

Charlotte Quilters' Guild

Quick FAQs

MEETINGS:

First Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise noted)
6:30 PM (Doors open at 6:00)
Tyvola Senior Center, 2225 Tyvola Road

Doors open at 6:00 PM for registration and reviewing stations for donating cuddle & military quilts, library, workshops signup, block-of-the-month, community education – raffle quilt, quilt show and occasionally a lecturer's table of wares for sale. The meeting begins at 6:30 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.

Please sign in at each meeting at the Membership Table so we can track attendance.

Members are asked to make and wear a nametag to facilitate getting to know each other. Any material, size, and pattern may be used.

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.

GUESTS:

Guests are welcome anytime. Visitors are invited to attend two meetings for free as a guest. After two visits we hope that they will be excited by what they see happening here and will decide to become a member.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

A \$35.00 annual membership fee is due September 1st of each year. Mid-year rates are prorated for new members only.

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 overdue fee is applied for late returns (\$1.00/book). The Guild purchases several books each year with proceeds from an annual book sale. The library welcomes donations of new releases from members.

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. The website is also maintained and updated with news and upcoming activities. www.charlottequiltersguild.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Annually names are submitted for the various leadership offices and voted upon in an open format at the May 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.

DATABASE / DIRECTORY:

Our Guild maintains a database with key information on each member that is published in the Guild directory. If your information changes, contact membership@charlottequiltersguild.org or stop by the Membership Table.

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 the membership fee. The directory also contains the Guild's bylaws and general information about the Guild's organization and activities.

CUDDLE QUILTS:

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 Charlotte hospitals.

Members are asked 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.

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 also held annually. New members and Board Members will be invited to a friendly setting for new friendships and contacts to begin.

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 (\$60 for non-members). Fees are due at sign-up. Classes usually run from 9:00 - 4:00 with a break for lunch.

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 Bees 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.

QUILT 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.

RAFFLE QUILT:

Annually one of the Quilt Bees or a small group of members offers to make a donation quilt to the Guild to be raffled off as a 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.