



# Quilting Lines

Charlottesville Area Quilters Guild

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## *President's Message*

I'm not sure who decided that March 16, 2024 is National Quilting Day, but I'll take it! Any time we can celebrate quilting, I'm in. Celebrating a craft or art form that not only fulfills a creative outlet but brings together folks who can learn, appreciate and enjoy each other **has** to be a good thing.

I've had the pleasure so far this year to visit two large quilt shows and marvel at the abilities and artistry of those who claim the same moniker as me – quilter. While I may never reach their heights, I still enjoy their “company” and sometimes even learn from them. And that's one of the main reasons I belong to a guild. I still have so much to learn. Whether it's a workshop, a mini-demo, or even show and tell, I often find a new tidbit that elevates my work or my enjoyment of it.

Next month, we'll share all that with the greater community through our quilt show. I suspect that, once again, I will learn something new, even as I enjoy the coming together of our guild as a whole. I hope you will participate, whether as an exhibitor, a volunteer, or a visitor. It's such a reaffirming event.

In the meantime, I hope the president's challenge has encouraged you to find joy in your craft. Whether it's trying something new, finishing something old, or simply making progress on a bucket list of ideas you have for yourself, I hope the structure of picking something new each month has provided you with the incentive to move forward. So, whether it's March 16<sup>th</sup> or any other point on the calendar, Happy Quilting Day

**Linda Boone**  
**CAQG President**

## *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



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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 Thursday of March, June, September 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 188 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](mailto: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



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## *Chapter News*

**Crozet Quilters – Mary Creed-Pallone** – At Crozet meetings we now sit in a large circle which has really increased discussion. We recently started a group activity which consists of one member asking a question such as “when did you first start sewing on a machine and what did you make?” and each of us responding in turn. We are continuing with our monthly “teachable moments” with our most recent being on how to write or draw on a quilt. We will continue with a monthly “meet the quilter”, but we will start with some older members so our new quilting friends can get to know us all. We are busy gathering our Raffle Basket items for the Quilt Show. The theme of our basket is “Coffee, Tea or ME”.

We have started planning for Spring Fest, which we will be hosting at the Crozet United Methodist Church on May 4 ([see page 6 for details](#)). Our speaker will be Sheryl Sims, an art quilter from Northern Virginia. Our pillowcase challenge is planned for Monday, June 24 and all Guild members are encouraged to participate. We have started working on blocks for this year’s Honor Quilt. A road trip to the VQM is planned for this summer. Finally, Crozet is planning to have a retreat September 16-17 when we will meet at the church for two consecutive days to sew on individual projects and or group projects.

**Moonlighters – Shawna O’Driscoll** – This quarter our special topics were:

- Meet the quilter with Debbie Jungling
- Show and tell: UFOs- what’s the roadblock
- Show and tell: Rulers and cutting mats

Moonlighters’ members are working on a quilt to donate later this 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 – Barbara Tinsley** – January’s wintery weather caused the Nelson Quilters to miss our two January meetings. Nevertheless, the newly elected officers were able to gather at Debbie Truett Speilman’s home for a delicious lunch and a planning session.

Two projects coming up for the first half of the year are the annual raffle quilt for the Piney River Fire Department and the Quilt of Honor which we present to a local veteran at the Memorial Day ceremonies in Nelson County. Chairs were named for both of these projects and plans are well underway.

Block kit packets for the Quilt of Honor were distributed at our first meeting in February and plans have been made to put the blocks together at a sew-in at the Tuckahoe Clubhouse in March.

A design was approved, and fabrics were chosen for the Piney River quilt at our first March meeting.

Members brought in green fabrics to use in the quilt and block kit packets will be distributed at our next meeting.

At our first meeting each month we will continue the practice of gathering one hour before our meeting time for a Brown Bag Supper. We find this a wonderful, relaxed time to get to know one another, ask questions, learn from each other and about each other.

**Grateful Threads – Karen Burnette** – The number of members coming to Monday meetings is such that we have “back rows”. In order to assist members with soft voices, members with hearing issues, and just the amount of fabric in the room absorbing sound, we are all getting use to using the wireless microphone.

Robin Hamill-Ruth is organizing a monthly sew-in at the fire and rescue station on McIntire so members can work on rescue squad blankets, Bright Star quilts, etc. Linda Boone did a presentation on rulers and cutting mats. Our Block exchange is being organized. Member Shelby Cosgrove has moved to Chattanooga, Tenn.



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## *CAQG Board Meeting Behind the Scenes*

\*As you may know, the Board of the Guild met in early March as the first quarterly meeting of the year. While your Chapter Rep will likely tell you what was discussed and approved, I thought you might want to read about some highlights, especially if you don't belong to a Chapter.

\*In December, the Board approved a document to supplement and clarify the new By-Laws titled, **Standard Rules and Procedures** or SRPs. At this meeting we updated it slightly to provide greater clarity to our work. The document can be found on our website ([www.caqq.weebly.com](http://www.caqq.weebly.com)) under FAQs. The document gives guidance on fiscal matters, board roles, and policies that guide programs, community service, the quilt show, and retreats among other things. Have questions about what you read? Please reach out to a Board member.

\*You may have heard that we were recently approved as a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization by the IRS. Karen Poos, our treasurer, has been diligently crossing t's and dotting i's on what that means for us. To begin with, **charitable donations** to the Guild are now eligible for documentation to use when itemizing deductions on your personal taxes (these are NOT needed if you take a standard deduction). The Guild will issue a letter for monetary donations over \$20. A form is also available for non-monetary donations used expressly for the Guild's charity projects (quilts, books, fabrics, etc.). Check with a Board member if you have questions. Karen is also working with the state to establish our ability to purchase Guild items without paying sales tax. While this option won't be available to individual members to purchase materials for donated items (our tax exemptions are covered with the documents noted above), it will save the Guild some money on items purchased for the quilt show, fests, and supplies for charity such as labels, batting and books. Stay tuned for more information as we await this approval.

\*Our Community Services Coordinator, Robin Hamill-Ruth, has been working to expand who we can serve and who will help us with those projects. With this expansion has come a recognition that we could not begin to meet our goals if **professional longarmers** didn't contribute their services to the extent that they do. In the past we have arbitrarily gifted some with stipends, but we want to be more transparent, equitable, and meet the expectations of our 501(c)3 status. The Board has approved a policy of allowing our members who are professional longarmers to submit company invoices to the Guild for \$10 per quilt for charity items quilted without charge to our members. While the amount does not begin to equal what they would normally charge for such work, it does allow them to recoup some funds for at least their cost of thread. The details of the policy can be found in the SRP document on the website.

\*As always, members are welcome to attend any Board meeting (contact either the President or Secretary for correct time and location or Zoom invitation).

**Linda Boone**  
**CAQG President**



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## *CAQG Quilt Show 2024 Final Update/Reminders*

Wow! I can't believe the quilt show is almost here! In less than a month we will welcome visitors to see over 190 quilts, purchase handmade items, and listen and learn from our demos. We couldn't do it, of course, without your generous gift of volunteering at the show. If you are new to our guild, we encourage you to sign up even if you aren't sure what you'll be doing (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084EAEA72DABFA7-48270241-quilt>). Nothing is difficult and many of our members are experienced and can guild you. Even if you can't volunteer, please visit the show and patronize our vendors or buy something at the Boutique (<\$25 per item) or Shoppe at the Show.

On Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> we will drop off our quilts at the Center at Belvedere and erect stands, hang quilts, post signs, and prepare for what we hope will be 500+ visitors to the show over the weekend. Quilts will be dropped off between 2:00 and 3:00 PM. We'll send out reminders the week before so you can make plans with a friend if you can't make that time window. We open the doors on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am and close at 4:00 pm. During that time, volunteers will collect entrance fees, distribute ballots, sell raffle tickets, present demos, and float around answering questions and showing the backs of quilts when asked. Wear your name tag, showing you are a proud guild member! We do it again on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. At that time, we close the auditorium to everyone except those helping take the show down. **Quilts can be picked up no sooner than 4:15 pm** (assuming we have everything loaded in the truck by then).

There is still time to contribute items to either the **Boutique** (less than \$25 apiece) or the **Shoppe at the Show** (\$25 and above), but please don't wait until the last minute as Alicia and Valerie have to price everything in advance. If you can't make your chapter meeting, please reach out to a friend to bring your donations.

If you have **raffle quilt tickets** you won't be able to sell, please be sure to return them ASAP (at the show at the latest) so that someone else can sell them. We've had to order more already, so they are going like hotcakes! Remember when you do sell them to put your name on the back to become eligible to win a prize.

Look for the list of demos posted on our website ([Quilt Show - Charlottesville Area Quilters Guild](http://www.caqg.org) ([weebly.com](http://www.caqg.org))) so you can plan your visit accordingly. Be sure to patronize our food vendors, Greenberry's and Ott Street Eats food truck ([Ott Street Eats | food truck | 304 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA, USA](http://www.ottstreeteats.com)).

It's going to be a great show. As always, if you have questions, please reach out to Debbie Jungling [debbiejungling@yahoo.com](mailto:debbiejungling@yahoo.com) or 434-282-7865, or before March 21<sup>st</sup>, Linda Boone [lindab00ne@yahoo.com](mailto:lindab00ne@yahoo.com) or 434-242-3181. We are so excited to see all the quilts.

### **Sponsor an Azalea**

Thanks to everyone who jumped in to sponsor an azalea to improve the safety and beauty of our upcoming quilt show. We have orders in for nearly 50 bushes, over half a dozen of are going to be donated to the Center at the conclusion of the show. If you haven't yet reached out to Alda about ordering a bush, please save your request for the next show. We think we have all we need at this point, but will likely offer the option again in 2026

**Linda Boone**  
**CAQG President**



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## *Workshops 2024 and 2025*

**Fall workshop and lecture** - September 5 and 6, 2024 at Ivy Creek Methodist Church  
**Brita Nelson**, The Questioning Quilter, will be guest teacher. The theme: "Crumbs"- or how to use up those scraps.

Thursday, September 5, 1 pm, lecture/trunk show, "Every Last Crumb, an Adventure in Scrap Quilting"

Friday, September 6, 10 am, workshop (6 hours) "Crumbs to Quilts"

Registration starts in July. Space for the workshop is limited. More information to follow BUT check out her website, [www.questioningquilter.com](http://www.questioningquilter.com), for information on the lecture and workshop.

### **Next up - March 28-29, 2025**

Erin Grogan of Love Sew Modern ([www.lovesewmodern.com](http://www.lovesewmodern.com)) will be doing a workshop on "Wearable Art" and a workshop on "More Curves" - featuring her "Aparrotly it's a Party" pattern, as well as a lecture. Many more details to follow... in the meantime, check out her website (link above).

### **Valerie Geis Workshops**

## *Spring Fest Saturday, May 4, 2024*

Spring Fest, hosted by Crozet Quilters, will be an in-person event on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (1156 Crozet Ave, Crozet, VA 22932). This church is across from Tabor Presbyterian where Crozet usually meets.

**Entry Table:** Sign in and pick up 3 raffle tickets. We will be raffling three \$25 gift cards to the following local quilt shops: Cottonwood (Charlottesville), Patchwork Plus (Dayton), and The Quiltery (Fairfield). Members may deposit their raffle tickets in any or a selection of the raffle boxes, depending on preference.

### **Schedule**

9:30 am -10 am: Continental Breakfast (Baked Goods, Fruit, Coffee, Tea, Water).

10 am-11:00 am: CAQG Business Meeting and showing of CAQG Quilt Show winning quilts\*.

11 am-12:30 pm: Guest Speaker: Sheryl Sims. She is known for her art quilts. Read more about her at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/older-adults/golden-gazette/2021-03-sheryl-sims-and-the-fabric-of-her-life-art-quilting>

12:30 pm-1:15 pm: Bring your bagged Lunch. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided

1:15 pm-1:30 pm: Raffle

1:30 pm: Show and Tell

\* If your quilt won a prize at the CAQG Quilt Show bring it to share with your fellow quilters!



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## *Pillowcases Sew-In* Crozet Chapter

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

The Crozet Chapter will be hosting the Pillowcase Challenge this year on Monday, June 24, at Tabor Presbyterian Church. There will be two sessions, 10:00 am to noon and 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. All are invited to join us in Crozet or make pillowcases at home to contribute to Shelter for Help in Emergency (SHE). SHE gives safe shelter to victims of domestic abuse.

## *Moonlighters All Star Challenge*

All CAQG members are invited to participate in the “All Stars” challenge for 2024 Fall Fest, hosted by Moonlighters. Date, time, and place of Fall Fest TBA.

Here are the rules and requirements:

All Star challenge quilts should have stars as an identifiable design element.

Techniques can include piecing, appliqué, painting, embellishment, and others; and/or the challenge can be met using a fabric printed with stars.

All Star challenge quilts do not have to contain 100% stars, but stars should be readily noticeable.

Stars can be any shape that the viewer can recognize as a star.

The term “star” should be taken literally, not metaphorically. (For example, my dog is a “star” to me, but a portrait of my dog does not work...unless he’s wearing stars).

Size requirements: No single side should be smaller than 12” and no single side should be larger than 24”.

The challenge is for quilts, not bags, boxes, dolls, clothing, and other fun items.

Display requirements: our volunteers will hang the quilts temporarily by pinning pieces of Velcro to the back of the quilts. Consider display requirements when choosing the shape, weight, and finishing techniques. A sleeve and label are not required.

Delivery of quilts for display: Makers are responsible for bringing their quilts and taking them home that day or for enlisting a friend to assist them.

Other rules: There are no other rules. This is intended as fun project that gives us all something to look at and talk about at Fall Fest. We hope you join us in the challenge, and we look forward to seeing all the stars at Fall Fest 2024.



## *Community Projects*

### **Bright Star Quilts**

Quilting tutorial with Chandra and Janet at CARS on McIntire. Had 27 participants. Many Bright Star tops had been made by the women in the sewing group at Westminster Canterbury from sets of 10.5" squares. Robin added backing, binding and batting to make kits. Janet talked about spray fusing and she and Chandra reviewed their approach to simple quilting patterns. The group then quilted over 40 Bright Star quilts.

It was such a success that we plan to have a repeat in either late April or during May. Save your tops, make your own kits and join us. You can also attack your stash and donate 10.5" squares for WCBR sewers. 2 sets of 10 are easiest but any combo of different squares works. Robin can collect squares and deliver them to WCBR. Thanks to all who donated and participated.

### **Blankets for Homeless**

We had 2 sew-ins to construct fleece blankets for the fire and rescue squad to distribute to the homeless in Charlottesville. To date, we've made over 150 fleece blankets. Some of those are 2-layered fleece with texture patches, most are one fleece layer backed with a waterproof synthetic fabric. These waterproof blankets have been included in the department's cold weather packs ( with socks, gloves, hat, hand warmers etc.). These have been given to stressed and house insecure individuals over the past few months.

### ***Robin Hamill-Ruth***

Community Quilts

## *Virginia Quilt Museum*

<https://www.vaquiltmuseum.org>

The Virginia Quilt Museum has a wonderful array of exhibits and challenges. One of particular interest is the Stitching Together History project. This project aims to create an exhibition featuring 250 quilts that tell the history of the Commonwealth of Virginia. These quilts will be 20" square and will be juried into the exhibition from a call for entries. The quilts must depict a person, place, event, area, idea, or thing from Virginia history. Deadline for submission of entry is September 30, 2024, and call for entries is now open. For more details click on link below.

<https://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/stitching-together-history-grp/stitching-together-history>

To see more of what is currently on exhibit and upcoming exhibits visit Museum's web site given above.

***Janet Saulsbury***