



Quilting Lines

Charlottesville Area Quilters Guild

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President's Message

Have you ever been told that, "Quilting is a dying art?" This is sometimes the response I get when I mention my quilting hobby. Many people remark that "my grandmother used to make quilts," and perhaps assume that the craft must have died with her. I'm always glad to hear of their grandmother's accomplishments, but I also assure them that the hobby she loved is still thriving.

Each year Premier Needle Arts publishes the results of their annual survey about crafting trends. The data they collected in 2022 show that there are 9-11 million active quilters in the USA and Canada. The average quilter is a woman in her 60's. Most of these women began quilting in their 50's, when they had sufficient time and resources to pursue this pastime. (This sounds like a lot of us in CAQG!) According to Abby Glassenberg, president of Craft Industry Alliance, "In the overall population, the demographic profile of women over age 50 will continue to expand through 2040 which means there will continue to be more potential quilters in the population over time".

The quilting industry has been growing steadily over the past ten year and is expected to reach \$5 billion by 2026. No surprise here, as the average quilter starts about a dozen projects a year and spends at least 6 hours a week working on them.

When I joined CAQG there were about 150 members of the guild. With new members joining all the time there are now almost 200 of us. Chapter meetings are well attended; our biennial quilt shows are more popular than ever; and our annual CAQG Retreat is filled to capacity. Our community service program has been expanded to include more recipients in more organizations. And our members are enthusiastically organizing, signing up for, and teaching all types of quilting related workshops.

Quilting is not a dying art!

Moira MacAvoy
CAQG President

Slate of 2024-2025 Executive Board Voting at Fall Fest

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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 197 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



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Chapter News

Crozet Quilters – Adrienne Granitz – Our chapter has had a quiet summer. We continue our charity quilt making for Hospice, Meals on Wheels, and the Bright Star program. The blocks for our next quilt made for our host church, Tabor Presbyterian, are ready for assembly and will be presented to the church at our December luncheon. Our most recent Tabor quilt raffle netted \$1200 for backpacks for local children in the Crozet community, a mission project of the church.

In early August, our biannual Quilt of Honor was presented to Harvey Brown, a Korean War veteran. The quilt and Harvey received a standing ovation from the members of American Legion Post 74. September will see the return of “Meet the Quilter” and “Teachable Moments” after a break during the summer months. A workshop on September 25th will be held to make blocks for the Jane Fellows quilt.

Moonlighters – Shawna O’Driscoll – We have a themed show and tell meeting (2nd week) where we cover the topics “ugly fabric”, “favorite quilt”, “oldest or oddest fabric in your stash”. Then at our 4th Wednesday meeting there is a “Scrap Swap” with a designated color and/or theme. We’re trying to add in more educational demonstrations to that meeting. For example, Leslie Hough did her documenting quilts talk. At the 5th Wednesday meeting in August, Ellen MacAvoy hosted a “meet the quilter” at her house.

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 Speilman – Nelson Quilters are continuing to plan Fall Fest for November 11. In addition, they have completed a quilt for raffle and presented it to the Piney River Fire Department, given a child’s quilt to a child battling leukemia and presented 2 quilts to 2 families that lost their home to fire in our Nelson community.

Activities: The group had a Tea for its meeting on June 19th. In July Doris Delk led an activity for selecting fabric colors for a quilt using a magazine picture as inspiration. Susan O’Neal showed us how to make a lanyard spool of thread holder using ribbon, an eye bolt and a nut. This item is convenient for keeping up with your spool of thread while hand sewing.

Grateful Threads – Karen Burnette – This quarter the Grateful Threads continued our monthly information sharing. Megan Martin led a discussion on the use of facing and triangles on the back of quilts to hang small quilts. This method replaces the use of regular binding and sleeves.

Leslie Hough presented on documentation of quilts, beyond the simple label. Valerie Geis and Janet Saulsbury led a group discussion on the use of various products to clean and store quilts. They are going to post the collected resources in the CAQG website.

Members have been busy sewing mug rugs, some of which were donated to the shop at the Virginia Quilt Museum and some of which are being collected for the shop at next year’s quilt show. We are also working on blocks for a quilt designed by the MacAvoy sisters to honor Jane Fellows. They will be collected at Fall Fest. And Rae Muller donated a quilt for auction to The Center at Belvedere.



***Fall Fest 2023
Nelson Chapter***

Mark your Calendar!

When: Saturday, November 11th

Where: Calvary Baptist Church, Lovingson, VA.

Guest Speaker: Paula Golden and her topic is: "Color, How to Make Your Quilts Sing". Paula has been quilting since the early 70's and teaching for over twenty years including the international Quilt Festival in Houston. Her quilts, patterns, and articles have been published in numerous magazines and books. Paula is past president of the Board of directors, Virginia Quilt Museum and co-author of the book, *Quilts in Virginia: Birth of American through the Eye of a Needle*.

Schedule

9:30 am - 10:00 am- Meet and greet! Enjoy coffee, tea, and baked goods

10:00 am - 11:00 am- Lecture by Paula Golden: *Color - How to Make your Quilts Sing*

11:00 am - noon- CAQG business meeting and voting for 2024-2025 Executive Board Officers

Noon - 1:00 pm- lunch break, please bring your own lunch

1:00 pm - Show and Tell: Please bring lots to share

Debbie Speilman

Nelson chapter

Schedule for Future Fests and Hosts

Fall 2023:	Nelson Quilters
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



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CAQG Quilt Show 2024

Has your quilting been prolific in the past few years? Are you ready to share your work with those who love quilts and their wide variety of styles, shapes, and sizes? Well, do we have a quilt show for you!!

Once again, CAQG will host a two-day quilt show in April 2024. A true full guild activity, members share their work, help set-up or take-down, offer demos, staff tables to collect entry fees, sell raffle tickets and/or guild-made items, and wander the exhibits to answer questions of attendees. The show will be set-up on Friday, April 12th, and be open for business **Saturday and Sunday, April 13th-14th**. This will be in our **NEW location at the Center at Belvedere**.

So why are we talking about it now in September? Glad you asked! We start our behind the scenes work now beginning with selling tickets for our gorgeous raffle quilt (see our website's home page - <https://caqq.weebly.com/>). Every guild member receives 18 tickets (sold at \$1 apiece or 6 for \$5) to buy or sell. The member who sells the most tickets (yes, you can always get more) prior to the show and the member who sells the winning ticket as noted by your name on the back of the ticket stub will win one of two prizes: a Camden bag or a Mondo bag. Selling tickets helps not only advertise our show, but also offset the cost of hosting the show. Tickets are being distributed at chapter meetings and mailed thereafter. There are also postcards with a picture of the quilt to help with ticket sales.

Registrations for quilts to be hung in the show begins in January. New this year will be an online registration form (for those so inclined – a paper form can also still be submitted) and ability to send your photo via email! We accept any quilt (defined as three layers of fabric attached together) that has not been shown previously in one of our biennial shows. Although we are not limiting the number of registrations we will accept (there is no cost to register a quilt), we may not be able to exhibit everything due to space limitations. We'll reach out individually to you if we have any issues in that regard. If you've never exhibited a quilt before, this is the year to do so!

Another early planning event is lining up our demos. We hope to offer up to eight 20-minute introductory demos over the course of the two day show. Last show we offered demos on beading, paper piecing, binding, and big stitch quilting (among others). If you would like to offer a demo, know someone who would be great at it, or have an idea of something you'd like to see, reach out to Debbie Jungling (debbiejungling@yahoo.com).

Eventually we will be asking for folks to volunteer for service at the show in April, but that will happen in early Spring. In the meantime, I hope you are as excited as I am to kick-off this major guild event that shows what we do and why folks should join us.

Debbie Jungling
Quilt Show Chair
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CAQG Quilt Show 2024 *continued*

“The Shoppe at the Show” and “Boutique”: Call for items

Hello, Quilters! Our Quilt Show 2024 is just around the corner. We are looking for your wonderful hand-made creations for “The Shoppe at the Show” and the “Boutique”. Items for The Shoppe are priced at \$25 or more while the Boutique sells handmade items up to \$25. Alicia MacWright (macw13@hotmail.com) handles the “*Boutique*” items while Valerie Geis (vgeis24@gmail.com) leads the team collecting for the “*Shoppe at the Show*”. Ask your Chapter Rep if you need help getting items to either of these folks. Again, sales from the items you make help us pay for the cost of hosting the show.

Items for “The Shoppe at the Show” includes wall hangings, placemat sets, tote bags, baby or kid quilts, lap throws, fabric bundles (can be themed like black and white, Holiday etc), kits or any unique items you might think of worth \$25 and up.

Items for the “Boutique” can be pin cushions, mug rugs, needle books, greeting cards decorated with fabrics, tissue holders, scissor keeps, small table runners/candle mats, Christmas (wool or fabric) ornaments, doll quilts (sizes 10x15 to 18x18) and anything else you can think of worth \$25 or less.

For more information or any questions regarding “The Shoppe at the Show” or the “Boutique”, please contact Valerie Geis (vgeis24@gmail.com) or Alicia MacWright (macw13@hotmail.com) respectively

Debbie Jungling
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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.

Georgia O’Keefe Revisited: Exhibit from August 28 through December 8, 2023, at the Connaughton Gallery in the McIntire School of Commerce (140 Hospital Dr.), third floor of Rouss & Robertson Halls, East Lawn. Exhibit open Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Parking available at Central Grounds garage on Emmet Str. South and on Brandon Ave.

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.

Alda Vidrich
Member, FSAC



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Virginia Quilt Museum
<https://www.vaquiltmuseum.org>

The Virginia Quilt Museum has an interesting and varied array of activities and exhibits. Below are a few of its offerings. Please visit the VQM website for additional activities and exhibits and all details.

Activities

Beginner Rug Hooking - A Make Do Workshop with Susan Feller
Saturday, September 23, 2023, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Poe Mini Quilt Challenge

Quilts are due to VQM by Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Quilts will be on display October 1 - 31, 2023 and during the run of the Brian Clowdus Edgar Allan Poe Experience

Brian Clowdus Edgar Allan Poe Experience

An immersive experience on various dates from October 12th to 31st, 2023

Fragment Fabric Collage Workshop with Lesley Riley

Saturday, November 11, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

About the Teacher

Lesley Riley is an internationally known art quilter and multi-media artist and instructor, working in botanical printing, mixed and digital media, paint and fabric.

Exhibits

Stories are Made Loop by Loop, July 12, 2023 - October 7, 2023

Curated by Susan L Feller, West Virginia, for the Virginia Quilt Museum

Artists in this exhibition use rug hooking to document and explore social, emotional and personal topics.

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.

Alda Vidrich