



# Quilting Lines

Charlottesville Area Quilters Guild

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## *President's Message*

The last few years have been challenging for Charlottesville Area Quilters Guild. Like everyone else we were navigating through a global pandemic, which prevented us from meeting in person for chapter meetings, classes and shows. Now, in 2023, our guild is thriving and growing. At last count there are 189 members, and we have a full schedule of workshops, meetings and other events.

The recent CAQG Retreat was the biggest retreat ever, with 17 people attending for the first time. To accommodate the 52 guild members who went to the retreat we added a fourth sewing area. As usual, everyone had a wonderful time! Our last Quilt Show was also a great success, and the 2024 show is being planned. In addition, we are once again looking forward to Spring Fest, Fall Fest, Spring Workshop and Fall Workshop, plus many interesting Mini Workshops presented by members of CAQG.

It really is not surprising that our guild is doing so well. CAQG offers a place to learn more about a pastime we love, and to share this love with others. By doing things together we strengthen the bonds of friendship, challenge ourselves to excel at our craft, and contribute to the Charlottesville area. Through our quilt shows and exhibits we bring the tradition of quilting to the community. In addition, we provide joy to young children and house-bound individuals with our gifts of quilts, lovingly created for them.

Welcome to all our new CAQG members! We are glad you have joined, and hope you will find a happy home with us. And one final thought- there are plenty of volunteer opportunities, which provide a great way for members both new and "old" to become more involved with our fantastic 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 189 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** – Since our last newsletter we set the dates for “Meet the Quilter” presentations and our “Teachable Moments” discussions and demonstrations.

In January we discussed various methods of machine applique presented by Kathy Micucci with a great trunk show of her work. In February we learned how to do perfect Y seams by Kaye Rhoads in preparation for our 2023 Quilt of Honor that will incorporate the Y seam for the 8 pointed star block. March will bring lessons on drafting mariners compass and circular flying geese by Betty Dietz.

In May we will begin to distribute block kits for the quilt being made for Tabor Presbyterian Church as a thank you for hosting our meetings during the year. The church then raffles the quilt to support their mission projects in the Crozet Community.

At the beginning of the year, we reviewed our Community Outreach Quilt Projects and determined that we were reaching our stated goals without taking on more than our group could handle.

A planned Jelly Roll Rug Class was cancelled as we say goodbye to Kris Califano who planned on teaching this class. We wish Kris the best as she moves to Florida.

**Moonlighters – Moira MacAvoy** – Moonlighters Chapter has been growing since our move to The Center last year. We now have 42 members.

At our 2nd Wednesday meeting we have a Theme Show & Tell, during which we have shown and discussed: sewing machines, quilt batting, favorite quilt books, fabrics we have had for a long time, sewing machine feet and other topics. Then at our 4th Wednesday meetings we always have a “Scrap Swap” with a designated color and/or theme.

In addition, our chapter makes Fidget Quilts for donation to local nursing homes. This project is coordinated by Melinda Smith

**Nelson Quilters – Debbie Speilman** – On December 5, 2022, the Nelson Quilters enjoyed a Pot Luck Dinner and gift exchange to celebrate the Holiday Season. During January and February, we started another Quilt of Valor and plans for another raffle quilt for the Piney River Fire Department.

One of our members, Doris Delk, received a donation of fabric with the stipulation that it be used for Bright Star quilts for our local program. Doris divided the fabric into packets for quilts and members have been taking packets to complete naptime quilts. Discussions have also begun for plans for Fall Fest.

**Grateful Threads – Corinne Conlon** – We are enjoying our new meeting place at the Center and have welcomed some new members. Sharing our quilting knowledge continues with these presentations: needle turned applique by Kris Califano and marking quilts by Moira MacAvoy.

Robin Hamill-Ruth's enthusiasm for providing quilts to the Risk and Resilience Section of the Albemarle Fire and Rescue has resulted in our members making a number of quilts for this organization. We will be hosting Spring Fest on May 6, 2023, at the Center.



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## *Bright Star Quilt Show*

There is an exhibit of CAQG Bright Star Quilts in the Gallery at Westminster Canterbury of the Blue Ridge at 250 Pantops Mountain Rd, Charlottesville until Sunday, April 2, 2023. A number of WCBR residents generously sponsored books and quilts for the Bright Star Program and those quilts are on display as an example of some of the many quilts made by our guild members for the Program. Gallery open Monday-Sunday, 8 am to 4pm. It's a lovely gallery space.

On Thursday, March 30th, at 7:30 pm Carol Fox from the Albemarle County Bright Start Program will talk about the Bright Star Program and Robin Hamill-Ruth from CAQG will talk about CAQG's participation. This talk will be in the Auditorium adjacent to the Gallery at WCBR. All are welcome.

There is a security gate when you drive up, just let them know you're there to see the quilt exhibit in the Gallery. They can give you directions. At the moment masks are not required but are encouraged.

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## *Meals on Wheels*

**The number of donated lap quilts for MOW has decreased. Your help is needed to meet this need!** CAQG provides lap quilts for adults who receive services from Meals on Wheels (MOW). There are 250 Meals on Wheels recipients on an ongoing rotation, so the need is great. These donated quilts are used as a surprise for a birthday or other special occasion. The quilts warm the body and the soul and are very much appreciated by their recipients. If you are looking for a smaller project, please consider making a quilt for Meals on Wheels.

### Meals on Wheels Quilt Specifications

Lap-sized quilts are very flexible! They should be no smaller than 30" x 52" and can be as large as 40" x 60". Quilts may be quilted or tied. Flannel backs are nice so quilts don't slip off of laps, but it's not required. Many of the patterns in the Bright Star document are suitable for these quilts. Please think about some masculine quilts as well. There are some fine gentlemen out there who would love a quilt.

Quilts **NEED** to be washed before being given to Cat Stanley. Make sure that there has been no bleeding of colors, make sure the binding is secure, and trim off all threads. Please label your quilt using one of those provided by the guild or one that you make.

If you have a quilt to donate, please bring it to Cat at the Monday morning (Grateful Threads) guild meeting (10-12, The Center at Belvedere), Moonlighters meeting (2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6-8pm, The Center at Belvedere) or contact her to arrange a pick-up.

Please contact Cat Stanley if you have any questions.

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### *Spring Workshop 2023 Friday, May 5*

Taking advantage of Spring Fest's speaker Alice Ridge, our 2023 Spring workshop will be "**Mock Molasses**". This is a handwork class creating traditional Panamanian molasses using felt making them easier and faster than the originals. A kit will be available for purchase. The workshop will be held on May 5 at Ivy Creek Methodist Church. Further details will be available around April 1.

Check out the Alice Ridge web site ([aliceridgequilts.com](http://aliceridgequilts.com)) for examples of her Mock Molasses (click on classes and then click on Mock Molasses).

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### *Mini Workshops 2023*

Our next mini workshop will be ENGLISH PAPER PIECING with Debbie Jungling. In this workshop you will learn how to do English paper piecing, make it into a quilt block and then (if you are looking for an idea) turn it into a mug rug for the challenge at Spring Fest 2023. There is a \$2.00 fee for papers for piecing (2 flowers), wonder clips and batting.

**Date:** March 27

**Time:** 1:30 -4:30

**Place:** Aldersgate Methodist Church

Signups are now. Please email Valerie to sign up. Supply list on caqq website, <https://caqq.weebly.com>

Summer mini workshops information will be forthcoming.

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### *Schedule for Future Fests and Hosts*

Spring 2023:	Grateful Threads Quilters
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



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*Spring Fest 2023*  
*Hosted by Grateful Threads*

**WHEN:** May 6, 2023, from 9:00 am – 1:30 pm

**WHERE:** The Center at Belvedere in the ballroom - 540 Belvedere Boulevard

**PROGRAM:**

Alice Ridge will present a Trunk Show entitled Quilt Trip Around the World.

You will take a trip around the world viewing beautiful quilts & needlework styles from different countries and cultures.

Alice has been quilting for over 40 years. She loves all types of quilting from traditional handwork, machine work, modern techniques, and art quilts.

**PLEASE BRING:**

Your name tag

Reusable coffee cup or water bottle to help save on plastic or paper cups

Mug Rug Challenge

Items for Show and Tell including Bright Stars and Meals on Wheels

**SOCIAL HOUR AND LUNCH:**

Coffee, tea, and small treats will be provided.

You may bring your own lunch.

Lunches may also be ordered from Greenberry's in advance. More information will be forthcoming as they are redoing their menu.

**SCHEDULE:**

9:00 – 10:00 Registration and Social Time

10:00 – 11:30 Speaker and Shopping

11:30 to Noon Business Meeting

Noon – Lunch

12:30-1:30 Show and Tell

**We are having a Mug Rug Challenge!**

What is a Mug Rug? I'm bigger than a coaster, smaller than a placemat, and perfect for holding your coffee or tea plus a little snack on the side. Just wash me gently in cold water, dry flat, press if necessary and I'll be good as new! You can decide on the size as there are many options.

There are 3 options for your Mug Rug. You can keep it, you can trade it with another member, or you can donate it to the Virginia Quilt Museum shop to help raise funds.

Please be sure to wash your piece before bringing it to Spring Fest. I often machine wash and machine dry them but thought it "safer" to say hand wash and air dry.

These are lots of fun to make and perfect for small orphan blocks or fabric scraps. Holiday themes are very popular. My favorite batting is fusible fleece other battings work well also.

Have fun! We can't wait to see what you create!

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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.

We have three shows scheduled for 2023.

Two collections travelled to Hampton Roads for the MAQF in Feb. 2023. Rock, Pebble and Stone will be shown in the Fall at the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg. In August, we will hang a show at UVA Commerce School of new work inspired by Georgia O'Keefe.

**Jane Fellows**

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### *CAQG Retreat 2023 Update*

Once again, the CAQG retreat was a great success with the largest number of attendees to date. The final invoice was just over \$18,000! Thanks to the helpers in each room who collected and totaled the checks and credit payments! It was the first year that credit card payments were accepted, and we appreciate the Center making that available to us.

We had 56 quilters who paid a deposit and 52 attended. For the first time, we had four sewing areas. Everyone loved having lots of space to sew and design. There were so many wonderful projects to see and be inspired by! Many received advice and/or gave advice! Everyone was happy to be there, and the weather cooperated this year! Many enjoyed the walking trails, and several enjoyed sitting lakeside!

We were JUST able to accommodate all the attendees in the lodge! There were 25 single rooms with only 40 rooms in the lodge. We are likely close to our maximum number of attendees.

There were 17 first timers this year! Six quilters joined the guild to come to the retreat. We had 3 sets of sisters, 1 mother/daughter, and 4 states represented!

There were 2 each of the following names - Barbara, Mary, Jean, Karen, Kirsten, Kris, Nadine, Judy, and Janet (and one Jan).

Many trips were made to the quilt shops and the Creamery! Thank you Janet Fogel for negotiating discounts at the local shops.

Retreat 2024 is penciled in for January 11-15. Those of you who paid deposits for 2023 will be given first priority in signing up.

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