

President's Message



*"By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather
And autumn's best of cheer."*

— Helen Hunt Jackson, September

"Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go." -Unknown

Does anyone have trouble letting go of "stuff"? I do. I've been sewing for a long time, as well as having worked "in the industry", and, well, I've collected a lot of things. I've been challenged to "clean up my act" and let some things in my collection go on to other places. Seems simple, but I struggle. What is the drawback?

1. I have **invested** time and money in most of these things with a project or goal in sight.
2. I have particular things that stir up so many **sentiments and emotions** that I find it hard to let go.
3. I've spent money on patterns or kits with every intention of making the items...I start the project, stop, but time passes and I don't get back to it. Can I let it go? Do I need to list those **guilt**-laden projects and prioritize to get a top ten - then let the rest go?
4. This kind of connects with the one above. I have **dreams and hopes** to finish projects. Each of these projects might "spark joy", but can I let them go to share the joy?

5. OK. I admit it. If I quit work today and never bought another thing, I doubt I will live long enough to find the **time** to finish all of my projects I've started, much less the ones I still want to start!

Autumn is coming and we look forward to the colors of leaves and the cooler weather. There are some of you who, like the deciduous trees do not struggle with holding on to things but can let go of things in a timely manner. I am not one of those. It's time for me to learn from the Autumn trees and see the beauty in letting go.

<https://www.clutter.com/blog/posts/letting-go-of-stuff/> (I found wisdom, but also humor in this article that it was sponsored by a company that will store your stuff!)

Best of Stitches,
Ruth



Meeting Minutes - August 2, 2022

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Ruth Bartholomew at 6:45pm. Motion made by Jennifer Neubauer to approve the July minutes as published, seconded Hazel Abend, approved by vote. There were no questions regarding the Treasurer's report. Debbie Johnson offered that the annual financial review is scheduled for the following week.

Announcements: Ruth wished happy birthdays to the following members with August birthdays: Diane Kent (11), Johellen George (13), Dorothy Carr (16), Pat Hodur (16), Beth Osborne (18), Rita Sassone (29), and Lynn Parker (30).

Upcoming Events

August 12-13 – a Celebration of Quilts, Anderson Area Quilt Show, Anderson, SC.

August 20 – Airing of the Quilts, 8am-noon, Landrum Quilters On the Green along Trade Street.

September 23-24 – Quilting in the Pines, by Sandhill Quilters Guild at The Historic Fair Barn, 200 Beulah Hill Rd S, Pinehurst, NC.

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Committee Chair Reports;

Corresponding Secretary – Kristin Kipper reported that she sent a card to Karen McGraw for surgery.

Refreshments: Pam Kowalk reminded members that those with September birthdays should bring food next month.

Program – Martha White announced that there are openings for the Nancy Mahoney workshop tomorrow. Upcoming classes will include a rope bowl class and animal collage by Ruth Pollow.

Challenge – Suzanne Brehm advised that the next challenge will involve embellishments and should be between 18" and 40" on any one side. Reveal will be at the March 2023 meeting. Information sheets are available from Suzanne.

Retreat – Sandy Wolf updated info regarding the October 20-23 Lutheridge retreat.

Guild Sales: Leigh Radlein and Theresa Wenstrup announced that there will be a dollar door prize tonight through sales.

Hospitality – Linda Ligon showed tonight's prizes.

Philanthropy – Diane Kent and Melanie DeMoise showed items donated at tonight's meeting. Stay tuned for further changes to the guild's website.

Hostess – Lois Gaston introduced our 6 guests for tonight.

Membership – Dagmar Theodore announced that there were 45 members in attendance tonight, along with 5 new members.

Opportunity Quilt – Paula Bryan and Johellen George announced that they are looking for specific donation fabrics to complete this year’s quilt. They are also seeking records from the opportunity quilt prior to the 2022 show; they ask members to please look in their guild information at home.

Education: Johellen George discussed the importance of grain when making a quilt. Lengthwise cuts are more stable than cross cuts. Try to cut your borders on the lengthwise grain before cutting the remainder of your quilt pieces.

Show and Share: Items were shown by Joanna Lynch, Becky Bray, Melanie DeMoise, Joanna Yost, Theresa Wenstrup, Linda Ligon, Marijke Alford, Pam Price, Leslie Reid. Merry-Beth Noble announced a meet up on August 13 in Landrum; see her for details.

Dollar Door Prize winner was Lou Stevens.

Nametag drawing winner was Gloria Bobier.

Guild Sales raffle winner was Cindy Broadhurst.

Program – Nancy Mahoney showed a wonderful trunk show of her scrap quilts. She has an Etsy shop and website at NancyMahoney.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Burton
Recording Secretary

Education Moment - September 2022

When you are cutting rectangular shapes to use in a quilt, take advantage of the lengthwise grain of the fabric to keep those pieces the right size! The lengthwise grain of the fabric (parallel to the selvages) is the most stable direction in woven fabrics. You can usually find it by comparing the stretch in both directions.

The best time to cut the borders for your quilt is before you cut pieces for the blocks. That’s when you can cut long lengthwise strips, perhaps limiting seams in the borders. If you are cutting sashing strips, cut a crosswise piece to the

correct length, then turn it and cut the narrow sashing strips. Those nice stable strips will not “grow” as you stitch them to the quilt and will contribute to ending up with a quilt that is flat and square without wavy borders!

Johellen George



Notes from Philanthropy

Hello Quilters! While it may be summertime and “the livin’ is easy,” our quilters were certainly busy in August! Philanthropy had another great month with 14 finished quilts, 1 tote bag, 6 cosmetic bags, and 11 quilt tops turned in!

Philanthropy items donated in August



Taking a closer look at one of the quilts shown in more detail below, can you guess what this quilt was re-purposed from? This adorable quilt was donated by Joanna, a new Guild member. Joanna had three appliqued curtain valances, and three sides to the bed skirt that coordinated. She turned these into three children’s quilts, one of which she generously donated to the Guild! She even found the perfect green fabric to put on the back that looks like grass. What a clever way to reuse some cute fabric!



A big thank you goes out to the quilters who came by the Philanthropy workshop

on August 13th at Carolina Quilt Studio! We had three quilts dropped off, and three tops to be quilted were picked up. Several members helped match backings and bindings to tops, and labels were sewn onto thirteen quilts. Thanks for your help, ladies!

Our next Philanthropy Workshop will be held on Saturday, September 10th from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm at Carolina Quilt Studio. We invite you to stop by for batting, backing or binding to finish a quilt you will be donating to Philanthropy, just the top you are working. If you are new to the Guild and are looking for an easy way to get involved and meet other members, come and join us in preparing kits for upcoming meetings, sewing labels onto with others who love quilts and fabric. It is also a great opportunity to shop at Carolina Quilt Studio and see what is new!

With gratitude, Diane, Melanie, Wendy and Deborah

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“Friends and quilts are great no matter how they are put together.” — Unknown

A note from the Treasurer

Our yearly audit was delayed due to Covid illness. It has been rescheduled but did not meet the newsletter deadline.

From September until sometime in December, I will be living in NC while our new home is built in Mauldin. I plan to attend Guild meetings and be in Greenville ~2 times per month. This should allow me to process your reimbursements/payments directly, but may require a little patience and preplanning outside of meeting dates. Linda Ligon has graciously agreed to assist me when necessary. Please email me at dtjohn007@gmail.com or call/text 706-284-1603 if I can help you.

Debbie Johnson

Guild Sales

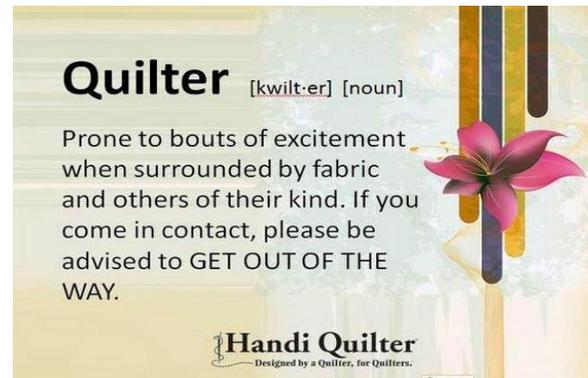
Hello, Ladies! Is it too hot to go outside? Might be a great time to stay inside and tidy up the sewing room! If you are doing any Summer Clearing, please remember Guild Sales! We would love to find a new home for any hand craft items that no longer bring you joy. And all proceeds benefit our Guild. We can be found at the Guild Sales table at our monthly meetings.

Please give Leigh or myself a call if you have any questions.

Thanks, and have a creative July!

Theresa Wenstrup 864-439-8515
Leigh Radlein 864-505-4240”

Thank you!
Theresa Wenstrup



Membership

In August, 46 members, 5 new sign-ons and 7 guests enjoyed Nancy Mahoney's lecture.

Please remember that September is the last month you can join and still be in the directory for the year. Also, if you have not yet received your membership card, let us know at the September meeting. Many of the local quilt shops give discounts when you show the card at payment.

Thanks, Sheryl Sane and Dagmar Theodore



“The only place where housework comes before needlework is in the dictionary.” — Mary Kurtz

Programs

September Program

Kim Ratchford, owner of *Stitched in Purple* Longarm Business is from Blacksburg, South Carolina and will be our guest lecturer for September.

Kim's program will be on: "Getting your work published in a magazine". Kim will share with us her journey through this process and ins and outs of being published in a magazine. We will also have the opportunity in the future to have a Saturday workshop from Kim on one of Kim's creations.

October Program

Carolina Quilt Studio staff will be our featured guests in October. The staff will educate us on the classes offered on quilting, rope bowls, basic sewing, and longarm quilting. Also, CQS is an authorized Innova Longarm Dealer of the Southeast and we will be updated on rental certifications and sales for Innova longarms. The studio has a variety of products to help create unique, beautiful quilts such as fabric, batting, thread, patterns, books, and notions. They will be bringing some goodies to be given away so be prepared to have some fun.

Carolina Quilt Studio supports Foothills Piecemaker Quilt Guild in offering monthly space for Philanthropy workshop and storage of fabrics. We can't thank CQS enough for opening their studio to help achieve our community goals of helping nonprofit agencies. CQS is opening their studio to the Quilts of Valor for monthly sewing with other quilters.



Refreshments

I want to thank each of you for providing the delicious food we enjoyed during our July meeting. It was a wonderful feast and great time of fellowship!

We will continue the previously held tradition for snack time each month. Whoever celebrates a birthday for the particular meeting month will bring snacks for all to enjoy, so we will look forward to seeing what our birthday September folks will bring.

Pam Kowalk and Carol Myers



Challenge Quilt

Remember that the challenge quilt will be due at the March meeting 2023. We look forward to seeing all the creativity of the guild.

Challenge Quilt Specifications:

Size: at least 18" on any one side and no more than 40" on any one side.

Material: You may use cotton, but there needs to be at least two substantial pieces of some other fabric like silk, velvet, suede, tulle.

Embellishment: As much embellishment as you like but at least 2 pieces of 3 dimensional nature such as feathers, buttons, sequins, beads pearls.

Try something new that you have not done before.

Happy creating!

If you need additional info, please email Gayl Glover or Suzanne Brehm



Upcoming Events

August 26-September 30 - "How About Them Apples", the Currahee Artist Guild Show, showcasing the work of Bonnie Ouellette at the Gateway Arts Center, 213 E. Windsor Street, Westminister, SC 29693. There will be a reception and award ceremony on September 30 at 5:00 pm.

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From the Editor

If you read The President's Message, the issues of clutter might have resonated with you. Recraft Creative Reuse Center is the first creative reuse center in South Carolina. We connect creative people like you with items businesses and individuals can no longer use. Our mission is to save usable materials from the landfill and give them a new life at about 50% of retail price. Our main categories are Art & Craft, Fabric & Fiber, Office, Paper (scrapbooking and stamping) and Bulk. We also have a Maker Space with over 100 material for use in our space for \$7 per maker, for as long as you want to stay.

Circling back, if you are cleaning out, please consider donating. If you like bargains or treasure hunts, come in and shop! We love new people! We also have a free shelf for teachers and are supplying elementary art teachers in Greenville and Laurens County with free materials during the school year. A main part of our mission is to support teachers and to educate the public on sustainability and creative reuse.

We are located 525 Haywood Road, around the back, in the basement. Look for the Scrap Rabbit sign!

<https://www.recraftgvl.org/>

*Jennifer Neubauer,
Newsletter Editor and ReCraft Board member*

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Next Guild Meeting

Tuesday, September 6, 2022
Elks Lodge on Pelham Road
Social Time 6:15 pm
Program 6:45 pm

August Philanthropy Workshop

Saturday, September 10, 2022
Carolina Quilt Studio
10:00 am-12:30 pm

September Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, September 20, 2022
Please submit material to Jennifer Neubauer
fpggnewsletter@gmail.com

Membership Renewal

Renewal Fee is \$20, check payable to:

FPQG

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Or bring your renewal to the next meeting

September Birthdays

Marijke Baker-Alford	2 September
Charlene Dean	9 September
Joann Brown	19 September
Linda Harper	19 September
Gayle Johnson	27 September