



# Quilting Lines

Charlottesville Area Quilters Guild

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## *President's Message*

Does this ever happen to you? Someone sees you working on a beautiful sewing project and remarks, "I don't have the patience for that." Does it feel like a compliment? According to the American Heritage Dictionary, patience is the ability to endure pain, difficulty, provocation or annoyance with calmness. We are all very familiar with doing things that require patience. Some examples that come to mind are: raising children, taking elderly parents to lots of appointments, waiting to board a flight that has been delayed, and walking a dog in cold, rainy weather while he looks for just the right spot so that we can finally go back inside!

Having the leisure time to pursue a hobby one enjoys does not require patience. In fact, just the opposite is true. When my children were young I found that my hobbies helped me to keep my sanity. After the kids were in bed I looked forward to spending a couple of hours with my Singer Featherweight. In more recent years, I always took along a hand sewing project whenever I took my parents to their numerous medical appointments. All that time I spent waiting seemed to go faster, and I was more able to handle difficult situations with some degree of calmness.

My parents are both gone now, but a portable sewing project is still an essential coping strategy for me. I recently spent time at the Detroit airport after learning that my flight to La Guardia had been cancelled, and I was being rerouted through Atlanta, but that flight would not take off for another three hours. This was indeed an annoyance, but it was not so bad because I was able to make significant progress on some hand appliqué. Unfortunately I have not been able to figure out how to make this technique work when I'm walking Bingley on a dark and stormy night. It seems that the worse the weather is, the longer he takes. In that case I just need patience.

**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 195 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 – Adrienne Granitz** – The Crozet Chapter continues work on our charity quilts that includes Hospice, Bright Star, and Meals on Wheels. We are also working on our Quilt of Honor that will soon be ready for quilting, and a quilt for our host church in thanks for their generosity in providing a wonderful meeting space. The blocks for that quilt have been distributed with a fall completion date.

We had a pot-luck Spring Luncheon that is always a fun time. Meet the Quilter and Teachable Moments programs will take a summer break in July and August and pick up again in September as many members are out of town.

We've started planning for Spring Fest 2024, securing space in the Methodist church, setting a date for the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May, and discussing possible speakers for the event. It is never too early to plan.

**Moonlighters – Shawna O'Driscoll** – Moonlighters Chapter has been growing since our move to The Center last year with 43 members. Moira MacAvoy has been the president since the first of the year. At our 2nd Wednesday meeting we have a Theme Show & Tell, during which we have shown and discussed: thread, needles, and other topics. Thread storage is coming up next. Then at our 4th Wednesday meetings we always have a "Scrap Swap" with a designated color and/or theme.

At the 5th Wednesday special interest meetings, in March, Ellen gave us a demo and let us try Inktense pencils. In May, Shawna O'Driscoll hosted at her house a computerized longarm demo. Members were also able to try out a hand guided longarm. In addition, our chapter makes Fidget Quilts for donation to local nursing homes. This project is coordinated by Melinda Smith.

**Nelson Quilters – Debbie Speilman** – Our long time president, Becky Davis, has stepped down. Nadine Bird is the acting president until an officer election is held in the fall. The group has resumed having a bagged dinner together before the first meeting of each month. We are also resuming monthly activities during the second meeting of the month.

Items completed: On Memorial Day a quilt of valor was presented to Phi Gumm during Nelson's annual Veterans Day ceremony. Two community quilts have been given to families that have lost their home to fire. A list of officer duties for the Nelson Quilters has been approved by the group in preparation for officer elections in the fall. Three of our 4 officers are stepping down at the end of the year.

Work in progress: Work has begun on a quilt to be raffled by the Piney River Fire Department. Several members are working on quilts for next year's Early Childhood Special Education class at our local elementary school. Planning for Fall Fest continues.

**Grateful Threads – Karen Burnette** – Spring Fest on May 6th was a big success. Many thanks to Janet Saulsbury for her work to organize this.

Monthly presentations of our quilting knowledge continues. Linda Boone presented a lively session on irons in March, Karen Burnette talked about the history of pieced blocks in April, and Shawna O'Driscoll had a demonstration of long arm quilting in her home studio in May.

We continue to make quilts for the Bright Star Program and Meals on Wheels.



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## *Fall Fest 2023* *Nelson Chapter*

### **Mark your Calendar!**

**When:** November 11th

**Where:** Calvary Baptist Church, Lovington, VA.

**Guest Speaker:** Paula Golden and her topic is: "Color, How to Make Your Quilts Sing".

Please note this event takes place on the 2nd Saturday of the month and not the traditional 1st Saturday. The change was made to accommodate Paula Golden who will be presenting at the Houston International show the first weekend in November.

Details for Fall Fest 2023 in the September newsletter.

**Debbie Speilman**  
Nelson chapter

## *Fall Workshop 2023*

**Mark your Calendar!** We all have scraps, right? So come one, come all and join Brita Nelson ([brita@questioningquilter.com](mailto:brita@questioningquilter.com)) and listen to her lecture "Every Last Crumb, An Adventure In Scrap Quilting" in the afternoon of September 7, 2023 to hear and see how Brita uses her scraps and then on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, participate in the workshop "Crumbs to Quilts" to learn how you can turn your scraps into usable crumbs for quilts.

The hour-long lecture will be free to all members of CAQG, \$10.00 for non-members. The 6 hour workshop will be \$30.00 for members, \$50.00 for non-members and is limited to 20 participants. Both events will take place at Ivy Creek UMC, 674 Woodlands Rd, Charlottesville.

Additional details will be sent out with registration information on or about June 24th with registration for members beginning July 1st and non-members on August 1st.

Any questions please email me, [genevram50@gmail.com](mailto:genevram50@gmail.com)

**Ginger Mirenda**

## *Summer Mini Workshop 2023*

Robin Hamill-Ruth will be doing a 2-part mini workshop called "Fractured Landscapes". These are scheduled for July 17 and August 14 in the afternoon. The first part will be creating your fabric landscape and the second part will be "fracturing" it and rearranging it to get a whole new small quilt! More details to come. Visit our website (<http://caqq.weebly.com>) to see the project examples.

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### *Schedule for Future Fests and Hosts*

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| 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           |

### *Summer Quilt Retreat*

**Final call:** A couple of slots available to join us at a retreat at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center

**When:** August 21-25, 2023 Arrive Monday afternoon, leave Friday by 11:00

**Where:** Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center, Toano, VA

**Cost:** Single - \$545 Shared double room - \$355 per person

The retreat will be in the Oakwood Lodge. Rooms have two queen beds. Each room has a private bath with linens and towels provided. The camp has nice walking trails, tennis courts, and a swimming pool available to attendees. Meals (breakfast and dinners) are served in the Magnolia Center, an easy walk from the Lodge. A healthy snack provided mid-day

The sewing room is a large meeting room at the end of the hall of bedrooms. Each participant have a 6 ft. table for sewing. If interested or for more information contact Linda Boone at [lindab00ne@yahoo.com](mailto:lindab00ne@yahoo.com)

**Linda Boone**

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### *Fiber and Stitch Art Collective*

Fiber and Stitch Art Collective meets monthly, usually on the third Sunday of the month at 2 pm. We meet at the Charlottesville Waldorf School (120 Waldorf School Rd). Our next meeting is on Sunday March 19, 2023.

**Jane Fellows**

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***Virginia Quilt Museum***  
***Back to School - Mini Quilt Challenge***

Quilts due date to the VQM: July 22, 2023  
Quilts on display : July 25 - September 30, 2023

From the first day of kindergarten to the end of the college years the start of each school year is a time of fun and anticipation. Share your favorite back to school memory, celebrate your alma mater, or simply show off your favorite school supply in this fun mini quilt challenge.

Mini quilts must be 15"x15" and contain a hanging sleeve and label on the back of the quilt. The sleeve must be 3" in diameter. Labels should include the name of the quilter and the title of the piece.

Entry fee is \$10 per quilt. Go to the VQM website (given below) for payment information and contract for quilt submission.

<https://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/events/back-to-school-mini-quilt-challenge>

***Janet Saulsbury***

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***Bright Star Quilts***

We have met our goal of 234 Bright Star quilts for the 2023-2024 school year. Robin and Kirsten are exploring the possibility of adopting additional schools in the city (besides Clark that we're already serving). Top priority will be the schools for which we currently provide quilts. Delivery to the additional city schools will be on an "as available" basis. We are also working on collecting fleece nap blankets for the 3 year old at risk classes in the city.

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***Meals On Wheels***

Thus far 95 quilts have been donated and when we reach our goal of 100 there will be a prize drawing. Additionally, MOW will be choosing a few quilts, from among those received, to use for their fund raiser. The MOW staff are so appreciative of the wonderful quilts you are making, and they always let me know how much the residents love and use their quilts.

Information about MOW quilts size specifications is on the CAQG website (<https://caqg.weebly.com>) under community service.

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