



# High Point Quilt Guild

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## From Our Guild President, Matthew Emerson:

Happy New Year, Fellow Quilters!

As I write this introduction to my first newsletter, I'm sitting in my quilt studio surrounded by on-going projects. My longarm is loaded with a customer quilt, my cutting table has a fresh stack of blocks cut and ready for assembly, and my appliqué is poised and ready to go. I imagine that most of you have a similar setup - multiple projects going at once. All the while, you have other projects in the planning stage. It's the quilters way.

I keep multiple things going at once because I can get too bogged down in one project. As the project gets closer to the end, or, as the project gets more and more mundane, I want to rush it along to get it done. A done quilt is a good quilt. But two weeks later, as I'm lying on the couch with my new quilt, I notice a not-so-square block, or a mismatched seam. And I know exactly when I made the decision that it was good enough. I don't love my new quilt any less. We've been through some good times together. But I do have a bit of wanderlust. "What if I had taken just a little more time to get this right?"

I don't know about you, but I have never been good with making and sticking to resolutions for the new year. Not true, I'm good at making them and then falling flat on my face within a week. So I didn't make any personal resolutions this year. Instead, I came up with a one-word motto: "Persistence." The persistence to keep going through things that bore me, that frustrate me, and that challenge me was born from my quilting. I spend a bit of money on my quilting. And I truly want to get better with each quilt that I make. This year I'm going to persist; I'm choosing to take my time and focus on improvement.

In the lead up to our quilt show, I have two challenges for you this year:

1. Join me in persisting through the challenges, the uneasiness, and the chaos of events to create some of the best work you've ever done. Master something...mitered corners, nested seams, creating your own patterns, or perfect measuring. Or, go the

opposite, master letting go. Try an improv quilt. Piece however the spirit takes you. Doodle quilt something. Either way, I hope to stand by each of you at the quilt show and talk about how much we've grown in our quilting. I want to hear those war stories of seams ripped and re-ripped. And I want to be able to look at our quilts and say, "We have nailed it!"

2. I challenge each of you to put a quilt into the quilt show in August. (The President's Challenge is a great place to start.) No matter the size or complexity of your quilt, everyone wants to see it in the show. Not because we want to compare to each other, but because we want to share in the challenges of our craft. We want to celebrate the accomplishments of each member. And we want to show our friends, family, vendors, fellow quilters, and other guests that quilting is serious and we are serious about it. Since I've started quilting, I have dragged wife Emily to more quilt shows than she wants to go to. She is always inspired by the commitment it takes to make a quilt. And it makes her proud of the women (and sometimes men) who put themselves into a quilt and then show it to the world.

I look forward to being the guild president in 2019, mostly because I look forward to getting to know each of you. Anything I can do to help you in your quilting endeavors, let me know. Again, Happy New Year!

See you at the next meeting,  
Matthew

### **New Year's Resolutions**

Janet Wells has shared an excellent Project Sheet with the guild for all our New Year's Resolutions. It is at the end of this newsletter and can be printed or saved to your computer and typed into with your information. Consider tweaking it to make it something you can use and stick to in the New Year 2019.

Also, please consider joining Becki Bostick's new UFO Challenge Group. Make a list of twelve or fewer UFOs (UnFinished Objects) you would like to finish and bring the list to the January guild meeting. Becki's group will challenge themselves to finish one project every two months and show the finished product at guild.

### **Quilt Show Chairs and Committees Meeting Dates for 2019**

The Quilt Show Chairs and committee chairs are requested to attend the following meetings (location to be announced):

February 11, 2019  
March 11, 2019  
April 8, 2019  
May 6, 2019

June 10, 2019  
July 8, 2019  
August 5, 2019

## Upcoming Quilt Shows

**January 11 and 12, 2019**  
Quilting and Fiber Art Marketplace  
Dennis Wicker Civic Center  
1801 Nash St.  
Sanford, NC  
Friday, Jan 11 from 9a to 5p  
Saturday, Jan 12 from 9a to 4p  
[www.quiltersgallery.net](http://www.quiltersgallery.net)

**January 25 and 26, 2019**  
Quilting and Needle Art Extravaganza  
Statesville Civic Center  
300 S. Center St.  
Statesville, NC  
Friday, Jan 25 from 9a to 5p  
Saturday, Jan 26 from 9a to 4p  
[www.quiltersgallery.net](http://www.quiltersgallery.net)

### TREASURER'S REPORT

December 2018

	<u>REC'ED</u>	<u>PAID</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
<u>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u>	\$17,428.82		
<u>RECEIVED</u>			
Program	30.00		
2019 Vendor Booth	<u>50.00</u>		
Total	80.00		
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Pam Sadler		147.30	
First Citizen Bank-Wix Renewal		128.55	
Westchester Bapt. Ch.		750.00	
	<u>\$17,508.82</u>	<u>\$1,025.85</u>	<u>\$16,482.97</u>

