

SNIPPETS

February 2026

- the monthly newsletter of Coastal Carolina Quilters

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Elena Gelletly Presidents Note

I did not expect to welcome February in Myrtle Beach with snow and a very chilly start! My daffodils are already up so maybe that's a sign that warmth will be here soon.

We can at least welcome February with Valentine's Day – a celebration of love and an excuse to eat more chocolate.

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Remember ...

- ⇒ **Obtain parking pass from office for 2026 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**
- ⇒ **Take Home a Charity Kit to Sew**

Important Dates		
Monday, February 16 th , 2026	10:00am	Meeting and Kid Friendly Block See pg 4
Monday, March 16 th , 2026	10:00am	Deb O'Shaughnessy Trunk Show
Monday, March 16 th , 2026	12:30-4:30pm	Improv Class by Deb O'Shaughnessy
Monday, April 20 th , 2026	10:00am	Meeting
Tuesday, April 21 st , 2026	10:30am- 4:30pm	Ecko Star Class by Barbara Cline
Monday, May 18 th , 2026	10:00am	Meeting
Monday, June 15 th , 2026	10:00am	Meeting
Monday, July 20 th , 2026	8:30-2:00pm	Charity Workshop
Monday, August 17 th , 2026	8:30-2:00pm	Charity Workshop
Monday, September 21 st , 2026	10:00am	Meeting
Monday, October 19 th , 2026	10:00am	Meeting
Monday, November 16 th , 2026	10:00am	Meeting
Monday, December 14 th , 2026	10:00am	Meeting and Holiday Party

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It's also National Heart Awareness Month. We all need to remember to take care of our hearts every day. If you have a heart or a love quilt you would like to share during show and tell, please bring it. We would love to see them.

This month we will be voting on our 2026 budget. A copy was sent along with this newsletter. Have you ever considered becoming a committee chair or an officer for our guild? We will have the following openings next year: Newsletter and Membership committees, Secretary and Treasurer. I wanted to let you know about this now in case you are interested. This would give you time to talk to these individuals to learn what they do. Volunteering to serve can be a very rewarding way to contribute to the ongoing success of our guild. We would love to have you.

I hope you enjoyed Lynn Christiansen's lecture on using ugly fabrics last month. Her Laura Heine's collage quilts were beautiful! The afternoon "Whatever Class" was a lot of fun. Some people even used fabrics from the free table to add to their projects.

I am looking forward to our program this month on the Members Kid Friendly Block. I'm not sure what the program committee has planned for us, but I hope everyone brings a kid friendly block to participate.

It was wonderful to see so many members at our January meeting and to have our snowbirds back. There's nothing like a group of friends who share a passion for quilting.

See you all at our February 16th meeting.

Happy quilting for others!

Elena Gelletly - CCQ President

Charity News

Margo Woolard

CCQ Charity News – Feb 16, 2026.

Calling all longarmers!! We really need your help! We have about 50 quilts sitting in the storage unit ready for longarmers. And we already have about 40 new Fostering Hope tops ready for batting. But until we can get the 50 quilted, there's no point cutting more. If each longarmer would consider taking one or two quilts a month, this would help maintain a consistent flow of donated quilts. Thank You!!

Kits Available: We have replenished the stock of all the kits. Remember, the bead bags have been repackaged. Only 5 per bag now. Super easy sewing!! Get them while they're hot or cold! LOL

Donations: Last month we sent 13 quilts to Fostering Hope. Appreciate all your hard work.

Reminder...Meet the Quilters is no longer!

Recently, we've received a couple questions about the date of the next Meet The Quilters. After last year's event, the 3 host guilds (CCQ, GSQ and Brunswick Quilters) decided that 2025 would be the last one. Basically, it was down to dollars and cents and venue. Attendance had declined to the point that it was no longer profitable to continue this event and there were no guarantees that the Gen. Robt. H. Reed Rec center would be available to us. CCQ started MTQ back in 2003 and it had a good run. Many enjoyed it and it was certainly fun while it lasted. Happy quilting for others!

Programs

Joanne Shropshire

The program committee is looking for volunteers and also for ideas or speakers for future meetings. Let us know if you are interested or have ideas.

February 16th, 2026 CCQ Members Kid Friendly Block

February meeting, we are asking every member to participate by making a kid friendly block.

Think bright colors and fun prints. You can make as many blocks that you want not limited to one block. We are asking for blocks in the following sizes 6 1/2, 9 1/2, and 12 1/2 inches. Pick your size or make one of each.

March 16th, 2026 Improv Class

March Improv class is an afternoon class after the March 16 meeting.

The cost of the improv class is \$15 and it runs from 12:30-4:30. **See page 5 for supply list and page 6 for registration form.**



Improv Class Supply List

Sewing machine

Rotary cutter

Scissors

Small Cutting Mat

1 small ruler, roughly 12x6 or 14x4

1 larger ruler for yardage or fat quarters

Neutral thread for piecing

Scrap fabric **lots of scraps**

Yardage or fat quarters for the corners, enough for all 4 corners on each block (your corner fabric needs to be at least 5x5 depending on how large you want to make your blocks. On my quilt, the finished block is 7 inches.)

Improv Class

Class Fee: \$15.00

Date: March 16th, 2026
Time 12:30 am – 3:00 pm

Supply List: **See page 4 for picture for Improv Class Anna to provide Supply list when you sign up for class**

Make check payable to CCQ and mail to:

Mail to:

Anna Henry
285 Hyacinth Loop
Murrells Inlet 29576

CLIP AND MAIL WITH CHECK

Joanne Shropshire

\$15.00 Improv Class



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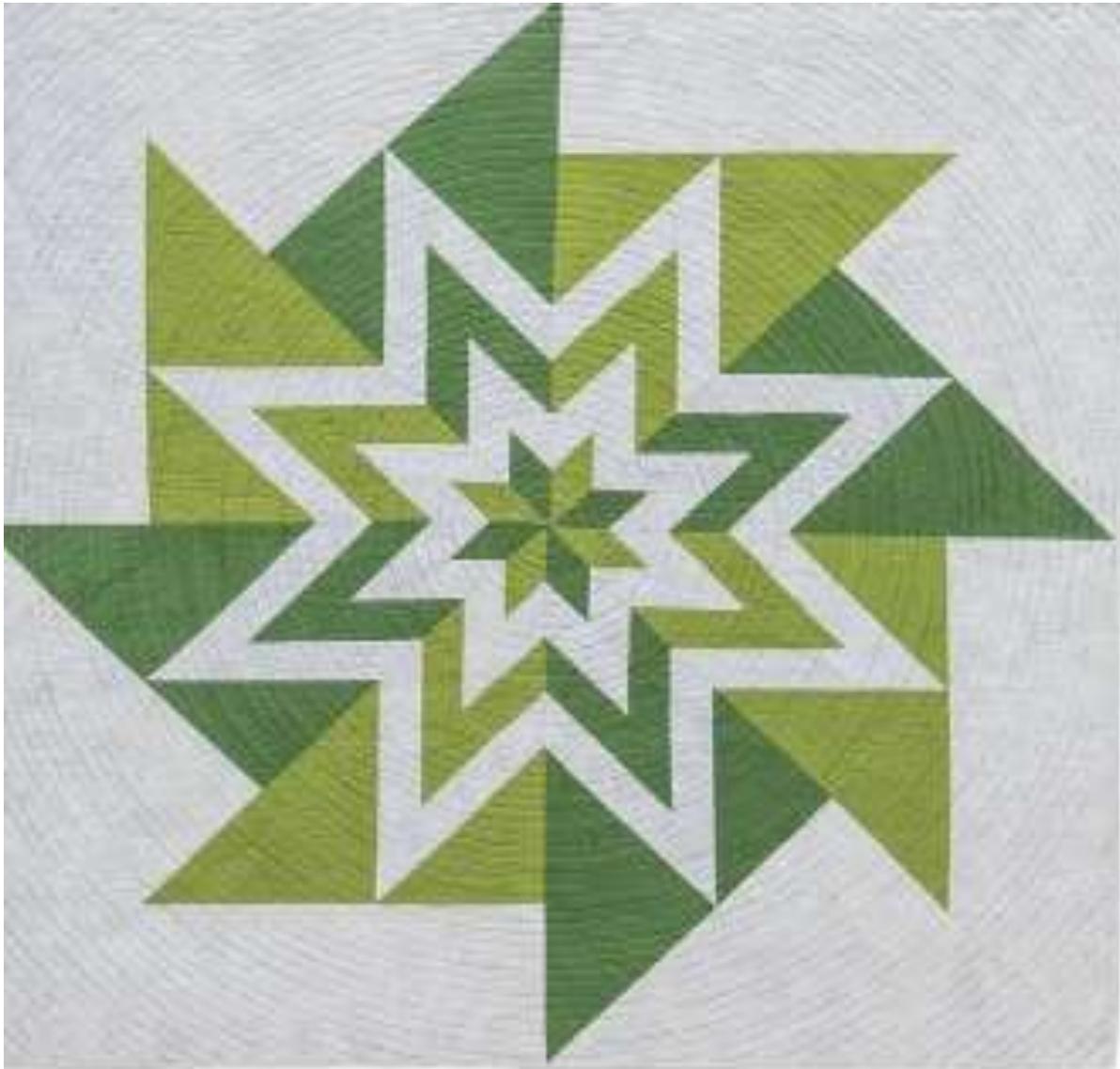
Improv Class

Ecko Star Class

April 21, 2026 is the Ecko Star (below) class by Barbara Cline. The class is an **all-day class**. The class fee is \$30 and runs from 10:30-4:30. Send registration form (page 8) to Anna Henry.

Questions call Joanne.

Jump into our speedy and exciting quilt class! We'll be using the strip piecing technique to whip up a quilt featuring a pinwheel behind an eight-pointed star. And guess what? No inset seams, so you'll breeze through the process. Join us and see just how quickly you can piece together this stunning design! 6-hour class



Ecko Star Class

Class Fee: \$30.00

Date: April 21st, 2026
Time 10:30 am – 4:30 pm

Supply List: **See page 7 for picture for Ecko Star Anna to provide Supply list when you sign up for class**

Make check payable to CCQ and mail to:

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Ecko Star Class

Membership News

Mary Terwiske and Peggy DeVivo

Current Membership Count is 121 and 70 members have paid their 2026 dues.

Don't forget to wear your name badge... you could win a "Fat Quarter"!

LAST CALL FOR 2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES

February is the last month we'll be collecting dues before publishing the 2026 CCQ Membership Directory. Dues are \$30 for the year, and checks should be made payable to CCQ.

If you are paying in cash, please bring the **EXACT AMOUNT** in an envelope with your name on it.

To streamline the dues collection process, membership cards will be issued at the meeting following your dues payment. If you paid your dues at the January meeting (or before) we'll have your 2026 membership card ready for you!

We will also have the current membership list available so you can verify your information and make any necessary changes.

CCQ members that would like to mail their 2026 dues should send a \$30 check payable To: Mary Terwiske, 346 Rycola Circle, Surfside Beach, SC 29575.

Please include any updates to your contact information with your 2026 dues payment.

Remember to get your parking pass at the office. It only costs \$1 for the whole year. Help us repay Oceanside Village's generosity by getting the pass as soon as you can. You'll have to **bring your car registration with you to the office.**

WELCOME 2026 NEW MEMBERS:

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Brenda Corthell
maucht7756@gmail.com
207-778-1480

WELCOME RETURNING MEMBER:

Karen Preston
karenandhercat@gmail.com
843-222-7804

Thanks! Mary Terwiske and Peggy DeVivo