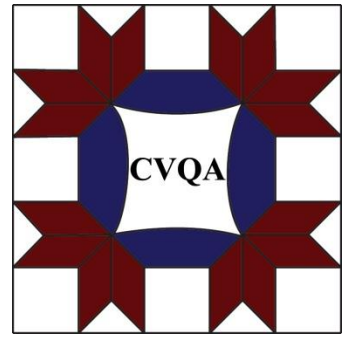


# Cumberland Valley Quilters Association April 5, 2011

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## MEETING NOTICES

**Tuesday, April 5, 2011-** First Prebysterian Church, Franklin Road, Assembly at 9:30 a.m., Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**Program:** Applique

**Hospitality:** Balog, Brown, Bouldin, Cress, Gawrys, Happel, Hofstetter, Litvack, Lowe, Neilan, Renaldo, Shaffer, Watson, Whaley

**Door Prizes:** Shirley McClintock, Nancy Garrison, Jean Odom

**Membership/Welcome:** Jeannie Lausten

**Library:** Yes

**Evening Stars:** April 19, 6:30 – Neck Gators/Charity by Nancy Paini

**Board Meeting:** April 7, 9am – Hot Spot Coffee Shop

## OFFICERS:

**President**  
Tammy Barfels

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**  
Babs Knieriem

**Treasurer**  
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**Communications Secretary**  
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## Upcoming Quilt Events:

Wallhangings by Bets Ramsey April 7-May 9 Nashville, TN

International Quilt Festival/Cincinnati April 8-10, 2011  
[www.quilts.com](http://www.quilts.com)

AQS Quilt Show and Contest/Paducah April 27-30, 2011  
[americanquilter.com](http://americanquilter.com)

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It all started about 4 years ago in Key West. We went down on a vacation and saw all the roosters and chickens walking in the streets. Some were very pretty and others, well a face only a mother could love. Anyway, that is what started the idea in my head that it would be pretty cool to have my own chickens. Every year in the spring since then we would talk about building the coop that would house these chickens and how we would build it and so on and so forth. Well, this year I went over to visit Chris G and I asked if I could see her coop and chickens. She was more than happy to oblige and I even got to hold one of the girls. Well, you know I went straight home and told my husband and that night he got out pencil and paper and started drafting it up. I am happy to say that what started out as just a little coop is now known as the chicken palace. It is complete with colored glass windows, a little porch, a dutch door and is painted a very pretty periwinkle color that I just love. I tried to get him to add piped in music but no dice. So what does this have to do with quilting you may ask? Well to me, a lot.

When I am making a new quilt I have many ideas that go thru my head. A color combination I have seen, or a shape, or even just a doodle that I may see in my book of doodling. This leads to playing with the fabric that I own or even a trip to the local fabric store to see what might inspire me. Once home and armed with a stack of fabric that I consider to be my starting point I start throwing around the colors. I have trouble using just a few colors and even ask myself why I would want to when there are so many colors to work with. I find that just sewing the colors together and seeing how they cut up makes me see things I may not normally see. There is a process my mind takes in creating and I like to see how things evolve. I have an idea of what I want when I start out and maybe where I want to end up but what evolves along the way is the exciting part and letting myself go do what I think looks good is the part that is the most freeing hence the chicken palace.

So I leave you with this : 'Creative people have an abiding curiosity and an insatiable desire to learn how and why things work. They take nothing for granted. They are interested in things around them and tend to stow away bits and pieces of information in their minds for the future use. And, they have a great ability to mobilize their thinking and experiences for use in solving a new problem.' Bill Hewlett

## Our donation item for March is Any Cleaning Supply

### Program Info:

A bit of information about different styles of appliqué. Whether you prefer to learn more about hand appliqué or you want to brush up on some machine appliqué, we will have tips for you.

Check us out on [Facebook](#).  
Once you have logged in,  
just search for [Cumberland  
Valley Quilters Association](#)

### April Birthdays:

Carol Rubin	2nd
Sharon Hohmann	3rd
Karla Stratton	4th
Pam Olds	12th
Jackie Watson	30th

### Sunshine Report

A card was sent to Lucille Branham who was in the hospital. Cards were also sent to Linda Huneryager and Linda Shaffer both of whom had surgery.

### Friendship Committee

Thank you so much for all the blocks that were turned in. I have lots of blocks now, but unfortunately, there are so many different colors that it's a challenge to make a top that looks really good. So, each month, I'd like to ask for a color. If you can, please make a block using that color. I know the newsletter comes out close to the meeting so, if you can't get finished in time, just bring it the next month. This month's colors will be lavendars and purples. No batiks please, since I don't have any batiks right now. Thanks.  
Valerie

### Membership Moment:

Welcome new member – Charmaine Brown!

This beautiful weather puts me in the mood for easy and happy projects. I have made recently for my 5 year old granddaughter a precious sundress out of Amy Butler fabric with matching owl shaped purse, and a chocolate Easter bunny door hanging. Quick gratification! I hope you are finding some fun projects also.

### CONFESSIONS OF A NO STASH GAL:

Okay, I admit it – I have NO stash! I used to keep this a secret, wondering why I couldn't stock pile bolts of Moda, tons of civil war fat quarters, stacks and stacks of brights or yards and yards of sale fabric. Then some enlighten person said to me "Oh, you are a Project Person". AHAA! So, I only buy what I need for a certain project. This may be hard for some of you to understand.

Oh, I have tons of scraps, boxes of 2" strips, even 11 yards of Little Golden Book fabric, but they all have a project in mind. Many quilt designers say if you like a fabric you should buy 2 yards, and if you love it you should buy 4. Are they kidding! I love almost every thing I see! If I did that my entire house, garage and attic would look like Judy Nichols' famous fabric wall! I would be at my Bernina 24/7 trying to use it all up. I'd be broke!

So, I finally realized my stash is the entire content of Quilting Squares, Myra's and every quilt shop I visit across the country – I just haven't bought it yet! Now.... books and patterns are a different story.....

In Stitches, Bas Knieriem

### News from Charity Quilts

Be sure and return any "string" quilt blocks you have finished so we can put them with other finished blocks and put together quilts. Also, just a reminder, if you picked up any "kits" from past meetings and they are ready to go to the next step, be sure and bring them so we can pass them on to the next person. We have lots of "quilt" kits that are made that have the quilt top, batting, back and binding ready to be quilted or tied - be sure and pick one up to work on! They are various sizes.

We are planning on putting together kits for a new pattern after the May meeting - watch for info in the newsletter!

Thanks to everyone who is working on Charity quilts!

Happy Sewing,  
Pam and Cindy

SUBMISSIONS FOR EACH NEWSLETTER ARE DUE BY THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH.  
PLEASE SEND THEM TO JILL AT [cvqgmail@gmail.com](mailto:cvqgmail@gmail.com). Thanks!

## MAGAZINE/BOOK SALE

We are planning a book and magazine sale at the June (picnic) meeting. The library committee will accept donated items from you at each meeting until and including the June meeting. If you get them in early we will be able to sort by type making your shopping easier but we won't turn down donations the day of the meeting. When you present your donations to the library committee please tell them they are for the book sale.



March Soldier Quilt Workshop Pictures

## "ON THE ROAD AGAIN"

**QUILTERS** we have our bus trip planned for Paducah.

Date: **April 27, 2011**

Departure: 6 am arrive by 5:45 am.

First Stop: Hancock's of Paducah estimated arrival 8:30 am.

Second Stop: AQS Quilt Show estimated arrival 10 am.

Departure: 6 PM We should arrive back at Cool Springs by 9 PM @the latest.

We will be departing from the Cool Springs Galleria parking lot. We are to park between Sears and the I-65 freeway.

Payment is **\$25.00.**

Payable when you sign up. No refunds and no reservations. After our February meeting we will open the bus to other Guilds. The last trip was great fun. What could be more fun??

Pat Christinson



## Soldier Quilts:

Thank you everyone for your help in supporting Soldier Quilts! We had a great turnout last month after the meeting and as a result we have 15 quilts that are ready to be quilted. If any of you would like to practice your quilting skills, please come pick up a quilt. We could really use your help. Just see Cyndy or myself and we'll get you set up. Thanks.

Marsha

## Mystery Quilt 2011

Wow! What a good time we had at our get-together. I'm so glad so many of you came and I hope you had as much fun as I did. And, I really appreciate everyone who helped clean up afterwards. It's time for Clue #4, which will arrive the weekend before the meeting. Clue #3 is the hardest one and the most time-consuming. From here on, it's clear sailing. Have fun.

Valerie

Mystery Quilt  
Get-Together Pictures

# Thanks to Sherrie and Jean for giving us a new perspective on Challenge Quilts!



Challenge entrants: Nancy Garrison, Sherri Gleaves, Babs Knieriem, Marianne Cooley, and Wanda Palus



Challenge entrant: Chris Grayson



Challenge entrants: Shirley Howard and Nancy Garrison

Jackie Watson shared some of her Fantastic "Challenge" quilts (right)



The CVQA is compiling a list of members who do quilt related services "for hire" This will be put on a link to our web site for the convenience of our members.

Do not put prices , just your contact info and mark or write in your service.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ contact information: phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Service: Long or mid arm quilting \_\_\_\_\_ Hand quilting \_\_\_\_\_ piecing \_\_\_\_\_ machine embroidery \_\_\_\_\_ binding \_\_\_\_\_

make labels \_\_\_\_\_ Custom quilts \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirts quilts \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

You can bring these forms to the next meeting and give them to me - Babs Knieriem or email them to me at knieriem@comcast.net.

# Evening Stars

Quilts are more art than necessity these days. It is a creative, spirit lifting endeavor. Some of the most beautiful quilts have come from someone working through a tragedy. It was documented in the early 1900's by a physician that women who were quilters recovered quicker than others who were not from illness. So are you not glad you can call yourself a quilter? I feel quilters are very positive people.

As last month was a two for one meeting report the April newsletter will have the details of the March meeting. I would like to remind everyone the CVQA has a night time meeting. The "Evening Stars" of the guild use a workshop format with members as teachers. We try to do small projects that can be finished in one meeting with little or no cost. We encourage all members to attend and bring Show and Tell, even if it is a partial project. Questions about projects are welcome, there is always someone willing to help and give advice.

Do you feel patriotic? To remember our troops, we will be making and donating neck gators. Nancy Paini will be teaching us how to make the neck gators. Supplies: 1 yard of fleece, sewing machine and basic sewing supplies (BSS). Now is a good time to buy that fleece on sale. Dark colors and camouflage are the best colors.

In case you need to know the Evening Stars meet at the Barnabas Center, 506 Fair Street, Franklin, Tennessee in downtown Franklin, (use the backside parking lot) on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The best way to enter is off New 96W, across the street from the Hillsboro Rd, Bank of America drive thru, which is next door to McDonalds. The Evening Stars start @ 6:30 PM with social time followed by the workshop @ 7:00 PM.

Come join us and see what we are up to.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginabeth Young

**March Q Tip 2011:** Save those small jars that jelly comes in from Hotels. They are a good way to throw away old broken, bent pins and needles without someone getting stuck from a stray pin in the trash.

Leigh Vandenberg



## Wall hangings by Bets Ramsey

**April 7 - May 9, 2011**

Centennial Club

2805 Abbott Martin Rod, Nashville, TN

**OPENING RECEPTION ~ April 7, 1-3 P.M.**

Park to the right of the building and enter the lower level.

Open 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. weekdays

An exhibition of wall hangings by Bets Ramsey features diverse approaches to Japanese hand and machine-made textiles. Bets Ramsey was elected to The Quilters Hall of Fame in 2005 and received the Tennessee Governor's Award in the Arts in 2009.



Evening Stars Show and Tell

For further information: [betsramsey@comcast.net](mailto:betsramsey@comcast.net)