



## December 2015 Newsletter

# Quilters By The Sea Guild

[www.quiltersbytheseaguild.org](http://www.quiltersbytheseaguild.org)

Our next meeting is on **Monday, January 25, 2016** at 7:00pm  
First Christian Church, 2035 Oleander Dr, Wilmington, NC

\*If New Hanover Co schools are closed due to inclement weather  
on meeting nights then the guild will **NOT** meet.



### From the desk of the President

The end of another year; have you noticed how quickly they pass? Please join me in thanking the outgoing members of the board for their time and effort and welcome the new board.

For those of you that don't know me, let me introduce myself. I'm originally from Chicago and came to Leland in '04 via New Jersey and Raleigh; those moves were work related, but I came to this area by choice, and I love it. I 'found' quilting a year before I moved here, and when I made my first quilt I was immediately hooked – I knew I had found my retirement hobby. I attended my first guild meeting in January '05 and an announcement was made that there was one spot left in the retreat that was happening three days later. I jumped in and grabbed that spot and was immediately immersed into the guild. I've since served as a member at large, workshop chairman, retreat co-chair, quilt show co-chair and vice-president. And of course, I have to mention my bee – the Sew n'Sews of Magnolia Greens. We've been together for many years and they've always had my back; whenever I've held any job, they've been there by my side, helping to get it done. And even more importantly, we are all there for each other in all matters of life. We met through quilting, but we are stitched together for life.

I'm looking forward to serving as president as we all enjoy another year of quilting and friendship. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours. See you in January!

#### **Tentative guild meeting schedule for 2016 (pending approval from FCC)**

January 25 -- February 22 -- March 28 -- April 25 -- May 23 -- June 27 -- July 25  
August 22 -- September 26 -- October 24 -- November 21 (\* third Monday) -- December 5 Christmas party

## PIECEWORK

We are really excited about the QBTS quilt show event in conjunction with the **Brooklyn Arts Center – April 2 - 3, 2016** This venue will result in a different type of show with a fun atmosphere and a chance for us to show off our talents to a broader demographic.

We are currently seeking more vendors; applications available at the BAC website

<http://www.brooklynartsnyc.com/> look for Piecework under events. Click on Piecework and there's a link to the application process.

Quilt entry applications are now being accepted. Click here >> [LINK](#) << for the application, and remember to submit your photo! The process of handling quilt sales is still under discussion; we'll let you know when we figure it out! Questions? Contact [maryann.kotas@gmail.com](mailto:maryann.kotas@gmail.com)



## **Holiday Party Wrap Up**

Happy Holidays to QBTS! The members that were able to attend this year's party seemed to have a good time, and I know I thoroughly enjoyed our speaker, local historian and tour guide, Robin Triplett. The unveiling of the raffle quilt, made by Marie Ann Coadic, drew ooh and ahhs from the crowd - it is beautiful!

Our take a chance potluck turned out to be a hamfest, but we might have consumed more of it if our RSVP system worked better. We had a 23% no show rate, and calculated expenses based on a higher turnout.

It's guild money we spend, so it's in your best interest to be mindful of where your dues are going!

I already have some ideas percolating for next year, but would love to have help and input! Let me know your thoughts- Thanks, Mari de Moya



## **QBTS Guild Outreach Projects**

**Baby Hats** Please make hats 6" or less from top to bottom to fit babies in nursery. They need to be pink or blue. (All sizes are needed at present time.) If you need yarn, please let me know. I do have some patterns also. Check our website for directions. (Betty Flavin)

**Bereavement Sets** for the hospital. 18 x 18" square blanket, either knitted or crocheted, and a matching hat in any PASTEL color or WHITE for stillborn babies or babies who expire at birth or shortly after. Two per month on average are used. (Betty Flavin)

**Chemo Scarves** for cancer patients. The pattern is on the website. (Amy Brassard)

**Flag Donations** Old flags collected to be placed on the caskets of veterans before cremation. (Jan Jacobson)

**Food Drive Each month** we bring non-perishable food items that are given to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard (Bev Cochran) Federal Point Help Center (Anne Hope Marvin) and St. Mary's Tileston Outreach (Mary Ann Kotas) on a rotating basis.

**Habitat for Humanity Quilts** Quilts for new Habitat homeowners. (Barb Sieme)

**Neo-Natal Quilts** for babies on the neonatal unit at NHRMH (Carolyn Baker & Anne Freeling)

**Quilts of Valor and Wounded Warrior Quilts** (Kirsta Meadows)

\*It is important to remember that participation in these activities is voluntary.

**Symposium Finance Committee:** Cindy Marzac (2015), Amy Brassard (2015), Miranda Dungan (2015, 2016), Dianne Putnam (2015, 2016)

**Members at large:** Margie Carano, Linda Sherrill, Marion Martin



## Committees

Habitat Quilts- Barb Sieme / Beekeeper- Angela Bridger 686-6719 / B.O.M.- Vonda Witherspoon 599-8566 / Community Outreach- Lise King 763-5564 / Historian- Vonda Witherspoon 599-8566 / Neonatal- Carolyn Baker 383-6682 & Anne Freeling 383-1427 / Librarian- Donna Bergman 371-2613 / Raffle Coordinator- Any Brassard 793-3496 & Candy Smith 452-9217 / Sunshine Lady- RoseMarie Dalby 371-6504 / Workshops- Miranda Dungan 547-0601 & Julie Brewer 791-1712 / Retreat: Lynn Flaherty 617-519-9870



## Free Bees



**FREE patterns, tutorials & quilty items of interest from the web**

GOT SCRAPS? Then you may like this blog which only highlights scrappy string quilts:

<http://stringthingalong.blogspot.com/>



## QBTS BOM 2016



The QBTS 2015 BOM themed, "My Quilting Journey" was great. My blocks are completed for my quilt. I hope to get it quilted before our next guild meeting . Pat Haislip and I are looking forward to presenting 16 inch block patterns to you in 2016. We intend to challenge ourselves to use these patterns to make charity quilts and to get a jump start on next year's Christmas gifts. Look for the first block in the January newsletter. We promise it is simple enough to stitch before our meeting.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Vonda Witherspoon



## Quilters by the Sea Challenge Quilt 2016



- ❖ The challenge quilt this year is "Circle of Friends ".
- ❖ The quilts can be 12-18 inches in diameter (circular quilt).
- ❖ The finish of edges may be any technique you like.
- ❖ The embellishments are used in judging as well as use of theme.
- ❖ You may use any and all techniques in fabric art for this challenge.
- ❖ As in prior years, there will be awards.
- ❖ Please have your quilts in a labeled pillow case at the February guild meeting to meet the deadline.

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## Renewal of Membership for 2016

It's that time of year...when we start our membership drive for 2016....

If you are a **new member** or a **previous member** please fill out the application form completely, the form is on the last page of this newsletter. Please **PRINT** so we can read and import the information to the roster correctly.

You can either mail the application and check to me or you can give it to me at the meetings starting in October.

We will print our first roster of 2016 after the January meeting and will distribute new membership cards and raffle tickets at the January meeting.

Any questions feel free to email me at [justduckykaren@aol.com](mailto:justduckykaren@aol.com) Thank you, Karen

-----Membership form is below-----

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## QUILTERS BY THE SEA GUILD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2016

\*Print the full page and return via in-person or mail\*

**Please note:** No renewal or new memberships will be accepted without an application and the appropriate fee(s). Membership cards, nametag kits and quilt raffle tickets should be picked up at the January guild meeting, thereafter at time of joining.

Roster of the members will be emailed to the membership quarterly.

To have the membership kit mailed, add \$2.50 to your membership fee and check the appropriate box on this form.

Please make your check payable to: **Quilters by the Sea Guild**

### PLEASE PRINT:

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- I am **renewing** my QBTS membership for 2016 prior to December 31
- Member ship fee **prior** to December 31 -- \$25
- Membership fee **after** December 31-- June \$30
- Fee to mail **membership kit**---- \$2.50
- Membership fee July – September----- \$17.50
- Membership fee October – December----- \$11.50

**Membership forms and fees may be mailed to:**

Karen Smith - 8710 Lake Nona Drive - Wilmington, NC 28411