



Quilting Lines

Charlottesville Area Quilters Guild

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President's Message

Carpe cras- seize tomorrow! This was my mother's humorous take on Horace's advice to "carpe diem", or seize the day. Even before the days of "mindfulness," Mom had the self-awareness to realize that she was often preoccupied with planning for tomorrow instead of enjoying the present day. I can relate to this, and I'm sure many of you can as well.

If you have been quilting for a long time, you probably have a backlog of projects for the future. It's fun to accumulate these, and it's pleasant to have something to look forward to. I find, however, that these future projects can interfere with my enjoyment of the project I am working on. They can start to weigh on me, especially as I know that I must live to be at least 120 to finish all of them!

I now think of these un-started projects as my Carpe Cras stash. Some of them will eventually be promoted to Carpe Diem status, at which point I will try to think about the project at hand instead of all the ones that were left on the shelf. In a few weeks we will begin a new year, and that will be the perfect time to separate tomorrow from today as we get a fresh start with our cherished quilting hobby. Carpe diem!

In closing, I would like to thank CAQG for my gorgeous new quilt! I have it hanging on the wall in my sewing room where I can enjoy looking at it every day. It is a beautiful reminder of my time as president of our guild.

Moira MacAvoy
CAQG President

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Charlottesville Area Quilters Guild (CAQG)

The CAQG is an umbrella group serving quilters in the area surrounding Charlottesville, Virginia. The CAQG Board meets four times yearly on the first Saturday of March, June, October and December. We sponsor a biennial quilt show and a yearly workshop plus special events throughout the year. The four chapters of CAQG meet as given below. There are currently 204 members. If you have questions about membership in the CAQG or would like to join the guild contact Kirsten Niemann, membership chair, at kirstenquilts@gmail.com or complete the membership form found on the CAQG web site, <http://caqg.weebly.com>, and mail it to the address given on the form.

Chapter Meetings

Crozet Quilters

2nd & 4th Monday 10 am - Noon
Tabor Presbyterian Church
5804 Tabor Street, Crozet.

Moonlighters

2nd & 4th Wednesday 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
The Center at Belvedere,
540 Belvedere Blvd, Charlottesville

Grateful Threads

Every Monday 10 am - Noon
The Center at Belvedere, Rio Rd

Nelson Quilters

1st & 3rd Monday 7pm - 9 pm
Calvary Baptist Church, Lovingston, VA

Chapter News

Crozet Quilters – Adrienne Granitz – The Crozet chapter is finishing the year with our Holiday Pot-Luck Luncheon on December 11th. At that meeting we will present, to the Pastor of Tabor Presbyterian Church, a quilt designed and assembled by Mary Ann Bowden and Libby Jackson. Members of the chapter made the blocks for this biannual quilt in thanks and gratitude for Tabor's generosity in providing a meeting space for our chapter's activities. Along with food we will have a Dirty Santa fabric exchange. A small committee is developing ideas for our "Teachable Moments" schedule for the new year. And as we add new members to the group we will also continue "Meet the Quilter" to learn about our newest members.

At our November Show and Tells we asked members to bring in their favorite quilt and to tell us why it was their favorite. At the same meeting a group of 4-H participants, ages 6-14, and their leader Hannah Orsagh, brought 16 pillowcases to add to our pillowcase challenge. They used the Burrito method that we shared with them.

Another pillowcase challenge for SHE will be schedule sometime in June. As always we continue with our charity quilts and will begin planning for our next Quilt of Honor. Hoping everyone will have a joyful holiday season.

Moonlighters – Shawna O'Driscoll – This quarter Catherine Azzone presented a talk on the "Psychology of color". At the 5th Wednesday meeting in November, Moira and Ellen MacAvoy hosted a pop-up shop at Moira's house. Moonlighter members are working on a quilt to donate next year to the Center as a thank you for the meeting space. In addition to Meals on Wheels and Bright Stars quilts, Fidget Quilts for donation to local nursing homes are collected. This project is coordinated by Melinda Smith.

Nelson Quilters – Debbie Truett Speilman – In addition to making plans for and hosting Fall Fest on November 11 the Nelson Quilters enjoyed two informative classes during our Fall meetings. Paula Davis gave a presentation on types of interfacing and their best uses in September. In October Alda Vidrich demonstrated a Mitered Corner Facing. During our last meeting in November members shared "Hacks" or Tools they use to help with sewing. The group has received word that the quilt we donated to the Piney River fire department for raffle brought in \$2,100.

At our November meeting new officers were elected to serve for the next 2 years. They are, President - Debbie Truett Speilman, Vice President - Nadine Bird, Treasure - Millie Gabersek, Secretary - Trish Rabine, Chapter Representative - Barbara Tinsley.

Grateful Threads – Karen Burnette – Grateful Threads members continued to share their quilting knowledge at our meetings and have started planning for more talks in 2024. Most recently, Catherine Azzone gave an interesting presentation about why quilting is healthy for your life. She emphasized creativity and community among other benefits.

Many members enjoyed gathering for Fall Fest. Thank you to the Nelson Chapter for hosting us.

We are holding our holiday lunch at Ivy Creek UMC on December 11th and will meet once more on the 18th before taking a break for Christmas and New Year's Day.

Finally, we said goodbye to two long time members, Rea Mueller and Ginger Mirenda, as they have moved to be closer to family.

Quilt Show 2024 Reminders

If you haven't renewed your CAQG Membership yet for 2024, please do so soon. You need to be a member to attend January's Retreat and to enter the 2024 CQQG Quilt Show in April. The Membership form can be found on the CAQG website <https://caqg.weebly.com/>

2024 CAQG Quilt Show at The Center at Belvedere, April 13-14. The link for Quilt Registration for the 2024 show is <https://tinyurl.com/2024-Quilt-Show>. There is no cost to register a quilt for our show which is not juried. If you want to share it, we would love to have it hanging to show the breadth and depth of creativity in our guild. Quilt Show Registration closes February 15, 2024. A couple things to remember:

1. You must be a member in good standing to have a quilt in our quilt show.
 2. Your quilt must be a quilt (i.e. three layers connected with thread), not have been shown in any of our previous shows and made in the last 5 years.
 3. You may enter as many quilts as you like, but the show designer reserves the right to come to you and ask that you save one for another show, given that we do have space limitations. The last couple of shows, however, have been able to accommodate all quilts that were registered.
 4. A quilt need not be finished to be registered, but we do need dimensions and a color photo of the top. It is not registered until we have those.
 5. The deadline for registering a quilt is February 15, 2024.
 6. Quilts need to be dropped off on Friday, April 12th. If you cannot do so, please identify a friend who can. We cannot take quilts in advance.
- Please note that it is a 2-Step process. You fill out the form AND send an email with a photo attachment.

If you have any questions about either, please feel free to reach out to Kirsten Niemann, who is handling Quilt Registration, at kirstenquilts@gmail.com

Kirsten Niemann

Schedule for Future Fests and Hosts

Spring 2024	Crozet Quilters
Fall 2024	Moonlighters
Spring 2025	Grateful Threads Quilters
Fall 2025	Nelson Quilters
Spring 2026	Crozet Quilters
Fall 2026	Moonlighters
Spring 2027	Grateful Threads Quilters
Fall 2027	Nelson Quilters
Spring 2028	Crozet Quilters
Fall 2028	Moonlighters

CAQG Quilt Show 2024 Raffle Tickets Update

Many hands make light work. Our 200 members have each received 18 raffle tickets with a value of \$15 (6 tickets for \$5 or \$1 each) and 68 members have sold just shy of 1700 tickets! Our **BIG** stretch goal this year is to sell 5,000 tickets. This is an easy way to contribute to make the fundraising efforts of our Quilt Show successful. These tickets make great stocking stuffers.

In addition, if you sell 40 tickets you will receive a choice of a bagette (while supplies last), sell 80 and you can get TWO!!! The member to sell the MOST tickets will have their choice of the two limited edition quilted bags, the seller of the winning raffle ticket will get the other. You don't want to miss out on this chance, start selling today.

Sold tickets and money can be returned to:

Your Chapter President
Jean Lightner Norum
or Leslie Hough

Thank you all for your efforts in making this a successful quilt show, you are so appreciated

Leslie Hough
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Fiber and Stitch Art Collective

The Fiber and Stitch Art Collective (FSAC) meets monthly, usually on the third Sunday of the month at 2 pm. We meet at the Charlottesville Waldorf School (120 Waldorf School Rd).

Exhibits: Members of the FSAC are currently displaying their themed work at two venues.

Rock, Pebble, and Stone: Exhibit from September 1 to December 23, 2023, at the Virginia Quilt Museum (301 S Main St, Harrisonburg). Museum open at 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Tuesday to Saturday.

Memories of Satin and Lace: Exhibit from December 1, 2023 to January 1, 2024 at Westminster-Canterbury of the Blue Ridge (250 Pantops Mountain Rd, Charlottesville). Show hours 9 am – 5 pm daily.

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Volunteers Needed!!

CAQG Newsletter Editor and Messenger

At the close of 2024 I will end my long run as both the CAQG's newsletter editor and Guild messenger. One or two volunteers are needed to fill these positions. One person can handle both tasks, but two different people may be better (your choice). There is plenty of time for training of which there is not much. So please consider volunteering and I'll be happy to answer any questions you have that may help you make an informed decision. Ideally volunteers need to be identified by September so everyone can breathe easier.

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Virginia Quilt Museum

<https://www.vaquiltmuseum.org>

The Virginia Quilt Museum has a number of diverse exhibits ranging from civil war quilts to today's textile art. Below are a few of its offerings. Please visit the VQM website for additional activities and exhibits and all details.

Exhibits

Bearing Witness: Civil War Story Quilts by Lesley Riley

October 6, 2023-December 23, 2023

Historic photographs that have been enlarged and enhanced create compelling images. Through fabric, color and composition, Lesley draws you in, bringing their stories to life while shedding new light on America's past.

Tales from the Loom

January 9, 2024-March 28, 2024

This exhibition is organized by the Rivanna Weavers, a group of 7 different artists who tell unique stories through their work of woven tapestries.

Abstractions in Color by Cindy Grisdela

January 9, 2024-March 30, 2024

This exhibit features a range of Cindy's abstract designs throughout her career. She creates her work free hand on the sewing machine without computer programming, so no two pieces are ever exactly alike. She hopes to reinforce the concept of the quilt as art that belongs on the wall, exploring color, line, and shape.

The Creative Hand by Wen Redmond

January 9, 2024-March 29, 2024

Wen Redmond's work centers around bringing the outside in. Bringing a sense of delight and appreciation of the natural world to viewers through her art. Her fascination with photography finds expression through printing original manipulated photographs directly onto created mixed media substrates, and specially treated natural fibers to craft unique photographic textural constructions. Come explore this unique take on photography and quilting.

Alda Vidrich