

## **Carolina Pine Quilters**

Meeting at **Trinity United Methodist Church** 2724 Whiskey Road, Aiken

> January 14, 2019 7:00 PM



carolinapinequilters.com

## **Upcoming Programs**

Lucy Bureau

**January Program** – We will go over business matters, the 2019 program schedule and the guilt challenge for 2019 at the January meeting.

The Block Printing on Fabric class, at the Aiken Art Center, is filling up. As of Dec 27 there are still 2 openings. This class will be held Thursdays Jan 10, 17, and 24 from 4-6pm. Contact the Art Center directly or visit their web site to sign up.

Happy New Year to all of you!

#### **President's Chatter**

Pat Jones

Happy New Year! With the holiday season behind us it is time to shift focus from catering to the needs of family and friends and recharge our inner spirit. Like many of you I am kicking around ideas about what projects I want to focus on in the year ahead. Inspired by the superior appliqué and hand work of several of our guild members I am planning to move beyond my comfort zone and augment several of my pieced projects with accent elements using hand appliqué or embroidery techniques.

As I develop my game plan, I am amazed by the breadth of teaching resources that are

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President - Pat Jones Vice President - Lucy Bureau Secretary - Margot Salzman Treasurer - Janet Laughlin Newsletter Editor - Karen Erickson Webmaster -- Vacant

President's Chatter . . . . continued

available locally, regionally, at major quilt shows, and via the internet. According to a recent article in the Wall Street Journal you can learn the basics of almost any hobby utilizing free platforms such as YouTube, blogs, and group forums. Then again, personal instruction is my medium of choice so I have been reaching out to other members in the guild for 1 on 1 time and coaching. We have an abundance of talent in the guild in the areas of appliqué, piecing and creative design so local resources are readily at hand.

Additionally, the guild is offering a robust schedule of 2019 programs and workshops with a diversity of subject matter and quilting techniques that we hope will appeal to your artistic interests. Please join us on January 14th for our annual kick-off where we will review our 2019 roadmap for guild activities, programs, and resources.

Pat

# Donations from the Heart

Guild fundraising events for 2018 were multifaceted and included the President's Challenge campaign from January to April, love your guild donations throughout the year, and the December Festival of Trees Auction. As an outgrowth of the generosity of our members a total of \$1,012.80 was raised with proceeds to be used to underwrite the cost of future programs and workshops.

#### **Committees**

Community Outreach: Vacant

Comfort Quilts: Doris Leidheiser and

Diane Miller

Fundraising: Pat Jones

Guild Ambassador: Becky Carter

**Historian:** Janet Laughlin

Hospitality: Peggy Hazell

Membership: Adela Dziekanowski

Quilt Show: Vacant



# 2019 Leadership Opportunities – We Need YOU!



CPQ's leadership team is still looking to fill vacancies for 2019 in the areas of **community service**, **website administration** and **quilt show planning and management**. If interested, send an email to Pat Jones at pcjones001@gmail.com.

## **January Birthdays**

01/09 Sherry Hodge

01/10 Deanna Goodwin

01/12 Barbara Candido

01/12 Becky Carter

01/16 Sharon Steinbach

01/16 Sheryl Grainger

01/18 Kerry Dal Santo

01/19 Donna Powers

01/19 Donna Holman

01/20 Pam Heck

01/23 Donna Davis

01/25 Lona Patane

01/28 Mary Ann Thompson



#### **Early February Birthdays**

02/03 Kyle Ann Leach 02/10 Rota Krape

## **Treasurer's Report**

Janet Laughlin

Balance on 12/01/2018 \$ 5423.31
Receipts \$ 277.20
Disbursements \$ 74.97
Gen, Funds Bal, on 12/28/2018 \$ 5625.54

Workshop Funds Bal. on 12/28/18 \$ -26.81

Quilters are cut-ups who will keep you in stitches!!

#### 2018 Festival of Trees - The Spirit of Giving

This fall twenty-three adventurous CPQ members went outside their guilting comfort zones and accepted the challenge to lovingly decorate a table top Christmas tree for subsequent sale during the December 10th Festival of Trees Event. Annemarie Gorensek and Susan Congdon served as our guest auctioneers for the evening and facilitated the live auction with a focus on entertaining the audience and escalating competitive bidding.

Annemarie's and Susan's improvisational banter included on-the-fly creation of unique names for each tree such as Winter Wonderland, O'Christmas Tree, Simple Elegance, Tutu Tree, Swaddled in Gold, Yo-Yo Tree, Animal Lovers Fur Tree, Bling Tree, Patchwork Beauty, and Blue Bird of Happiness. Once each tree was introduced it became the subject of an interactive dialog between the auctioneers emphasizing the unique attributes of the tree. Fan favorites included:

\*"No watering required" . . . . . . \*"Comes with its own stand and won't topple" . . . . . . \*"Complete with tree skirt, ornaments, and snowman" . . . . . \*"Decorated with real spun gold" . . . . . . \*"Adorned with a garland of rubies and multi-colored gems".....\*"Eco friendly with hand glued jewels".....\*"Complete with fish, puppies, cats, and a fire hydrant" . . . . . \*"Elegant holiday fabric with subtle shades of green and gold"

Bids ranged from \$5 - \$26 with four trees topping the sales in the \$23 – \$26 range. A total of \$248 was collected with proceeds benefitting the CPQ fund for programs and workshops.



Festival of Trees





Auctioneers Susan Congdon and Annmarie Gorensek



Bling Tree by Lucy Bureau



Mary Fleiss with her new tree by Peggy Hazell

#### Outreach

#### Annmarie Gorensek

Congratulations and thank you to all of our membership. Because of your hard work and generosity we were able to bring a little bit of joy to 315 people in multiple agencies.

We started the year making <u>hygiene bags</u>. We made 95 bags. St Mary's school had a hygiene drive for the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter. We supplied 55 bags to fill and the students delivered them in March. The other bags were filled by our members and were delivered in November.

Next up was the <u>pillowcase</u> drive. On December 13<sup>th</sup> a few members of the guild met for lunch and then delivered 207 pillowcases to Pruitt Health Care. Every resident will have a colorful pillowcase with some left over for incoming residents.

Our December <u>placemat</u> challenge had 26 entries and raised \$90 for Meals on Wheels. Members also made extra, and 49 placemats were delivered to Aiken Senior Services.

We have the meeting room booked at Hobby Lobby for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month from 12:30 until 5:00. We work on charity projects or our own projects during this time. This group of ladies was also able to make 50 seat belt covers for women who have had a mastectomy. This project was led by Carolyn Gibbons, who designed the seat belt covers. She also was able to secure a box of Soft and Stable from Annie Unrein of Annie.com. We will be sewing again on January 17, 2019. Come sew with us or just drop in to chat.

It has been a great year, and I have enjoyed my time as Outreach Chair. It is time to hand over the reigns to someone new. Why don't you consider taking up the challenge and head up the Outreach Group?

Happy New Year, and let's get ready to sew!



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Paula Brown



Placemat Challenge







1<sup>st</sup> Place Sandy Irwin





# Show and Tell December 2018





Susan Congdon with Honey Bee Lane quilt and blue grandbaby quilt

## **Shopping Across The Pond**

The photos below were taken by Becky Carter when she recently visited a quilt shop in Amsterdam called Dutch Quilts. The shop specializes in reproduction fabrics of historic Dutch textiles. The prints were distinctive and the use of vibrant color and patterns was pervasive. Fabrics were reasonably priced and the small shop was overflowing with interesting merchandise and quilt samples. Of particular note was the limited use of solid color fabrics and the extensive use of patterned fabric throughout many of the quilts.

For future overseas travelers to Amsterdam, the shop is located on the main shopping street in downtown Amsterdam between the Royal Palace and the main train station. Another quilt store called Bird Blocks is located nearby with a focus on modern quilting. Becky said the shops were interesting and could easily entertain a quilter for an hour or more.









Next Month's Meeting - February 11, 2019