



Carolina Pine Quilters

Meeting at
Trinity United Methodist Church
2724 Whiskey Road, Aiken

March 14, 2022
7 pm



carolinapinequilters.org

Program News

February Program – Charm Pack Exchange. Bring a charm pack and a pattern to the meeting. (Charm packs are the 5-inch squares, and you can pick a free pattern from the internet.)

Community Outreach

Carolyn Gibbons

A big thank you to all who came and picked up fabric and batting for outreach. There's still fabric and batting available for all our outreach projects. Just let me know. Can't wait to see what you do. Welcome Baby will still be our project. Please bring any completed projects to the March meeting -- bibs, burp cloths, quilts, receiving blankets or tote bags -- so I can make our first donation to them.

Also, we will be providing a raffle basket for the spring meeting of Quilters of South Carolina. Our theme is your favorite season or holiday. If you would like to contribute something to the basket, please bring it to the March meeting. It can be fabric, ornaments, cards, etc. Whatever you consider your favorite time of the year.

Again, thank you for your great response to community outreach.

Chat with the President

Barb Saporito

Happy St. Patrick's Day. We wear green to honor the Emerald Isles and we are safe from the mischievous Leprechauns who will pinch anyone who does not wear green! Have you ever heard of being pinched on St. Patrick's Day? It is a tradition to wear green to be invisible to the Leprechauns who jump and fly through the air, pinching anyone who fails to wear green on St. Patrick's Day. Of course, I've never seen any leprechauns, but to be on the safe side, I'm wearing green on St Patrick's Day!

At our March 14 guild meeting, we will be doing a charm pack exchange. Bring 1 charm pack with a pattern. Upon arrival, you will put your charm pack and pattern in a numbered white bag and place that bag on the front table. After the business meeting each person will draw a number and that will be the numbered white bag you pick to make your small quilt. One block will be due at the May 9th guild meeting.

We also will be revising our By-Laws. Please re-read our by-laws; they are posted on our website.

Happy Quilting

Barb



2022 Quilt Show Dates

Our quilt show will start Tuesday, November 1 and run through Friday, November 18. The museum is reserved beginning Sunday, October 23 through Sunday, November 20 to accommodate everything from taking in quilts through take down and pick up.

In addition, the museum store is interested in selling small quilt related projects. Basically, we'll be collecting items and selling them to the museum store. The money that we collect will help offset the costs of running our show. More details to follow. Start working on those beautiful quilts!

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To continue to receive the benefits of membership in the Carolina Pine Quilters, you need to renew your membership by the March 14 meeting. We treasure your membership in the guild, but if you do not renew by this date, you will no longer be an active member. We hope you find the newsletters, fellowship, and membership in the guild beneficial and choose to renew. The form is available online at <https://www.carolinapinequilters.org/membership-form.html>. You may USPS mail the form and payment to Adela Dziekanowski in advance of the March meeting if you cannot attend. Her address is in the old directory, or you may ask her for it by writing to cpqwebmaster@gmail.com. A new directory will be distributed later in March.

Welcome to our new members!

Mary Norris moved here from the Raleigh, NC area and found Carolina Pine Quilters online. She has been quilting for about 6 years now, after being encouraged to start by her daughter. She enjoys trying a variety of new things with her quilting. She also crochets and plays the flute. Mary is married and has one child.

Barbara Ethridge has been quilting just over a year. She got started when Betty Yates took her to a quilt shop on Hilton Head Island and she found a quilt kit she HAD to have! Her favorite patterns are traditional quilt blocks, and she dearly loves old reproduction fabrics. She has been sewing for 56 years and has dabbled in card making and jewelry making. Barbara was born and raised in Williston but lived in several other places before returning in 1983. She and her husband, Fritz, have 2 grown sons and 11 grandchildren. Their older son, Jeremy, married Betty Yates' youngest daughter, Rachel.

Treasurer's Report

Michele Deschenes

Beginning Balance :	\$4216.33
Disbursements:	\$ 26.63
Deposits:	\$ 364.00
Ending Balance	\$4553.70

The budget was approved by the board and copies will be available to committee chairs at the March meeting.

March Birthdays

03/06 Donna Yeskey
03/10 Pat Kaufman
03/27 Marj Coldiron

Early April Birthdays

04/08 Kris Watson
04/10 Karen Erickson





Presenter Linda Yehle at the February guild meeting



There are a lot of Comfort Quilt blocks not turned in yet.

Please turn them in to Doris Leidheiser.

Thank you.



At left: Paula Brown, Susan Congdon, June Yarborough and Marolyn Floyd sing a song written by someone at a retreat they attended. It was sung to the tune of *When the Red, Red Robin Comes Bob, Bob, Bobbin' Along*.

When a quilter's sewing, she's bob-bob-bobbin' along, along. There'll be no more sobbin' when those UFO's are gone, are gone.

Wake up, wake up, you sleepyhead, get up, get up, get out of bed. Cheer up, cheer up, the sun is red. Live, laugh, quilt and be happy.

What if I were blue, now I'm quilting through yards of fabric

Is this a hobby or have I become a fabric addict?

But I feel just like a kid again, today quilting all day long. Cause when quilters gather, they're bob-bob-bobbin' along.

**Palmetto Quilt Guild 2022 Festival
March 25-27, 2022**

at Hilton Head Beach and Tennis Resort.

1-day admission: \$10, multi-day: \$15

More than 150 quilts, vendors, demos, raffle, silent auction

Foothills Piecemakers Quilt Guild
"Blooming in the Carolinas" 2022 Quilt Show will be held on March 18 & 19 at Pelham Road Baptist Church in Greenville, South Carolina. This show will have vendors on site, a raffle quilt and baskets.

Here is more of the text from a speech given at a conference on quilting (Quilt Canada 2010) by Allan Fradsham, a criminal court judge in Calgary, Alberta, where the conference was held. We'll finish it in the next newsletter.

... Maybe I should have twigged to what was happening when the washing of all this fabric led to having to replace our washing machine, which was clearly not designed for such industrial use. Now, let me pause here. I understand that there is an intense debate within your world about whether or not fabrics should be washed upon purchase. I do not wish to be caught in any crossfire between the two camps, for all I know, as an outsider, I may not be authorized to even know of the controversy. I do suspect that if men were making the decision, quilting would involve a lot less fabric washing and a lot more beer drinking.

I did eventually discover where all the fabric went. It went into drawers, cupboards, shelves, and, eventually it completely filled up a closet, which took up one full wall in Gloria's newly built "sewing room". What we now call Gloria's "sewing room", we used to call "the basement".

I have discovered that one of the art forms mastered by quilters is the ability to purchase container loads of fabric, conceal it in the house, and camouflage the purchase so that it slips right under the nose of the unsuspecting spouse. As a loving and obedient spouse, I have on many occasions found myself in quilt stores where I serve two useful functions: I can reach bolts of fabric stored on top shelves; and I can carry numerous bolts of fabric to a cutting table. However, I have also started to listen to what is said in quilting stores, and one day, in a little quilting shop in the heart of Alberta farming country, I heard something that made it clear to me that quilters are so clever and, dare I say, devious, that there is really no sport for them in fooling we naive husbands. Gloria had decided to buy some fabric (which is similar to saying that Gloria had decided to breathe) and had gone to the till to pay for it. Upon running through Gloria's charge card, the clerk quietly said, "Now, when you get your credit card statement, don't be alarmed when you see an entry for our local feed store. We run our charges under that name so that if a husband looks at the credit card statements, he will think that the entry is just something he bought at the feed store for the farm". That sort of financial shell game would make Goldman Sachs proud. I knew at that moment that there had been a major and probably irrevocable shift in the world's power structure. I concede it is basically over for the non-quilting husband.

As you have been told, I sit as a criminal law judge, and as such I often find myself sitting on drug trials or issuing search warrants in relation to drug investigations. I must say that the more I learned about the quilting world, the more I started to see similarities between that world and the drug world. It has caused me some concern.

We all interpret events from our own perspectives using the lessons we have learned through life. When I saw the extent to which Gloria's collection of fabric was growing, I began to worry. In the law relating to drugs, the amount of a drug one has in one's possession is an important factor in determining the purpose for which the person has the drug. For example, if a person is in possession of crack cocaine (to use a drug with an addictive power equivalent to fabric), one looks at the amount of crack the person possessed. If the amount exceeds the amount one would realistically possess for personal use, then one may reasonably draw the inference that the purpose of the possession is not personal use, but, rather, it is for the purpose of trafficking the drug. So, you can imagine what I thought when I saw Gloria's collection of fabric grow to a point where she readily admitted that she could never use all that fabric in several lifetimes. I reluctantly concluded that I was married to a very high-level fabric trafficker. Mind you, in order to qualify as a trafficker, one does have to part with fabric, and I see very little evidence of that happening.

In fact, the more I thought about the parallels between the quilting culture and the drug culture, the clearer the similarities became. Consider the jargon. I have learned that this vast collection of fabric, which is stored in our house, is a "stash". Well, drug dealers speak of their "stash" of drugs. Gloria speaks of doing "piece" work. In the drug world there are often people who bring together the crack cocaine dealer and the buyer; think of a real estate agent, but not as well dressed, through perhaps somewhat less annoying. Those people speak of breaking off a "piece" of crack as payment for bringing the parties together. Sounds to me like a type of "piece work". Those who transport drugs are often called "mules"; I have frequently heard Gloria refer to me as her mule when I am in a quilt store carrying stacks of fabric bolts (or did she say I was stubborn as a mule?). Well, it was something about mules. And I should think that this whole conference is a testimony to the addictive qualities of quilting.

...To Be Continued in the April newsletter