spirit that prompts us to look for art in the everyday practical, oft repeated acts. We see it everywhere - the blacksmith who makes beautiful grill work to go over a door or to adorn the fireplace tool or the chef that presents the food as if it were a work of art - something to be enjoyed by all the senses. Japanese peasants elevated their need to make fabrics last for generations by mending and repairing to an artform known as Sashiko, a type of Japanese embroidery. I imagine that the first quilts were made out of a need for warmth and a way of using up every bit of fabric. Out of that need rose the art form we, as a guild, cherish.

The bylaws of Capital Quilters guild charge us with promoting and educating others - "It shall be the purpose and goal of the Guild to promote and perpetuate the art of quilting. The work of the Guild is designed to educate all persons interested in preserving, continuing, and advancing this art. The Guild shall encourage a high standard of design and technique in all forms of quilting, and shall promote the art of quilting by teaching, sponsoring exhibits, and community outreach. The Guild shall encourage the respect of all copyright laws." As a board, we constantly refer to these words to make sure that every decision we make promotes and perpetuates the art of quilting. That is our job, that is who we are, that is what we must do to continue as a guild.

I believe that, as a guild, we define quilting as the combining of little pieces of fabric into making one larger piece of fabric and using that larger piece of fabric to make something beautiful. Sometimes that something beautiful is a "blanket", sometimes it is a garment and sometimes it is a piece of art to hang on the wall and enjoy. No matter the final form we celebrate the process of its creation.

However you define quilting, I hope that you are getting the chance to enjoy it - either the process or the fruits of your labor.

Happy Stitching,

Penny Prichard



The 2014-2015 President's Challenge Mystery Quilt

* Enjoy the breather this month and we'll start up again in January!

GUILD LEADERSHIP

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Email us at info@capitalquilters.org. Individual contact information is available in the Member Directory.

THE GUILD LIBRARY

Ginger Cherry, Librarian

I hope everyone is enjoying the books they checked out last month; Nancy and I certainly enjoy seeing everyone! We also appreciate all of the wonderful donations of books and magazines. We hope to have a sale in the spring when we have a larger stockpile of books. The magazines are very popular, so consider donating any you are not reading!

Quilting fiction donations are also especially appreciated because they are popular and ours are well read.

Please let us know if you find any errors in books. We can put notes in the books so that the next reader will have an easier time.

Thank you for making the library such a great resource for the guild. Happy Reading!

SHARING THE SUNSHINE & THE SHADOWS



Help us to show that we care! We would like to send get-well wishes, expressions of sympathy, or congratulations to members on behalf of the entire guild, but we need your help to know when these things happen.

At the meetings, you can fill out a slip available on the stage and leave it with the front table.

In between meetings, please do not hesitate to contact Ginny Nugent via info@capitalquilters.org



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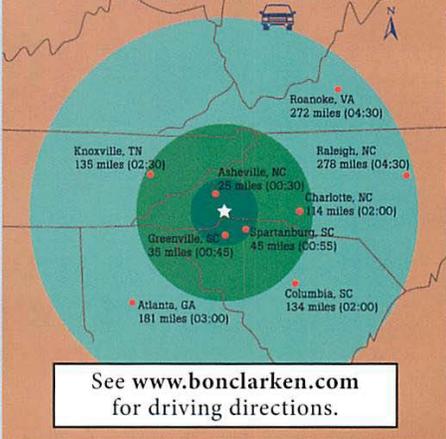


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MARCH WORKSHOPS w/ AMANDA MURPHY

Friday, March 20
Color Workshop

Have you ever wondered what to do with the wonderful variety of colors in your stash? Our perception of color is influenced by its quantity, saturation, and hue. One color can look quite different when placed in on a variety of backgrounds. Bring in your fabric and we'll learn what combinations are most successful and why.



Saturday, March 21
Improvitational Piecing

No rules! It is so fun to see everyone come out with a completely different but equally beautiful project. Various techniques used in improvisational piecing will be covered, including piecing and appliquéing curves, strip piecing, couching, beading, and using specialty stitches.



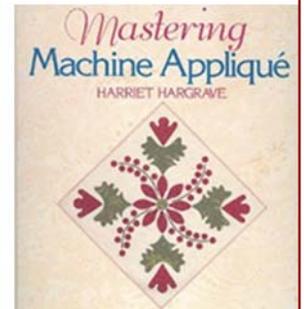
APRIL WORKSHOPS w/ HARRIET HARGRAVE

Friday, April 17
Trapunto or Padded Quilting

If you want to go to the next step with your machine quilting, nothing puts the WOW into a quilt like Trapunto. You will create a small whole-cloth quilt working with sateen fabric, wool batting and very fine threads. An easy and slick trick for grid quilting will be covered, as well as many useful background de-



Saturday, April 18
Invisible Machine Applique
Enjoy learning true, professional techniques for beautiful machine appliqué. Tried and true methods for achieving perfect appliqué by machine are stressed. Invisible machine appliqué techniques will give a hand appliqué appearance, and is Harriet's instant gratification technique.



MAY WORKSHOPS w/ FLAVIN GLOVER

Friday, May 22
Combined Log Cabin and Patchwork

A unique Log Cabin quilt with a different look. Learn to add extra design dimension and interest by joining Log Cabin blocks with various simple geometric patchwork blocks. Use a variety of blocks or select as few as two to develop a striking overall design. The block layouts of Cabins in the Snow, Nine Patch in Log Cabin, Five Star Combo, Holiday Star Table Topper and Center Star Expo illustrate block possibilities. If playing with color, cutting up fabric & sewing it back together appeals to you, come ready to experiment with many blocks to choose from.



Saturday, May 23
Coloring with Fabric
in Creative Patchwork

For quilters who wish to take traditional patchwork blocks to new design dimensions. Patchwork blocks such as Windmill, Friendship Star, Attic Windows, Log Cabin, Raiffence and Rob Peter to Pay Paul provide the opportunity for designing with a focus on color and fabric. Participants will loosen the reins on coordinated palettes. Stitch blocks to experiment focusing on color and design, or repeat one block where contrast is manipulated to create movement.



Workshops Are Great Gifts!!!

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Name _____

Phone _____

Home Address _____

Email _____

Teacher	Class	Date	Amount	Check#/Cash
Amanda Murphy	Color Workshop	March 20, 2015		
Amanda Murphy	Improvitational Piecing	March 21, 2015		
Harriet Hargrave	Trapunto or Padded Quilting	April 17, 2015		
Harriet Hargrave	Invisible Machine Appliqué	April 18, 2015		
Flavin Glover	Combine Log Cabin and Patchwork	May 22, 2015		
Flavin Glover	Coloring With Fabric in Creative Patchwork	May 23, 2015		

Registration forms and payments may be sent to Ina Stringfellow at 205 E. Jules Verne Way, Cary 27511
 Registration for the Spring workshops are open exclusively to guild members until January 15th. After these dates registration will be open to the public. No refunds will be issued if participant withdraws 30 days or less before date of workshop.

Member fee \$50.00
 Non-member fee \$60.00

Workshops are held at the Highland United Methodist Church at 1901 Ridge Road, Raleigh (corner of Ridge and Lake Boone Trail). They start at 9AM so be there early enough to get set up and ready to go by 9. You can pull into the circular drive on Lake Boone to unload your machine and supplies, the room is just inside this entrance, then you can park in the parking lot on Ridge. We submit a group lunch order from Village Deli during the morning session. Lunches cost either \$11-\$12, or you can bring a lunch - there is a refrigerator. We have water to drink, or you can bring whatever you prefer. Workshops end around 3:30.

Block Party

Kim Zebrowski

Hi All Block Partiers,

I want to thank all of you for participating in Block Party every month. Congratulations to our winners so far this year!

September winners of Square-in-a-square blocks—Lois McCoy, Maria Kleinman, and Jenny Myatt

October winners of Halloween Houses—Cassie Branderburg and Shirley Wasson

November winners of Purple Single-T blocks—Dolores Slater and Carol Smith

I have collected over 25 Red, White, and Black blocks for this year's Block Party Challenge. You have 2 more months to bring in a block or two to participate. The resulting quilts are going to be great!!

2014-2015 BLOCK PARTY CHALLENGE

	Use Red, Black, and White fabric; or just 2 of these colors if you like.
	Make a perfect block from a Block Party pattern used between September 2013 and December 2014. The patterns are available on Connecting Threads and on our Facebook Group.
	Blocks should be 12.5" square, unfinished. Please do not trim them!
	All blocks must be turned in by the January 2015 meeting.
	You will be entered into a special Block Party drawing; once for each block you turn in. Drawings will be held in February, March, April, and May.
	All submitted blocks will be made into either Charity Quilts or a Heritage Day Auction quilt.



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Treasurer's Report

Laura Suich

Below you will find the fiscal year financial report for the Guild. If you have any questions regarding the Guild finances, please feel free to contact me. Financial records are available for inspection during the meetings of the Guild and the Guild Board.

Capital Quilters Guild Budget vs. Actual July 2013 through June 2014

	Jul '13 - Jun 14	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4090 · Membership Dues	6,875.00	7,000.00
4091-93 · Newsletter/Directory/Misc	2,694.13	1,800.00
4170 · Program Revenue		
4171 · Workshop Fees	7,100.00	8,000.00
4172 · Silent Auction	678.50	800.00
4173 · Holiday Blocks	377.00	500.00
4174 · Fall Auction Quilts	10,058.50	7,800.00
Total 4170 · Program Revenue	18,214.00	17,100.00
4180 · Raffle Quilt Income	8,109.00	5,000.00
7010 · Interest Income	119.04	100.00
Total Income	36,011.17	31,000.00
Expense		
6610 · Committe Expense	2,579.60	2,520.00
6630 · Membership	88.71	150.00
6640 · Newsletter	548.85	900.00
6660 · Operational Expenses		
6661 · Meeting Location Rent	6,360.00	6,360.00
6662 · Storage Shed Rental	1,787.00	1,776.00
6663 · P.O. Box rental	128.00	124.00
6664 · Insurance	1,255.00	1,255.00
6665 · Accountant	3,980.00	2,500.00
6666 · Officer Expense	284.93	400.00
6669 · Bank Fees	68.23	250.00
6670 · State Fair	125.00	125.00
Total 6660 · Operational Expenses	13,988.16	12,790.00
6680 · Program Expense		
6681 · Speaker Fees	5,457.13	6,660.00
6683 · Workshop Fees	6,566.21	7,250.00
Total 6680 · Program Expense	12,023.34	13,910.00
6690 · Charities	5,548.18	5,225.00
6800 · Raffle Quilt Expense	2,333.89	2,300.00
Total Expense	37,110.73	37,795.00
Net Ordinary Income	-1,099.56	-6,795.00
Other Income/Expense		
9100 · Quilt Show Income	31,400.00	28,700.00
9500 · Quilt Show Expense	22,645.45	21,545.00
Net Other Income	8,754.55	7,155.00
Net Income	7,654.99	360.00



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UPCOMING QUILTING EVENTS	
Dec 18	Monthly Guild Meeting
Jan 9-10	The Quilting and Fiber Art Marketplace; Sanford, NC; www.quiltersgallery.net
Jan 15	Monthly Guild Meeting; Silent Auction!
Jan 24	Capital Quilters Guild Charity Workshop
Jan 30-31	The Quilting and Needle Art Extravaganza; Statesville, NC; www.quiltersgallery.net
Feb 19	Monthly Guild Meeting
Feb 22-Mar 1	Quilters Quarters of Waynesville "Quilting at Sea--Eastern Caribbean" Cruise; www.quiltersquartersnc.com
Feb 27-Mar 1	"Quilts & Chocolate" Retreat; Winston-Salem, NC; www.356quiltshop.com
Mar 13-14	Charlotte Quilters "Timeless Treasures Then and Now"; Charlotte, NC; www.charlottequiltersguild.org
Mar 19	Monthly Guild Meeting; featuring Amanda Murphy presenting "Fabric Design and How it Blends with Quilt Design"
Mar 20	Amanda Murphy Color Workshop
Mar 21	Amanda Murphy Workshop: Improvisational Piecing
Mar 20-21	Quilter's by the Sea Quilt Show; Wilmington, NC; www.quiltersbytheseaguild.org
Mar 20-22	"Quilts & Gardens" Retreat; Winston-Salem, NC; www.356quiltshop.com
Apr 16	Monthly Guild Meeting; featuring Harriet Hargrave presenting "Top Ten Tips to Becoming a Better Quilter"
Apr 17	Harriet Hargrave Workshop: Trapunto or Padded Quilting
Apr 18	Harriet Hargrave Workshop: Invisible Machine Applique
Apr 17-18	Heart of the Triad Guild "Nothing Could Be Finer"; www.hottqg.com
May 1-2	Star Quilters "Vintage to Modern"; Roanoke, VA; www.starquilters.org
May 15-16	Coastal Stars Quilt Show; Morehead City, NC; www.crystalcoastquiltersguild.org
May 21	Monthly Guild Meeting; featuring Flavin Glover presenting "Waste Not, Want Not--Depression Era Quilters"
May 22	Flavin Glover Workshop: Combine Log Cabin and Patchwork
May 23	Flavin Glover Workshop: Coloring with Fabric in Creative Patchwork
May 28-31	2015 NC Quilt Symposium; Flat Rock, NC; www.westernncquilters.org
June 18	Monthly Guild Meeting; Quilt Show of President's Challenge and Holiday Block quilts!
Aug 15	High Point Quilt and Vendor Show; High Point, NC
Sept 25-26	NC Piecemakers Quilt Show; Lincolnton, NC; www.ncpiecemakers.org
Oct 2-4	Asheville Quilt Show; www.ashevillequiltguild.org
Oct 16-17	Catawba Valley Quilt Show; www.catawbavalleyquiltersguild.com

Thanks to those members who have sent notices of upcoming events! Please let us know if you hear of any great opportunities and we'll be sure to include them in the newsletter.



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