

High Point Quilt Guild

President's Address

I want to welcome our new members, Penny Bradford and Vicki Moss. Our membership now stands at 46 members, not quite where we were last year but closing in.

I want to thank Karen, Sarah and Hope for the skit they performed at the meeting. What an ingenious way to get the message out that we need members to make boutique items for the quilt and vendor show. Speaking of the quilt and vendor show, Sherri is working really hard to make sure it is a success and we all need to get on board and help out in any way that we can.

The Mentor Program is now in place. It was created to assist our members who are new to quilting. Shelle Mancl, Marty Smith, Janet Wells, Karen Tooley, Sherri Fields, Doris Wedin and Susan Pierce have all volunteered to be mentors. Between us we have a vast amount of knowledge and experience and are willing to share what we know to help solve your quilting problems. If you have a quilting question or need help on a project, please contact one of the mentors. Our mentors are available by phone, email or before the monthly meetings. Most of the mentors are at the church for charity sew day, so this would also be a great time to get the help you need. Don't hesitate to ask for help. I wish I had a mentor in my early days of quilting as it would have saved me much aggravation!

March 18th is National Quilting Day. In 1991, the National Quilting Association decided to create a special day to celebrate and inspire lovers of quilting and to encourage others to take up this art form. So go on and celebrate! Begin a new project or finish an old one. Learn a new technique by taking a class or attending a workshop. Take a road trip to area quilt shops and purchase more fabric. Spend the day wrapped in a quilt surfing the web for new ideas. It is our day and we should enjoy it!

Susan Pierce



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- > Next Guild Meeting will be on March 9, 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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From the VP

I hope everyone is enjoying our deceptively “Springlike” weather as much as I. Makes it difficult to choose between starting a “nine patch” and working in the yard.

This is to thank the Board for increasing our budget for speakers and new programs. Also, this is to thank those of you who have suggested speakers and “out of the box” programs. Thanks to Juddaca Heater, we have been in touch with nationally recognized quilter Nichole Wilde, who travels the nation with her “long arm” in a travel trailer. She agreed to visit NC with her “Quilting Across America Tour 2017” and speak to us at our May 11 meeting. She offers personal training on her long arm, does classes, and will quilt your work for you. Her story is available on YouTube as well as her site www.nicholewilde.com.

I agreed to assist her to get out the word with our sister triad guilds, so that her visit will be mutually beneficial. More details to come. We will most likely have her exclusively for the second week of May, hopefully at the Oak Hollow Trailer site. Please get your thoughts and stuff together for this opportunity.

Look forward in March program to presentation by Gail Lawson, Cindi Sullivan, & Linda Fishell (from Heart of Triad) about “Quilt as You Go.”

Our presenter for April will be Matthew Emerson doing “Making Color Choices for Quilting.”

Chuck Bino



“A yard a day keeps the blues away.”

Charity Quilt

The program is off and running for 2017, with 43 quilts donated in just two months! Thank you to everyone who has participated so far – the patients really appreciate the thought and caring.

I thought this would be a good time to reiterate some of the basics concerning the quilts for donation. We don't have lots of rules, just a few guidelines that you should keep in mind as you work:

- If you are making a quilt from your own fabric, please remember size does matter! These are quilts that will be used while sitting in a chair, so don't make them too large. Good measurements for a ladies quilt are 50 x 65, and for a men's quilt are 55 x 72. This gives nice coverage from just under the arms to over the feet, and not too much on the sides. Pre-cut kits follow these same guidelines.
- Please remove pet hair before turning in, either for quilting by one of our longarmers or final for donation. Believe it or not, even a few hairs can cause issues. Using a sticky roller before longarm quilting, and washing the finished quilt will avoid causing problems.
- Please ensure that the backing is 6-8 inches larger than the final quilt top dimensions. That doesn't mean on each side, but total. EX: top is 50 x 60, backing is 56 x 66 minimum.
- Please ensure that all four sides of the back are even and straight. If pieced, the pieces should be even at the seam line, not one piece longer than the other. The edges should be straight, not unevenly cut, so that the back truly is that 6-8 inches longer.
- Please remove selvedge edges on the backing material if they are within the seam line. Leaving the selvedge on can cause the seam to twist and pucker when quilting.
- Please press the back thoroughly. Also, press the quilt top from the front, checking that the seams are not creating a fold.
- Please trim threads on the quilt top, front and back. Long threads on the back can cause shadows behind light fabrics, and threads poking out the seams on the front can wrap around the quilting foot and cause issues.
- Finally, HAVE FUN! You are creating a gift that will be cherished by the recipient, so smile while you sew – that happiness will infuse the quilt!

The workshops are also going well. Remember, we meet the same day as the guild meeting, doors open at 10 am. Bring your machine and basic sewing supplies and come join the fun! There WILL NOT be a workshop in July, August and December, due to the potluck dinners and the guild quilt show.

Thanks again for all your hard work!

Shelle and Doris

On February 16th, 11 quilts for women and 13 quilts for men were delivered to Hayworth Cancer Center.

Doris

Library News

We have **plenty** of good quilting books, both non-fiction and fiction, for you to check out. Also, lots of patterns, tools and DVDs. Make sure you stop by the Library Table at the next meeting.

Education

Take the opportunity of learning a new technique and make something for the Quilt Show Boutique!!

Paper piecing, strip piecing, using a special-purpose ruler, using charm packs, layer cakes or jelly rolls, and trying out some new free motion quilting motifs are just some ideas to spur you on to try something new while you contribute to the Boutique and increase your quilting knowledge!!

Watch for news of scheduled work days and listen for more information at the next Guild meeting.

Karen Tooley

HPQG Librarian

HPQG Education Chair

Boutique List

(For our Quilt/Vendor Show in August)

We are going to have a Boutique of handmade items at our August Quilt Show. We need your help to stock the Boutique. Here is the list of boutique items we would like to have that was passed out at the last Guild Meeting. If you can help us by making something that would be great!!

So we can keep track of what is being made, there will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting or you can tell/email Hope Geoghegan, Sarah Tooley, or Karen Tooley. THANK YOU!!!!

QUILTER ITEMS	GIFT/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS	CHRISTMAS ITEMS	KID ITEMS
Scissors case	Tissue holder	Stockings	Ribbon bookmarks
Rotary cutter holder	Mug rugs	Table runners	Bibs
Iron cord holder	Coasters	Tree skirts	Headphone pouch
Scrap catcher Completed	Mug sleeve	Mug rugs	Checkerboard
Wrist sewing caddy	Hot Pads	Coasters	Kid quilts (sm. Lap size)
Trifold sewing caddy	Table mats	Placemats	Spirit quilts (")
Armchair sewing caddy	Small zipper bags		
Iron mat caddy	Car accessory bag		
Organizers	Tote bags		
	Table runners		

HIGH POINT QUILT GUILD
PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE
"REACH FOR THE STARS"

My favorite blocks and quilts are stars. I love how they can make new designs when the blocks are sewn together with or without sashing.

My challenge to you is to make a star quilt using scrappy stars and the color blue (my favorite color) as a focus color. The quilts can be any size no more than 84 inches and or not less than 48 inches. The winner will be chosen by Viewer's choice

Here are a few guidelines.

1. Complete the registration form and attach to quilt.
2. Quilts must be original design-no kits, workshop projects or patterns that
3. Are covered by copy write laws.
4. The quilt must be constructed of three layers: top, batting and backing and
5. Bound. It can be hand or machined quilted.
6. If using applique, no more than 50 percent be appliquéd or embroidered.
7. Size perimeter is no more than 84 inches and not less than 48 inches.
8. The theme (stars) should be recognizable in quilt. Any entry that is not keeping with them will not be accepted.
9. All quilts must have a 4 inch deep hanging sleeve on back .
10. Quilts cannot be under glass or in a frame.
11. Attach a permanent label on back of the quilt at lower right hand side with your name, title of quilt, your mailing address and email address.
12. Quilt entries must have been made for this competition and not previously been hung in a quilt show or shown on-line or in publications.
13. The challenge is only open to guild members who will pay the 2017 dues in January.

HIGH POINT QUILT GUILD
PRESIDENT’S CHALLENGE REGISTRATION FORM
“REACH FOR THE STARS”

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Title of Quilt: _____
Size of Quilt: _____
Techniques Used: _____
Fabrics Used (cotton, flannel, wool, etc.) _____
Source of Inspiration: _____

Statement: I, (print name) _____, hereby certify that my entry for The High Point Quilt Guild Challenge is original work and does not represent the reproduction of a pre-existing work. It is not the product of a kit, workshop, or pattern. I also attest that this quilt has not been shown in another quilt show, on-line, or in any other publication.

Signed: _____

Disclaimer:

The High Point Quilt Guild will make every effort to ensure the safety of your quilt. You are responsible for the delivery and pick up of your quilt. It is the utmost importance that your quilt have permanent label with your name on it.

2017 Quilt and Vendor Show

Potential vendors are still in the process of being contacted. Please keep the following dates in mind:

June 1, 2017—Deadline to register your quilts and other items for judging. Each item must have a registration sheet and a 4”x6” picture. No email registrations accepted. Be sure to keep copies for your records. Registration forms are on our website.

August 6, 2017 – Take in day for items to be judged, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. 204 Cedarwood Dr., Jamestown (AKA – Karen Tooley’s house).

August 7, 2017 – Judging Day, Westchester Baptist Church. A reception for members who have entered items to be judged will be held that evening at the church. Members should plan to take their items home and return with them to the Hartley Drive YMCA to be hung on August 11.

August 11, 2017 – Set up day for the show. Details forthcoming in the spring.

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

2017 “Drop Everything and Just Quilt!” Retreat

The retreat is October 19-22, 2017. Please plan on joining us for four days, three nights of fun and fiber fellowship. Registration forms are available on our website and I will have a few copies at our March meeting. If you haven’t paid your deposit, or are registering, deposits are due with the registration sheet. Price and deposit information are on the registration sheet. The retreat will open to non-guild members in April.

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

Tips and Tricks

Here are some websites that I found for your review. I am not indorsing them just looked them up for some information.

- ◆ Perfect your Hand Quilting Stitch— <http://www.threadsmagazine.com/item/3734/perfect-your-hand-quilting-stitch>
- ◆ Hand Quilting Tips & Techniques Video link— <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0j4BhnZ9qs>
- ◆ Hand Quilting Tips By Jinny Beyer—<https://www.jinnybeyer.com/quilting-with-jinny/tips-lessons/detail.cfm?instanceId=3A8A69F3-B42C-4014-04B19C80A6E95BB9>

Hope Geoghegan



Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the High Point Quilt Guild was called to order at 6:45 pm on February 9, 2017, at Westchester Baptist Church, 135 Westchester Drive, High Point, NC by Susan Pierce. President Pierce greeted members, and guests and mentioned everyone who had a birthday.

Announcements:

Gretchen Braswell's husband is in hospital with a heart attack. Please keep them in your prayers.

Because of Valentine's Day, anyone who wore red received pink flower fabric.

The Guild was invited to participate in a meet-and-greet at The High Point Convention and Visitors Bureau on 1/31/2017 between 5-7 pm at their office. It was a productive experience. Handout new brochures and gain possible new members. Thanks to Matthew Emerson for updating the brochure.

The survey from last month was completed by 18 people. Most concerns were the programs and workshops. Thank you to everyone who filled out survey.

A new Mentor program is being set up for beginners and advanced quilters. The mentors are: Sherrie Fields, Marty Smith, Janet Wells, Karen Tooley, Shelle Mancl, Susan Pierce, and Doris Wedin. If you have a questions, or need advice, the contact information is on the Membership list.

Sewing Room at the Women's Shelter need volunteers to help with the room. They are making a quilt to raise funds for the Women's shelter and when the top is complete, will need someone with a longarm to quilt it for them. If interested contact Juddaca Heater.

Treasurer's Report: Theresa Smith presented the Treasurer's Report. The Balance brought forward for the end of year is \$12,649.81. Monies received totaled \$1,311.00. Expenditures were \$1,201.28. The balance is \$12,759.53. President Pierce asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Treasurer's Report. As there were no corrections the report was accepted and copies are available.

Budget: The 2017 Budget was reviewed. An explanation of Restricted vs. Unrestricted items was requested. Restricted means the money is ear-marked for a specific cause. Unrestricted is for the general funds. The surplus is from last year's budget and general funds. The budget for programs was increased to \$3,600. Income comes from membership, vendor's shows and raffle tickets.

A question regarding getting the "Square" for credit card purchases was brought up. There is a charge for each transaction.

The 2017 Budget was passed.

Meeting Minutes cont'd

Minutes and the Newsletter: No corrections were made to the January minutes or newsletter and they were accepted.

Charity: 19 quilts will be delivered January 18. Sew day is the 2nd Thursday just before the Guild meeting starting at 10:00 am. Cutting days for kits will be Tuesday and Wednesday at Shelle's House. Kits include instructions, centers, pre-cuts, backing, binding, borders/stashing and labels.

A thank you for the tote bags went to Liz for all her work. The tote bag program ended tonight.

New Raffle Quilt: The borders are being completed. The center and rows are done. Next sew day to be announced. Matthew Emerson volunteered to head the marketing of the quilt.

Library: The library has some new items. Check out the assortment of books and tools.

Website: Is up and running, no problems reported.

Retreat: If interested, the registration form is on line. Dates will be October 18-21. Pay deposit with registration form. September 1st is the final payment.

Vendor Show: 15 vendors have signed up for 16 booths. .

Remember this is a judged show. A registration form, 4x6 picture and \$5 needs to be with each item you submit. Intake will be Sunday, August 6 at Karen Tooley's house from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Need the item in a labeled pillowcase and the registration form attached.

On August 7, the judging will begin. There will be a reception after the judging and everyone is required to take home their entry. Then they will be responsible for getting their entry to the YMCA for the show.

There is a President's challenge called "Reach for the Stars". The color is Blue and has to have stars on it. The quilt requirements are mentioned in the newsletter.

Vendor show boutique: A special presentation was made by Karen Tooley, Sarah Tooley, and Hope Geoghegan to get interest for participation. A list of handmade items, and websites to get patterns for items that will be offer for sale were given out. Saturday workshops will be set up to make the items at Karen's house. You can buddy-up, come to the workshops, or do it on your own. Material, patterns and instructions will be provided.

Meeting Minutes cont'd

Vice President: 2 Saturday workshops have been planned.

6/24 Quilters Gallery (Pizza Girls) for 20 members. \$35.00 for fabric and will last 6 hours.

9/16 Augusta Cole 6 hr. class on Saturday. You can pick 3 out of 20 presentations you prefer. \$45. Limit of 20 students.

Program: History of the Amish quilts by Shelle Mancl

Shelle gave a very informative presentation of the Amish quilts and their distinctive features. Many of the quilts were influenced by the communities where Amish live. Every community had their own distinguishing features and color choice. If a person grew up in one community and then moved to another community, the features that the person grew up with would have to change to match that new community.

Door Prizes: Mike Gray
Penny Bradford
Juddacca Heather

No new Business.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm by Susan Pierce

Minutes submitted by: Wendy Clagg



Charlotte Quilters' Guild Presents A Walk Down Memory Lane

40th 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:

www.charlottequiltersguild.org or

email:

quiltshow@charlottequiltersguild.org

Name Judee Shuler

Subject Call for Entries - Smoky Mountain Quilters of TN Show

Message On behalf of the Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN, I am writing to invite your guild members to enter their quilts in our 2017 Quilt Show and Competition. For your convenience, I have included below a brief article with details that can be used in your newsletter or on your website or Facebook page. We also hope to see you at our show. Kind regards, Judee Shuler Show Co-chair (908) 337-2540 ju-deeshuler@gmail.com CALL FOR ENTRIES IN THE 2017 SMOKY MOUNTAIN QUILTERS SHOW You labored for hundreds of hours on your latest creation, so why not share your quilt with others who will appreciate it? You may also get some well-deserved recognition for your hard work. The Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee will offer more than \$6,000 in awards at their show on June 16 and 17, 2017 at the Knoxville Expo Center in Tennessee. There will be 16 categories in which to enter your quilts, and an additional 12 special awards. Deadline for entries is May 8, 2017, so you have plenty of time to complete your masterpiece. Please visit www.smokymtnquilters.com for more information on the competition and for entry forms.

Email judeeshuler@gmail.com



*“A Celebration of 20 years of Quilting....
Not Just Another Quilt Show”*

April 21 & 22, 2017

Come for a fun day featuring:

Judged Traditional to Modern quilts on display
Opportunity Quilt drawing
Grand Door Prize
Silent Auction
Exciting Vendors
Boutique and Granny’s Attic
Special Exhibits

The Church on 68 (formerly C3 Church Greensboro)
300 NC Highway 68 South
Greensboro, NC 27409
I-40 exit 210

Friday, April 21 9-5
Saturday, April 22 9-4

Admission \$5



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QUILT GUILD INC.

Up-to-date vendor
information and more on
our website:
<http://hottqg.com>

Nichole's Art Bus Quilting Across America Offerings:

Lectures:

Quilting Across America!

(45 minute lecture & Power Point presentation) \$250

Enjoy Nichole's fun stories from the Art Bus' Quilting Across America Tour. Full of community, creativity and laughter, be inspired by the quilts and quilters that Nichole has had the opportunity to know as she travels around the USA in her 2004 40' Alpha motorhome, equipped with her full sewing studio, including her APQS Lucey longarm quilting machine! The Quilting Across America Tour launched in September 2016 from Washington State with the purpose of championing human creativity and real heart-to-heart community in a time where we seem to be at risk of disconnecting from ourselves and each other. (Venues with room for the Art Bus to park can feature on-site personal tours of the Art Bus before and/or after the meeting).

Making Things Matters

(45 min lecture w/ Trunk Show) \$250

Making things really DOES matter! In this lecture Nichole shares the heart-wrenching story of the loss of her family in the 2014 Oso Mudslide in Washington State. Her parents, her oldest daughter and her daughter's fiancé were killed, along with 39 of their neighbors in the tragic March 22, 2014 landslide on Hwy 530 outside of her hometown of Darrington, Washington. Three of Nichole's quilts were recovered from the rubble that was 3 times the amount of material as the 9-11 World Trade Center and are featured as a part of her trunk show. Hear how the recovered quilts drive home the principles for making quilts that last and how quilting and quilters helped to pull her through the pain of her loss and lift her up to share her positive message of hope and determine that her mission from here on out is to live in service to Truth, Beauty, Humor and Love.

Workshops:

Freehand: Fast, Fun & Fabulous

(2.5 hours, lecture w/ drawing for ALL machine quilters, beginning -advanced)

Price: \$25 per student, \$300 minimum

Design dilemmas puzzle every quilter, every day. How do you choose the best designs and style of quilting for quilts? How can you create something that astounds your friends but does not cause you to be in leg irons at your quilting/sewing machine for weeks? Come explore some ideas and principles that Nichole uses for choosing the designs for her quilts, both personal and her work for clients. Lecture and drawing class with Q&A. Please bring your quilt tops for ideas and suggestions.

Supply List: *sketch pad, pencil or pen, quilts to show and share and quilt tops for ideas and group discussion*

Fancy Freehand Fillers: Enhance Stencils & Computerized Motifs
(2.5 hours, drawing for all machine quilters, intermediate)
Price \$25 per student, \$300 minimum

Add artistic flair to stencils, pre-marked, computerized and embroidery quilting motifs with ease! Nichole will show you at least 15 unique filler designs with step-by-step instructions for how to create them and discuss how to scale your filler designs appropriately to make motifs stand out and quilts still lay flat. Take your first step into freehand with one of the premier freehand teachers in the professional machine quilting industry. Your creative life will never be the same!

Supply List: sketch pad, pencil or pen, quilts to show and share and quilt tops for ideas and group discussion

Freehand Floral Explosion
(2.5 hours, drawing for all machine quilters, beginning to advanced)
Price \$25 per student, \$300 minimum

Nichole launched her professional teaching career back in 2002 with the publication of her **Garden Branching** book, which took the longarm quilting community by storm. Using the technique of branching, learn an astounding array of botanical designs that are sure to enhance all of your quilts! The designs look complex and difficult but with Nichole's easy style and step-by-step instructions, find yourself quilting them with ease and artistry! Learn designs from **Garden Branching**, **Garden Branching 2**, and **Quilting Botanica**. Artistic and unique, your quilts will shine with these magical floral designs!

Free-Hand For Fraidey-Cats!
(5 hours hands-on for home sewing machine quilters, Beginning)
\$50 per student, \$600 minimum, maximum of 30 students

Fear no more! Free-hand machine quilting is fast, fun and fabulous when you learn the tricks to making your quilting consistent and your designs even! Join Nichole for a 2.5 hour hands-on workshop, offered on the home sewing machine. Learn how to craft gorgeous designs with ease, discover the secret to avoiding vacant spaces and be amazed at how quickly you improve your machine quilting skills! Let Nichole help you avoid the common mistakes and pitfalls that can hold you back from advancing with your machine quilting and will help you make every quilt uniquely your own. Learn designs such as Bottom's Up Hearts, Echoed Tear Drops, Stacked Swirls and Basic Fantasy Freehand.

Students are encouraged to purchase Nicole's e-book *Fantasy Freehand* from her website as a valuable class supplement.

The Freehand Six-Pack
(5 hours, hands-on workshop for home sewing machine quilters)
\$50 per student, \$600 minimum (maximum 30 students)

Grab your sewing machine and prepare to learn a Six-Pack of freehand quilting designs that you will mix and match, space evenly and make every quilt that you complete a unique and artistic reflection of you! You will be thrilled with your artistic flair and you will save yourself oodles of time!

Freehand Floral Explosion

(5 hours, hands-on home sewing machine, beginning to advanced)

Price \$50 per student, \$600 minimum (maximum 30 students)

Nichole launched her professional teaching career back in 2002 with the publication of her Garden Branching book, which took the longarm quilting community by storm. Using the technique of branching, learn how to quilt an astounding array of botanical designs that are sure to enhance all of your quilts, with your home sewing machine! The designs look complex and difficult but with Nichole's easy style and step-by-step instructions, find yourself quilting them with ease and artistry! Learn designs from Garden Branching, Garden Branching 2, and Quilting Botanica. Artistic and unique, your quilts will shine with these magical floral designs that you will learn how to make completely your own!

All of the above hands-on workshops are also offered on the longarm quilting machine. Longarm hostesses get their workshop in exchange for the use of their studio. Longarm studios need to allow room for up to 7 people (five students, Nichole and the hostess). Workshops are 6 hours long, offered at \$225 per person with a 5 student limit.