



MOORESVILLE CENTERPIECE QUILTERS



2015 – Issue 5

May 2015

The Mooresville Centerpiece Quilters' Guild meets the second Monday of each month, at 10:00 a.m., at the South Fredell Senior Center, 202 North Church St., Mooresville, NC (lower level of the Charles Mack Citizen Center)

MCQG Mailing Address: P.O. Box 734, Mooresville, NC 28115

MCQG Blog Address: www.mcqg.wordpress.com

PLEASE REMEMBER – Our **next Guild meeting will take place on MAY 4th** (instead of the 11th) when **Pat Knoechel** will present her annual Quilt-in-a-Day program, after a short business meeting. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m., as usual.

- And please be respectful of our guest and remember to **silence** your electronic devices – before the meeting begins.

From our President

Good Morning Quilters,

What do you like about quilting? Is it the piecing; the colors and the way you put them together; how the quilt flows – the movement; the quilting itself; or the whole process? I like the whole process, except when it keeps me up at night trying to figure out the colors or the quilting.

Like a painting, I look at a quilt and say WOW! I want that to be in my house, my life, on my wall. And like paintings, I change them around from one season to another. And like old friends, I welcome them back again.

Happy Quilting, Diana Lassahn

May Program:

Pat Knoechel, from Quilt-in-a-Day

Our May (4th) program will be a special presentation by Pat Knoechel, from Quilt-in-a-Day. She will show quilts from the new Quilt-in-a-Day book, *All Star Quilts*. She should have these books available for purchase at the meeting. There are also a few new patterns: Color Wheel Quilt, Birdhouse Quilt, and Magic Mountain Quilts.

Pat is always very entertaining, and demonstrates new tools and rulers, as well as the older ones. These are also available for purchase – and I always get one or two every time Pat visits our Guild.

Come early to get a good seat!

Jean Cable

Guild Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2015

The Mooresville Centerpiece Quilters' Guild membership meeting of Monday, April 13, 2015 was called to order by Diana Lassahn, President. A motion was made by Sue Kopecek and seconded by Joan Cunningham to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was given by Nancy Garchek, Treasurer.

Announcements:

■ Hazel McCrone announced that the kits for the Linus Quilts were ready to be picked up by volunteers. Hazel reminded them to return the completed quilts at the May 4th meeting.

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Next Guild Meeting:

May 4th, 2015

Greeters:

**Shirley Edwards &
Virginia Edmiston**

Remember to bring:

- Name Badge
- **Completed Linus Quilts**
- Cuddle Buddy Bags

(no Library, Ways & Means
or Show & Tell)

and don't forget to

- turn off your cell phone
- refrain from wearing
perfumed products

2015-16 Officers

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Next Newsletter Deadline

May 23rd, 2015

Send items to **Bev Wallo,**
bbw122@windstream.net

Meeting Minutes (continued)

■ Hazel McCrone explained the "Burp Pad" project that has been an ongoing project with a local hospital, whose employees supply flannel material, cut in the shape of burp pads, for newborns at the hospital. The burp pad shapes then need to be sewn around the edges. In the past, Sally Bellafaire has completed them but is no longer able to do so. Hazel thanked Sally for her contribution, and asked for volunteers who have sergers to help with this project. Hazel further explained that after the burp pads are cut out, the scraps are donated to our Guild to be used for Comfort and Busy Bee quilts, Cuddle Buddies, or wherever there is a need. Hazel introduced Pat Taylor and explained that Pat had quite a few burp pads already cut and ready to be serged, which will be available at monthly Guild meetings. Anyone willing to help should see Pat. Hazel concluded by explaining that each newborn baby goes home with a burp pad, a worthwhile project that seems to benefit everyone.

Programs:

Jean Cable reported the following:

- The March 30, 2015 Working Hands workshop of "No-Sew-Stained-Glass" was excellent, and completed projects were displayed. Additional kits are still available; contact Jean for further information.
- The June 29th workshop will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and presented by Judy Poteat of the Dragonfly Quilt Shop. The project will be door hangers using wool, and the cost is \$25. Kits containing all required materials will range in cost between \$19 and \$25, depending on the pattern you choose. Be sure to sign up at the Program Table and see samples of the project.
- Programs for the months ahead include:
 - May 4th: Pat Knoechel from Quilt-in-a-Day.
 - June 8th: Member demos of their favorite technique or tool. This will be in a round-table format. Jean asked that interested presenters please sign up at the Program Table or contact her for a spot.
 - July 13th: MCQG Picnic

Committee Reports:

Busy Bees: Carol Benson announced that Busy Bees meets every second Tuesday. She said that there were two kits ready to be sewn.

Comfort Quilts: Pat Bourbeau announced the next workday as April 27th. The demonstration will be pinwheel patterns for quilts, and Pat explained that the Dove House symbol is a blue pinwheel. Workday attendance has been wonderful, with many new members coming to enjoy the day.

Cuddle Buddy Bags: Ruth Kennedy explained that the Guild has created many bags which will be donated to Dove House at the July picnic, and asked members to

please consider donating extra large and jumbo zip or slider plastic bags at that time. The jumbo 2½-gallon bags or larger work the best. Ruth had materials and animals available for members to take, and said we are now working to complete bags for our December donations.

Greeters: Merna Hesse is looking for one of the greeter tags which was misplaced at the March meeting.

Handbook: Julie Murphy reported that the Handbook is in progress as she receives more information.

Library: Dot Coggins reminded members to return overdue books. They may be returned at the May 4th membership meeting, but there will be no sign-out of books.

Membership: Sandy Bruce reported that there were 61 members present and two visitors. She reminded members to pick up their new membership cards at the membership table.

Newsletter: Bev Wallo announced the April 24th deadline for the next newsletter. She explained that she sends out an email reminder each month, though there are infrequent times [due to computer and/or internet problems] when she is unable to do so, and asked members to please help by marking your calendar with deadline dates noted in the newsletter. Getting items in on time is a huge help in her efforts to send out a quality and complete newsletter. Bev also asked that newsletter items be sent to her by email or regular mail, and that people please do not phone in their items.

Projects: Judy Cluster stated that the directions for assembling the Mystery Quilt will be emailed to members by Peggie Pagoota. Please be looking for her email. Anyone without email access should contact Judy and she will mail the directions to you. Judy asked that the completed quilts be brought to the June meeting rather than the May meeting.

Publicity: Diana made note that we are still lacking a Publicity Chair and asked for a volunteer.

Sew & Sews: Joan Cunningham reminded members of Sew & Sews meeting times. All are welcome to join them on the second Monday of the month following Guild meetings, and the third Monday from 9:30-4:00, to work on your own projects.

Sunshine: Annette Roark reminded members to PLEASE inform her of members who might need "a little sunshine" with a card from the Guild. Peggie Pagoota would also like to be informed.

Ways & Means: Diana thanked Sue Cook for volunteering to help Ellen Clemens take down the Ways & Means table after the meetings each month. Ellen would welcome another volunteer to help with set-up before each meeting, at around 8:45 a.m.

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Meeting Minutes (continued)

- The April program was a trunk show presented by the MCQG Officers.
- Following Show & Tell by members, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Mooresville Centerpiece Quilters' Guild will NOT be the second Monday of May. It has been rescheduled for May 4th, 2015, at 10 a.m., due to Pat Knoechel's visit.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Gendle, Secretary

Comfort Quilts

The April workday activity was based on techniques for making pinwheel blocks. The blocks will go into happy and bright-colored kid quilts for Dove House where they use pinwheels as part of their awareness program.

There will be no May workday since the 4th Monday (the 25th) is Memorial Day this year. And since there have been new ideas presented every month recently, a break will be welcome to work on things in progress, until the June 22nd workday. Enjoy this spring, with beautiful flowers everywhere and the grass finally turning green!

Happy Quilting, Pat Bourbeau

Linus Quilts

If you made a Linus quilt, please bring your finished quilt to the May 4th Guild meeting. Also bring any left-over fabric as this will be donated back to the Guild. These quilts will then be displayed at Woodland Heights Elementary School in Mooresville, then donated to Project Linus to be given to a child in need of comfort.

Many thanks to Amy Barnhardt, Judy Cluster, Sue Cook, Linda Corazzo, Kathy Makin, Kandy Murray, Peggie Pagoota, Marie Swaenepoel, Sonya Yager and Linda Yaggie for helping with this project.

Hazel McCrone

Donation Quilt

The news from the Donation (raffle) Quilt Committee is that fabric has been purchased and we will soon be cutting and packaging! We would also like input on a workday to be set up for group sewing on the project. As the weather gets warmer, some of us will be traveling, so the sooner we get working on this, the better.

Thanks for your help and input, Linda Corazzo

Monthly Projects

The final layout for the Mystery Quilt is included with this newsletter. We hope you had fun doing this project and are happy with the result. If anyone would like help with downsizing or making it larger, just give me a call.

As you know, the May meeting is a special program, so finish your quilt and bring it to the June meeting to show. We hope to see lots of quilts!

Judy (704-892-3932) and Barb

Program & Workshop Forecast

- ◆ May 4th – Pat Knoechel from Quilt-in-a-Day!
- ◆ June 8th - Member Demonstrations: Linda Corazzo will demo a fabric cutting machine; Barbara Barrier will show us how to make hexies from circles; Diana Lassahn will demo clip art quilting; and Kathy Makin will share her knowledge of working with striped fabric.
- ◆ June 29th - Get a taste of working with wool. Judy Poteat, from Dragonfly Quilt Shop, will be here to teach us how to work with wool. A door hanger is just the right size to get done in a workshop, and the kits will be supplied so you won't need to shop for wool fabric. But if you have plenty of wool on hand, you can purchase just a pattern and not the kit. Select your pattern or kit and sign up early so there is time to make up the kits. You may want to order more than one – they make great gifts!
- ◆ July 13th - Our annual summer picnic - when we get to sample everyone's tasty potluck dishes, and donate Cuddle Buddy Bags to the very deserving Dove House. More details will follow.

Jean Cable

Cuddle Buddies

As discussed at the April Guild meeting, we will be donating a supply of Cuddle Buddy Bags to Dove House at our July 13th Picnic meeting. And as explained, before the "Buddies" are donated to each of our recipients, every three-piece ensemble (stuffed animal, quilt and tote bag) is placed into a plastic bag to keep it clean and intact, and labelled with an age designation.

In order to keep down the cost to the Guild, members are being asked to donate such "Ziploc" or "slider" bags in the two-gallon or larger ("jumbo") sizes – and to bring them to the picnic meeting. Like your Cuddle Buddy creations, the plastic bags will be very much appreciated.

Many thanks! Ruth Kennedy

A Big Thank-you!

from Peggie Pagoota to all the kind and generous ladies who donated items for the "Evening for Dove House Dinner" silent auction.

Every item is very much appreciated and will go a long way to help this worthy cause.

Thanks again, Peggie

... and a Moda website (blog) to check out,

from Helen Turnipseed:

<http://blog.modafabrics.com/2015/03/five-little-letters/>

May Birthdays

Barbara Williams 2 nd	Adrienne Phelan . . . 26 th
Virginia Edmiston 10 th	Dianne Hatcher 29 th
Sue Kopecek 23 rd	

Happy Birthday wishes to all!

A reminder to members:

Please don't forget to let our Membership and Newsletter Chairmen know of any change in your address, phone, or email. *Thanks!!!*

Do you fit this profile???

Only a **Quilter** would put hundreds of dollars worth of fabric into her fabric stash because she might find a use for it sometime, but wouldn't replace a 50-cent needle on her sewing machine!

And only a **Quilter** would spend many hours sewing several hundreds of buttons on a quilt to embellish it, but wouldn't take five minutes to replace a button on a pair of pants!

Sounds like us!!!

MCQG Monthly "Extracurricular Activities"

All take place at the South Iredell Senior Center (in our regular Guild meeting room); you may stay however long you wish, and bring lunch or purchase locally.

Busy Bees: 2nd Tuesday, 9:30-4:00

Purpose: to make quilts (approximately 30" x 30") for the Lake Norman Regional Medical Center neonatal/special needs unit.

Comfort Quilts: 4th Monday, 9:30-3:00

Purpose: to make "comfort quilts" (minimum of 36" x 45", up to 58" x 75") for local facilities with such a need.

Sew & Sews: 2nd & 3rd Mondays; following the regular Guild meeting, and 9:30-4:00 the third Monday.

Purpose: to work on projects of our own in the company of other Guild members.

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2015 Upcoming Events

May 28-31 (Thursday-Sunday) **North Carolina Quilt Symposium, "Mountain Stitches"**; Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC. Sponsored by NCQS, hosted by Western North Carolina Quilters Guild. Classes by Susan Brubaker Knapp, Georgia Bonesteel, and others. **Info:** www.westernncquilters.org

August 6-8 (Thursday-Saturday) **The Mountain Piecemakers Quilt Show**; Town Center, 6 South Main Street, Burnsville, NC 28715. **Info:** www.mountainpiecemakers.blogspot.com

August 14 & 15 (Friday & Saturday) **Lake Norman Quilters' 2015 Quilt Show**; Talbert Recreation Center, 210 Talbert Pointe Drive, Mooresville, NC; hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. **Info:** www.LakeNormanQuilters.com

MYSTERY QUILT – 2015

Month 4

- Cut 25 2½-inch squares of either your prints or the plain that blends with your prints.
- Cut 42 2½-inch by 8½-inch rectangles of background fabric.
- Cut four 2½-inch by 10½-inch rectangles of background fabric.
- Cut six 2½-inch by 18½-inch rectangles of background fabric.
- Assemble as shown and add a 5-inch (or any size you wish) border on all sides.

Questions: Judy Cluster, 704-892-3932 or jgcluster@gmail.com

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