

# SNIPPETS



More quilts for **Family Outreach**  
(we received a really nice thank you letter from them. See page 5)



**Fostering Hope**  
They are always so appreciative of all the beautiful quilts we deliver to them.

## August Charity Workshop

**Early start - 9 a.m.**

What's happening this month? We are starting at 9:00 a.m. and will finish earlier to make sure everyone can get home to see the eclipse. All of the bead bags were completed but we have lots of sewing yet to do — Fostering Hope boys quilt kits to sew, baby quilt kits, fabric storybooks to make, more (1600") strip quilts, pillow cases and walker bags. Plus, we are still having our pizza party!! You won't want to miss it!!



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## President's Message

It is a special day — a charity sewing day and the Solar Eclipse — all in one day!! For just this one time, our meeting will start at

**9 a.m.**

instead of the usual 10 a.m. so that we can end in time to get to our favorite spot to see the Solar Eclipse. Yes, we'll still have pizza — just a little earlier.

FYI - your Board recently received a request from a non-member to promote a sale of sewing items. After much discussion, the Board decided that will include an item in our newsletter for CCQ members who have items for sale, or who are looking for a particular item. We will not send out separate emails. This is a service for members only. We will not provide this service for non-members. We hope you agree with the Board's decision. I hope to see you all on the 21st as we work to finish our charity projects.

Karen Preston

## Notes from Margo

### **To-Do List**

- \* Wear your name tag
- \* Bring your basic sewing kit.
- \* Bring machine/serger and thread
- \* Bring a smile and a can-do attitude!!
- \* Bring your drink - Pizza will be provided!
- \* Bring Show and Tell

### **Here are the stats of what we accomplished last month**

- 3 Lighthouse Care Center lap quilts
- 17 Fostering Hope boy's quilts - delivered
- 60 Family Outreach of Horry County baby quilts - delivered
- 125 pillowcases for MUSC Children's Hospital
- 146 Beads of Courage bead bags corded for MUSC

Also, we would like to thank Pat Roman, Karen Burch Bennett and Emme Nichols for donating lots of batting scraps. By piecing

the scraps it saved us from have to buy one whole roll of batting. Thanks ladies!!

A quote from Vincent Van Gogh sums up what we do at CCQ -

*"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together"*



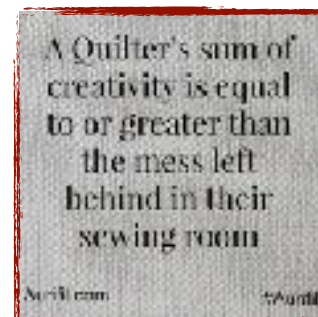
Starry Night



Sunflowers

I'm pretty sure Vincent wasn't talking about quilting but it fits. We come together and produce great things for our charity groups, from the cutters, the layerers, the sewers, the pressers and the longarmers. . . we certainly could not do all this without many helping hands. Thank you!!!

**Coming up in September** - We have lots of fun, interesting things coming up. Our very own Kathy Aparicio will zero in on Zen Doodling! Zen doodling is the art of drawing designs using structured patterns or "zentangles." Kathy will open your eyes to new possibilities and show how you can create beautiful quilts using this technique. Our challenge ladies, Jerre and DJ, will talk about our next challenge; a holiday bed runner. Sandy Jacobs will demo another Missouri Star block for us.



**October Program** - In the morning, Karen Preston will talk about her journey into quilting and show us a variety of her quilts and some of her “fun feline friends.” After lunch Karen will have a fun 4-hour “afternoon alternative” Crazy Cats class. This is a quick and easy gift idea . . . “Purrfect” for any occasion. She will teach some easy ways to create a cute cat that can be a pin cushion, door stop or just something to make you smile in the morning. The class application will come out soon.

**Quilt of Valor Christmas Boutique** - The QOV Myrtle Beach Shorebirds will be holding a Christmas Boutique during the regular CCQ meeting on Monday, Oct. 16, at the Oceanside Village Community Center. They are asking CCQ members for donations of items they can sell. It can be anything: placemats, purses, pin cushions, fabric, patterns, etc., etc. Another boutique will be held at Grand Strand Quilters on October 26. Please bring any donations to Joan Wobbleton no later than the September CCQ meeting on Sept. 18th.

All donations will go to help with the purchase of fabric, batting, etc., to make Quilts of Valor. Since 2010 the local chapter has awarded 1457 quilts and have 270 veterans waiting for a Quilt of Valor. Thank you for helping with this project.

### Donate Your Used Rotary Cutter Blades

What do you do with your used, ready-to-discard rotary cutter blades? CCQ member, Chris Van Horn came across this idea on a Bernina Yahoo forum.

*“I wait till I have 12 used blades or so then wrap them up good or put them back into the yellow case and*

*Send them to:*

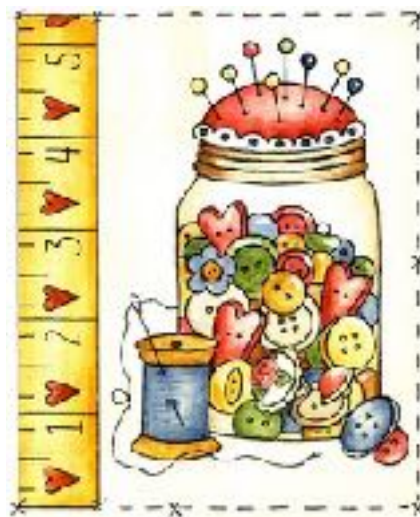
**Century College Orthotics  
Prosthetics Program  
Attn: Stan O’Conner, Director  
3300 Century Ave., North  
White Bear Lake MN 55110**

*The students are thrilled to get them as they use them learning how to cut leather for the braces. Blades that no longer are sharp enough for fabric are still usable for leather and they sharpen them and learn how to do that as well. The 6mm size are preferred but you can send any size. They are so appreciative to get them.”*

### Welcome New Member

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## **Do You Need a Reason to Keep Quilting?** (found on TQS - [TheQuiltshow.com](http://TheQuiltshow.com) - Blog by Anna Bates)

It seems lately when I am stitching in a group that the discussion will eventually circle around to how many projects one has or how big the stash has grown...and then, the inevitable mantra... "I don't need to buy another piece of fabric!!!" It seems that as a quilting culture we have developed the collective Quilt Guilt Trip! You don't see other passionate people guilting themselves out of doing what they enjoy! "I shouldn't run another mile because I have too many running shoes!" Or, "No more golf...I have too many balls and clubs and those rounds of golf add up!"

Do we really need a reason to continue quilting? Can we not quilt for the joy of quilting and the friendships that accompany this historical art form. Is it wrong to refresh the stash and thus revitalize our interest in a hobby we love? What is this craziness that when we feel wonderful quilt shopping, we also find the need to flog ourselves? Oh, I get it...if you have been quilting for a while, your accumulation can get out of control, but maybe balance would be better than deprivation. I say, share your stash...we do that with clothes. There is no problem when we are tired of clothing items we donate and purge...and admit it...some of those clothing items still had the tags on them!! But, for some reason when we look at our stash it has to have a payout...and, it seems the payout can't just be the joy of quilting.

Quilting is steeped in a utilitarian history that is stitched in love. Quilts were made for warmth, and sharing and this history needs to be embraced. So rather than limit the joy of quilting because you feel guilty about your quilting stash...start looking at ways you can share that stash. Enjoy the process and give the quilt away...it feels good. Or...sell your quilts, then you get the joy of creating and make a bit back. I know...I know...you can never sell a quilt for what you put into it...but, don't forget the joy.





Coastal Carolina Quilters

August 10, 2017

Dear Quilters,

I cannot begin to express Family Outreach's deepest appreciation for all the beautiful quilts you make and give to us each year. Every quilt was made with love, and it is with that love we give them to the families we serve.

This latest donation of 30 gorgeous quilts will be wrapped around babies and toddlers giving them possibly the only blanket they have to keep warm in the winter. They will be used by moms to give their babies a soft place to lie for tummy time. The quilts will be placed in cribs, across car seats, and in strollers. The love each quilt represents will be felt for many years.

We place the quilts in layette baskets for young mothers to receive when they give birth. Each basket contains the quilt, diapers, baby supplies and clothing. We design each basket around the quilt that goes into it.

We also give quilts to families coming into the office needing supplies-especially when the weather turns cooler. Many families lack the funds for decent winter clothing, and a quilt keeps their babies warm.

Please know every stitch you put into each quilt is appreciated and seen as a stitch of love and compassion.

Sincerely,

*Susan Canterbury*

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