

Capital City Quilters Guild



Fat Quarter Newsletter

May 2026

May the 1/4th be with you!

WEBSITE PASSWORD: FAT.25

QUILT SHOW MAY 15-17 at CENTENNIAL HALL

NO MEETING MAY 16 ... we'll be at the Quilt Show!

QUILT ENTRY DEADLINE: 10 AM MAY 8 (TOMORROW); NO EXCEPTIONS!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

MAY 2026

Lots of quilts registered! I dropped off something from Claire Books today, and Marcie told me it's been a non stop drop zone for the quilt show. Beautiful things for the sales table.

Backing fabric was delivered today! So, we are good for the next year with batting and backing.

I'm really looking forward to the quilt show and hanging out with everyone and our guests.

Ann Lind
907-209-2504

APOLOGIES: Dixie would like to extend her apologies to Christine Moleski for egregiously misquoting her in the March minutes. Thank you, Christine, for bringing it to my attention.

UPDATED QUILT SHOW INFO: This supersedes the meeting minutes below!

Important Reminders:

Quilts must have sleeves unless in Miniatures category or Pres Challenge.

Clean lint / threads off of your quilts.

You must register all quilts including Serendipity and President's Challenge.

Quilts must be registered by 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 8th. No exceptions.

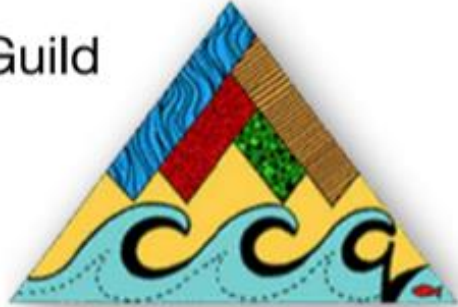
**Quilt Drop Off: Wednesday, May 13th 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Eagan Room, Centennial Hall.
No Exceptions**

**Quilt Hanging/Set Up:
Thursday May 14th, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Friday May 15th, 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**Pick Up your quilts: Sunday, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
no exceptions.**

Thank you.
Christine and Quilt Show Committee.

Capital City Quilters Guild
2026 Quilt Show
Free Admission!
Centennial Hall



Friday, May 15
Saturday, May 16
Sunday, May 17

Noon - 7:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

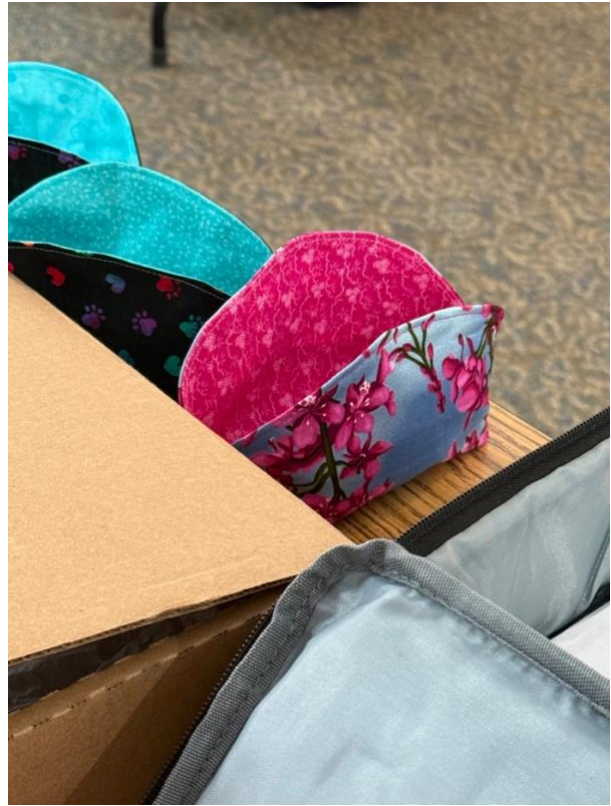
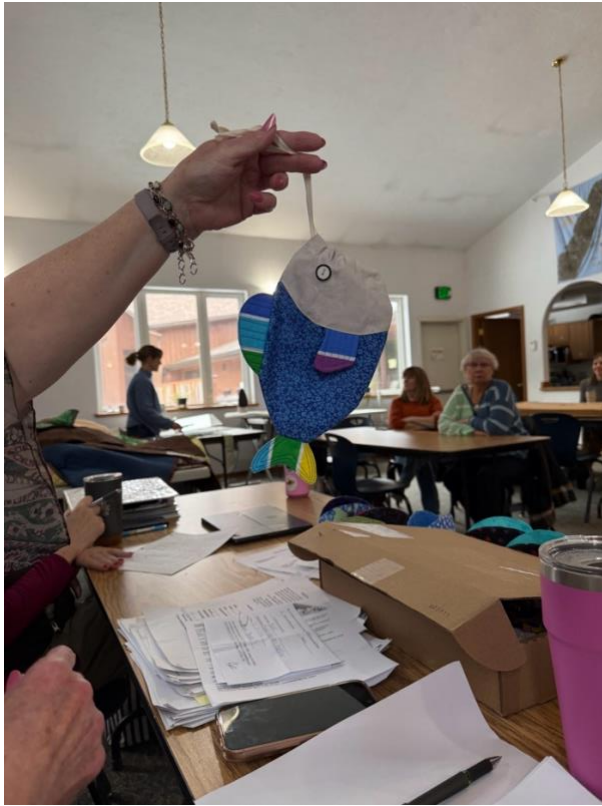
Thank You Sponsors!



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

1. Mindy Henricksen has demo sign-up sheets.

2. Sheila Box has front door sign-up sheets and sign-up sheets for members to walk around the show.
3. Laurie Adamson has sign-up sheets for the Sales table.
4. Marcie said she is accumulating things for the Sales and Auction Tables that have been dropped off.
5. JoAnn Steininger shared the little boxes she made. They are easy and take two 10" squares of fabric. They take about 20 minutes. She also shared the small fish bag she made. She said they take a little longer to make. In addition, she has other ideas such as a little mop you step on to wipe up spills made from terry cloth.
6. Marcie has forms for donations to the Silent Auction. She mentioned that the Sales Table, Auction Table and sponsorships are going towards paying what we owe Centennial Hall.
7. Sheila asked about the check-in process. Quilts must have a label (that will be covered during judging) and a sleeve.
8. Ann has yet to see the form and asked what information goes on the quilt registration form: your name, name of the quilt, quilt dimensions, quilt owner (if it is not you), was it professionally quilted and a description. (Mindy Henricksen arrived)
9. If you are a professional quilter, answer "no" to the question about your quilt being professionally quilted so it can be judged for quilting.
10. Louise asked if there is a way to see what she has entered. Christine said the program should send you a message saying your quilt has been entered. She will check to see that it is working.
11. The Quilt Show poster will get its final proofing this weekend. Once it has completed that process, we will all receive a digital copy of the poster. We have been asked to share it on social media and with all our friends.
12. What is the deadline to enter quilts into the show? May 4.
13. Everyone needs to volunteer for something.
14. Jackie Polasky has made a prize quilt for the winning entry into the Seek and Find contest. Everyone will get a page of 10 questions that can be answered by walking around the show hall. A drawing will be held of all the winning entries for Jackie's quilt.
15. We will have the "Leave the Quilter a Comment" sheet available.
16. Guild member voting on your favorite quilt in each category will be held on Friday only.
17. Dixie announced that the ribbons are finished. Members helping Dixie and Debbie Germain with ribbons were Jan Jerue, Geri Fudge and Karen Smith.
18. Quilt check-in is 8-10 am Wednesday, May 13, at the Egan Room in Centennial Hall. If you are unable to deliver your quilt(s) during that time frame, someone else may carpool your quilts to Centennial Hall. This means ALL QUILTS GOING INTO THE SHOW!
19. Quilts will be hung from 3-6 pm on Thursday, May 14, and from 8 am to 12 noon on Friday, May 15.
20. Quilt Show opens at noon on Friday, May 15, and runs through 4 pm Sunday, May 17.
21. Quilts must be picked up between 4-5 pm Sunday, May 17.
22. Heather Ramseth asked what the deadline is for member biographies. Marcie is working on it and is hoping for a May 4 deadline.
23. The ribbon committee spent over 225 hours making all the ribbons that will be awarded during the show. Please thank Debbie Germain, Geri Fudge, Jan Jerue, Karen Smith and Dixie Alms for their time and hard work.
24. Thank you, everyone, for all your help and hard work!



JoAnn Steinger shared a fish drawstring bag and small boxes she has made for the Quilt Show Sales table.



Laurie Adamson shared some Sales Table donations (above and below).



UFOs ... from the March minutes: Sandra has UFO forms. They are also on the website. 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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Stephanie Allison
Mary Hunter

Rebecca Fredrick
Louise Miller

Mindy Henricksen
Karen Paulick

EDUCATION:

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

Robin Ruth Design: WE ARE ON ROBIN'S 2026 CALENDAR! 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. 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 free skinny pattern, Basket of Blooms.



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

GUILD COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS: Pillowcases and comfort quilts

Comfort quilts: 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. Your quilt sandwich will not be basted by a longarmer.
4. **Finished quilt tops** go to Ann for batting/backing/labels and to be distributed to a longarmer for quilting. Quilt tops that the Guild will be quilting can come to Ann at meetings.
5. **Quilts ready for binding** will come back to the next meeting with the label and the trimmings from the back for the binding.
6. **Louise Miller will collect finished quilts** and deliver them to the agencies when needed.
7. **Call Stephanie Allison (907-723-3092) or Louise Miller (907-465-7021)** if you have questions.
8. **Judy Morley is training** Laura Kelly and Ann-Marie Martin to quilt on her longarm.

Pillowcases: Shannon Dilley currently heads up our pillowcase project. We regularly donate to AWARE, JYC (incarcerated youth), Housing First and the Pioneer Home. We have pillowcase kits upstairs at the church or you can make some from your stash. The burrito method is a tried and true method with instructions on our website. We hope to soon sponsor a class on making pillowcases by serger/overlocker. Please keep in mind that our website states all pillowcases must have encased/closed seams ... so little (or big) fingers can't pull them apart.

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 Sandra by June**. When we finish an item, we need to show it to Sandra 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). If you are entering more than one quilt in the UFO challenge, Sandra encourages us to put only one quilt on a form so we are not paying the Guild for multiple items in addition to what we have finished.

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. We don't know where they are.

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 classes monthly ranging from a finishing workshop with Deb Riddle, a discussion group with Deb and kids' camps during school breaks. Other classes offered in the past include AccuQuilt projects, Electric Quilt 8, bag making, garment making and a variety of quilting classes. You can shop online and see class offerings at raintreequilting.com.

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.

VIRTUAL and ZOOM OPPORTUNITIES:

1. **Brittany at Lo and Behold Stitchery** offers tutorials on her blog at loandbeholdstitchery.com. This month she is featuring pin basting your quilt. Find all of her tips and tricks under Blog, and then go to Tutorials. She also offers free patterns and lots of other topics.
2. **Christina Cameli** has taught Free Motion Quilting for over a decade and offers monthly, quarterly and annual memberships to beginners on up who want to quilt primarily on their domestic machines. Check her out at freemotioncircle.com. I just ordered her fabrics from Spoonflower for \$15/yard and am going to tackle meandering again. You can find her on Spoonflower by searching for [afewscraps](#) under Artist.



Quilting with cookie cutters?

I recently had a blast tracing around a crow shaped cookie cutter and making this lovely free-motion embroidery on a linen top!

What cookie cutters do you have?
The possibilities are endless!

3. **CT Publishing** offers a blog, courses, events and free projects. Go to ctpub.com to browse.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **Pattern please!** offers ornament kits and free patterns. Browse at patternplease.com.
7. **Stitchin' Post** in Sisters, OR offers both virtual and in person classes. Details at stitchinpost.com
8. **Six hour virtual zoom Monster Mash Free Motion Quilting workshop:** information at <https://orbitalquilting.com/fmq-mm/>
9. **NEW!!! June 6: Alaska quilt class** on laundrybasketquilts.com under Happenings menu
10. **JUNE 24-27:** Quiltfest Virtual Summer Schoolhouse; information at QuiltFest.com; **Maria Shell** and many other instructors (zoom)
11. **October 14-17:** Quiltfest Virtual Schoolhouse #15; information at quiltfest.com (zoom)

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES:

2026-2027

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

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

NEW!!! Now-May 27 Ocean City, NJ: Between A Rock And A Heart Place: In pursuit of happiness, healing & B hope at Gallery at Ocean City Arts Center

Now-May 24 Kitchener, Ontario, Canada: An Ode to Phoebe at Homer Watson House & Gallery

NEW!!! May 29-August 15 Conway, AR: Nature's Canvas at Windgate Museum

NEW!!! June 2-July 31 at Grants Pass, OR: StitchPunk at Grants Pass Museum of Art

NEW!!! Now-June 6 Arlington, VA: The Shape of a gift at Friends Artspace

NEW!!! Now-June 15 Baltimore, MD: Built 2 Last at The Peale

NEW!!! Now-June 17 Bedminster, NJ: Musings, Memory and Magic Solo Exhibit by Wen Redmond at The Center for Contemporary Art Bedminster

Now-June 21 McAllen, TX: Aviary at International Museum of Art & Science

NEW!!! Now-June 30 Hamden, CT: Clara Nartey: Vessels at Orchid Gallery

NEW!!! Now-July 14 Arnold, MD: Green AACC's 2026 National Juried Art Exhibition at John A. Cade Center for Fine Arts Gallery

NEW!!! Now-July 18 Lowell, MA: Tiny Pieces, Vast Visions at New England Quilt Museum

NEW!!! Now-July 18 Lowell, MA: Soul Stories: Threads of Existence – Quilt Artists Respond to the Urgent Stories of Our Time at New England Quilt Museum

Now-July 25 Charleston, SC: Maria Birtton: Second Sleep at Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art

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

NEW!!! Now-August 2 Thomasville, GA: My Side of the Story at Grassroots Coffee Co

Now-August 15 Great Bend, KS: Fierce Planets at Shafer Art Gallery

Now-December 18 Santa Fe, NM: Intersection: Color and Form at New Mexico State Capitol Building

Now-January. 24, 2027 Coaticook, Quebec, Canada: My Grandmother's Quilts, The Marie-Jeanne Collection (1908-2006) at Musée Beaulne

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEW!!! June 10-11 Hamilton, MO: Missouri Star Academy's Stitchin' Schoolhouse; details at missouriqltco.com under the "Visit Shops" menu

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

June 11-13 St. Cloud, MN: Minnesota Quilt Show at River's Edge Convention Center; information at mnquilt.org

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 pettingfabric.com

July 30-August 2 Birmingham, England: The Festival of Quilts; information at thefestivalofquilts.co.uk; exhibits include Cherrywood Poppy Challenge

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

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 travel from Elkhart to Shipshewana, IN to Grand Rapids to Mackinac Island to Traverse City, MI; information at countryheritagetours.com

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 10-12 Madison, WI: The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show; information at quiltshow.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 opened March 26

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

September 17-20 Oaks, PA: Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza; information at quiltfest.com; registration opens April 14th

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

September 23-26 Newberry, SC: Color Flow Quilt Retreat; Jittery Wings Quilt Co; information & registration at jitterywingsquiltco.com; registration opened March 26

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

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

information at countryheritagetours.com

October 23-26 Berrien Springs, MI: Sew, Relax & Create: A Garment Sewing Weekend with Jen Beeman of Grainline Studios; information at lauraallyson.com

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 16-23 Mexican Riviera Cruise: Zuiderdam out of San Diego; four instructors; eight workshops; information at americanquilter.com

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

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

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

February 21-27 Charleston->Savannah->Atlanta, GA: QuiltCon Atlanta 27; information at countryheritagetours.com

February 28-March 5 Pacific Grove, CA: Empty Spools Seminars-Session 1; information at emptyspoolsseminars.com; registration opens 6-20-26 at 10 am PST

February 28-March 12 Panama Canal Cruise: Nieuw Amsterdam out of Ft. Lauderdale; four instructors; eight workshops; information at americanquilter.com

March 4-7 Puyallup, WA: Sewing & Stitchery Expo; information at sewexpo.com

March 4-7 Hampton, VA: Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival; information at Quiltfest.com

March 5-10 Pacific Grove, CA: Empty Spools Seminars-Session 2; information at emptyspoolsseminars.com; registration opens 6-20-26 at 10 am PST

March 18-21 Jacksonville, FL: 2027 Petting Fabric Spring Retreat with April Jaehn and Georgina Lewis; information at pettingfabric.com

April 18-23 Pacific Grove, CA: Empty Spools Seminars-Session 3; information at emptyspoolsseminars.com; registration opens 6-20-26 at 10 am PST

April 22-25 Paducah, KY: AQS QuiltWeek; information at americanquilter.com

April 23-28 Pacific Grove, CA: Empty Spools Seminars-Session 4; information at emptyspoolsseminars.com; registration opens 6-20-26 at 10 am PST

April 28-May3 Pacific Grove, CA: Empty Spools Seminars-Session 5; information at emptyspoolsseminars.com; registration opens 6-20-26 at 10 am PST

May 15-22 Alaska Cruise: Eurodam out of Seattle; four instructors; eight workshops; information at americanquilter.com

NEW!!! May 24-28 Tucson, AZ: Quiltworx University at Tanque Verde Ranch; book through Madeline Island School of the Arts (MISA) at madelineartschool.com

May 26-29 Waco, TX: AQS QuiltWeek debut at the Waco Convention Center; information at americanquilter.com

August 4-7 New England: AQS QuiltWeek; information at americanquilter.com

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

September 18-25 depart/return Boston, MA: Zuiderdam out of Boston, MA; four instructors; eight workshops; information at americanquilter.com

September 23-26 Columbus, OH: AQS QuiltWeek; information at americanquilter.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY 15-17, 2026: Quilt Show at Centennial Hall

JUNE 20: 9 am-midnight: CCQ open sew at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 8198 Keegan Street

JUNE 20 @ 10:30: CCQ meeting followed by whatever is under your needle

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

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



Sandi Benzel shared a quilt she made in New Orleans.



Comfort quilt



Stephanie Allison shared her latest paper pieced quilt.



Robbie Stell shared a t-shirt quilt she made for a grandson.



Karen Paulick shared a denim quilt from her family's jeans.



Louise Miller shared a quilt.



Comfort quilt



Louise Miller shared a wall hanging.




Louise Miller shared a wall hanging/table runner.



Comfort quilt




Comfort quilt



What do you call that feeling when you realize that you've been sewing with an empty bobbin?

Seamstressed.

A photograph of sewing supplies on a light green background. It includes a silver sewing machine, a spool of red thread, and a metal bobbin.



Two more comfort quilts



Two more comfort quilts



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Ella Fish shared a quilt top



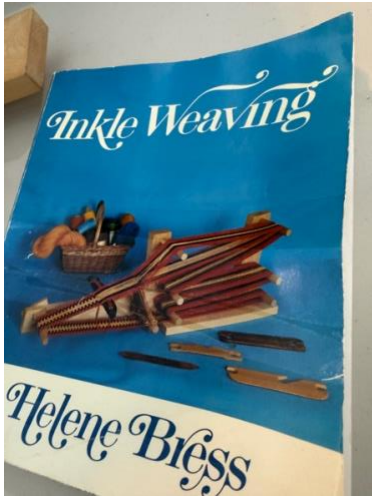
Bev Schutt showing Marné Provost how to hand quilt on a hoop.



A comfort quilt with a close-up of the dogs.

Nancy Eiler shared an Inkle Weaving loom set up.

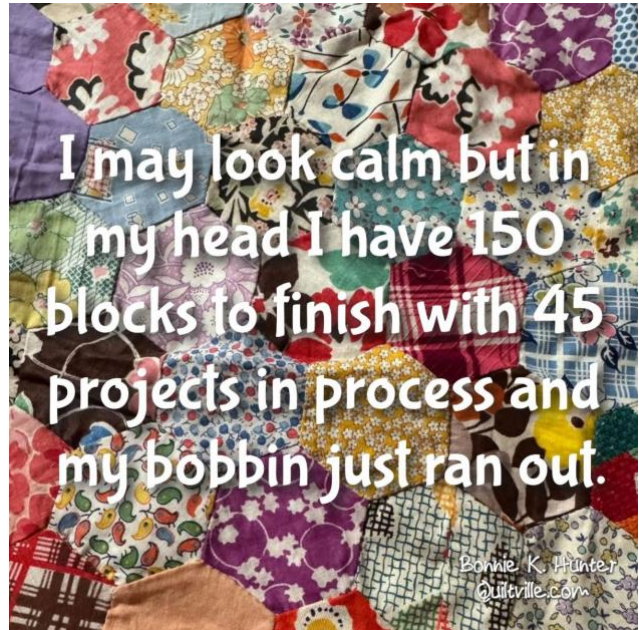




Nancy Eiler shared a tied crazy quilt made by her grandmother.



Nancy Eiler shared ties her mother made.



Dixie finally finished her pillow! The pattern and template are for sale at the quilt show sale or auction.

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	\$2,005.00	\$2,755.00	-\$360.00	-	\$1,645.00	\$2,755.00	-\$1,110.00
Donations	\$453.80	\$50.00	-	-	\$453.80	\$50.00	\$403.80
Bank Dividends	\$100.73	\$155.00	-	-	\$100.73	\$155.00	-\$54.27
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	-\$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)	-	-	-\$42.70	-\$40.00	-\$42.70	-\$40.00	-\$2.70
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	-	-	-\$55.48	-\$70.00	-\$55.48	-\$70.00	\$14.52
Business Operations Totals	-	-	-\$3,162.99	-\$3,554.00	-\$3,162.99	-\$3,554.00	\$391.01
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	-	-	-\$836.52	-\$2,000.00	-\$836.52	-\$2,000.00	\$1,163.48
Community Outreach Programs Totals	-	-	-\$836.52	-\$2,000.00	-\$836.52	-\$2,000.00	\$1,163.48
Quilt Show 2026	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/Less
Venue, Marquee, & Add'l Equipment rental	-	-	-\$3,000.00	-\$7,500.00	-\$3,000.00	-\$7,500.00	\$4,500.00
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)	-	-	-\$58.77	-\$300.00	-\$58.77	-\$300.00	\$241.23
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	\$50.00	\$3,000.00	-	-	\$50.00	\$3,000.00	-\$2,950.00
Silent Auction Revenue	-	\$5,000.00	-	-	-	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Donations from Show goers	-	\$800.00	-	-	-	\$800.00	-\$800.00
Sponsorships	\$2,750.01	\$3,500.00	-	-	\$2,750.01	\$3,500.00	-\$749.99
Quilt Show 2026 Totals	\$2,800.01	\$12,300.00	-\$3,058.77	-\$11,885.00	-\$258.76	\$415.00	-\$673.76
General Fund Totals	\$7,175.54	\$16,320.00	-\$7,916.02	-\$18,789.00	-\$740.48	-\$2,469.00	\$1,728.52
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	\$600.00	\$1,350.00	-	-\$200.00	\$600.00	\$1,150.00	-\$550.00
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	\$602.51	\$1,584.00	-	-\$2,850.00	\$602.51	-\$1,266.00	\$1,868.51
Grand Totals	\$7,778.05	\$17,904.00	-\$7,916.02	-\$21,639.00	-\$137.97	-\$3,735.00	\$3,597.03
Decrease in funds							-\$137.97
Funds available as of 09/30/2026							\$31,254.65

MINUTES TO 2-21-26 MEETING

CAPITAL CITY QUILTERS APRIL 18, 2026 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS: Dixie Alms, Louise Miller, Jackie Polasky, Jan Jerue, Karen Paulick, Karen Smith, Bev Schutt, Darcy Stetson, Nancy Slook, Laurie Adamson, Judy Morley, Terry Bonnell, Cynthia

Schmiege, Ann-Marie Martin, Cherry Ecklund, Robbie Stell, JoAnn Steininger, Ella Fish, Marné Provost, Sheila Box, Nancy Eiler, Kare Robinson, Christine Moleski and Mindy Henriksen.

ZOOM: Clare Brooks and Heather Ramseth.

PROXY: Sandra Bleicher.

President Ann called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

The minutes to the March meeting were approved as corrected. *(JoAnn Steininger arrived.)*

Food bank: The lunch box on the front table is for donations to the church's food bank. Our rent stipulates our support of SOV's food bank by food or financial donation.

Treasurer's report: Stephanie said we have received checks for about \$1200 for Quilt Show sponsorships. We have also received donations in memory of Loretta Mosley. *(Ella Fish and Marné Provost arrived. Heather Ramseth is on Zoom.)*

Education: Marcie reminded everyone that Robin Ruth will teach Mariner's Compasses in September. We are trying to set a stripology class at the end of October or in early November.

Comfort quilts: Louise said we have received no requests in the last month. *(Sheila Box and Nancy Eiler arrived.)* Ann-Marie found a comfort quilt that was made in 2021 at Salvation Army. It will be displayed at the Quilt Show. Judy Morley has a picture catalog of all the comfort quilts that have been donated.

Pillowcase report: Shannon is not here today. Ann reported that we made 67 pillowcases at the sew-in after last month's meeting. Jan Jerue took a bunch home and has returned them finished to Karen Paulick who will get them to Shannon when she returns. *(Christine Moleski arrived.)*

UFO: Sandra is not here today. You can find the UFO form on the website. Fill it out and get a portion of the form to Sandra before June. Projects must be completed by the October meeting, or you owe your pledge to the Guild.

SECRETARY: Ann announced that we still need a secretary ... if anyone is interested.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to our new members Ella Fish, Nancy Eiler and Kare Robinson.

GIVE-AWAYS: Ann brought in three hoops that are on the table and are up for grabs. She isn't sure what they are. If no one wants them, Ann-Marie will take them to Salvation Army.

ORNAMENTS: Bev Schutt has bag of ornament kits; birds, gnomes, medallions with elves and trees with sequins. Bev is willing to spearhead a group to make these ornaments for the Quilt Show Sales Table. Bev will arrange a room at the Valley Library (hopefully the large conference room which allows food and drink). Bev said she needs help on how to make the birds. Ann will send out an email after a room has been reserved.

QUILT SHOW:

1. Mindy Henricksen has demo sign-up sheets.
2. Sheila Box has front door sign-up sheets and sign-up sheets for members to walk around the show.
3. Laurie Adamson has sign-up sheets for the Sales table.
4. Marcie said she is accumulating things for the Sales and Auction Tables that have been dropped off.
5. JoAnn Steininger shared the little boxes she has made. They are easy and take two 10" squares of fabric. They take about 20 minutes. She also shared the small fish bag she made. She said they take a little longer to make. In addition, she has other ideas such as a little mop you step on to wipe up spills made from terry cloth.
6. Marcie has forms for donations to the Silent Auction. She mentioned that the Sales Table, Auction Table and sponsorships are going towards paying what we owe Centennial Hall.
7. Sheila asked about the check-in process. Quilts must have a label (that will be covered during judging) and a sleeve.
8. Ann has yet to see the form and asked what information goes on the quilt registration form: your name, name of the quilt, quilt dimensions, quilt owner (if it is not you), was it professionally quilted and a description. (*Mindy Henricksen arrived*)
9. If you are a professional quilter, answer "no" to the question about your quilt being professionally quilted so it can be judged for quilting.
10. Louise asked if there is a way to see what she has entered. Christine said the program should send you a message saying your quilt has been entered. She will check to see that it is working.
11. The Quilt Show poster will get its final proofing this weekend. Once it has completed that process, we will all receive a digital copy of the poster. We have been asked to share it on social media and with all our friends.
12. What is the deadline to enter quilts into the show? May 4.
13. Everyone needs to volunteer for something.
14. Jackie Polasky has made a prize quilt for the winning entry into the Seek and Find contest. Everyone will get a page of 10 questions that can be answered by walking around the show hall. A drawing will be held of all the winning entries for Jackie's quilt.
15. We will have the "Leave the Quilter a Comment" sheet available.
16. Guild member voting on your favorite quilt in each category will be held on Friday only.
17. Dixie announced that the ribbons are finished. Members helping Dixie and Debbie Germain with ribbons were Jan Jerue, Geri Fudge and Karen Smith.
18. Quilt check-in is 8-10 am Wednesday, May 13, at the Egan Room in Centennial Hall. If you are unable to deliver your quilt(s) during that time frame, someone else may carpool your quilts to Centennial Hall.
19. Quilts will be hung from 3-6 pm on Thursday, May 14, and from 8 am to 12 noon on Friday, May 15.
20. Quilt Show opens at noon on Friday, May 15, and runs through 4 pm Sunday, May 17.

21. Quilts must be picked up between 4-5 pm Sunday, May 17.
22. Heather Ramseth asked what the deadline is for member biographies. Marcie is working on it and is hoping for a May 4 deadline.
23. Thank you, everyone, for all your help and hard work!

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE: President's Challenge quilts are to be turned in with all other quilts during the 8-10 am check-in time on Wednesday, May 13. If you are not turning in an entry to the President's Challenge, your fat quarter needs to be returned to the Guild since the Guild paid for the fabric. If you plan to keep the unused fat quarter, you owe the Guild \$4. Sandra has the list of fat quarters that were checked out.

FREE OR FOR SALE: Judy Morley has sewing machine to give away or to sell.

CCQ ZIPPER PULLS: We haven't been able to find them.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS: Ann is the only one here today, and we had a lot of April birthdays. Happy birthday this month, Ann!

SHOW AND TELL:

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Dixie Alms, Newsletter Editor and Acting Secretary

PROXY FORM

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 _____