



# THE THIMBLEFUL

Capital Quilters Guild

Raleigh, North Carolina

## Next Meeting

Thursday, October 19, 2023

6:30 Social

7:00 Meeting Begins

Location: Temple Beth Or

5315 Creedmoor Road

Raleigh, NC 27612

## Remember to Bring

- Quilts for Show & Tell
- Name Tag
- Membership Pin
- Comfort Quilts
- Workshop Sign-up Sheet
- A Quilting Friend!

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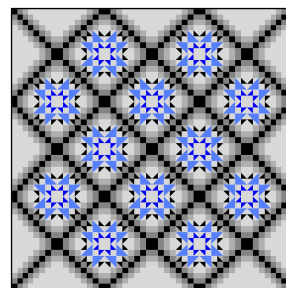
## President's Message

Hi Capital Quilters!

Please plan on attending the October 19th meeting. Paige Myers from the NC Museum of History will be visiting us to speak about quilt restoration and conservation. She will also have more information about the quilt that has been selected for restoration with the donation from Capital Quilters Guild. We will also start selling Holiday Blocks at the meeting. Participants will have a chance to win enough blocks for a quilt at the December meeting. Kits will be sold for \$2 each, so bring cash!

On November 16, plan to bring items to sell and to do some holiday shopping at the Holiday Bazaar!

A big thank you to the Remnant's Bee and Darlene Silverman for the 2024 raffle quilt design. I am sure they will be looking for volunteers to help with the construction of the blocks for this beautiful quilt called *Good Vibrations*!



Thank you to everyone who is planning to participate in the Comfort Quilt Workshop on October 14 at Highland United Methodist Church. There will be some kits at the workshop to help fulfill a new request received from the Wake Med Chaplain.

And finally, thank you to those of you who have volunteered to sell raffle tickets at the two events in October - Oktoberfest and Cary Quilting's Handmade Market. If you would like to get more involved in the Guild, we are looking for someone to coordinate selling tickets for our raffle quilt. The events where we sell tickets have already been booked. Please let myself or Sue Ann Jatko know if you are interested and would like more information.

**Ann O'Brien**

## September's

# WINNERS

**1st Time Show & Tell:** Susan Fernandez

**Show & Tell:** Chris McCarthy, Margaret Townsend, Kelly Wyatt

**Name Tag Drawings:** Noi Bland, Margaret Townsend

**Raffle Tickets:** Faith Patterson, Kelly Wyatt, Susan Sykes, Dori Moore

## Membership

Thank you to everyone who has joined Capital Quilters Guild! The guild has currently has 200 members; we are getting close to the total of 230 members in 2022-2023. There are 109 "regular" members and 91 "senior" members. We are excited to report that 27 new members have joined the guild since July 2023.

Please continue to renew your membership, and invite your quilting friends to come as a guest to one of our meetings.

Membership cards for those who have joined this summer are available at the membership table. We appreciate your patience as you wait to join our Facebook group. Membership rosters are updated within ten days of the most recent meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Julia Kolb.

## 2023 Holiday Blocks

We will be selling Holiday Blocks at the October guild meeting. Eleven groups/individuals will be providing blocks for our guild members to choose.



Kits will sell for \$2 each, and we kindly request you bring \$1 bills since change will not be readily available.

Blocks will be available to preview beginning at 6:30, and sale of the blocks will take place at a designated time during the meeting. Please do not attempt to purchase block kits before the announced time at the meeting. Only one block may be purchased initially. If there are any blocks remaining after everyone has had a chance to purchase their first block, you may purchase an additional block.

If you buy a kit, you must complete the block and turn it in at either the November or the December meeting. Representatives of the groups/individuals providing kits will have someone available to collect the completed blocks at each meeting.



Winners will be drawn from those who turn in a completed block by the December meeting. There will be approximately 15 winners. If a member is unable to complete their block, please return the unfinished block so it can be given to that block's winner.

Thank you for participating in Holiday Blocks!

Please contact Barbara Johnson or Katie Mistele if you have questions.

## Block Party

At September's meeting the Pakistan Ralli blocks were returned. Of the 36 kits that were taken in August, 26 were returned. The two lucky block winners were **Sue Dressler** and **Beth Mahler**. Congratulations to you both!

We offered two blocks at the September meeting, the African Queens and the African Elephant. The elephant block is paper pieced and was our challenge block for September. All twelve kits for the elephant were claimed, but we do have some African Queen kits left.

In October we are celebrating Dia de los Muertos with a colorful Mexican Star block.

Stop by and see us at the October meeting!

*Jan Chvatal, Cindy Prow, & Rosi Hanley*

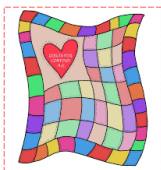


## Community Outreach

Whatever you like to do, you can be part of Community Outreach and put smiles on those in need in our community.

At every meeting, the following are available at our table:

- Quilt Kits
- Batting
- Patterns
- Labels
- Loads of fun
- Prizes for turning in completed quilts!



If you have questions, please contact Cathy Alvis.

## November 16 Holiday Boutique

Our fundraising committee hosts a Holiday Bazaar each November meeting. Members construct items to sell to each other that show off our sewing and crafting skills as an opportunity for early holiday shopping. All proceeds stay in the guild. Any unsold items may be donated to sell at the Quilt Show Boutique. What to make and sell? What gift item do you like to make for friends and family? Think cozies, table runners, bags and totes, aprons, wall hangings, pot holders, mug rugs, pillows, place mats, greeting cards, knit and crochet gifts, journal covers, lanyards, key fobs, luggage tags. We do ask a minimum pricing of \$5, so some things may be grouped. Contact Sue Ann Jatko for details.



## Comfort Quilts

Comfort Quilt Donations				
Charity	Goal for 23/24	Received in Aug/Sep	Received this Year	Drawing Winners
Quilts on Wheels	1000 Quilts!	58	81	Sherril Boyd, Jan Thurston
Walker Bags		0	20	Beth Mahler, Patricia Wells
Quilts for Kids		48	81	
Newborn Hats		92	100	
Receiving Blankets		3	5	
Pillow Cases		22	40	Jeanette Gray, Joann Wilson
SAFEchild/Green		75	98	
Comfort Quilts				
Other:		99	102	
Grand Total:		Quilts: 260		Total Items: 527

## Christmas Stockings for SafeChild

The Safe Child program has requested 115 Christmas stockings for their program this year. Stockings should be "regular" size - cuff opening of 6.5"-8" and length of 18" (approximately). are a couple of websites that have downloadable patterns or ideas on easy assembly methods:



<https://thecraftyblogstalker.com/diy-christmas-stocking-ideas/>

<https://www.applegreencottage.com/christmas-stocking-pattern/>

Feel free to use your own design for the stocking.

You can drop the stockings off at the **Safe Child table** between now and the November guild meeting.

SafeChild is the only organization in Wake County that offers a full range of child abuse prevention and intervention services to children and families at no cost. Expertly trained professionals and volunteers build strong families in which parents nurture thriving children.

If you have questions about this project please contact Jan Jarrett.

## President's

### CHALLENGE

## Quilts in Bloom or Art in Quilts

The Capital Quilter's Guild quilt show is the same weekend as the NC Museum of Art's annual Art in Bloom. If you have never been, it is a fundraiser where they have florists create arrangements inspired by a piece of art in the museum. The flower arrangement is displayed with the inspiration piece.

For the President's Challenge, members can approach their design(s) in one of two different ways:

1. **Quilt in Bloom** - a quilt inspired by flowers/gardens  
Or...
2. **Art in Quilt** - a quilt inspired by a piece of artwork (a copy of the inspiration piece should be hung with the quilt).

The quilts should be 96" or smaller in perimeter and should be bound with black or gold fabric provided by the Guild. The quilt will be hung at the show and should have a sleeve on the back.



NC Museum of Art, **Art in Bloom**

## Upcoming Events

### Guild Activities:

**October 19:** October Meeting Program: **Quilt Restoration** from the NC Museum of History

**November 5:** Quilt Show Committee Meeting

**November 16:** **Holiday Boutique**

**November 24, 25, 26:** **Christmas Carousel Raffle Event**

**December 21:** Guild **Holiday Party**

**March 15 & 16:** **CQG 2024 Annual Quilt Show**

### Quilt Shows & Vendor Events:

**February 22-25, 2024:** QuiltCon, Raleigh NC

**February 29-March 3, 2024:** Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Hampton, VA

**April 3-May 25, 2024:** PAQA South, Cary, NC

## Fundraisers



Help is still needed for the events listed below. Thank you to those who have already signed up and to all y'all yet to give the guild your time. Contact Sue Ann Jatko to volunteer.

**November 24, 25 & 26th:** Christmas Carousel, NC State Fairgrounds – Times to be announced

**January 13th:** The Quilting & Fiber Art Marketplace, Wicker Center, Sanford – Set up 8:30 AM, event 9 AM - 4 PM

**End of January, two days:** Astronomy Days @ NC Museum of Science, Raleigh



## February 2024 Workshops

### Catherine Redford

Catherine Redford was born in England where she learned to knit and sew as a young girl. After relocating from London to Naperville, Illinois, she learned to quilt and never looked back. She's an award winning quilter, an active member of her local guilds, and a popular teacher at the local and national level. Catherine is a frequent magazine contributor and has enjoyed being a guest on Quilting Arts TV. She is enjoying the resurgence of interest in handwork with an embroidery book, *Butterfly Stitches*, published Fall 2020. With two DVDs and a book on Modern Machine Quilting techniques, Catherine delights in finishing her own quilts on a domestic machine. Catherine is also a Bernina Ambassador.



#### Friday February 16, 2024

##### Walking Foot Quilting-Beyond the Ditch

For quilters who have tried some walking foot sewing, this class will expand your skills. Learn how to finish your quilts on a domestic machine while enjoying all the control of your walking foot. We will start with a brief discussion of preparing your tops for quilting including marking and basting-then we will make stitched samples of different styles (as seen on Quilt Art TV ).



#### Saturday February 17, 2024

##### Beginning English Paper Piecing

Learn the honored technique of English Paper Piecing using precut card templates. Stitch a simple flower and appliqué it to a background ready for a small pillow or mug rug. You will be introduced to some traditional and more innovative quilts to inspire your next project. Use hexagon paper to draw out your design and be ready with an ideal portable activity (as seen on Quilting Arts TV).



### How To Register for the Workshops

**Click On This Link:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17rJP1i4D4SJLEHRPZRsvjk2QGGEvuVk8qfdFuFNygmA/viewform?edit_requested=true)

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The Workshop Registration 2023 form is available at the Membership table during meetings, on the Capital Quilters Guild website and on our Facebook page.

## Board Officers

**President:** Ann O'Brien  
**Vice President:** Sue Ann Jatko  
**Secretary:** Janice Gleavy  
**Treasurer:** Brenda Keely  
**Community Outreach:** Cathy Alvis  
**Communications:** Laura Nelson,  
 Nancy Schanz, Renee Page  
**Fundraising:** *vacant*  
**Membership:** Julia Kolb  
**Workshops & Teachers:** Anne  
 Gavin  
**Members at Large:** Carolyn Ruby  
 & JC Tang

## Committee Chairs

**Bee Keeper:** Joanne Wilson  
**Block Party:** Jan Chvatal, Rosi  
 Hanley & Cindy Prow  
**Holiday Blocks:** Barbara Johnson  
 & Katie Mistele  
**Hostesses:** Katie Greenwood &  
 Shawna Chase  
**Library:** Clark Vincent  
**Quilts for Kids:** Linda Carter  
**Quilts on Wheels:** Vickie Peoples  
**SAFEchild:** Jan Jarrett  
**Secret Sew-ciety:** *vacant*  
**Social:** Mary Krause  
**Sunshine & Shadows:** Sally  
 McLaurin  
**Quilt Show:** Kelly Wyatt & Ginny  
 Nugent

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## 2024 Quilt Show March 15 & 16, 2024

Quilt show planning is continuing and we are still looking for people to shadow this year's committee leads to prepare for chairing a committee for the 2025 show. We will need shadows for some of the committees (please see the August 2023 newsletter for the descriptions of the committees). If you are interested in any of these committees, please email Kelly Wyatt or Ginny Nugent. Our next Quilt Show Committee meeting is scheduled via Zoom for Sunday, November 5th at 7:00 PM.



### Dates to Remember:

**October 19** - Volunteers needed to embroider the rosettes for the ribbons - pick up at the guild meeting (each kit will contain supplies for 10 rosettes)

**December 1** - Quilt Show Registration Begins

January/February - Ribbon Construction Day - Date and Location TBD

**January 31** - Quilt Show Registration Ends (or when we reach 180 quilts registered to be judged)

**February** - Quilt Intake Days - locations and times TBD

**March 9** -- Quilt Show Preview -- time and location TBD

**March 10** -- Quilt Show Judging Day -time and location TBD

**March 13** - Quilt Show Setup

**March 14** -- Quilt Show/Vendor Setup

**March 15 and 16** -- SHOW DAYS -- 9:00 to 5:00

## One Quilter's Experience

*By Darlene J Silverman*

*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.)*

### Quilt-worthy/Not quilt-worthy

If you have ever given away quilts to family or friends, I hope you have had nothing but positive responses to your generous gifts. However I am sure that all of us have either experienced, or have at least heard stories of, negative responses. Very little is more frustrating to a quilter than to know that all of their hard work and time went toward someone who does not appreciate it.

To be fair, tastes vary and it is not reasonable to expect that what we think is beautiful will be universally appreciated. I would never purchase a work of art or decorative household item for someone else and yet, I do make quilts for others. (And, yes, I do see the inconsistency!) Even if an item might be appreciated in the abstract, it might not suit the space it would be put into – too modern; too traditional; wrong colors; wrong size or shape; wrong vibe.

Yet, as quilters, gifting a quilt is how we show how much we value others. "I love you enough to spend not just a considerable amount of money, but more importantly my time, effort, and long-honed skills to make something special just for you." The last response we want is, "I will throw this in the back of a dark, dank storage area and forget it exists."

I have had conversations and have seen social media threads discussing the concept of quilt-worthiness. Opinions range considerably. There are those who can make quilts for others and be blithely unconcerned about whether they are appreciated by the recipients. Or so they claim. (I can't help but be a bit skeptical of this.) There are those who never make quilts for others, either because they have had one or more bad experiences or have been frightened off by stories of the bad experiences of others. There are those who only make quilts for those whom they are confident will appreciate them. There are those who will make just about anyone in their orbit a quilt, but, once someone has proven themselves to be not quilt-worthy, will not make them a quilt again.

This last is my own approach. I think a gift, once given, ought not to be the concern of the giver. If the recipient uses the quilt given them to catch drips when changing the oil in their car, so be it. It makes me feel a bit ill and it makes me grind my teeth, but the quilt is their own to use or to abuse. That being said, a quilter certainly has every right to take that knowledge and use it to determine whether this person is worthy of any further investment of quilting time and effort. If this is someone with whom you have an ongoing mutual gift-giving relationship, do what non-quilters do – go buy them something. Once someone has shown themselves to be not quilt-worthy, that does not mean I do not think them a good person. It does not mean I do not care about them. It does mean I will not make them a(nother) quilt. They have, by their actions, proven themselves to be not quilt-worthy.

**Coming up:** Decisions . . . Decisions . . . Decisions . . .





## Capital Quilters Guild Membership Form

July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Month \_\_\_\_\_ Birth day \_\_\_\_\_ (for member benefits)

Are you a new member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

The Member Directory is published in print for a fee and available free on CQG **member-only** social media.

Please check this box if you do **NOT** wish to be included in the directory ☐

Are you a member of CQG's Facebook page? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a member of a bee, what is the name of your bee? \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to join a bee, tell us your preference (please circle ALL of your preferences): Day/Night  
Weekday/Weekend North/South/East/West/Any Region Art/Hand/Charity/other \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Fees:

Please note that **all** members are required to pay dues. **(Please circle your membership type below)**

Regular Membership.....\$40.00

Quilters aged 70 or older (prior to or on June 1, 2023)..... \$25.00

Junior Membership (18 years and younger; full scholarships are currently available).....~~\$25.00~~ 0.00

Printed CQG Membership Directory (to be picked up at the December meeting)..... \$5.00

Optional donation (tax deductible) .....\$\_\_\_\_\_

**Please bring this form with payment to the next meeting or mail to:**

**Capital Quilters Guild**

**PO Box 20331**

**Raleigh NC 27619-0331**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card (last 4 digits) \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_