

Capital City Quilters Guild



Fat Quarter Newsletter

March 2026

May the 1/4th be with you!

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MARCH IS NATIONAL QUILTING MONTH!
MARCH 21 IS WORLD QUILTING DAY!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

MARCH 2026

A big shout out and thank you to the comfort quilt committee. They set up a routine with the oncology departments to call when they get down to 3-4 quilts. Radiation Oncology Center sent an email requesting more quilts. The committee's hard work is already paying off! So, let's get them some quilts.

After this month's meeting, we will be cutting, bagging AND sewing pillowcases. I am bringing my serger. We need at least 2-3 more sergers and their sewers to keep the production line moving. We will need people to iron and to cut. At least 10 people would be helpful. This way we can keep those sergers working. If you can bring your cutting board, rotary cutter and ruler, the people ironing will keep you in fabric. The last time we did this, we ended up with 60 pillowcases in about 2 hours. The more members that participate, the faster we will get it finished.

I will also be bringing ALL my Stripology rulers, books, etc for the members to get a look at. You will not need to purchase everything I am bringing for show and tell. But you will be able to see how this ruler works and all the different quilts you can cut quickly and with accuracy. It's more than "just another ruler."

See you at the next meeting.

Ann Lind
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QUILTFOLK: How many of you receive the Quiltfolk newsletter via email? Their founder wrote an incredible letter to all subscribers last month regarding the Block of the Month that is starting soon. I found the letter so touching, inspiring and true that it totally sucked me into the BOM that I hadn't intended to do. (Dixie)

Excerpts from Founder Mike McCormick's letter, entitled Rome Wasn't Built in a Day, on the upcoming 10th anniversary of Quiltfolk:

"If I'm honest, the best teacher I've ever had in understanding the power of persistence has been Quiltfolk itself—and, by extension, all of you. Quilters understand something I'm still trying to fully live into: that meaningful work is made slowly, deliberately, and with trust that the pieces will come together when they're ready.

“Progress rarely looks impressive in the moment. It looks like small steps, imperfect drafts, learning curves, and persistence. Sometimes, it takes hindsight to recognize just how far you’ve come.

“So I’ll ask you the same questions I’ve been asking myself this year:

“What are you in the middle of right now?

“Where is your patience being quietly rewarded?

“What are you building—stitch by stitch—that may not look like much today but will mean everything a year or five years or ten years from now?”

“Quilting teaches this better than almost anything. A quilt is, by definition, an act of accumulated time. Piece by piece. Seam by seam. A vision held long enough to become real.

“Thank you for your patience, your passion, and your willingness to keep building something meaningful alongside us. Rome wasn’t built in a day—neither are quilts, and neither is a community.”

SECRETARY STILL NEEDED! Dixie has agreed to stand in as the acting secretary. If anyone is interested in the position, please contact Ann. The job isn’t that hard, and Sarah has shown how easy it is to take the minutes.

CHERRYWOOD CHALLENGE: Krisi Selvig was in Minnesota and went into the Cherrywood store to drool over their hand-dyed fabrics when she noticed this year’s Storytime Challenge. She immediately knew which childhood story she would make her quilt from and bought the fabric bundles. She returned to Juneau the next day and had a total of three days to design, construct, and finish her project before sending pictures along with her entry form to Cherrywood. Krisi was surprised to learn that her quilt will be one of the many quilts in the traveling display during the next year! “Blueberries for Sal” has been sent to Minnesota and will travel in one of three groups around the country to various sites in 2027. CONGRATULATIONS, KRISI!

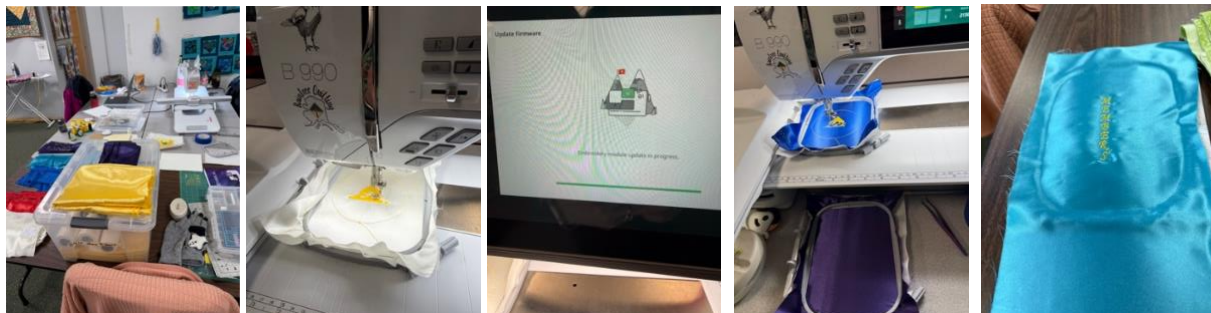


UFOs ... from the minutes: Sandra has UFO forms here. They must be filled out and given to her by June. The form requires each quilter to pledge whatever they wish payable to the Guild if they do not finish their

quilt. If the quilt is finished, their names go into a drawing in October. Sandra encouraged all of us to fill out a form and challenge ourselves to complete some UFOs.

QUILT SHOW 2026 ... from the minutes: Thank you, Quilt Show crew: Christine Moleski, Marcie Benvin, Mindy Henricksen and Sheila Box!

1. We need items for the **sales table**. Laurie Adamson and Terry Bonnell have inventoried items in the sales table boxes from the last show. They have sign-up sheets for people to help them.
2. We need items for the **auction table**. See Marcie Benvin if you can help at the tables. The auction entry form is active on our website.
3. Sheila Box has **sign-up sheets** for people at the front door. She needs two people at the front table and one person walking around each hour.
4. **Judging** will occur on Wednesday and Thursday. We will need helpers.
5. The **quilt entry form** should go out via email and also go up on our website tomorrow. Christine wants to check it one more time before it goes active. That form will generate the label that will be hung with your quilt. You can enter as many quilts as you like in as many categories as you like. Geri Fudge asked if members have to print out their entry form. No, the quilt show committee will do that and will hang it next to your quilt.
6. If you do not want your quilt judged, it can go into the **Serendipity category** which is for anything and will not be judged. Marné Provost asked if Serendipity is also for vintage quilts. She found an interesting unfinished piece that she would like to show. Yes, Serendipity is for vintage quilts.
7. **Ribbons** are awarded by the judge. CCQ members and the public are allowed to vote for their favorites on Friday. All ribbons will be up on Saturday. Dixie and Debbie are currently working on the ribbons.
8. Sandra Bleicher is in charge of **take-in, take-out and hanging quilts**. Take-in will be from 8-10 am. Take-out is fast. Hanging quilts is time intensive. We can begin hanging quilts at 3 pm Thursday. We will need people on ladders. Sheila said she will make a sign-up sheet. You can also email Sandra at sandraaukebay@gmail.com if you can help.
9. The committee has not yet set a **deadline date** for entering quilts into the show. It will be around May 1.
10. We have the old **member bios**. If you haven't done one, we need one. People enjoy reading about our members and our interests. The forms are not ready and are not on the website. They are still being discussed within the committee.
11. **May meeting date** is during quilt show weekend



Quilt show ribbon making

EDUCATION:

Robin Ruth Design: Robin Long of Robin Ruth Design will be in Juneau in September 26-27, 2026 to teach her method of Mariner's compass. Class size will be limited to 20 with a wait list for additional people. Sign-up is \$75; Stephanie is taking registration money. It will be necessary to purchase her ruler and book.

As has been pointed out, Robin's Mariner's compasses come with both fat and skinny points. This month, I would like to share Robin's Skinny baseball compasses since opening day for Major League Baseball is March 25th.



Baseball hassocks



Baseball Quillow and Tote

These patterns require Robin's Original Skinny Robin 45* Mariner's Compass Ruler and Book. Robin offers a variety of free patterns at robinruthdesign.com.

KRISTA MOSER will be in Juneau October 2027. Additional information will be shared as the event gets closer.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Shannon Dilley
Nancy Krehlik
Martha Morris
Karen Smith

Odette Edgar
Elaine Mahaffey
Jeanne Olson
Eva Veradi

Amy Kesten
Judy Morley
Heather Ramseth
Layla Underwood-Knowles

GUILD COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS: Pillowcases and comfort quilts

Comfort quilts ... from the minutes: Thank you, Comfort Quilt crew: Stephanie Allison, Louise Miller, Ann Lind and more.

1. **Any fully completed quilt** will be accepted as a comfort quilt.
2. **If the Guild is to quilt a comfort quilt top, the maximum size is 49" x 60"**. Our 3-yard quilt kits fall within that parameter. This size maximizes the longarm machine's ability to quilt two tops at the same time.
3. **Ann is the keeper of backing and batting** and will pair tops with backing/labels and batting for longarm quilters. If you want to quilt your own quilt, or if your quilt is over- or under-sized and you will be quilting it, Ann can cut batting/backing for you.

4. **Finished quilt tops** go to Ann for batting/backing/labels and to be distributed for quilting. Finished quilt tops can come to Ann at meetings.
5. There is interest in **quilting on our domestic machines**. Stephanie does all her own quilting on her domestic machine. We will have a mini-class after the April meeting; we need a teacher.
6. We are trying to **build our inventory** of quilts.
7. We need to know **when agencies are running low** on quilts.
8. **Louise Miller will collect finished quilts** for distribution.
9. **Call Stephanie Allison** (907-723-3092) or **Louise Miller** (907-465-7021) if you have questions.
10. **Judy Morley is training** Laura Kelly and Ann-Marie Martin to quilt on her longarm.

Pillowcases ... from the minutes: Shannon Dilley was unable to attend the meeting since she was working for Jan during Changing Tides' sale today.

1. **Kits** are available in the back of the room. Please take some and make them. Jodie Buck has a serger pillowcase video on Sewing Should Be Fun.
2. Debbie asked that we reach out to **Family Promise**, so Shannon did. FP has an emergency site and needs 15 pillowcases now.
3. We **donated 49 pillowcases** last month to JYC and the Pioneer Home. Both the Pioneer Home and Aware take 50 but not each time Shannon asks what they need.
4. **Shannon volunteers** at the Pioneer Home and can make pillowcases with the residents.
5. Ann would like to **put pillowcase kits together after next month's meeting**. We have seven totes of fabric upstairs. We will also sew up as many as we can. Ann will bring her serger. We could also use some sewing machines.
6. Christine asked what happened to the **box of fabric** she had that needed to be ironed. Dixie said Shannon brought it RainTree where the two of them plus Krisi Selvig ironed and sewed the fabric into pillowcases.
7. **Karen Paulick left** a bag of pillowcases.

UFOs: UFO = UnFinished Object ... also known as PIGS (projects in grocery sacks) or PHD (projects half done). It could be large. It could be small. It could be something you recently made. Or it could be that very first real quilt that I made in 2014 that still needs to be quilted, bound and labeled. It could even be that finished quilt that still needs a label!

Sandra Bleicher has been in charge of UFO contracts in the past. To encourage us to finish those UFOs, we need to fill out the UFO form which is on our website and return half of the form to the chairperson. When we finish an item, we need to show it to the chairperson or bring it to a meeting for Show and Tell where we can all celebrate that it is finished. All completed UFOs are entered into a drawing at the end of the contract time (September meeting). If we don't finish that UFO by September? We pay the Guild whatever amount we pledged on our contract(s).

SOV Food Bank: Please remember to bring food to Shepherd of the Valley's food bank when you come to our meetings. Our rent for use of the meeting room and upstairs storage is reduced with the expectation that we will provide at least \$50 worth of food to the food bank each month. Attending members have been doing quite well with contributions. It would be wonderful for members who are not able to attend meetings, but still have the benefit of our space rental, to contribute occasionally. Ann puts a lunch box on the front table during meetings for donations that she then turns over to the church.

CCQ Zipper Pulls: The beautiful enamel zipper pulls from William Spear are available in blue or black. They will be sold to CCQ members for \$15 each at CCQ Business Meetings. WHERE ARE THEY???

Newsletter items are due the first Saturday of each month. Please send Show and Tell photos, articles and other items to dixiepeach@mac.com. Please remember Dixie is the editor not the article writer.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

RainTree Quilting offers a wide variety of classes monthly . You can shop online and see class offerings at raintreequilting.com. Deb Riddle is currently doing a foundation paper piecing class, and Krisi Selvig has a couple of bag classes coming up after she returns. There will be a three-day kids camp during spring break later this month. The third Friday evening monthly, Deb Riddle offers a Make 9 discussion where we talk about whatever comes up ... garments, quilting, knitting and more. Deb has a finishing class on our meeting day where anyone is welcome to come in and work on whatever they may need help with; Dixie has asked that it not be on our meeting day to no avail. Open Sew days are Thursday and Friday.

VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES:

1. **CT Publishing** offers a blog, courses, events and free projects. Go to ctpub.com to browse.
2. **Cultured Expressions** offers a variety of virtual classes some of which include: Ankara String Quilt, Ankara Fabric Flowers, Corded Cabin Block, Pillow Perfection, Fat Quarter Pocket Pouch, Ankara Clutch, AnkaraPaj and Slow Stitch Tutorial. Go to <https://culturedexpressions.podia.com> to see the class offerings and replay of classes that were live.
3. **Electric Quilt 8** offers both virtual and in person classes. Deb Riddle has also offered EQ8 classes at RainTree. For information, go to classes.electricquilt.com or contact RainTree if you'd like to see classes offered again locally.
4. **Pattern please!** offers ornament kits and free patterns. Browse at patternplease.com.
5. **Stitchin' Post** in Sisters, OR offers both virtual and in person classes. Details at stitchinpost.com
6. **March 25-28:** Quiltfest Virtual Schoolhouse #14, information at quiltfest.com; registration is open
7. **April 23-25:** Oceans Apart, Connected by Art: Japan, Korea, Taiwan; information at saqa.com
8. **NEW!!! Six hour virtual Monster Mash Free Motion Quilting workshop:** information at <https://orbitalquilting.com/fmq-mm/>
9. **NEW!!! JUNE 24-27:** Quiltfest Virtual Summer Schoolhouse; information at QuiltFest.com

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES:

2026-2027

EXHIBITIONS - if you happen to be traveling in these areas; (CURRENT ... ending dates hopefully are chronological)

NEW!!! March 21-June 21 McAllen, TX: Aviary at International Museum of Art & Science

NEW!!! Now-March 25 Raleigh, NC: The Portrait is a Prayer) at ARTSPACE201

Now-March 26 La Conner, WA: Birds of a Fiber 2026 at Pacific Northwest Quilt & Fiber Arts Museum

Now-March 28 Dayton, VA: Fantastic Stories: Quilts that Abound in Meaning at Virginia Quilt Museum

Now-March 28 Lewiston, ID: Primal Forces: Fire (SAQA Global Exhibition) at Lewis Clark State College

NEW!!! Now-March 28 New York, NY: 3 Unique Fiber Artists at Ceres Gallery

NEW!!! Now-April 2 Ontario, CA: Hanging by a Thread at Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre Oakville

NEW!!! Now-April 2 Phoenix, AZ: The Nature of Things at Shemer Art Center

Now-April 5 Myrtle Beach, SC: Jo-Ann Morgan – The Mourning After at Franklin G. Burroughs and Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum

Now-April 6 Athens, OH: Chickens Impossible artwork by Rosanna Lynne Welter, Holzer Community Gallery at Holzer Hospital

Now-April 12 Castro Valley, CA: Nancy Bardach at the Center for the Arts at Center for the Arts Castro Valley

NEW!!! Now-April 14 New York, NY: Earth in the Balance at The Interchurch Center

NEW!!! April 16 9am-noon PDT Long Beach, CA and online: Textile Society of America Colloquium at Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA)

Now-April 19 Southampton, Ontario, Canada: Renewal (SAQA Regional Exhibition) at Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre

NEW!!! Now-April 19 Germantown, MD: Fierce Planets (SAQA Global Exhibition) at BackRock Center for the Arts

NEW!!! Now-April 22 North Bethesda, MD: Steeped at The Mansion at Strathmore

NEW!!! Now-April 24 Madison, WI: Second Nature at Steinhauser Trust Gallery

Now-April 26 Laurel, MS: Art Evolved: Intertwined (SAQA Global Exhibition) at Lauren Rogers Museum of Art

Now-May 3 Lubbock, TX: StitchPunk (SAQA Global Exhibition) at Museum of Texas Tech University

Now-May 7 Coronado, CO: In the Abstract at C3 Gallery, Coronado Community Center

Now-May 10 Duxbury, MA: Waterways: Lashed & Tethered at Art Complex Museum

Now-May 10 Baton Rouge, LA: AI: Artistic Interpretations (SAQA Global Exhibition) at Louisiana State University Museum of Art

Now-May 17 Brookings, SD: Color in Context: Red at South Dakota Art Museum

July 31-September 5 South Fulton, GA: 18th Annual Atlanta Quilt Festival Southwest Arts Center; information at atlantaquiltfestival.com

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES – Cruises, Retreats, Seminars, Tours and longer expeditions

March 18-21 Newberry, SC: Color Flow Quilt Retreat; Jittery Wings Quilt Co.; information & registration at <https://jitterywingsequiltco.com/event-registration/p/march2026retreat>

March 18-22 Quitman, TX: Pamela Mae Quilt Retreat; Instructor Jennifer Wagner; Bernina machines, meals & magic included; information at stitchinheaven.com

April 6-10 Blue Bell, PA: SewJourn East Coast 2026 at Normandy Farm Hotel & Conference Center; information at fabrighasm.com; **still has a few open spots as of today, February 25th**

April 8-11 Hartford, CT: AQS Quilt Week – New England at Connecticut Convention Center; details at americanquilter.com

April 9 St. Louis, MO: Schoolhouse and Sample Spree, America’s Center Convention Complex

April 10-12 St. Louis, MO: Quilt! Stitch! Knit! replaces St. Louis Quilt Market at America’s Center Convention Complex; classes/lectures begin on 4-8-26; enrollment open 2-16-26; information at quilts.com

April 12-17 Lake Coeur D’Alene, ID: Shabby Fabrics Quilt Retreat at Camp Lutherhaven; information at shabbyfabrics.com

April 12-17 Quitman, TX: 2026 Quiltworx University at Stitchin’ Heaven; details at stitchinheaven.com

April 14-17 Oxnard, CA: Laundry Basket Quilt Retreat, Staybridge Suites Oxnard River Ridge, details at laundrybasketquilts.com under Happenings tab

April 16-19 Evanston, IL: FitNice Fashion Retreat at Hilton Garden Inn; FOR THOSE OF US WHO ENJOY MAKING OUR OWN CLOTHES THAT FIT; NEAR VOGUE FABRICS (A 4 OR 5 CITY BLOCK LONG FABRIC STORE THAT DIXIE HAS BEEN TO); details at fitnicesystem.com

April 18-27 Belgium/Netherlands: Textile & Tulips 2026, travel from Brussels to Antwerp to Rotterdam to Amsterdam; information at countryheritagetours.com

April 19-25 TN/ KY: Paducah Patchwork 2026, travel from Nashville to Paducah for the AQS Paducah Quilt Show and the National Quilt Museum; information at countryheritagetours.com

April 22-25 Paducah, KY: AQS Quilt Week at Schroeder Expo Center; information at amercanquilter.com

April 23-26 Jacksonville, FL: 2026 Petting Fabric Spring Retreat with Elissa Ziccardi; information at pettingfabric.com

May 8-18 AK: Untamed Alaska Cruise 2026, travel from Anchorage to **Juneau (15th-Juneau CCQ Quilt Show)** to Vancouver, BC; information at countryheritagetours.com

pettingfabric.com

May 10-17 Galveston, TX: Ocean Waves and Quilted Days; 7 night quilting cruise; information at stitchinheaven.com

NEW!!! May 11-15 New York City tour: Threads magazine promises inspiring fashion, textiles and sewing pros; information at threadsmagazine.com

May 12-16 Mackinac Island, MI: Krista Moser at Quilting Art Seminar; information at quiltingartseminar.com

May 11-15 Spokane, WA: Quilting with Charisma (Horton) Retreat, information at charismascorner.com

May 17-22 Coeur D'Alene, ID: Shabby Fabrics Quilt Retreat at The Coeur d'Alene Golf & Spa Resort; information at shabbyfabrics.com

May 17-24 Canada: Canada Rockies by Rail 2026, travel from Vancouver, BC to Kamloops to Banff to Calgary, AB by rail; information at countryheritagetours.com

May 24-31 Galveston, TX: Sun, Sand & Stitches; 7 night quilting cruise; information at stitchinheaven.com

June 3-9 MO/IA/NE: Quilt Con Raleigh 2026, travel from Kansas City to Hamilton, MO (Missouri Star & MO Quilt Museum) to Des Moines (IA Quilt Museum) to Winterset, IA (Marianne Fons & Liz Porter/covered bridges) to Lincoln (International Quilt Museum) to Omaha, NE; information at countryheritagetours.com

June 3-9 IN/MI: Mackinac Island Lilac Festival, travel from Elkhart to Shipshewana, IN to Grand Rapids to Mackinac Island to Traverse City, MI; information at countryheritagetours.com

June 5-11 RI/MA: New England by the Sea 2026, travel from Providence, RI to South Yarmouth to Boston, MA with side trips to Newport, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Sandwich Chatham and Provincetown; information at countryheritagetours.com

June 10-14 Rangely, ME: Spring Quilt Camp with Michelle Renee Hiatt; details at sewonthego.net

June 20-27: Quilt Seminars at Sea takes AQS members on a quilting cruise to Alaska; eight different classes offered over 2.5 days; more information at quiltcruises.com or call 1-866-573-6351

June 25-27: Road to Virginia; info at road2va.com

July 6-10 Sisters, OR: Quilter's Affair hosted by Stitchin' Post; information at spqs.org

July 7-13 OR: Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show 2026, travel from Portland to Cannon Beach to Lake Oswego to Sisters to Hood River Valley, OR; information at countryheritagetours.com

July 16-19 Southbury, CT: Catch the Fever: 2025 Summer Quilt Retreat with Michelle Renee Hiatt at Heritage Hotel and Spa; information at sewonthego.net

July 19-August 7 UK: UK's Festival of Quilts 2026, travel from Stratford-upon-Avon to Bath to London; information at countryheritagetours.com

July 22-26 Vergennes, VT: The Vergennes Connection: 2026 Quilting in Vermont with Michelle Renee Hiatt at Strong House Inn; information at sewonthego.net

August 10-15 Spokane, WA: Quilting with Charisma (Horton) Retreat; information at charismascorner.com

August 17-23 IN/MI: Mackinac Island & Quilt Week Grand Rapids 2026, travel from Elkhart to Shipshewana, IN to Grand Rapids to Mackinac Island to Traverse City, MI; information at countryheritagetours.com

NEW!!! August 19-22 Grand Rapids, MI: AQS Quiltweek; information at americanquilter.com

August 24-28 La Veta, CO: Color Camp with Karla Overland of Cherrywood Fabrics; information at estellecreativearts.com

August 27-30 Orlando, FL: FitNice Fashion Retreat at Embassy Suites Orlando Airport; FOR THOSE OF US WHO ENJOY MAKING OUR OWN CLOTHES THAT FIT; details at fitnicesystem.com

September 13-19 PA/DC: Amish Farmlands 2026, travel from Philadelphia to Intercourse to Lancaster to Lititz, PA to Washington, DC; information at countryheritagetours.com

September 14-23 Europe: Patchwork Passages 2026, travel from Zurich to Lucerne, Switzerland to Titisee, Germany to Colmar to Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines to Paris, France; information at countryheritagetours.com

September 16-19 Newberry, SC: Color Flow Quilt Retreat; Jittery Wings Quilt Co; information & registration at jitterywingsquiltco.com; registration opens March 26

September 17-20 Alsace, France: Carrefour – The European Quilt Show at Val d’Argent; information at patchwork-europe.eu

September 21-24 Oxnard, CA: Laundry Basket Quilt Retreat, Staybridge Suites Oxnard River Ridge; details at laundrybasketquilts.com under Happenings tab

September 23-26 Columbus, OH: AQS Quilt Week; details at americanquilter.com

September 24-27 Long Beach, CA: FitNice Fashion Retreat at Hampton Inn Long Beach Airport; FOR THOSE OF US WHO ENJOY MAKING OUR OWN CLOTHES THAT FIT; details at fitnicesystem.com

September 29-October 9 Italy: Italian Fabrics & Flavors 2026, travel from Turin to Milan to Como to Verona to Venice, Italy; information at countryheritagetours.com

October 3 Boykin, AL: Airing of the Quilts Festival at Gees Bend Welcome Center; information at airingofthequilts.org

October 3-9 New England: New England Fall Foliage 2026, travel from Boston, MA to Manchester, NH to Burlington, VT to Ogunquit, ME (with additional side trips); information at countryheritagetours.com

October 6-11 Paducah, KY: AQS Seam Quilt Retreat Session One (for members only); Holiday Inn Downtown Paducah; instructors Michelle Renee Hiatt (Majestic Glimmer), Joyce Hughes (Thread Painting – Garden Party), Stacie Spradlin (BeColorful Workshop) and Marge Tucker (Fantasy Flock); registration opens November 6 for lifetime members and November 13 for annual members; information on membership and retreat at americanquilter.com

October 10-16 New England: Colors of New England 2026, travel from Boston, MA to Manchester, NH to Burlington, VT to Ogunquit, ME (with additional side trips); information at countryheritagetours.com

October 13-18 Paducah, KY: AQS Seam Quilt Retreat Session One (for members only); Holiday Inn Downtown Paducah; instructors Linda J. Hahn (Color Fusion), Heather Kojan (Under the Stars), Sally Manke (Art Quilting: Create an Underwater Fiber Fantasy) and Christa Watson (How Do I Quilt It?); registration opens November 6 for lifetime members and November 13 for annual members; information on membership and retreat at americanquilter.com

NEW!!! October 16-22 Mexican Riviera cruise: Stitchin’ in the Sun with Judy Steward and Heidi Pridemore; information at stitchinheaven.com

October 20-27 CO/UT: Canyonland Quilts 2026, travel Denver, CO to Moab, UT (with additional side trips); information at countryheritagetours.com

October 21-25 Rangeley, ME: A Tradition: 2026 Fall Quilt Camp with Michelle Renee Hiatt at Rangeley Inn; information at sewonthego.net

November 2-6 Nisswa, MN: Abstracting from Nature-Session 1 (Cherrywood Retreat with Jane Sassman for the drawing impaired and tragically literal individual) at Nature Link Retreat Center

November 8-11 Nisswa, MN: Abstracting from Nature-Session 2 (Cherrywood Retreat with Jane Sassman for the drawing impaired and tragically literal individual) at Nature Link Retreat Center

November 12-15 Houston, TX: International Quilt Festival at George R. Brown Convention Center; classes begin 11-10; International Quilt Market cancelled; details at Quilts.com

November 15-21 TX: Houston Quilt Festival 2026, travel from San Antonio to Houston (with additional side trips); information at countryheritagetours.com

December 1-8 Europe: Cherrywood Christmas Cruise; Rhine River cruise from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam, Netherlands; additional information at cherrywoodfabrics.com home page

December 2-10 Europe: Imperial Danube: Christmas Markets of Europe 2026, travel from Vienna, Austria to Budapest, Hungary to Bratislava, Slovakia to Salzburg to Munich to Nuremberg, Germany; information at countryheritagetours.com

December 6-10 NYC: NYC Holiday Magic; information at countryheritagetours.com

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January 20-23: Road to California; info at road2ca.com

January 29-February 8: Quilt & Cruise with Krista Moser; info at celticquilteromaha.com

NEW!!! February 10-13 Daytona Beach, FL: AQS Quiltweek at Daytona Grande Oceanfront Resort; information at americanquilter.com

September 18-25 depart/return Boston, MA: 7-night cruise with Michelle Renee Hiatt; information at sewonthego.net

FREE OPPORTUNITIES:

1. **American Quilter's Society:** americanquilter.com; lots of ideas, projects, tutorials and more; many additional ideas and projects in the members only section.
2. **Benartex fabrics:** benartex.com; free quilt patterns, virtual fabric shows and some tutorials.
3. **The International Quilt Museum** is located at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. It has the world's largest publicly held collection of quilts and related items. The museum celebrates the artistic significance of quilts through exhibitions, global research, and diverse programs.
4. **Quilt Alliance:** quiltalliance.org; inspirational and informative articles, recordings and more; [Quilt Alliance](#) believes that quilts are historical documents containing important information about the life and times of the maker. To keep this history from fading away, we work to document, preserve and share the stories of quilts and their makers.
5. **Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA)** works to promote the art quilt as a fine art medium. SAQA is a dynamic and active global community. Our 4,300+ members are artists, curators, collectors, and art professionals who are passionate about this art form.
6. **Surface Design Association** promotes textile art through publications, exhibitions, and events. SDA provides a platform for exchanging ideas, learning, and collaboration and encourages critical dialogue about fiber art. At the heart of SDA is its quarterly publication, Surface Design Journal, which brings readers an array of concepts, processes, and materials.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARCH 21: 9 am-midnight: CCQ open sew at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 8t198 Keegan Street

MARCH 21 @ 10:30: CCQ meeting

MARCH 21 AFTER MEETING: CUT AND SEW PILLOWCASES; BRING YOUR SERGER, SEWING MACHINE, ROTARY CUTTER AND RULERS

APRIL 18: 9 am-midnight: CCQ open sew at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 8198 Keegan Street

APRIL 18 @ 10:30: CCQ meeting followed by whatever is under your needle

APRIL 18 CLASS AFTER MEETING: Quilting on your domestic machine; we need someone to teach it

MAY 15-17: QUILT SHOW AT CENTENNIAL HALL

JUNE 20 CLASS AFTER MEETING: Easy machine binding using fancy machine stitches with Sandra Bleicher, Karen Smith and Krisi Selvig

SEPTEMBER 26-27: Robin Ruth trunk show and two-day class

OCTOBER 2027: Krista Moser; Marcie is working on a date

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SHOW AND TELL: "You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." Maya Angelou



Stephanie Allison shared her Storm at Sea



Louise Miller shared a wallhanging



Dean Chantry shared the front and back of a Kaffee quilt he made some time ago.



Dixie can't remember who shared this quilt; my apologies! Krisi Selvig shared her Tilda quilt



Krisi Selvig shared the front and back of her Bigfoot quilt from Elizabeth Hartman's pattern.



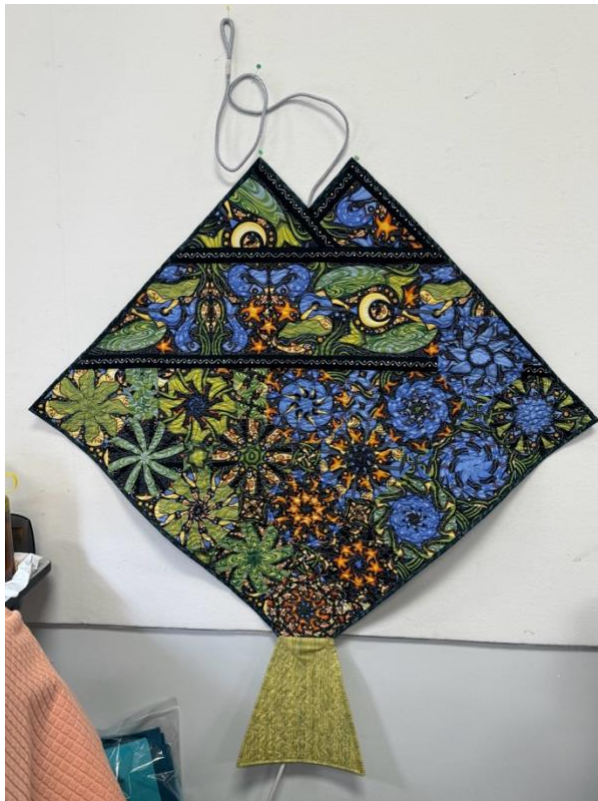
Nancy Krehlik shared two quilts

Sandra Bleicher shared the next four quilts





Dixie Alms shared the front and back of the quilt she made for Brandon and Elvia's daughter Ellie.



Dixie Alms shared her one block wonder (octagon) halibut and the back showing baby halibut.

Louise Miller shared 10 comfort quilts that are ready for distribution.







TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT FROM 2-21-26 MEETING (next page)

Capital City Quilters Guild FY 2025
Income and Expense Compared to Annual Budget
10/01/2025 - 09/30/2026

| Starting balance as of 10/01/2025 | | | | | | | \$31,392.62 | |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| General Fund | Actual Income | Budgeted Income | Actual Expenses | Budgeted Expenses | Actual Net | Budget Net | More/-Less | |
| Membership Dues | \$1,935.00 | \$2,755.00 | -\$360.00 | - | \$1,575.00 | \$2,755.00 | -\$1,180.00 | |
| Donations | \$370.68 | \$50.00 | - | - | \$370.68 | \$50.00 | \$320.68 | |
| Bank Dividends | \$58.77 | \$155.00 | - | - | \$58.77 | \$155.00 | -\$96.23 | |
| Business Operations | Actual Income | Budgeted Income | Actual Expenses | Budgeted Expenses | Actual Net | Budget Net | More/-Less | |
| SOA Change of Agent/Officers | - | - | -\$50.00 | -\$50.00 | -\$50.00 | -\$50.00 | - | |
| SOA Business License (2 yr license - December of Even years) | - | - | - | -\$100.00 | - | -\$100.00 | \$100.00 | |
| SOA Biennial Report Filing Fees (Spring of Odd Years) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Website (2 year renewal - October of Odd years) | - | - | -\$372.00 | -\$312.00 | -\$372.00 | -\$312.00 | -\$60.00 | |
| Domain Name (2 year renewal - April of Even years) | - | - | - | -\$40.00 | - | -\$40.00 | \$40.00 | |
| Liability Insurance | - | - | -\$215.00 | -\$400.00 | -\$215.00 | -\$400.00 | \$185.00 | |
| Meeting Space Rent | - | - | -\$900.00 | -\$900.00 | -\$900.00 | -\$900.00 | - | |
| Storage Unit Rent (Up to \$83/Mo) | - | - | -\$891.57 | -\$900.00 | -\$891.57 | -\$900.00 | \$8.43 | |
| Post Office Box Rent | - | - | -\$228.00 | -\$240.00 | -\$228.00 | -\$240.00 | \$12.00 | |
| Zoom Annual Subscription | - | - | - | -\$180.00 | - | -\$180.00 | \$180.00 | |
| Bookkeeping Software Subscription | - | - | -\$308.24 | -\$312.00 | -\$308.24 | -\$312.00 | \$3.76 | |
| Misc. Office Supplies & Printing | - | - | - | -\$50.00 | - | -\$50.00 | \$50.00 | |
| Square credit card Fees | - | - | -\$52.34 | -\$70.00 | -\$52.34 | -\$70.00 | \$17.66 | |
| Business Operations Totals | - | - | -\$3,017.15 | -\$3,554.00 | -\$3,017.15 | -\$3,554.00 | \$536.85 | |
| Member Events & Activities | Actual Income | Budgeted Income | Actual Expenses | Budgeted Expenses | Actual Net | Budget Net | More/-Less | |
| Christmas Party (\$1,000 anticipated revenue with 10% to the Education fund) | \$1,791.00 | \$900.00 | -\$350.94 | -\$500.00 | \$1,440.06 | \$400.00 | \$1,040.06 | |
| UFO Contracts (ending 8/2025) (\$100 anticipated with 10% to the Education fund) | \$25.00 | \$90.00 | -\$100.00 | - | -\$75.00 | \$90.00 | -\$165.00 | |
| Guild Retreats (2 retreats) | - | - | - | -\$500.00 | - | -\$500.00 | \$500.00 | |
| Birthday Box | - | - | -\$46.80 | -\$50.00 | -\$46.80 | -\$50.00 | \$3.20 | |
| Misc. Promotions | - | - | - | -\$300.00 | - | -\$300.00 | \$300.00 | |
| Holiday Market Sales (\$1,000 anticipated revenue with 10% to the Education fund) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Zipper Pulls | - | \$70.00 | - | - | - | \$70.00 | -\$70.00 | |
| Member Events & Activities Totals | \$1,816.00 | \$1,060.00 | -\$497.74 | -\$1,350.00 | \$1,318.26 | -\$290.00 | \$1,608.26 | |

| General Fund | Actual Income | Budgeted Income | Actual Expenses | Budgeted Expenses | Actual Net | Budget Net | More/-Less |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Community Outreach Programs | Actual Income | Budgeted Income | Actual Expenses | Budgeted Expenses | Actual Net | Budget Net | More/-Less |
| Comfort Quilts | - | - | -\$114.17 | -\$2,000.00 | -\$114.17 | -\$2,000.00 | \$1,885.83 |
| Community Outreach Programs Totals | - | - | -\$114.17 | -\$2,000.00 | -\$114.17 | -\$2,000.00 | \$1,885.83 |
| Quilt Show 2026 | Actual Income | Budgeted Income | Actual Expenses | Budgeted Expenses | Actual Net | Budget Net | More/-Less |
| Venue, Marquee, & Add'l Equipment rental | - | - | - | -\$7,500.00 | - | -\$7,500.00 | \$7,500.00 |
| Quilt Show Judge | - | - | - | -\$2,000.00 | - | -\$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Food for judge & helpers | - | - | - | -\$200.00 | - | -\$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| Award Ribbons (fabric) | - | - | - | -\$300.00 | - | -\$300.00 | \$300.00 |
| Printing & Distribution of poster | - | - | - | -\$835.00 | - | -\$835.00 | \$835.00 |
| Thank you Gifts for Judge | - | - | - | -\$100.00 | - | -\$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| Items for Re-sale | - | - | - | -\$200.00 | - | -\$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| Incentive prizes | - | - | - | -\$100.00 | - | -\$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| Office Supplies | - | - | - | -\$275.00 | - | -\$275.00 | \$275.00 |
| Credit Card Fees | - | - | - | -\$175.00 | - | -\$175.00 | \$175.00 |
| Advertising | - | - | - | -\$200.00 | - | -\$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| Sales Table Revenue | - | \$3,000.00 | - | - | - | \$3,000.00 | -\$3,000.00 |
| Silent Auction Revenue | - | \$5,000.00 | - | - | - | \$5,000.00 | -\$5,000.00 |
| Donations from Show goers | - | \$800.00 | - | - | - | \$800.00 | -\$800.00 |
| Sponsorships | \$300.00 | \$3,500.00 | - | - | \$300.00 | \$3,500.00 | -\$3,200.00 |
| Quilt Show 2026 Totals | \$300.00 | \$12,300.00 | - | -\$11,885.00 | \$300.00 | \$415.00 | -\$115.00 |
| General Fund Totals | \$4,480.45 | \$16,320.00 | -\$3,989.06 | -\$18,789.00 | \$491.39 | -\$2,469.00 | \$2,960.39 |
| Education Fund | Actual Income | Budgeted Income | Actual Expenses | Budgeted Expenses | Actual Net | Budget Net | More/-Less |
| Funds from Guild Fundraisers | - | \$210.00 | - | - | - | \$210.00 | -\$210.00 |
| Interest Earned | \$2.51 | \$24.00 | - | - | \$2.51 | \$24.00 | -\$21.49 |
| Class Registrations | \$525.00 | \$1,350.00 | - | -\$200.00 | \$525.00 | \$1,150.00 | -\$625.00 |
| Instructor Fees | - | - | - | -\$1,350.00 | - | -\$1,350.00 | \$1,350.00 |
| Instructor Per Diem Allowance | - | - | - | -\$100.00 | - | -\$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| Instructor Travel & Housing | - | - | - | -\$1,200.00 | - | -\$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 |
| Classroom Rental | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Supplies & Snacks | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Education Fund Totals | \$527.51 | \$1,584.00 | - | -\$2,850.00 | \$527.51 | -\$1,266.00 | \$1,793.51 |
| Grand Totals | | | | | | | |
| | \$5,007.96 | \$17,904.00 | -\$3,989.06 | -\$21,639.00 | \$1,018.90 | -\$3,735.00 | \$4,753.90 |
| Increase in funds | | | | | | | \$1,018.90 |
| Funds available as of 09/30/2026 | | | | | | | \$32,411.52 |

MINUTES TO 2-21-26 MEETING

CAPITAL CITY QUILTERS GUILD February 21, 2026 Draft Minutes

Officers: President Ann Lind, Treasurer Stephanie Allison and Vice President Marcie Benvin.

Members: Louise Miller, Nancy Krehlik, Sheila Box, Sandra Bleicher, Marné Provost, Jan Jerue, Geri Fudge, Judy Morley, Nancy Slook, Karen Paulick, Christine Moleski, Terry Bonnell, Laurie Adamson, Keni Campbell, Dean Chantry, Dixie Alms, Jackie Polaski, Susan Clutton, Heather Ramseth, Mindy Henricksen and Krisi Selvig.

Zoom: Amy Kesten, Melissa Morgan, Robbie Stell and Darcy Stetson.

Proxies: Shannon Dilley specified Sandra Bleicher as her proxy for today's meeting.

President Ann called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. We have 29 members present; quorum of 20 has been met.

January minutes were approved as written.

The food bank box is up front for donations part which is part of our rent.

Treasurer's report: Stephanie was able to provide the final report for the Christmas Party. I think she said we netted \$400. It was lots of fun!

EDUCATION:

- 1. Stripology:** Marcie announced that within the past two days, the board was approached by **Patti Billingsley, Chugiak, who is a certified stripology instructor** and is interested in coming down to teach a one-day class. Marcie googled GE designs and learned that Stripology was created by Gudrun Erla, an Icelander. Essentially, you are required to use her large rulers on your fabric and get more accurate cuts. She has two packages: The XL package costs \$150 for her book and a large ruler. The next package with more items is \$166. There are a lot of you-tube videos on her technique, and her website offers free patterns. The online reviews said it makes sense but takes a while to get the hang of it. The cost per participant is \$250. Ann has taken Stripology classes and thinks RainTree carries her rulers. Ann said the (four or five) pattern books are amazing and so easy to cut out with her rulers. The ruler will also square up blocks easily. Ann highly recommends it! (*Heather Ramseth arrived.*) The package includes the book, ruler and stickers. Patti can bring the packages, or we can purchase them at our local quilt shop. Christine asked if we would be doing a specific pattern or if we could choose our own. We would be choosing between these two patterns: Nicki or Frida. There are additional patterns on the website. At the end of the day, participants walk away with a table topper. Patti charges an additional fee if there are more than 20 students. We need 12-15 to make it work for us. Darcy would like to see videos prior to committing. **Information can be found by googling GE designs or stripology on you tube.** Patti charges \$600 for the day plus airfare, mileage, meals and car/taxi for a total of around \$2000. Divided by 20 students is approximately \$100 each. Ann said there would be no car expense as she could let her use hers. Louise isn't interested in two classes this year. **Christine Moleski moved we schedule the class; Sheila Box seconded.** Amy asked how much the guild would have to pay if 20 people don't sign up. (*Mindy Henricksen arrived.*) **Motion passed.** We do not want the class before the quilt show. We could do it after September's Robin Long class. Judy Morley is having trouble finding the information on her phone and asked that it be sent out via email.
- 2. Robin Long's Mariners compass class:** September 26-27. Stephanie is taking the \$75 registration fee. A list of supplies will be sent out.

3. **Mini class: Easy binding on comfort quilts:** Sandra Bleicher, Krisi Selvig and Karen Smith will teach. There are two types up at the front table – one with a straight stitch and one with a decorative stitch. Marcie said she played with another one.

PILLOWCASE REPORT: Shannon not here today.

1. **Kits** are available in the back of the room. Please take some and make them. Jodie Buck has a serger pillowcase video on Sewing Should Be Fun.
2. Debbie asked that we reach out to **Family Promise**, so Shannon did. FP has an emergency site and needs 15 pillowcases now.
3. We **donated 49 pillowcases** last month to JYC and the Pioneer Home. Both the Pioneer Home and Aware take 50 but not each time Shannon asks what they need.
4. **Shannon volunteers** at the Pioneer Home and can make pillowcases with the residents.
5. Ann would like to **put pillowcase kits together after next month's meeting**. We have seven totes of fabric upstairs. We will also sew up as many as we can. Ann will bring her serger. We could also use some sewing machines.
6. Christine asked what happened to the **box of fabric** she had that needed to be ironed. Dixie said Shannon brought it RainTree where the two of them plus Krisi Selvig ironed and sewed the fabric into pillowcases.
7. **Karen Paulick left** a bag of pillowcases.

UFO: Sandra has UFO forms here. They must be filled out and given to her by June. The form requires each quilter to pledge whatever they wish payable to the Guild if they do not finish their quilt. If the quilt is finished, their names go into a drawing in October. Sandra encouraged all of us to fill out a form and challenge ourselves to complete some UFOs.

QUILT SHOW:

1. We need items for the **sales table**. Laurie Adamson and Terry Bonnell have inventoried items in the sales table boxes from the last show. They have sign-up sheets for people to help them.
2. We need items for the **auction table**. See Marcie Benven if you can help at the tables. The auction entry form is active on our website.
3. Sheila Box has **sign-up sheets** for people at the front door. She needs two people at the front table and one person walking around each hour.
4. **Judging** will occur on Wednesday and Thursday. We will need helpers.
5. The **quilt entry form** should go out via email and also go up on our website tomorrow. Christine wants to check it one more time before it goes active. That form will generate the label that will be hung with your quilt. You can enter as many quilts as you like in as many categories as you like. Geri Fudge asked if members have to print out their entry form. No, the quilt show committee will do that and will hang it next to your quilt.
6. If you do not want your quilt judged, it can go into the **Serendipity category** which is for anything and will not be judged. Marné Provost asked if Serendipity is also for vintage

quilts. She found an interesting unfinished piece that she would like to show. Yes, Serendipity is for vintage quilts.

7. **Ribbons** are awarded by the judge. CCQ members and the public are allowed to vote for their favorites on Friday. All ribbons will be up on Saturday. Dixie and Debbie are currently working on the ribbons.
8. Sandra Bleicher is in charge of **take-in, take-out and hanging quilts**. Take-in will be from 8-10 am. Take-out is fast. Hanging quilts is time intensive. We can begin hanging quilts at 3 pm Thursday. We will need people on ladders. Sheila said she will make a sign-up sheet. You can also email Sandra at sandraaukebay@gmail.com if you can help.
9. The committee has not yet set a **deadline date** for entering quilts into the show. It will be around May 1.
10. We have the old **member bios**. If you haven't done one, we need one. People enjoy reading about our members and our interests. The forms are not ready and are not on the website. They are still being discussed within the committee.
11. **May meeting date** is during quilt show weekend

Zipper pulls cannot be found. Laurie thinks they are with the cashbox. Ann will ask Debbie if she knows where they might be.

COMFORT QUILTS – a part of our organization's charter: Stephanie Allison reported:

1. **Any fully completed quilt** will be accepted as a comfort quilt.
2. **If the Guild is to quilt a comfort quilt top, the maximum size is 49" x 60"**. Our 3-yard quilt kits fall within that parameter. This size maximizes the longarm machine's ability to quilt two tops at the same time.
3. **Ann is the keeper of backing and batting** and will pair tops with backing/labels and batting for longarm quilters. If you want to quilt your own quilt, or if your quilt is over- or under-sized and you will be quilting it, Ann can cut batting/backing for you.
4. **Finished quilt tops** go to Ann for batting/backing/labels and to be distributed for quilting. Finished quilt tops can come to Ann at meetings.
5. There is interest in **quilting on our domestic machines**. Stephanie does all her own quilting on her domestic machine. We will have a mini-class after the April meeting; we need a teacher.
6. We are trying to **build our inventory** of quilts.
7. We need to know **when agencies are running low** on quilts.
8. **Louise Miller will collect finished quilts** for distribution.
9. **Call Stephanie Allison** (907-723-3092) or **Louise Miller** (907-465-7021) if you have questions.
10. **Judy Morley is training** Laura Kelly and Ann-Marie Martin to quilt on her longarm.
11. *(Krisi Selvig arrived.)*

For the good of the order:

1. Louise Miller offered kudos to Judy Morley for all the work she has done on comfort quilts over the years.
2. Krisi Selvig is collecting orphan blocks to sew together.
3. Changing Tides is sponsoring the Modern Art Guild's trunk show at Christine Moleski's sewing studio on March 1.
4. Changing Tides is having a fabric sale today from 11-4.
5. Cards are going around the room for Loretta Mosley who remains hospitalized in Texas and for Jan Nardone's birthday today. Geri Fudge said her birthday card was beautiful! Marcie Benven is making them.

Respectfully submitted,
Dixie Alms, Acting Secretary/Newsletter Editor

PROXY FORM (next page)

Capital City Quilters' Guild

PROXY

I, _____, being a member in good standing of the Capital City Quilters' Guild of Juneau, Alaska, hereby appoint _____, (full name or "The Executive Board") also a member of the Capital City Quilters' Guild as my proxy for attendance, and to vote on my behalf, at a meeting of the Guild to be held on _____. This proxy terminates at the (date) adjournment of the meeting of the stated date.

My Proxy is authorized to vote as he or she sees fit.

Signature _____

Date _____