

HIGH POINT QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MUSING FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear HPQG,

Sadly, on Saturday, March 21, we said goodbye to our first president, co-founder, quilting buddy and friend, Sherri. Some of you who are newer to the guild did not get a chance to know her because she had been ill for the last 10 months. She was dedicated to this guild and did the hard work of getting our non-profit status in place to set us up for success. At the end of the newsletter, you will find a tribute to her that gives a snapshot of what Sherri meant to those of us who knew her. Her fingerprints are all over our guild. She will be missed.

Karen, President

GUILD INFORMATION

MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month. Social time begins at 6:15 p.m.; the meeting and program begins at 6:30 p.m.

Members unable to attend the meeting in person may log in via Zoom. Link is emailed to members ahead of the meeting. If you are not a member or have trouble, email karentooley54@gmail.com to get the link.

LOCATION

The guild meets for meetings and Stitching Saturdays at Northwood Community Center. The address is 2409 Ambassador Ct., High Point, NC 27265. Please park away from the clothing bin on meeting nights.

CONTACT INFO:

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Email: hpquiltguild@gmail.com

Website: www.highpointquiltguild.com

Facebook: [High Point Quilt Guild](https://www.facebook.com/HighPointQuiltGuild)

NORTHWOOD NOTES

Donations for Northwood Community Center:

- April: Canned fruit/jello
- May: Paper goods and products
- June: Cereals
- July: Rice/Beans/Noodles
- August: Canned/Boxed dinner
(SpaghettiOs, pizza, Hamb. Helper, etc.)
- September: Coats, hats
- October: Soups, crackers
- November: Canned meats, stews
- December: Staples
(flour, sugar, salt, oil, spices, etc.)

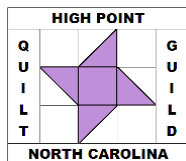
**Personal care items are needed every month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7 | 7:15 p.m. – Board meeting on Zoom. Request link: karentooley54@gmail.com

April 9 | 6:15 p.m. – April Monthly Meeting: Scrapapalooza! Using up Fabric and Yarn Scraps

Note: Members from the Salisbury quilt guild will be at our meeting in April to sell tickets for their raffle quilt. PLEASE BRING CASH.



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April 11 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. – Stitching
Saturday

April 25 | 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. – Make a
Project Bag with Jill Bowman. Two spaces
are still available. See Karen.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 - Elizabeth
8 - MaryBeth
10 - Renita

ONGOING GUILD ACTIVITIES

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Make a Christmas stocking and stuff it to donate to the Northwood Community Center Clothing Closet for distribution. Sew, quilt, knit, crochet, embroider, etc.- whatever you like. Sign the sheet at the membership table indicating the gender and age of the child it is for. More details at membership table and in the February 2026 Newsletter.

UFO TRACKING

Tracking UFOs will take place until November. In order to get credit for completing a UFO, members must show Susan and Diantha. Susan is leading that effort and can answer questions.

FUNDRAISING / RAFFLE BUNDLE

The HPQG current fundraiser is a raffle bundle: "Seasonal Bundle of Joy," which includes a collection of 14 different season-themed items. When all tickets are sold, the drawing will occur.

FALL QUILT RETREAT

There is still room to attend the fall retreat from October 22-25, 2026. Alicia will take registration forms and deposits. Registration Form can be found on the HPQG website.

COMMITTEE NEWS

CHARITY QUILTS

Help us make quilts for patients at the Hayworth Cancer Center in High Point. Patterns, fabric and printed labels are available. Joann is happy to longarm your quilt tops. She also has batting available. See guidelines at <https://www.highpointquiltguild.com/charity-quilts>. Turn in finished quilts at any meeting.

AT THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Members from the Salisbury quilt guild will be at our meeting in April to sell tickets for their raffle quilt. Please bring only cash to buy tickets. Let's support this guild as they have supported us!

MEDIA

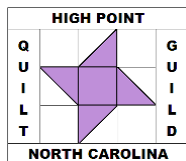
Newsletter items due to Kelly by the last week of the month.

MENTORS-BASICS CLASS

We have a BASICS CLASS mini-course during Stitching Saturdays, for anyone at no cost. This month we will discuss grain lines. Grain lines are crucial in quilting to prevent stretching, distortion and wonky blocks. See Susan for more information.

STITCHING SATURDAY

...is a day to come and stitch or knit whatever you like on the Saturday after our



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guild meetings, January-September. Free for members, \$5 for guests. Hours are 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Bring lunch or go out. Lots of fun and camaraderie!!

SUNSHINE

Remember to help our sunshine committee reach out to members. If you know of someone who is ill or lost a loved one, please inform MaryBeth.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: rug, frame & yarn (OLD).
Contact Karen at 330-464-2094.
Best offer.

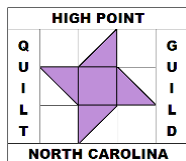


FOR SALE: SINGER 99K Made in 1955
Contact Karen at 330-464-2094.
Best offer.



QUILT/FIBER ARTS ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA

Check out what quilt and fiber arts activities are happening in the area by visiting ronatheribbiter.com.



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IN EVERY STITCH, A LEGACY

A Tribute to Sherri

Founding President, High Point Quilt Guild

In the quilting world, there is a term for the small, nearly invisible stitches that hold a masterpiece together: they are called essential. Sherri was the essential stitching for so many in her community. A woman of quick intellect and deep creativity, Sherri passed away on March 16, 2026. She spent her life turning scraps into beauty, leaving behind a body of work and a depth of love that now offers comfort and connection to those who knew her.

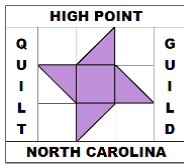
While many knew Sherri as a teacher, Principal, or Chief Financial Officer of the family business, a vibrant community of makers knew her through a different lens - one made of cotton, batting, and thread. As Sherri stitched her quilts, she created "textile repositories of family stories," and through that art, she cultivated a culture of craftsmanship and connection that spanned High Point and far beyond.

Sherri's devotion to quilting and appliqué was most evident in her leadership. As a founding member and past President of the High Point Quilt Guild, she was instrumental in creating a space where artistry and friendship could flourish. Her leadership extended to the national stage as President of the Appliqué Society, where she championed the intricate beauty of appliqué. Always teaching or leading, she encouraged others to "quilt fearlessly."

She understood that a quilt guild was a place for fellowship with one another. For Sherri, the quilting community "is about sharing the good times and the bad" she wrote in 2023. "It is about multiplying the joys and halving the sorrows. It is about taking the scraps life hands you and sticking your finger in fate's eye to make something beautiful." Through these organizations, Sherri built a group of "Sunday Friends" – the kind of people who you can call on a Sunday afternoon with an emergency, and they'd show up with whatever was needed at a moment's notice.

For those who couldn't sit beside her at the sewing machine, Sherri shared her quilting knowledge and experience through her blog, [Sherri Quilts A Lot: Quilts, Quips, and other Nearsighted Adventures](#). Her writing was a combination of journalism and soulfulness. Whether she was debating simplifying modern techniques or sharing the evolution of a quilt, her voice was clear, witty, and unapologetically honest.

In her posts, she spoke of quilting as "an intellectual pursuit" and "a celebration of the skill" passed down through generations. She saw every block as a lesson and every mistake as an opportunity to grow – or a design choice! Even as she faced her own health battles, her blog remained a beacon of resilience, where she continued to share "love and stitches," proving that the act of quilting allows us to "pray, rant, and grieve... and then put some kind of order to those feelings."



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To Sherri, the most important "quilt" she ever worked on was her family. On the back of every quilt she made for her family, she included a label that read: "Love You to the Moon and Back a Thousand Times." She took immense pride in her role as a wife, mom and Mimi – teaching all of us that creativity is at the heart of who we are. It is what makes us human.

Sherri lived her life with the same precision and warmth that she applied to her appliqué and quilting. She was a woman who knew her history, cultivated her creativity, and shared it generously with the world. As we look at the quilts she left behind, we see more than fabric. The patterns she designed -- in quilts and in the lives of her students, friends, and family – are sure to never unravel.

Until we meet again, Sherri: Love and Stitches.

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