

BETWEEN STITCHES

Crystal Coast Quilters' Guild

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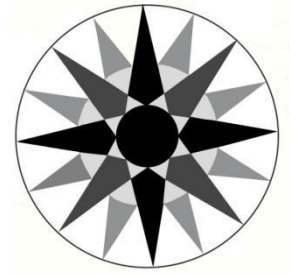
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A Message from Our President!!

WHAT IS ON YOUR DESIGN WALL?

So many things going on with this guild! It is hard to keep up with our individual stitching plans, isn't it? I hope no one can say that she is BORED!!!!

Just drop in to Drop-In some Tuesday, and get any doldrums worked out of your life. We've had stellar sessions recently. So many projects are being worked on by our members and so many are being shared at their various stages. Works-in-Progress are always inspiring, when we are asked to make suggestions about what to do next. A great creative exercising program!

We need to congratulate our gals who WON BIG at the Art from the Heart Show this year. Eileen Williams, Julie Aycock, and Tina Kisling all brought home awards and helped give fiber arts a boost. Way to go!

March 17 brings the Emerald Isle St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Laurie Mayo is heading up our sales for our opportunity quilt, "Holiday Stars." With the luck of the Irish we will sell many tickets and our pot at the end of the rainbow will be overflowing.

Our Facebook group (CCQG Show and Tell) has been having a lot of action and has been adding new members all the time. Thank you, Debbie Goines, for setting up this page for us, and for periodically sending out thought-provoking messages. One of them was, "What's on your design wall?"

Hmmmmmmmmmm! I bet many of our walls have the blocks from the kits Darlene Tracy distributed at our last meeting. These are for our next batch of Hero Quilts and they are stunning.

Have fun quilting!

Carol

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS!

**March 3 – Chris Pochwat March 4 – Elizabeth McCormick March 15 – Ginger Hoell
March 29 – Cathy Crandell March 31 – Molly Egan April 4 – Mary Frankle**

Wishing all of you a great birthday!!!!

NEXT MEETING

March 15, 2018.....Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church, Atlantic Beach at 6:00. Program for March will be presented by Susan Foster. Come and find out what quilting wisdom she will impart.

A VICE-PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE-"ONE OF THESE DAYS..."

I'm sure we have all at some time in our quilting journey, spoken these words, or at the very least, thought them. You started a quilt in a class, workshop, or you just want to try something new, but somewhere along the way to finishing it, other projects diverted your focus, and you never got back to it. So, let's make 2018 "one of these days"!

Uncover or find that project(s) that you started way back when. It may have been several years, or just a few months ago. But, it is now sitting at the back of the closet, or in the bottom of a drawer, box, or basket that you have placed on the back burner. Is it a quilt top waiting to be quilted, a top that just needs one more border, a quilt that needs the binding and a label, blocks that need to be pieced together, or a fresh look at an old design??? If I count correctly, we have 15 months until May, 2019, our next quilt show. That's plenty of time to finish that long-lost treasure and hang it in our SHOW for everyone to oooh and ahhh over!! Let's see what we can get done, now that "one of these days" is here! Nancy Smith

2018 RAFFLE QUILT TICKETS

We still have some of our 2018 Raffle ticket packets that have not been picked up by a few of our members! Please see Linda Randolph or Paula Johnson, if you have not gotten your tickets. Thank you!

2018 RAFFLE QUILT TRAVELS

Our "Holiday Stars" continues to travel the area. Completed exhibits include the New Bern Fabric Center in November, Sewing on the River in December, and the Myrtle Beach Quilt Party in January. The quilt is now at All About Quilting in Jacksonville for the month of February and the Shop Hop.

All of these businesses have been very supportive of our sales efforts. If you are in their areas, please stop by to thank them, and check out their fabrics and classes.

Suggestions for other venues for ticket sales' opportunities are always welcome! Laurie Mayo (252-354-3056) is spearheading the St. Patrick's Day outing in Emerald Isle. Nancy Smith (252-728-2672) is the leader of the Beaufort Historical Assn.'s Publick Day sales in April. Both events need our support. Just let Laurie or Nancy know that you would like to join in on a fun day.

If you need more tickets, please contact Paula Johnson (252-223-4850).

ARTQUILTpassions

PAQA-South (Professional Art Quilters Alliance - South) will present its members-only exhibit ARTQUILTSpassions at Page-Walker Arts & History Center, Cary NC, March 6 - May 13, 2018.

Dates: March 6 - May 13, 2018, Artist's reception: 6-8pm, April 27, 2018

Location: Page-Walker Arts & History Center, 119 Ambassador Loop, Cary, NC 27513.

Phone #: (919) 460-4963 -- Please call to confirm viewing hours.

Contact: Exhibits@paqa-south.org

Website: www.paqa-south.org

Eileen Williams has a piece in the exhibit!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL

We have been able to secure a booth space at the St. Patrick's Day Festival in Emerald Isle! The date is Saturday, March 17th. Our booth space is "N". It is just to the right of Michelangelo's Pizza restaurant. Vendors are to park along the sides of Highway 58. The festival runs from 9:00-6:00. If you are interested in helping to sell tickets that day, please contact Laurie Mayo: 252-622-8658 or islandquilter.nc@gmail.com.

DAY OF SHARING SAVE THE DATE!

WHEN: October 20, 2018

WHERE: First Baptist Church, MHC

THEME: "Coastal Stars"

GUEST SPEAKER: Guild member and Fiber artist, Eileen Williams

We will be having a workshop on May 19 to work on our favors. We would appreciate having your talented hands help us.

WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP UPDATES

APRIL 14 - 9:30 at Fort Benjamin. Eileen Williams will be teaching a mini-beachscape or landscape which will be displayed at Day of Sharing. This class is FULL.

MAY 19 - 9:30 at Fort Benjamin. Day of Sharing favors will be made. A thread catcher will be taught. All are welcome!

JUNE 16 - 9:30 at Fort Benjamin. Melissa Wells of The Happy Cottage will share her original TUFFET technique.

JULY 28 - 9:30 at Fort Benjamin. CHRISTMAS IN JULY! Jennifer Potts will show us how to make a wine/gift bag super fast. Additional projects to be added.

SEPTEMBER 15 - 9:30 at Fort Benjamin. Dianna Vaccarella, former owner of Sew It Seams, will teach "Flip Flops".

NOVEMBER 17 - 9:30 at Fort Benjamin. Happy has agreed to guide us through a flip and sew technique to make a 2-sided table runner which is quilted at the same time it's assembled!

HERO QUILTS

We are not having a workshop in March. Darlene will be making kits to hand out at the February and March meetings to anyone that is interested in helping to make quilts.

KIDS' QUILTS

Since 2010, 71 different members have earned a Kids' Quilts thank you pin. The following members earned a charm in 2017 to add to their pin at the February meeting: Karen Rettie, Happy Ewbank, Chris Pochwat, Carol Stens, Sandy Moore, Holly Schultz, Faith Smith, Judy Salchow, Naida Koraly, Sandy Zorek, Pat Bowes, Ramona Pennington, Cathy Crandell, Jan Willis, Bonnie Sturdevant, Patti Marraro, Vicky Garner and Ginger Hoell. A big thank you to these dedicated quilters.

Continue working on your unfinished kits. If you want a kids' quilt kit contact Holly at gsl303einc@yahoo.com. The kits have fabric, backing and batting for one quilt. All quilts are donated to the Domestic Violence shelter or Ronald McDonald House.

QUILT-A-MONTH VACANCY

The Quilt-a-Month hand quilting group currently has only one remaining vacancy for 2018. This group meets the last Tuesday of the month, following Drop-In. Each month members hand-quilt a section of a quilt that one of the members has prepared and distributed. The group also constructs a Christmas throw-size quilt during the year that one of the members wins at our December gathering. If interested in joining, or have any questions, please call Laurie Mayo at 252-622-8658.

NEW RETREAT OPTION

Ladies, looking for some time away to finish Christmas gifts. A retreat has been reserved at Carolina Charm Retreat Center in Tabor City. The dates are November 4-7 (Sunday -Wednesday). Space is limited. Cost \$250 (which includes all food and lodging), pictures and registration can be found on their website: carolinacharmquilting.com. Any questions contact Chris Pochwat.

NEW MEMBERS

Be sure to make your name tag using our club logo, as soon as possible. A drawing is held at each guild meeting for those wearing their name tag!

2019 RAFFLE QUILT

Progress is coming along. Since Karen Zaenker moved away (boohoo), Cathy Crandell has joined the committee. If you are also interested in joining the committee, please contact Chris Pochwat, Laurie Mayo, or Cathy Crandell.

NEWSLETTER ASSISTANT NEEDED

Karen Rettie, who had recently taken over the job of mailing out the hard copies of the newsletter, has decided to move closer to her children. As a result, there is a need for a new volunteer to pick up the copies from the UPS Store, address and stuff envelopes, and mail out any copies that are not picked up at Drop-In. There are only about 10-12 members who receive hard copies. If you would be willing to take care of this part of the newsletter distribution, please let Laurie Mayo (252-622-8658) know. We're not sure yet, when Karen is leaving, so this is not an urgent situation. Thank you!

LIBRARY NEWS

MISSING BOOKS:

The following books are missing from the Guild Library collection. Please check your bookcases at home and if found, return them to me.

The Jolly Bar Quilts by It's So Emma (Fat Quarter Shop)

Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns by Barbara Brackman

REMINDER:

The library is a resource for all Guild members. When you borrow a book from the collection, please sign your name on the card that is located in the back of the book, and place the card in the wooden box on the shelf.

NEW BOOKS:

The following books have been added to the Library collection.

Jelly Roll Quilts in a Weekend by Pam and Nicky Lintott

More Layer Cake, Jelly Roll, and Charm Quilts by Pam and Nicky Lintott

The Big Book of Strip Quilts by Karen M. Burns

Karen K. Stone Quilts by Karen K. Stone

DROP-IN QUILTING- EACH TUESDAY FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON

All quilters are invited to Drop-In at Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church in Atlantic Beach each week for quilting and chatting. Bring your own projects(s) to work on, share information, and visit with fellow quilters. Non-guild members are welcome.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

In case you missed the email messages, sadly, we lost two beloved members in January. Rosemary Kluber passed away suddenly on January 13th, and Nancy Kelly passed away on January 29th. Our sympathies to their families, and we will sorely miss these lovely ladies.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (* denotes CCQG event)

*Thursday, March 15, 2018.....CCQG Guild Meeting, Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church, Atlantic Beach at 6:00. Susan Foster will be presenting to program.

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