



THE ABC GUIDE TO THE CHARLOTTE QUILTERS' GUILD

A

Attendance – Please sign in at each meeting at the Membership Table so we can track attendance. New members and guests sign in at the New Member/Guest table as you enter the meeting room.

B

Block of the Month – Annually a new theme is introduced. Each month members bring completed blocks to the meeting and a drawing is held for a participant to win all blocks submitted that month. At the end of the series, an interesting quilt emerges from all the efforts of those that choose to engage in the process. Check out the BOM table, as well as the CQG website - for current and previous month patterns and additional information.

Board Meetings – Board meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month. All members are welcome to attend. Board meetings are held in the board room at Carolina Premier Bank on Ballantyne Corporate Place.

Board of Directors – Annually names are submitted for the various leadership offices and voted upon in an open format at a monthly meeting. Subcommittees supplement responsibilities. Each position has an opportunity to enrich the guild and further foster the quilting tradition through a strong organization. Board members are listed in the directory, the newsletter and on the Guild's website.

Bylaws – The guild applies governing guidelines to provide structure and organization to the Guild. The bylaws are in the Directory issued annually.

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Communication – Members receive a monthly newsletter, **Quiltline**, via e-mail. The minutes of Guild Board meetings, an update on the Guild's finances, and key committee reports are summarized in the newsletter. Members, along with Committee Chairs, can make announcements at meetings and submit contributions to the newsletter. The **website** is also maintained and updated with news and upcoming activities.

Community Education – This committee is the key connection between the Guild and the greater Charlotte area, and is also responsible for the Guild’s fundraising activities. Requests received from local museums, area schools, and various art events present special opportunities for Guild members to volunteer in the community.

Cuddle Quilts – Members are requested to donate two quilts each year. Quilts of all sizes are accepted from members and donated to several hospitals, hospices, and shelters to comfort children, women, and men through a difficult time. Kits are available or you may pull from your own stash. Stop by the Outreach table for information on workshops.

D

Database – Our Guild maintains a database with key information on each member that is published in the Guild directory. New member’s data is updated monthly in the Quiltline newsletter. If any of your information changes, contact membership@charlottequiltersguild.org

Directions – Please refer to the website for directions to the monthly meeting location held in Tyvola Senior Center, 2225 Tyvola Road – near the intersection of Park Road and Tyvola Road.

Directory – A Guild directory issued each fall lists all active Guild members (dues paid for the upcoming year). One copy of the directory is provided to each member as part of his or her membership fee. The directory also contains the Guild’s bylaws and general information about the Guild’s organization and activities.

E

Election of Officers – The members elect the Guild officers in May. A nominating committee prepares a slate of nominees; nominations are also accepted from the floor on Election Day.

Events Calendar – Events are updated monthly and can be reviewed in the latest newsletter and on the Guild’s website.

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Fun – The members’ passion shows! Join in conversation at the meeting and be part of the fun. Share your latest project at Show & Tell for all to get a glimpse of at your latest accomplishment.

G

Gift Drawing – Members that donate Cuddle Quilts or Quilts for the Military are able to put their name on a slip of paper for each donation. Names are then drawn at the meeting to receive a donated gift.

Grants – see Scholarships.

Guests – Guests are welcome anytime! Guests pay a \$5.00 guest fee as they sign in at the Guest/New Member table and pick up a Guest Packet. Our Membership Chairwoman introduces guests. We hope every guest turns into a New Member.

H

Heart Blocks – see Sunshine.

Hospitality – Two special dinners are planned annually: June Salad/Dessert and December Holiday Dinner. Each member brings a dish to share. Dinners are held in lieu of the regular program in the normal meeting location. A New Member Gathering is held annually in May. New members and Board Members will be invited to a friendly setting for new friendships and contacts to begin.

I/J

Join In – An easy way to meet members, make new friends and contribute to the quilting passion is to join in the fun! Offer to help on a committee. Share your experiences and strengths in organization, communication, and/or special events. Contribute your efforts at the mid-year quilt show by volunteering, displaying your quilts, and getting involved to offer the community a wonderful show.

K/L

Keep the Tradition Alive – Although quilting has a rich and wonderful heritage, it also has many new techniques and methodologies for quilters to continuously learn. Share and learn from each other. Take a class that is offered by the Guild. Meet and share time with fellow members and with teachers as they visit Charlotte.

Library – The Guild has a library that is open at each monthly meeting. Members may sign out up to 5 books for a two month period. An over due fee is applied for late returns (\$1.00/book). The Guild purchases several new books each year with proceeds from an annual book sale. The library welcomes donations of new releases from members.

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Meetings – Monthly meetings are held for members and guests with doors opening at 6:30 for registration and reviewing stations for donating cuddle & military quilts, library, programs - workshops sign-up, block-of-the-month, community education – raffle quilt, quilt show and occasionally a lecturer’s table of wares for sale. The meeting begins at 7:00 PM where old and new business is reviewed. Committee Chairs make announcements and members share their latest accomplishments during Show and Tell. A program is offered at each meeting. Often a nationally, regionally or locally known quilter is a guest speaker to the Guild. Typically, workshops are offered later in the week from the guest speaker for a fee. Sign-ups for programs occur during the meeting and require payment at time of sign-up.

Membership Dues – a \$35.00 annual membership fee is due September 1st of each year. Mid-year rates are prorated for new members only. Starting September 2014, dues will be \$40.00 for the year.

Mission Statement – The Mission of the CQG is: *To promote the art and craft of quilting through fellowship, education, and outreach.*

N

Name Tags – Members are asked to make and wear a nametag to facilitate getting to know other members quickly. Any material, size, and pattern may be used. There is a \$.25 fine for not wearing a nametag – one will be provided for the fee by the Guild.

Newsletter – Quiltline is emailed prior to each monthly meeting and can also be retrieved from the Guild’s website. The editor welcomes any written contribution by the 15th of the month.

O/P

Outreach – Contributions from all our members extend beyond the confines of our immediate organization. We make monthly deliveries of Cuddle Quilts to organizations such as the Levine’s Children’s Hospital, the Presbyterian Hospital’s Children’s Cancer Wing, and the cancer units at the main locations of Charlotte’s main hospitals.

Programs – This important offering of the Guild allows members to continue developing their skills. Members get exposed to national, regional or local instructors within the convenience of our own community. The offerings throughout the year are balanced with different types of quilting focuses to ensure enjoyment by all the variety of tastes and passions within the Guild. Check the Programs table at each meeting and the website for more information on the latest offerings. Typically a \$45.00 workshop fee is applied to each full-day class (\$55 for non-members). Fees are due at sign-up and are

refundable up to 30 days prior to the workshop. Classes are normally held at The Haven at Carolina Place in Pineville and usually run from 9:00 -4:00 with a break for lunch.

Publicity Committee – This committee is responsible for publicizing the regular meetings and any other event sponsored by the Guild in all relevant media.

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Questions – If you have a question, at any time, please feel free to reach out to any individual member, any committee or Board member, or email us at membership@charlottequiltersguild.org

Quilting Bees – Small groups of members with like interests in quilting meet in various settings throughout the greater Charlotte area. The Quilting Bees are listed on the Guild’s website. Sign-ups for joining or starting a new Bee are taken at the Quilt Bee/Library table at the monthly meeting - or refer to the website and email the “Bee Keeper” for more information.

Quilting Show – Typically the Guild hosts a Quilt Show annually. Members are encouraged to submit their works of art for all to enjoy. A quilt show takes the assistance of a vast number of members to support the Show Chair(s) for a successful show.

Quiltline – see Newsletter.

R

Raffle Quilt – Annually one of the Quilt Bees or a small group of members offer to design, piece, appliqué, and quilt a donation quilt to the Guild to be raffled off as a major fundraiser. Each Guild member is issued \$20.00 worth of raffle tickets to sell in support of the effort. The raffle quilt is shown around Charlotte to build interest in the Guild’s quilt show and sell tickets on the gorgeous offering.

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Scholarship/Grants – A \$1000 scholarship is awarded each year in May to a candidate who is pursuing studies or teaching in a quilting or textile-related field. A self-funding grant up to \$600 is offered to a member interested in attending a training program and then in return conducting a Guild meeting program and a workshop. See website for details on applying for either program.

Show & Tell – Members are encouraged to bring completed projects, works-in-progress, antique quilts, workshop examples, etc. to share at each meeting. Share successes and laughs at miss-steps as members support each other through each quilting accomplishment.

Sunshine – The purpose of the Sunshine Committee is to express concern to any member who experiences a loss or an illness. The Guild sends cards as needed, and makes Sunshine Heart Quilts for any member who is seriously ill or hospitalized. If you know of a need, please notify the Sunshine Committee chair. All members are asked to contribute a few heart 7.5" blocks each year on a light background; for details see the website, or contact the Sunshine chair.

Symposium – Annually, the North Carolina Quilt Symposium, Inc. (NCQSI) hosts a Quilt Show on behalf of the quilt guilds throughout the state. This venue rotates throughout North Carolina. In 2010, Charlotte hosted the show. Follow the links on the website for the latest information.

T/U

Unity – Together we are unified in interests and purpose. The Guild offers a means to gather together, to enjoy the art of quilting, and to support our community.

V

Visitors – Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend. See Guests.

Volunteering – Guild members are asked to volunteer their time and talents for a variety of opportunities throughout the year, including but not limited to outreach activities, cultural events, selling raffle tickets, quilt show/symposium support, etc.

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Website – Review the latest information on the Guild at www.charlottequiltersguild.org

Welcome Kits – Each new member receives a welcome kit to assist in the orientation of the Guild. The hope is that each new member embraces the Guild as a special meeting place to share her or his passion of quilting.

Workshops – see Programs.

X/Y/Z

Join The Charlotte Quilters' Guild Extra for fun, Yelps of Glee & Zealous support for one another!