

# High Point Quilt Guild

## President's Address

Welcome 2017! A new year brings with it new beginnings. I wish everyone health and happiness in the coming year.

I look forward to being your president and will strive to do my very best. As we move forward we need to keep our mission statement in mind. "The High Point Quilt Guild operates as an educational, charitable and historical organization; promoting quilting and fiber arts in all its forms." It is my personal mission to grow the membership and keep the meetings fun and informative.

In successful guilds everyone participates in one form or another, so I'm asking for everyone's help. We are a very talented group. The collective amount of our knowledge and experience is impressive. If you have an idea for a program or would like to present one, please talk to Chuck Bino. If you have never made a charity quilt, you should consider doing so. The kits come precut and they sew up fast. We have made and donated hundreds of charity quilts, but there is always a need for more. We also need to take advantage of every opportunity to get out in the public and show them what we are about and what we do. Hopefully this will bring in new members. With the Quilt & Vendor show this summer we will need all hands on deck to make the show not only a success but profitable as well. Step up when asked or volunteer where there is a need.

I'll be sending out a survey soon. Please fill it out and return it to me at the meeting. Remember, this is YOUR guild, the answers you provide will help towards improving our guild. I'm always available for any questions or concerns.

Let's make this a fun year!

Susan



### Microsoft

- > Next Guild Meeting will be on January 12, 2017
- > Newsletter Contents Deadline 20th of each month  
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Mission Statement: The High Point Quilt Guild operates as an educational, charitable and historical organization; promoting quilting and fiber arts in all its forms and contexts

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## Charity Quilt

Members generously donated 269 quilts in 2016, making it another great year for the guild. Under the leadership of Gail Lawson and Marty Smith the guild donated 222 quilts, gifted in a tote bag, to our primary charity, Hayworth Cancer Center, 42 through Linda Hudgins for the Harold Coble Center, and five direct gifts to family and friends of guild members. To date, the guild has donated 772 quilts! JOB WELL DONE!!

2017 brings a change in venue and date for our monthly workshop days. We will meet at Westchester Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall from 10 am to 5 pm on guild meeting days. You may come anytime between those hours and sew with your guild buddies. Lunch is on your own, with the kitchen available or numerous dining options in the area. For those new to our workshops, please bring your machine and basic supplies (neutral thread, scissors, tape measure, extra bobbins, needles, etc.). Also bring rotary cutters and rulers. Cutting mats will be available, as well as several pressing pad stations. Don't forget your extension cords and surge protected outlet bar.

Pre-made kits will continue to be available at the workshops, including instructions, pre-cut pieces, backing, binding and labels. If you would like to make a quilt using a kit, but aren't able to attend the workshops, talk with Shelle Mancl at the meeting or contact her via email at [nanashelle@gmail.com](mailto:nanashelle@gmail.com).

A quick reminder concerning handing quilt tops over for quilting: PLEASE ensure that the BACK is 6-8 inches larger than the top, ex: top is 50 x 60, back is 56 x 66. Also, ensure that all edges of the back are straight and even, with no jagged cuts or one side longer if pieced. IN ADDITION, tops and backs should be pressed, and loose threads on front and back of top should be clipped. These simple steps greatly simplify the process for the long arm quilters.

Thank you to everyone for sharing your time and talent to brighten someone else's day.

Shelle Mancl

Chair, Charity Quilt Program

On December 29, 8 quilts for women and 7 quilts for men were delivered to Hayworth Cancer Center.

Doris

Will work for FABRIC!

## Meeting Minutes

December 22, 2016

The regular meeting of the High Point Quilt Guild was called to order at 6:45 pm on December 22, 2016, at Westchester Baptist Church, 135 Westchester Drive, High Point, NC by Angie Peele. President Peele greeted 37 members and family members. Lisa Angel led the prayer before everybody enjoyed the finger foods provided by the members.

Angie Peele passed over her position as President to Susan Pierce.

January 12, 2017 is the next meeting.

Newsletter: There was an error in the newsletter regarding the dues. It printed as \$25.00 but should have read \$30.00. A \$5.00 increase.

Received a thank you letter from Leslie House for all the quilts made.

Received a thank you letter from Virginia Yarborough.

Program: Christmas potluck and fellowship with members and families. Holiday editions of Dirty Santa and Pictionary were conducted by Susan Pierce.

Minutes: The November minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Theresa Smith presented the Treasurer's Report. The Balance brought forward for the end of year is \$11,077.65. Monies received totaled \$986.00. Expenditures were \$219.84. The balance is \$11,843.81. President Peele asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Treasurer's Report. There were none. Copies of the Treasurer's Report were made available to all members.

The audit report 2015 was given and accepted.

OM: There was no interest in starting it up this month.

Charity: Since Dragonfly is closed, the workshop will start at 10:00 am on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Westchester Baptist Church. It will run before the monthly meeting.

Raffle Quilt: The quilt was won by Donna Williams of Jamestown.

New Raffle Quilt: Sewing dates are January 17, 18, 19

Door Prizes: Doris Wedin

Mike Gray  
Reggie Poteat  
Nancy Blanchard

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm by Susan Pierce

Minutes submitted by: Wendy Clagg

### From the VP

The program for January is Juddaca Heater teaching how to make the Scandinavian Star.

“Thanks to those who voted me into the VP slot. Also, thank you for having the confidence in me to carry on with Susan’s excellent program record.

Please let me know of any ideas you have to keep providing us with the programs and projects we’ve all enjoyed.

It’s not certain that I can duplicate Susan’s enthusiasm, smile, and bubblyness. But, I’ll do my best.

Chuck

### Library News

Don't forget to visit the Library table at the next meeting.

Great books, tools, patterns, and DVDs!

You might just get a good idea for your next quilt!!

If you want a **list** of the library materials we have available, find it on our **website**.

Email me if you want a specific item and I will have it for you at the next meeting.

Karen Tooley

# Fabricologist:



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**n:/one who has perfected the art of stashing fabric.**

## Tips and Tricks

### Quick Tips for Quilters

1. She who has the most wins! The most important tool for quilting is your fabric collection. Build a good stash and then you'll always be able to find that special piece you need to complete a project.
2. Carefully press the seams in quilt blocks by lifting the iron and placing it down on each new area without moving the iron across the fabric so you avoid stretching or distorting your fabric.
3. Use plain water only when washing out water soluble marker pens from your fabric, and hand wash well, as detergents and ironing may set the ink permanently.
4. Take photos and keep a written record of all your completed quilts. Make sure you label each of your quilts properly too on the back, so there is always a permanent record of who, when, and for whom the quilt was made.
5. When photographing quilts out of doors, ideally choose a flat, vertical surface for your quilt to rest against so that it will not move with the breeze and blur in your photo.
6. Use different widths of masking tape to guide you in an easy way to quilt parallel lines without marking the quilt top.
7. Make sure you always use only cotton thread when stitching older fabrics because synthetic threads (even cotton-covered polyester) are likely to damage or cut the fabric.
8. Better to buy more fabric than you think you need for a quilt, rather than too little, as this allows room for mistakes, shrinkage or making a sample block, and for building your stash.
9. Look around you - when designing patterns for your quilt, don't forget you can use everyday items to draw around. Plates, cups and saucers and even cookie cutters all make great templates.
10. Always bring the bobbin thread to the top of the quilt before beginning to sew so you can avoid any tangling on the back.
11. Use a rotary cutter for the most accurate cutting, as this should help the accuracy of your piecing, and thus the overall appearance of your quilt.
12. Purchase the largest rotary cutting mat you can afford and have room for. Also try and purchase one marked in inches, as many are now available for other craft purposes, and different markings on them may be confusing.
13. If possible, lay your batting out flat somewhere for a couple of days to allow it to relax before you quilt it, so you don't get caught with wrinkles or creases.
14. Just iron your fusible web around the edges of your larger appliqué shapes, and you can then cut away the center portion to get rid of excess bulk and stiffness, which will make appliquéing easier, and your finished quilt softer.
15. Everyone has UFOs (Unfinished Projects). Make the effort to go through them and decide what you do actually want to finish, then you can cull the rest and either give them to friends or charity, or sell them.
16. Ensure your binding goes on smoothly by running a row of stitching around the edge of the quilt to hold all three layers together, before you attach it.
17. Quilts made of wools or fancy fabrics should be dry cleaned to avoid any damage. Use a Wedding Dress cleaning specialist, as they are used to handling fabrics delicately.
18. Quilting can be good exercise too! Keep your ironing board well away from your machine and get in the habit of getting up to press every seam as you sew.
19. If you are a new quilter take the time to learn good practices and techniques, and once you have the basics right, your skills will naturally develop.
20. Make your quilt rod / hanging sleeve from a patchwork of all the fabric used in your quilt. Then, if you need to repair anything on the quilt top later, you will have a selection of the right fabrics to use.

<https://www.quiltblockofthethmonthclub.com/quilting-hints-and-tips.php>

## 2017 Quilt and Vendor Show

Vendors – So far we have a total of seven vendors scheduled to be at the show, with eight vendor stalls taken. The vendors we have not heard either yes or no from will be contacted again after Christmas.

### Important Dates for You to Keep in Mind

**June 1, 2017** Last date to register your quilts for the show. No additional registrations will be received after this date. The registration form will be emailed to you shortly, as well as detailed information about the quilt categories. I will also see if Alicia can put this information on our website. You must print this out and fill out a form for every item to be judged. You must also supply a 4x6 picture of *each* item (can be taken printed from your home computer). I must have it by this date because we have to order ribbons, let Lorraine know what to expect, and get the master notebook and other paperwork ready. **No registrations will be accepted by email.** You can either mail the registration sheets to the guild's PO Box or give them to me. **Be sure to keep copies for your records.**

**August 6, 2017** – Take-in day, location TBA.

**August 7, 2017** – Judging Day, Westchester Baptist Church. A reception for members that have entered items to be judged will be held that evening at the church, as well as winners announced. Members will take their items home with that evening and bring them to the Hartley Drive Y to be hung on show weekend.

**August 11, 2017** – Set up date for the show and bring your quilts and other items to be hung and displayed.

**August 12-13, 2017** – Quilt and Vendor Show

## 2017 “Drop Everything and Just Quilt!” Retreat

Mark your calendar for October 19-22, 2016.

The park has increased their prices this year for us. Listed below are the 2017 prices.

Single room, for three nights, \$329.00 – deposit is \$99

Single room, for two nights \$221.00, -- deposit \$67.00

Single room, for one night \$113 – deposit \$34.00

Double room, three nights \$256 per person – deposit \$77.00

Double room, two nights \$173.00 per person -- deposit \$52.00

Double room, one night \$89.00 per person -- deposit \$27.00

**All deposits are due by January 1, 2017. Final payment due by September 1.**

If you are coming as a day camper and request meals, **meals must be paid in full by September 1. If your meals are not paid for at this date, the park will assume you do not want meals.** They're cracking down on this, as the cost of food has risen sharply in the last several years. You don't have to eat in the cafeteria, you're free to bring in your own lunches and dinners. Meals are \$10.00 *each*. **If you are an overnight camper and arrive early enough on Thursday for lunch, you will need to pay for that meal in addition to your room costs. The park is no longer covering Thursday lunches for us, but the evening meal is included with the cost.**

For my sanity, if you make plans to come to the retreat either as a day camper or over nighter, and something happens, please let me know *in writing* as soon as possible. An email works wonderfully.

Sherri Fields

## Up Coming Quilt Shows

Sanford  
Annual, 2nd Fri & Sat in January

The Quilting and Fiber Art Marketplace Shopping, Shopping, Shopping  
Next Show Dates (when confirmed): Jan. 13 & 14, 2017

Contacts Website: [www.quiltersgallery.net](http://www.quiltersgallery.net) Email: [quiltgallery@bellsouth.net](mailto:quiltgallery@bellsouth.net) Phone: Patti Cline, (704) 376-2531

Location: Dennis Wicker Civic Center, 1801 Nash St., Sanford, 27330

Hours: Fri 9 - 5, Sat 9 - 4 Admission: \$6

Sponsored by: The Quilter's Gallery, Cleveland,

QFAM is not a Shop Hop but a 'SHOP STROLL'. We have 35+ fabulous quilting and knitting vendors under one roof. You can take your time looking at fabrics, yarns, buttons, patterns, quilting books and notions. There will be vendors there with several of the major sewing machine companies. Long arm machines will be represented as well. Lunch will be available on-site so that you can enjoy a whole day of creative pleasure. Sewing machine drawing will be held each afternoon. Raffle quilts and Quilts of Valor display as well. Early bird specials and hourly for prizes.

Sunset Beach  
Annual, 3rd weekend in January

Myrtle Beach Quilt Party

Next Show Dates (when confirmed): January 19-21, 2017

Contacts Website: [www.mbqp.net](http://www.mbqp.net) Email: [margsouth@juno.com](mailto:margsouth@juno.com)  
Phone: Mardelle Smith, (704) 607-5987

Location: Sea Trail Golf Resort, 211 Clubhouse Rd., Sunset Beach, 28468

Hours: Thurs & Fri 10 - 6, Sat 10 - 4 Admission: \$5

Sponsored by: Myrtle Beach Quilt Party, Myrtle Beach,

(Venue change: listed in Myrtle Beach, SC in the book) 3 days of classes, vendors and more. Registration begins September 1 every year.

Statesville  
Annual, Last Weekend in January

The Quilting and Needle Art Extravaganza Creative Shopping

Next Show Dates (when confirmed): January 27 & 28, 2017

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Phone: Patti Cline, (704) 807-6992

Location: Statesville Civic Center, 300 S. Center St., Statesville, 28677

Hours: Fri & Sat 9 - 5 Admission: \$6

Sponsored by: The Quilter's Gallery, Cleveland,

QNAE is a shoppers dream come true. We will have 35 of the best vendors we can find. There will be a fabulous selection of fabrics, yarns, notions, books and patterns from which to choose. Several of the major sewing machine brands will be represented. Long Arm machines will be there for a trial run as well. Many unique vendors will be there featuring buttons, wools, primitives and more. Plenty of food will be available as well. Risto's Restaurant will be on site with fabulous salads and sandwiches. We also have a bakery on site to supply caffeine and sugary moments. Shop all day, treat yourself to lunch, something sweet, and go home with lots of new projects. You might even win a door prize or a sewing machine. It just doesn't get any better than that.



## **Charlotte Quilters' Guild Presents A Walk Down Memory Lane**

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt Show

**March 10-11, 2017**

**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Union County Agricultural Center**

**(new location)**

**3230 Presson Road, Monroe, NC**

Free Parking

More than 180 Judged Quilts on Display; Special Exhibit – Past Best of Show  
Winners; Local & Regional Vendors; Raffle Quilt;  
Raffle Basket Prizes; Boutique

Raffle Prize - Featherweight Sewing Machine

Donated by Featherweight Poppy

For more info:

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