

SNIPPETS

June 2024

- the monthly newsletter of Coastal Carolina Quilters

President's Message

June CCQ Presidents Note

Happy summer everyone, we celebrate so very many items this month.

Aside from the normal Father's Day and Juneteenth, June is the month for graduations, weddings, summer solstice, lazy summer days and the beginning of hurricane season.

I am freshly back from Ohio where I attended the twin grandson's 8th grade graduation.

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**
- ⇒ **Take Home a Charity Kit to Sew**

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

June 17, 2024	10:00 am	CCQ Meeting and Trunk Show (Karen Bennett)
June 17, 2024	10:00 am	Guild Fund Raiser - Auction of Quilts – Bring Checkbook
June 17, 2024	12:00pm	Demo Scalloped Borders & Binding– Patti Sperry
July 15, 2024	9:00 am	Charity Sew
August 19, 2024	9:00 am	Charity Sew
September 16, 2024	10:00 am	CCQ Meeting - Yard Sale (see page 4 for details)

- **Take Home a Charity Kit to Sew**

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June 1st is the official start of hurricane season, and as we think about being prepared, here is a short list of items you may want to keep on hand on your emergency kit:

- 1 gallon of water per day per person for at least three days.
- At least a three-day supply of nonperishable food.
- A battery-powered or hand-crank radio, along with a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio that sends an automatic tone in case of an emergency alert.
- A flashlight and extra batteries.
- A cellphone with chargers and a backup battery.
- A whistle to signal for help.

Summer Solstice is June 20th this year and it signifies the time of the year when the days are the longest and this means more day light time for sewing! What a great day indeed. This month

What is Summer Solstice

The summer solstice is the day of the year when the days are the longest and the nights get the shortest. The event happens when the tilt of the earth's semi-axis is most towards the Sun.



we will see a terrific Trunk Show from Karen Bennett. The next two meetings (July and August) will be Charity sews, where we also hope to work on some items for the 2025 Meet The Quilters. I hope everyone can attend and help the group with all the bags, quilts, and MTQ items. Many hands make light work.

Also, this month, we are going to be auction off a few quilts for the guild fund raiser. So please bring your check books. Also, take part in the 50/50 and the Longarm Raffle we are running.

I want to also share with everyone a place I found that has free quilt patterns, you can download the PDF files for free, or just view and get some information.:

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<https://quiltinspiration.blogspot.com/>

Here is a sample of what the site looks like:

Feng Shui floral quilt, free pattern at Michael Miller Fabrics ([CLICK for PDF download](#))



Field of Tulips quilt, free pattern by Wendy Sheppard for Windham Fabrics ([CLICK for PDF download](#))



FREE PATTERNS! STAR
QUILTS (CLICK!)



It offers FREE patterns in all styles along with having the all in a easy to find category like "STAR" patterns. It is a wonderful site for inspiration and so many pretty quilts. I hope you find a little something that you can use.

You're Welcome!!!

Lastly, thank you all for allowing me to serve as your president this year, it may be a struggle at time as I flounder through our meetings, but you are always there correcting me and making me a better person.

Sincerely,

Lou Veverka

"Friends and quilts are great no matter how they are put together." —

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Program News

Joanne Shropshire

This month we will be having a trunk show by our own Karen Bennett. Karen worked in the insurance field for many years. She quilted since her children were small but really expended on quilting when she moved to Pawleys Island when she retired. Karen worked at Quilters Cottage in Garden City until its closing. When she retired Karen purchased her Longarm. She quilts for herself and has expanded her knowledge of longarming through many classes she has taken. Karen ruler work is wonderful but her hand guided work is wonderful so her trunk show should be great.

Upcoming meetings

July- charity sew

August- charity sew

September- yard sale \$10 per table limit of 2 tables, sign up with Joanne Shropshire space is limited. Must be a member of CCQ Guild.

Quilt Auction this month

The guild has received a number of wonderful quilts that we will be auctioning off at this month's meeting. There is an Amish made quilt and a number of quilts that Jerri has made. So, bring your check book and your bidding hand.

Patty Sperry will be doing a short demo on **scalloped borders** and binding at the meeting this month since she could not do it at the round tables and a number of people asked about having this demo.

Upcoming Programs and Reminders

June – Trunk Show – Karen Bennett

June – Auction of Quilts

June – Demo Scalloped Borders & Binding – Patti Sperry

July – Charity Sew

August – Charity Sew

September – Yard Sale

- ***Take Home a Charity Kit to Sew***

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

Program News

Joanne Shropshire

The free table is a wonderful thing for us to share with each other but please remove any thing that you brought that no one else has claimed. It is not fair to make others to clean up after you. Below is a picture of what was left last month that had to be cleaned up and many officers have so much else to take care of before they can leave. Be kind and check the table before you leave.



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

Charity News

Margo Woolard

The summer workshops are almost upon us. Mark your calendars for July 15th and August 19th. If you've never attended a workshop before...it's fast and furious. No lie...it's a bit of a sweatshop shop. But it's worth it. Think about all those smiles on the children's faces when they receive one of our quilts or a bead bag. That's priceless! And you are rewarded with ice cream sundaes with all the trimmings. Yum!!

Thanks to all those that have taken home all those baby kits and bead bag kits this past year. All your hard work has really paid off...we have 80 baby quilt tops with backs and batting ready to go and about 75 or more bead bags that need cording.

The sign-up sheets for the various jobs were out last month and will be available again this month. Thanks to all those who already volunteered to help. We still could use more sewers and a couple more pressers. Please see Margo to sign up. Won't be at the meeting? Contact me via text at 843-655-4826 or email cdwool31@frontier.com.

If you're looking for some easy sewing to do this summer...there always kits available and quilts that need quilting, spray basted or longarmed.

Charity News

Margo Woolard

10 Tips to a Better Binding

Tip #1: **Prepare the quilt.** Check to make sure the quilt lies flat and the corners and edges are accurate. Square corners should be 90 degrees; if they are not, trim them using a large square ruler. The edges should be straight and without ripples. Measure the middle, the top and bottom of the quilt to see if the top is square, if not, trim as necessary. The more care that is taken at this point, the better the edge finish will turn out.

Tip #2: **Stabilize the edges.** Using your walking foot, sew a small zig-zag stitch around the entire quilt edge. This will help prevent the top from being pulled out of shape during the binding process. This is especially helpful if there is minimal quilting near the edges. Zig-Zagging the edge can also help solve the problem of rippled edges. *This is an important step and only takes just a few minutes to do.*

Tip #3: **Applying the binding.** Use a walking foot throughout and set your stitch length to 3.0 or 3.5 if it's flannel. You're sewing thru multiple layers; a larger stitch length helps if you need to ease in any fullness.

Tip #4: **Where to start your binding.** Start your binding about halfway on the bottom side of your quilt. Leaving an 8" tail, place the binding even with the quilt edge and start sewing. Be sure to back stitch.

Tip #5: **Getting your corners true and square.** Depending the look, you're going for and the width of the binding you're using, (2", 2 ¼" or 2 ½"), will determine where you need to stop before you get to the corner. Whatever that width is, use your sewing gauge and measure that same width from the corner and place a pin there. Sew up to that pin and with needle down, sew off the back edge of your quilt top.

Tip #6: **Mitering the corners.** Put the needle up and pull the quilt top away from the feed dogs with the threads still attached. No need to cut the threads! Now fold the binding up to make a miter (45-degree angle). Then fold the binding back onto itself; making sure the folded edge of the binding is even with the top. If don't do this the corner will not look good. Put the quilt top under the presser foot again and start sewing the binding again until you get to the next corner. Repeat the process for the other corners.

Tip #7: **Back to where you started!** After the last corner, stop sewing and backstitch again when you are about 8" from the tail you started with. This will give you enough space to miter the 2 ends together.

Tip #8: **Mitering the 2 binding ends.** Lay the left end of the bind flat and even next to the quilt top edge. Overlap the remaining right side of the binding onto the left side. If using a 2 ½" binding, measure 2 ½" over from the raw edge of the left binding and draw a line on the top binding strip. Now, cut on that line and you're almost done.! Join the two ends of the binding like you would normally when making that binding, draw a line, sew on the line, trim a ¼" away from the sewn line and finger press the seam open. Lastly, line up the binding with the quilt top edge again and stitch it down.

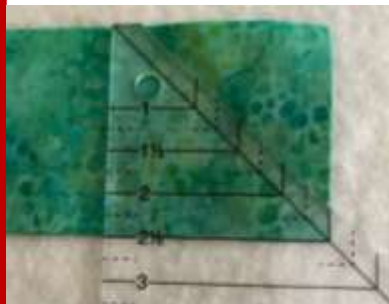
Tip #9: **Pressing is the key** to a smooth, flat and even finished binding. It also makes it much easier to topstitch the edge down. Press the binding up and away from the quilt top all the way around the top. Then turn the quilt over and press the binding back over the edge, being sure to fill the binding completely. Pin the binding in place before topstitching if you feel more comfortable doing that.

Tip #10: **Topstitching** can be done a variety of ways. Use a straight stitch very close to the edge of the binding is the easiest or use any decorative stitch you like. Matching the thread color to the backing makes the stitching on the back less noticeable.

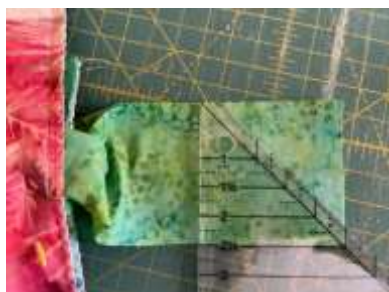
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Using the Folded Corner Clipper for Bindings



- With all binding strips **RIGHT SIDES UP**, trim the edges. Align the Folded Corner Clipper to your binding width. In the picture the width of the binding is 2 ½ inches. Trim this edge. Place two pieces right side together as shown and sew ¼ inch from the slanted edge. The seam should go through the notches in the fabric. Press the seam open for less bulk.



- **Ending your binding:** Leave a large space (at least 12 inches) between where you started to apply the binding and where you stop applying the binding. You will need to join the two ends of the bindings. Trim the binding so that there is an overlap of the two sections equal to the width of the bindings as shown above. This binding is 2 ½ inches wide. Pin your quilt so that one binding is on the top of the other, **RIGHT SIDES UP**. Align the two edges as shown in the picture. Trim the edge and pin the two sections to keep them aligned. Sew using a ¼ inch seam. Press the seam open.
- Then continue to sew this section of your binding to your quilt using the ¼ inch seam.

Membership News

Mary Terwiske and Peggy DeVivo

Please remember to wear your name tag to the meeting. Instructions for the name tag are on our website page. If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact Mary and Peggy, there contact information is listed below.

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CCQ Membership Count

125

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



Sunshine



Patti Balsinger

Sandy Jacobs was back in the hospital at MUSC let's spread some Sunshine by sending her cards to cheer her up!

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