



President's Message

By Sue Lawrence

The pollen season is nearly done, and we can enjoy taking some hand sewing projects out into fresh air and sunshine. I like to pick up tasks like sewing on a hanging sleeve or mending that's been procrastinated, bringing them outside where I can hear bird songs and buzzing bees.

This spring, we're ushering in a new slate of officers and committee leaders. Let's recognize our fellow quilters who help run our guild. I'm grateful to each of you for saying "yes" to help in the coming year. The list is inside this newsletter. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



Dawn Filzen Loves Making Bags!



Dawn Filzen spoke to us about Bags. She learned to quilt in grade school from her Mom. She's been quilting for about 30 years now. She loves all things quilting:

pieced, collage, art quilts, paper piecing, bags, appliqué, free motion and she longarms quilts! She enjoys bright, fun, and creative fabrics. Her favorite designers include Riley Blake (Lori Holt), Moda, McKenna Ryan, Buttermilk Basin, By Annie, Sallie Tomato, and Angela Walters. She showed us





many styles of bags and variations to change up a pattern. She passed around the various bags and accessories that are available to get more creative. She showed different kinds of straps, zipper pulls, grommets and rivets that can be used to enhance you bag creations. She showed a bag made from Pendleton wool with a leather bottom, travel bags small and large.



In the Spotlight

Annie's Bag Workshop

Members working on their bag project at Sew Sew Studio led by Dawn Filzen







Some of the finished bags!

Business



Cotton Patch Quilters Monthly Statement		2023-2024		2023-2024	
April YTD Year 2023-2024		2023-2024	March YTD	April YTD	
		BUDGET	Final	Preliminary	
INCOME					
Community Service Income	\$ 1,200.00		274.00	324.00	
Door Prizes	\$ 500.00		492.50	587.00	
Fundraising	\$ 100.00		-	-	
Member Education	\$ 500.00		115.00	465.00	
Membership Dues	\$ 2,400.00		2,465.00	2,570.00	
Retailer Rewards	\$ 100.00		28.54	28.54	
Raffle Quilt Tickets	\$ 1,600.00		-	-	
2023 Net Quilt Show Income	\$ -		-	-	
Transfer from Money Market	\$ -		-	-	
Total Income	\$ 6,400.00		\$ 3,375.04	\$ 3,974.54	
EXPENSES					
Challenges	\$ 75.00		-	-	
Community Service Expense	\$ 1,200.00		1,112.69	1,112.69	
Raffle Quilt Expenses	\$ 500.00		57.13	57.13	
Door Prizes	\$ 200.00		107.83	107.83	
Internet & Historian	\$ 1,000.00		359.00	359.00	
Library	\$ 350.00		-	-	
Membership	\$ 350.00		243.56	243.56	
Member Education	\$ 5,000.00		3,305.05	4,546.98	
Newsletter	\$ -		-	-	
President's Expenses	\$ 150.00		214.80	214.80	
Social	\$ 200.00		45.23	108.74	
Sunshine	\$ 25.00		-	-	
Officers Exp/Mailbox	\$ 300.00		654.48	654.48	
Transfer to Money Market	\$ -		-	-	
Total Expenses	\$ 9,350.00		\$ 6,099.77	\$ 7,405.21	
BALANCE	\$ (2,950.00)		\$(2,724.73)	\$(3,430.67)	

Door Prizes

May is just around the corner and Susan and Carol Ann have already selected the prizes we know you will find on your wish list. So remember the tickets are five for \$2.00 or one for \$.50. We look forward to seeing everyone and we wish each of you good luck in the drawings.

Carol Ann Burns and Susan Herda
Cochairs door prize committee.

Cotton Patch Quilter Bees

Charity Bee: Every Wednesday 10:00 to Noon, Lyndon House Fiber room. Charity Bee is extending its hours one day a month to sew all day on the third Wednesday 10:00 to 2:00. Shop the stash to make a quilt top donation. Fabric scraps collected for dog beds, Orphan blocks and UFOs accepted. Sewing machines and supplies available for use.

Stitch and Bitch Bee: First Saturday of the month 10:00 to 3:00, Lyndon House Fiber Room. Bring a lunch and your project to work on. Friendship, expert advice and creativity

The Night Owl Sewing Bee: Meets the first Monday of the month from 6pm to 8pm. Contact Sue Lawrence (suelawrenc@gmail.com) for information and directions.

Quilter in the Wild

Betsy Vonk quilting her quilt at Sew Sew Studio. She showed the finished quilt at the last meeting's show'n tell.



Retreat

Next retreat is in the fall. We gather at FFA, Future Farmers of America in Covington, GA. The cost is \$245.00 per person, Monday afternoon to Friday noon. We enjoy Dinner on Monday then 3 meals each day and breakfast on Friday. FFA supplies a 5 foot table and chair for you. I bring iron boards, irons, and cutting mats for everyone to share. The bedrooms have 2 double beds, TV, a private bathroom, and individual ac/heat controls. We play a few games, and a gift swap. Patrick's gives us a gift certificate which one lady will win. If you and a friend are interested, or have any questions, please call me. We'd love to have you. Joan Garland

Stitching Together

Saturday Stitch 'n Bitch group worked collectively to finish the binding on the raffle quilt for the up coming quilt show.



Free Item

The guild was contacted by Larry Orr (706-248-1559). He told us that he is clearing out his mother's home (she passed "a few years ago"). He sent the two photos below of what he said is a quilt frame. Pam said, I'm not sure, but a lady I used to know had a quilt frame that she would lower from her ceiling to work on and pull it back up out of the way the rest of the time. Maybe that is what this is? He said the frame is free, if anyone wants it. I told him I would pass on the information to the Guild with his name and contact phone number.

Larry Orr (706-248-1559)



Meet and Greet

Hi Quilters!

Lyndon House will be having a small meet & greet with Shannon, who used to have my position here, on May 22nd. If you have members who know her/would like to stop by, please share the attached invitation with them.

Thank you,
Shelby



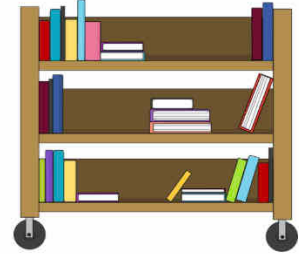
QOV Blocks

The Membership Committee thanks those that make a block for QOV. You can keep making blocks throughout the year and turn them in at the meetings. Make a block or two from your stash or come to the fiber room and get red, white, blue or patriotic patterned fabric at no cost to you. Make your favorite block or make that block you always wanted to try! All blocks are appreciated. Remember 10 1/2 inch unfinished block.



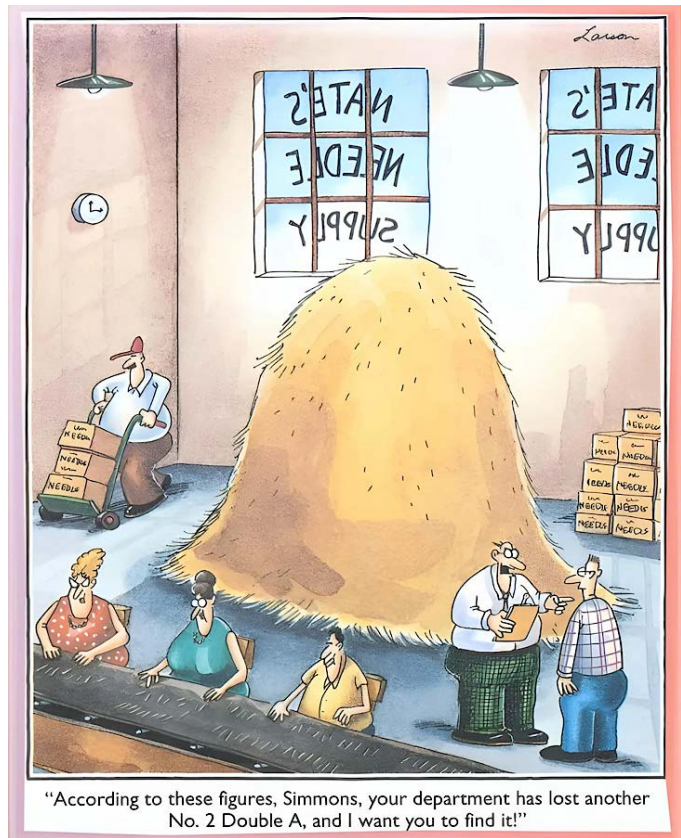
Library

Library News: I did another inventory, this time checking the usage on the check out cards. The results are below. The guild board will decide the fate of the library. Stay tuned.



Usage in the last 10 years:

- 0 times- 43
- 1 time- 50
- 2-4 times- 22
- 30 still lost from last inventory
- 12 not there, including check outs (I didn't bring the green box home.) Sharon Rockholt



Spring Challenge: “Mood of the City”

Focus: Modern Quilting

Object: Quilt will reflect the mood or character of the city

Size: Max. 24”/side

Due: June 11, 2024 Meeting – please come a few minutes early to check in

1. Choose: City of any size in the world
2. Choose the mood or character of the city: masculine or feminine; industrial, or pastoral, dark or bright; dynamic or historic. Weather or time of day may play a part.
3. Choose focus: Architectural structures, city scape, or slice of the city, cultural icon (i. e. Independence Hall)
4. Choose colors to reflect the mood/character of the city
5. Choose orientation: strong vertical, horizontal, triangular

Prizes:

1. Best representation of the theme: “Mood of the City”
2. Best technique/design
3. Best use of color

Card: List the city name and the mood that is reflected in your quilt. No name.

References:

Barton, Elizabeth. Inspired design. 2013.



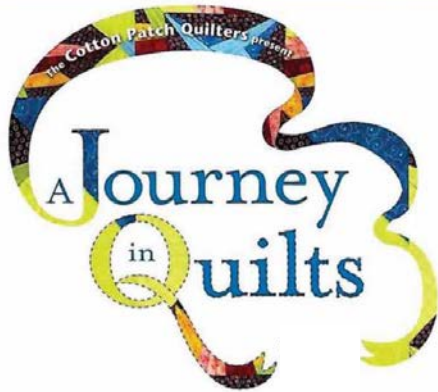
Cityscape
T Aske



A particular building or icon
G Myatt



Slice of the City
E. Barton



2025 Show Chairs
Feb 27: setup Feb 28-Mar2, 2025: Show

Happily Serving

Chairman: Sharon Rockholt

Chairman Elect:

Core Committee: Frances Arnold, Ruhanna Neal, Mai Whigham, Sheila Shepherd, Rosie Crockett, Sharon Rockholt

President 24-25: Sue Lawrence

Show Treasurer: Ruhanna Neal

Boutique: Betsy Vonk and Sue Brassard

Graphics: Debi Chandler and ?

Hanging: Sheila Shepherd

Floor Manager: Mary Grider and Scarlett Dunne

Judging: Deb Henderson

Kitchen: Karen Holmgren and Susan Herda

Layout: Rosie Crockett

Photography: Anne Flippen

Properties (set up and take down) Frances Arnold

Publicity: Sue Lawrence, Scott Mason, and Hanna Chupp

Receiving: Mai Whigham

Ribbons: Susan Van Eck

Signs: Kyle Howington

Vendors: Linda Murray and Chris Reynolds

Parking Director: ?

Award Ceremony: Chris Langone

Debi Chandler is computer guru for Receiving and Boutique

Quilt Show Updates

Just a few general updates about the show. Thanks to Chris Reynolds, Susan Herda, and Debi Chandler for taking up chair positions. Check the full list to see who to talk to if you have questions for a specific area of the show. Bear Creek Barn quilts has joined the list of vendors, so now 16 spots are filled. Thank you, Linda and Chris, for your hard work. The vendor fees are very important because they pay for the Civic Center rental fees. Make sure to support the vendors at the show so they'll return! We still need a Parking Director. We share the parking lot with the high school. Thursday is usually fine. Friday we members drop our stuff and then park at the church nearby. The PD assigns someone to shuttle those people then and then back later; I might be able to coerce my husband into helping with that. The PD makes sure the show comes park in the civic center part of the parking lot. Saturday I noticed a lot of baseball players parking close to the CC, so it would be nice either to ask the coach to have them park farther down or to ask them individually. I asked a couple that pulled up when I did at the last show and they very nicely moved down. Usually this is needed just at the beginning of Friday and Saturday. Our show chair, Frances Arnold, did all this at the last show, plus being Queen. I am not as talented, so I'm hoping someone will take this on! I'm sure Frances would answer any questions.

Sharon Rockholt

Quilt Show Boutique News

It's time to start thinking about what you would like to sell in our quilt show boutique! We will accept any items for sale that are hand-crafted by our members. They can be sewing and quilting related, wearable, for the home, or decorative. Here's a short list of examples: baby quilts, hooded towels, aprons, bucket hats, baskets, bowls, hot pads, holiday decorations, pin cushions, ruler holders, bags and wallets, and of course, quilts of all sizes. Colorful items at low-price points sell very well! At our next several Guild Meetings, someone from the Boutique Committee will bring an item or two they have sold in the past to get you thinking about what you want to craft to sell at our show in 2025.

Betsy Vonk
Boutique Committee Chair



Officers and Committee Chairs 2024-25

President – Sue Lawrence
 Past President – Jan Goddard
 Vice President – Carol Ann Burns
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 Treasurer – Debi Chandler
 Assistant Treasurer – Holly Hasenauer
 Programs – Karry Weaver
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Challenges – Betsy Vonk
 Community Service – Ellen Nelson and Sally Robbins
 Door Prizes – Cheryl Locke and (tba)
 Fundraising – Jan Goddard
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 Show and Tell – Susan Van Eck
 Social – Barb Bauer and Sylvia Wilson
 Sunshine – Marnie Dodd



A Garden of Quilts Show Presented by the Western North Carolina Quilters Guild

Friday, May 17, 2024
10 am to 5 pm
Saturday, May 18, 2024
10 am to 4 pm

Admission \$5

Bonclarken Conference Center
Youth Activities Building
701 Kinross Drive, Flat Rock, NC



Traditional, Modern and Art Quilts
Special display of Quilts of Valor

Judged quilt show with quilt raffle, vendors, raffle baskets, quilt boutique of handmade items, used book sale and more! Docent tours available. Wheelchair and walker accessible.

Come see our fabulous vendors!

- Beginnings Quilt Shop
- BullTown Fabrics
- Carolina Quilt Studio
- Chalk Couture
- Empty Pockets Alpaca Farm
- 5 Little Monkeys Quilt & Sew
- Goddess Rags
- Joey's Hands of Time Woodshop
- My Scrappy Quilter
- Quilter's Gallery
- Quilter's Hands
- Schoolhouse Quilts
- Sweetheart Farms

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MEMBER EDUCATION

May 2024

Hello my name is Kay Davis,
I have been making quilt tops for approx 15 years, I love to Free Motion Quilt.
I quilt for the QOV and some charity quilts
I have customers I quilt for as well.
I teach free motion quilting classes at Sew Sew studios as well as some other classes, like
super starter and rope bowls.
Jodie Seila introduced me to the Guild and I am very honored to be apart of it.

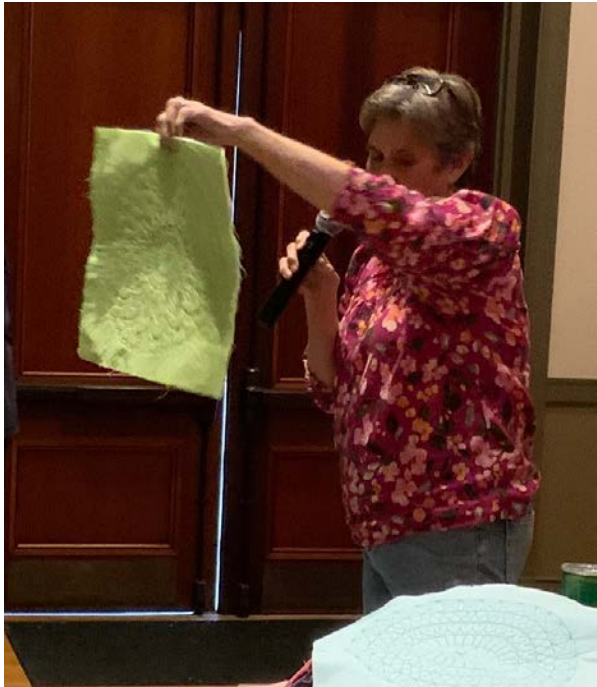
June 2024

We will celebrate the new board positions of President, Past President, President Elect, VP of Membership, VP of Education, Secretary, and Treasurer. We will also present the challenge quilts, and vote on them. Please bring a meal and enjoy the fellowship with one another. We will also have show and tell for anyone that has something to share.



April Show and Tell













April 2024

By Mai Whigham

Cotton Patch Quilt Guild

Meeting Minutes 04-09-2024

Members in attendance: 50

Guests in attendance: 3

Tonight our guests/visitors were Dan Roberts, Emma Gile and Katherine Broyles. Thank you for visiting tonight. We hope you enjoyed visiting and will consider joining our guild. Our delicious refreshments were provided by Shary Karlin, Pat Schroder, Holly Hasenauer, Sharon Rockholt, Laura Leiden, Sylvia Wilson, and Susan Herda. Everything was delightful. Thank you also to Susan Van Eck for orchestrating the hospitality committee.

Tonight's meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Sue Lawrence.

CPQ Business:

- Consent Agenda: Hearing no objections or corrections, the Guild Minutes and Treasurer's Report from March were approved.
- The Officer's and Committee Leaders for the 2024-25 year were introduced and approved by a member vote. A great big THANK YOU to all of you.
- Quilt Show Dates: Set up at the Oconee Civic Center-Feb. 27, 2025. Show dates Feb. 28 through March 2, 2025.
- Linda Murray gave an update on Show Vendors. There are four (4) vendor slots available. If you are interested or know of a shop or business that is interested, please contact Linda.
- The Spring Retreat will be held April 29 through May 3rd. There are two spaces available. Cost is \$245.00 double occupancy, or \$305.00 single occupancy. If you are interested in having a week to sew in a beautiful location, please contact Joan Garland (770)354-7978.
- Jan Goddard reminded us to continue working on our Spring Challenge: Mood of the City. Your submissions are due at the June meeting. There will be three prizes awarded. Contact Jan for more information.
- If you are interested in celebrating the retirement of Shannon (retiring from the Lyndon House), there will be a Meet and Greet on May 22. Contact Shelby Little at the Lyndon House for more information.
- We have had a request from an Athens resident for a Memory Quilt to honor a family member. Please contact Sue Lawrence for information if you are interested in providing this service.

Tonight's guest speaker was Dawn Filzen. Ms. Filzen has been sewing since she was 5 years old, and has been a quilter for 30 years. She is a retired I.T. Director and now teaches classes on sewing bags. Her favorite patterns are Annie's Bags and Sallie Tomato Bags. She considers herself a "Bag-aholic" and brought a multitude of handmade bags

tonight. We were all very impressed by her knowledge of sewing these bags and also how amazing and useful these bags really are.

Dawn spoke about patterns, types of fabric and vinyl (iron on, 16 gauge, outside fabrics), interfacings (Soft and Stable by Pellon, Fusible Fleece, SF 101), and available “bling” to add that “WOW” to your bags. Ms. Filzen discussed zippers, strap materials such as webbing or leather, basting tape, magnetic closures, grommets, rivets and installation tools, bias binding, suggested needles and available bag handles. Additionally, Dawn discussed notions and tools she has found helpful in the construction of these bags which included rotary cutting rulers, FriXion pens, stilettos, and using tissue paper or English Paper Piecing paper to put on top of vinyl when sewing these bags.

Ms. Filzen provided many suggestions to make sewing these bags easier: box your corners to help the bags stand up, slow down your sewing speed, use the hand wheel to sew over the bulky fabric if necessary, do not push or pull your bulky material under the needle, use a walking foot if it helps, and always use a new needle to start a new bag!

Dawn’s presentation was simply amazing! Her workshop was held on Wednesday April 10th at Sew Sew Studios. <https://www.byannie.com/> and <https://sallietomato.com/> are websites to find these bag patterns and hardware/tools.

Show and Tell-Tonight we saw amazing works from our members and guests! Presenters included: Frances Arnold, Suzanne Reeves, Laura Leiden, Sue Lawrence, Melissa Hatton, Emma Gile, Betsy Vonk, Susan Van Eck, Pat Schroder, Scarlett Dunne, and Rosie Crocket.

The Door Prizes were amazing tonight! Thank you, Carol Ann Burns and Susan Herdal! And congratulations to our winners.

- #1-Fabric Bundle-Anne Bennett had the winning ticket.
- #2-Traditional Fabrics in a box-winner: Sandee Eaton-Heter
- #3-Charm Squares and fabric yardage: Cheryl Locke was the winner
- #4-Large Rope Basket-Betsy Vonk had the winning number.
- #5-There were 3 mini charm packs and the winners were: Anne Bennett, Barb Waldron and Debi Chandler.

No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

See you in May!

Other Sewing Opportunities:

Charity Bee: Wednesdays 10-noon, meet in the Lyndon House Fiber Room (upstairs)

Charity Bee Extended Day: Each third Wednesday; Lyndon House Fiber Room. Bring a sack lunch.

Stitch and Bitch Bee-First Saturday of each month, 10am, Lyndon House Fiber Room

Night Owls-Monday, May 7th. (6-8 pm) Contact Sue Lawrence if interested in attending.

Cotton Patch Quilters 2023 - 2024

2023-24 Officers

President: Sue Lawrence
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Secretary: Mai Whigham
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Community Service: Sally Robbins and Ellen Nelson
Fundraising: Jan Goddard
Internet/Web Site: Frances Arnold and Debi Chandler
Library: Sharon Rockholt
Newsletter: Rosie Crockett
Quilt Show Chair: Sharon Rockholt
Social: Susan Van Eck

Additional Committees

Challenges: Jan Goddard
Door Prizes: Carol Ann Burns and Susan Herda
Retreat: Joan Garland
Show & Tell: Sandee Eaton-Heter
Sunshine: Barbara Redmond

Wear your name tag
so new and old
members can get to know you!

Member's items for sale

If you have quilt related items you wish to sell and are a member in good standing, (paid your dues) you can place an ad in the newsletter at no cost. The newsletter deadline is the 24th of each month. Send your photos and description with your contact information to the newsletter chair.

Rosie Crockett heybede@yahoo.com