

SNIPPETS

April 2024

- the monthly newsletter of Coastal Carolina Quilters

President's Message

April CCQ Presidents Note

Today is April 1st , April Fool's Day, but this is NOT a joke. I am here today with a PSA (Public Service Announcement), a reminder if you will.

We play around with very sharp and somewhat dangerous tools. I was recently reminded of this very thing as I ran my rotary cutter through the tip of my finger and nail. So, I would like to say, no matter how long you have been sewing it can happen in the blink of an eye.



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Remember ...

- ⇒ **Obtain parking pass from office for 2024 cost \$1.00 bring vehicle registration (near entrance)**
- ⇒ **Wear your name tag! Be entered into the drawing for fat quarters!**
- ⇒ **Sign up for upcoming classes!**
- ⇒ **Check the Important Dates**

Important Dates: All events are held at Oceanside Village Recreation Center unless otherwise noted.

April 15, 2024	10:00 am	CCQ Meeting Round Tables
May 20, 2024	9:00 am	Boad of Directors Meeting
May 20, 2024	10:00 am	CCQ Meeting Feed Sack Trunk Show
May 20, 2024	12:30	Tea Towel Crayon Workshop – Brenda Grampas
June 17, 2024	10:00 am	Charity Sew
July 15, 2024	10:00 am	Charity Sew

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Last month was very inspiring, the Horry County Museum had so many textile discussions, I hope you all got to a few of them. I would like to thank those who came to my little presentation. It was mostly for beginner quilters, but I recognized a number of you as experienced quilters. You got to see a couple of my very first creations, when I had no idea what I was doing. I do not bring them out often, but it was a chance to show others that in the beginning, no one is great at this. But over time we become better at our craft.

“Nobody starts out a perfect quilter.” — Sandra Dallas

Coming up this month are round tables showing some fast and easy ideas for using up your stash/scrap, I'm certain it will be a fun morning.

“You know you are a quilter when the only scraps under your dining room table are fabric.” — Unknown

Meet The Quilters was a wonderful day, so many quilters in one place, it was exciting. Congratulations to GSQ and to all the winners of door prizes and raffles. I hope you all enjoyed the day as much as I did.

NOW it's our turn! The date is set, and the speaker is under contract. We will begin planning the 2025 MTQ for **March 13, 2025**. Keep an eye out for updates and committee news, it will take many hands to help make a successful 2025 MTQ. I have received some emails with suggestions and will pass them along to the committee, so keep them coming if you think of something.

Lou Veverka

Charity News

Margo Woolard

Last month we had a nice surprise from Jill Haynes, our Fostering Hope volunteer. Jill made us the most delightful and most delicious sugar cookie quilt. It was just a little "Thank You" for all the work CCQ does for Fostering Hope.

The March mini workshop was a big success. Lots of fabrics were cut and all the homespun squares were organized into over 25 homespun boys quilt kits. Appreciate all the volunteers that helped cut and organize the kits. Couldn't have done it without you!!

The machine quilting class seemed a success as well. The 8 students were each able to complete one of the smaller spray basted charity quilts. We discussed needles, threads and how to adjust the pressure on their walking foot. This hopefully gives them the confidence to tackle more machine quilting projects in the future.

Another 20 beautiful charity quilts were shown at Show & Tell. Those plus the 8 quilts from the class were bound and all 28 quilts were delivered to Fostering Hope. What a great job everyone!!

The summer workshops are not that far away. Here is how you can help!

Bead bag kits: If you have bead bags kits at home please complete and return them. This is the most urgent need right now. We've completed 175 bags out of the 300 needed, so there are 5 – 25 bead bags kits remaining to be sewn. If we can get them ready, the cording can be done in the July and August workshops.

Kits available to sew: We have lots of kits! The new Fostering Hope boy's homespun kits will be ready to sew along with the baby kits and pillowcase kits.

Quilts ready to be quilted: we need longarmers and domestic machines quilters too



Program News

Joanne Shropshire

Tinting – Adding Color to Fabrics with Crayons Workshop with Brenda Grampas
Monday May 20, 2024- After Meeting

Learn to use crayons to tint designs on fabrics like it was done in the 1930's & 1940's. Designs can be outlined with machine stitching, hand embroidery or micron pigma pens.

Supply list:

- Tea Towel, cotton flour sack, or plain cotton fabric in white or light color. (Size: Approx. 18"x22")
See page 6 for a picture of the tea towel
- Box of regular Crayola crayons – 24 count or more
- Sheet of fine grit sandpaper – 200 grit
- 5 Sheets of plain white copy paper or plain white paper towels
- Iron & ironing board or pad

Optional:

- Micron pigma pen = 05 size – black or brown color
- Embroidery supplies: hoop, needle, DMC embroidery floss or peal cotton

Upcoming Programs

April – Roundtables (*learn fun and quick quilts in a snap*)

May – Tea Towel Crayon Workshop

June – Charity Sew

Do you have ideas for a class or program? Please share them with Joanne Shropshire!

Program News

Joanne Shropshire



March Reminders

- Questions and Answer
- Charity Cutting and Sewing
- Machine Quilting
- Meet the Quilter at Grand Strand

Tea Towel Crayon Workshop

Cost: \$20

Date: Monday, May 20, 2024, from 12:30—
4:30 pm

Supply List: On page 4!

Make check for **\$20** payable to CCQ and mail to:

Virginia Bowerman
16 Elderberry Lane
Pawley's Island, SC 29585

CLIP AND MAIL WITH CHECK

NAME—PLEASE PRINT

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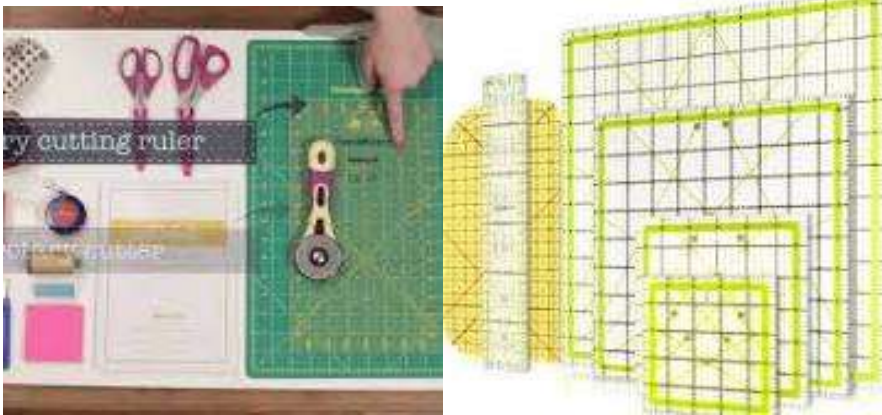
Tea Towel Crayon Workshop
Brenda Grampas

Program News

Joanne Shropshire

This month programs are **round tables** again. We all know tools can be helpful in completing our projects. So, this month's round tables will show some tools that can do that for us. We all like tools so this month's program will demo some that I know you all want to go out and get them to help you out with those projects

Also, we have gotten all the books from Karen Fedor Hubby all 8 plus boxes. So we will be placing those books out for free at the meeting. If you wish to give us a donation for the books that would be great but not necessary. The books will be placed up front on wooden tables. We will stop the book giveaway during the round tables and resume after the program is over. Please be considerate to people doing the free table and abide by not being at tables during this time.



Did you know? There's a CCQ Facebook Group. Search for "Coastal Carolina Quilters" and ask to join the group!

March Quilting Class Questions and Answers

Below are some questions and answers that were provided at the March Quilting Class. The answers are recommendations and to use what works best for your type of sewing machine. May be some trial and error.

1: How often should you change the needle in your sewing machine?

It is recommended you change your needle every 8 hours of sewing. Needles get dull! If you hear a pop!, pop!, pop! when you sew or if you begin to skip stitches, it's definitely time to change your needle

2: What are the recommended needles to use?

Go to <https://www.schmetzneedles.com> they have some helpful recommendations for needles to use for the type of fabric you are sewing with.

3. What are some quilting thread brands that you recommend? Would like to try some others but would like some recommendations.

Try to use WIDE variety of threads. For general piecing try using Signature -QT. If you sew a lot! Try buying 3000-yard cones of neutrals, white, off white, grey and some colors. For topstitching try using variegated threads like King Tut which is made by Superior Threads or YLI. Try threads like Mettler, Gutermann, Aurifil, and even Coats & Clark, it depends on what color you need. For best results don't use cheap threads like Walmart.

4. Are there any specific (weights) wts of thread that preferred?

Yes, you want to use the correct weight threads for the project you're working on or to get the look you want to achieve. General piecing try using 40 wt in the top. Try using pre-wound bobbins which have a lot more thread on them and they are thinner, 60 wt. The outer piece may be cardboard or plastic. If you're machine embroidering and you may want to show up, use a heavier wt thread like a 30 wt.

5. Do you use the same wt of thread in the bobbin or a different one?

Yes, you can use different wt threads in the top versus in the bobbin. Check out the [APQS Needle and Thread Reference Guide](#) (type this in your google search and it should come up). Great resource!



Professional Art Quilters Alliance-South is proud to announce
its 2024 Member exhibition of innovative quilts:
ARTQUILTS *renewal*

April 3-May 25, 2024

Page-Walker Arts & History Center, Cary, North Carolina

Renewal has many meanings, rebirth, regeneration, rejuvenation, revival, recharge, refresh and many more. The process of renewal is a natural force. We tumble through summer and fall, hibernate in winter, and emerge with new life in spring. Upcycling and mending, and making the old new again result in renewal.

As artists, how do we express this?

What images, colors or techniques represent the sense of fullness and vigor that renewal brings?

Fiber artists: Create a multi-layered textile joined by stitching that expresses or represents renewal.

Awards:

Three \$500 awards for excellence in design and relation to theme

Important Dates:

December 1, 2023: Submission process opens

February 2, 2024: Entry Deadline

ARTQUILTS renewal: April 3 - May 25, 2024

April 26, 2024: Artist reception at Page-Walker Arts & History Center

Link to Prospectus: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LxnHhaMx065omRo34vn8O6PtqytOBHTabKt8V_hJUMk/edit?usp=drive_link

Sale Items

Kola cabinet \$1000 has lift and folds out both directions to extend the quilting area.



Sale Items

Innova longarm asking **\$25,000** has wheel set if you want to make it moveable. Joanne has flyer.



The following machines are for sale. Willing to take offers:

- Janome 6500 with extension table in a carry bag and machine has a Tutto bag. Asking \$550
- Husky lock machine with bag and some threads asking \$200
- Janome memory craft embroidery machine only comes with lots of hoops and 2 Tutto bags full of stuff for machine plus some stabilizer and box of thread. Asking \$500

Contact Richard at 843-359-1523 (cell) or 843-237-5356 (land line) **leave a detailed message** email address rfedor@gmail.com

Membership News

Mary Terwiske and Peggy DeVivo

WELCOME TO OUR RETURNING MEMBERS:

Janice Krol
ppjanpritch@gmail.com
843-742-5772
845-300-3301

Please remember to bring your name tag to the meeting and get your \$1 parking passes at the front office..

Hope to see you at our next meeting,
Peggy DeVivo and Mary Terwiske

CCQ members should mail their 2024 dues to Mary Terwiske, [346 Rycola Circle, Surfside Beach, SC 29575-5121](#).

Wear your nametag to CCQ meetings
and be entered to win a fat quarter at
the monthly drawing!



CCQ Membership Count

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This is your newsletter! Send your articles, recipes, "for sale" ads, and other information to share with fellow quilters to coastalcarolinaquilters@gmail.com. Please provide articles by the 4th of every month.

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