

# January 2016 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

Hi everyone,

I hope you and your families had a wonderful holiday season - I know I did! And our guild Christmas party was a great success. Congrats to Mari and her helpers for a job well done! Now it's time to get back to quilting.

Our retreat is coming up at the end of the month and I can't wait. We are anxious to see the new venue; it sounds quite promising. Retreats are my favorite quilting activity - they are always fun and inspiring.

We are still looking for two more volunteers for our Symposium Fund Committee. We'll talk about it at our guild meeting so you'll know what it entails.

Speaking of Symposium, it's time to think about registering; this year's event is being hosted by Capital Quilters of Raleigh on June 2 - 5. Registration opens January 18th. It's a great opportunity to mingle with fellow quilters and learn from a wide range of well-known teachers. Check it out! We'll announce the winner of our scholarship at the January guild meeting.

As we start a new year of quilting, let me know if you have any ideas you'd like to share; many of our new members have come from other guilds; are there ideas or activities you'd like our guild to look into?

Finally, NQA has closed their doors; we are thankful to them for their many years of support.

Keep on quilting!  
Mary Ann

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

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

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**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.

Registration is still open for quilts. Get your entries in by the end of the month so they can be considered for entry. We'd like to see a wide variety of quilts. You are welcome to enter your new quilts, as well as some of your favorites from the past. <http://www.brooklynartsnc.com/> look for Piecework under events. Click on Piecework and there's a link to the application process. Click here >> [LINK](#) << for the application, and remember to submit your photo! We are still looking for a few more vendors. Know of anyone we should contact?

We'll be looking for volunteers to help with receiving the quilts and working with us during setup and the show. More info will follow next month. Questions? Contact [maryann.kotas@gmail.com](mailto:maryann.kotas@gmail.com)



**There will be a sign up sheet at the January meeting for the skills showcase area at the Piecework event at Brooklyn Arts Center in April. The skills showcase is a highlight of the show and will be heavily promoted. We will speak more about this at the meeting. Chris Dahl and Loretta Brehm**

## QBTS BOM 2016

Pat Haislip and Vonda Witherspoon would like to welcome you to QBTS "Sixteen inches BOM's for 2016." Our first one will be due at the FEBRUARY guild meeting. It is called **Crown and Star** found at <http://www.quilterscache.com/C/CrownandStarBlock.html> Please construct it in red and white and make sure it measures at least 16 & 1/4 inches finished. Instructions can also be found at the bottom of the newsletter.



## 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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Announcing the return of the "FREE" table at our monthly guild meetings! After all, one quilter's trash is another one's treasure. Bring any items you'd like to share to the kitchen prior to our meeting. Members may shop before the meeting and at the break. Lise King will be the coordinator.



### Programs and Classes for 2016

Ahh... a new year has started! What excitement awaits us for 2016???? I hope you will find some of it at our Guild meetings and classes!

#### **January 25:**

Our program will be **“My Adventures down the Rabbit Hole” with Michelle May**. Michelle recently joined our Guild and it is wonderful that she is willing to share her quilting loves and experiences with us! We have seen her beautiful wool work at quilt shows. And I suspect there will be a few rabbit stories as well!! The program will be a combination of trunk show and lecture. *AND she has also agreed to teach us one of her classes on May 21. So mark your calendars to hold that date!! More information on the class will be provided in the near future.* [www.therasperryrabbits.com](http://www.therasperryrabbits.com)

#### **February 22:**

Our program will be **“Asian Fusion Designs for Quilters – Welcome to the Year of the Monkey” with Mari Yamashita de Moya**. Mari has also recently joined our Guild and jumped right in to host the Christmas Party and what fun we had! Many fabric lines now produce a variety of Asian inspired cotton fabric for quilters – and designs and patterns for quilts with Asian motifs are readily available. Mari melds her education background in Asian and Pacific art and 46 years of quilting experience to share some ideas so you can create original quilt designs with Asian influences with confidence. Mari and her husband Rick

relocated last year to Wilmington, NC after a brief stay in Chapel Hill, and Mari continues to commute once a week to Chapel Hill to complete a certification in Botanical Illustration at the North Carolina Botanical Garden.

### **March 28:**

Our program will be “**Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement**” with **Suzi Parron**. Suzi will be taking us on a journey along the quilt trail – a wonderful collection of hundreds of painted quilts. The presentation will be a combination of slides and lecture. And earlier that same day, we will have a class on making our own barn quilt! [www.barnquiltinfo.com](http://www.barnquiltinfo.com)

In our **Barn Quilt class**, we will be making a 2 foot by 2 foot painted barn quilt suitable to hang on a small building. Class should last about 3 hours, and you leave with a finished (or pretty close!) quilt block! Supplies and patterns will be furnished. Sign up information will be in the Kitchen area at both Jan and February program meetings. Class will be held March 28 at church. Cost is \$25, payable when you sign up. Since the class is 3 hours, we could fit in 2 classes if needed. Times will be determined by the number of classes.

July 25 – Christmas in July

December 5 – QBTS Christmas Party

As always, if you have a specific lecturer or teacher you would like to see come to our Guild, please let me know!

Dianne Putnam

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### **NC Quilt Symposium 2016**

If you haven't seen it already, the information for the 2016 Symposium is available!! The brochures and forms are available on line at <http://capitalquilters.org/symposium2016/>.

The 2016 NC Quilt Symposium will be held in Raleigh, NC on June 2 – 5 at William Peace University and sponsored by the Capital Quilters. If you have never been to a symposium, it is a wonderful opportunity to meet other quilters, make new friends, learn new skills, attend great classes and lectures, win prizes, and see beautiful quilts! And spend money at the VENDORS!! It is a blast!! What more could one want?? There is even a wine tasting event available this year! The teacher and class list looks great! You should find lots and lots to do.

The pricing structure has changed some for 2016 in an effort to be more accommodating. You will pay for your classes, lectures, and accommodations separately instead a flat fee. Also there are hotel accommodations available for those who would prefer a more pampered environment than the student dorms. Please read the brochure and registration form carefully to be sure you have included everything you want. We may begin mailing in our registration forms on January 18, so get your forms ready so you can be sure to get your first choice on classes!

If you have questions, please let us know and we'll try and get you an answer!

Dianne Putnam and Heather Tighe  
NCQSI Board Members





## **QBTS Guild Outreach Projects** \*Participation in these activities is voluntary.

**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)



## **Committees**

Habitat Quilts- Barb Sieme / Beekeeper- Angela Bridger 686-6719 / B.O.M.- Vonda Witherspoon 599-8566 & Pat Haislip / Historian- Vonda Witherspoon 599-8566 / Neonatal- Carolyn Baker 383-6682 & Anne Freeling 383-1427 / Librarian- Donna Bergman 371-2613 / Raffle Coordinator- Amy Brassard 793-3496 & Candy Smith 452-9217 / Sunshine Lady- RoseMarie Dalby 371-6504 / **Workshops- POSITION OPEN** / Retreat: Lynn Flaherty 617-519-9870 /Symposium Finance: Dungan (2015, 2016), Dianne Putnam (2015, 2016) /



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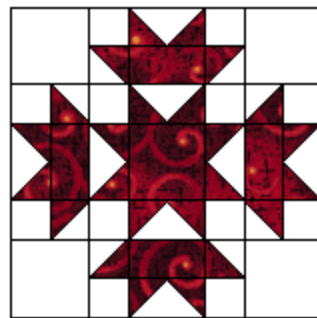


Eastern North Carolina Shop Hop takes place Feb 3 - 6 with 6 great stores participating. See Kirsta for purchase of your passport at the meeting! \$5 still gets you a wonderful shopping bag and great deals at each and every store!  
Kirsta Meadows, 910-577-9200

**FOR SALE:** 2013 Handi Quilter Avante, 18" throat with adjustable 8-10 ft. table. This is a great longarm machine with stitch regulator, includes micro handles, ruler base, separate M size (large) bobbin winder, needles, Pattern Grid for table top, 80+ pantograph patterns, approximately 60 bobbins and some thread. Asking \$8,250.00. If interested please call Barb at [910-371-6283](tel:910-371-6283) or email at [countrylanequilting@hotmail.com](mailto:countrylanequilting@hotmail.com).

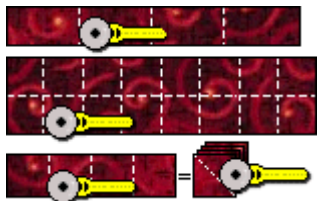
## *Crown and Star*

This makes a 16" block



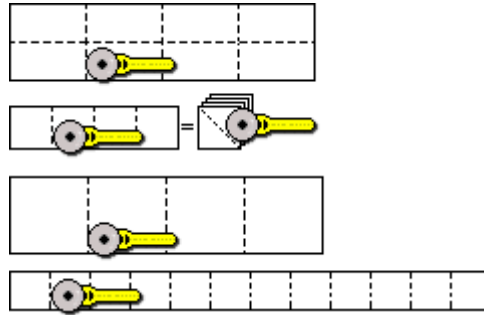
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**\*\* Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block \*\***



Cut the Color 1 2-1/2" x 18" strip into four 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles. Then cut the Color 1 5" x 20" strip into sixteen 2-1/2" squares. Next cut the Color 1 2-7/8" x 11-1/2" strip into four 2-7/8" squares. Stack the 2-7/8" squares and cut in half once on the diagonal to make eight Half Square Triangles...

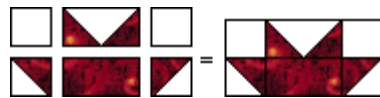
Now cut the Color 2 5" x 18" strip into eight 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles. Next cut the Color 2 2-7/8" x 11-1/2" strip into four 2-7/8" squares. Stack the 2-7/8" squares and cut in half once on the diagonal to make eight Half Square Triangles. Cut the Color 2 4-1/2" x 18" strip into four 4-1/2" squares. Lastly cut the Color 2 2-1/2" x 30" strip into twelve 2-1/2" squares...  
 (...whew... now you can take a cutting break and have a cuppa tea!)



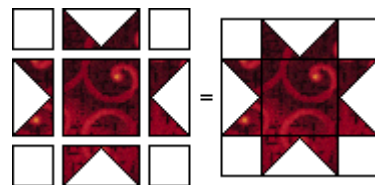
Shown here enlarged, sew pairs of Color 1 and Color 2 Half Square Triangles right sides together into Half Squares using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams to the darker sides. You'll be making eight of these Half Squares, which should measure 2-1/2" ..



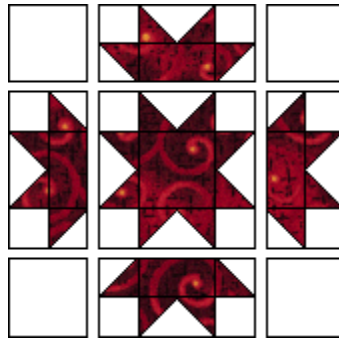
Next we'll make the Flying Geese units shown above. To do this, place a Color 1 2-1/2" square right sides together atop a Color 2 rectangle, with outer edges aligned. (I show them staggered, yours shouldn't be) On the back of the top square lightly mark the diagonal. Sew on this diagonal marking. Cut off the excess seam allowance. Press the remainder towards the corner. Repeat this with another Color 1 square on the other end of the rectangle. Make eight geese in the same manner. These should measure 2-1/2" x 4-1/2"



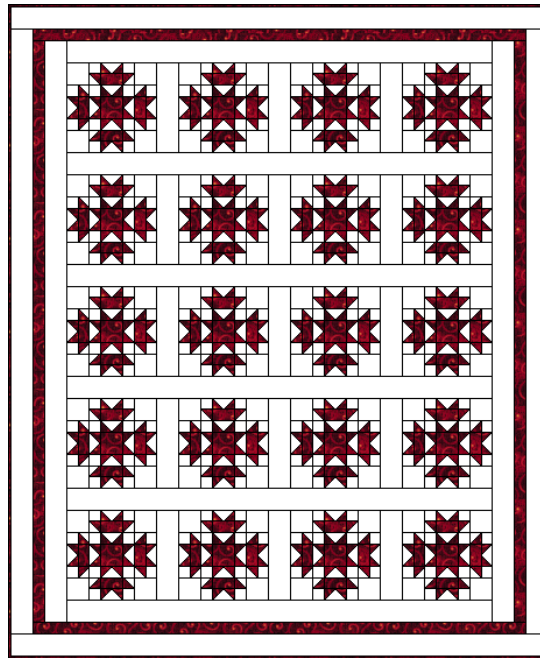
To piece the block's side units sew four of the units shown at left...



Piece one of the units shown at left to make the block's center unit, using the extra Color 1 4-1/2" square we cut as the middle square...





Now lay out all the units you've made as shown at left. Sew three horizontal rows, pressing row seams in alternating directions. Join the three rows to finish your block!



Here are four blocks by five with 4-1/2" sashing strips, then two borders that same width and one 2-1/2" wide border. Happy Quilting Folks!  
 Marcia :o)

**\*\* Supplies List \*\***

-  Color 1 Color 1 needs: one 4-1/2" square AND one 2-1/2" x 18" strip AND one 5" x 20" strip AND one 2-7/8" x 11-1/2" strip
-  Color 2 Color 2 needs: one 5" x 18" strip AND one 2-7/8" x 11-1/2" strip AND one 4-1/2" x 18" strip AND one 2-1/2" x 30" strip

cheers to every  
 quilty NEW YEAR!