

Welcome

Welcome, New Member!

Cabin Branch Quilters (CBQ) Guild membership is from January to December of each year.

We meet on the fourth Monday evening of each month (with occasional exceptions due to calendar conflicts with our host church, or weather). Meetings officially begin at 7:00 p.m., though many members arrive early (6:30ish), to contribute to or rummage through the **free table and visit with friends**. Our typical agenda **varies depending on the business at hand,** but includes a business meeting, show and tell and a guest speaker or special event (e.g., Birthday Party/Yard Sale or Holiday Party).

We ask members to wear their **Guild nametag** or **Guild branded shirt**. If you do, please enter your name for the meeting door prize. We fit in a break and time to sign up for future classes and retreats. **Guild Nametag** – pattern is on the web page. https://www.cabinbranchquilters.com/

Stay up-to-date with guild news with the monthly newsletter, News In Pieces. Additionally, throughout the month, there are 'E-News' emails that go out with updates specific to various topics or training opportunities.

At the meeting you can expect:

Free table – We set up a table where people can give or take items at no cost. We do ask that if donated items are not picked up, they are retrieved and dealt with.

Show and Tell – We're all creative people on a journey of fabric arts. It's a great opportunity to show others what you've made and see what your peers have created. All skill levels are encouraged.

Committee reports – Each committee chair is asked to report on that month's activities.

- Membership announces visitors, new members, and winners of the door prize
- Vice Presidents announce upcoming programs
- Quilt Show (during the months that it is applicable)
- NICU Quilts
- Caring Quilts
- · Retreat Chairs (Spring and Fall)
- Chinn Bee (AKA Beekeeper)
- Farewell Blocks
- Challenge Quilts
- Mentoring
- · Newsletter/Social Media
- Arts Council
- PWC Grant
- Raffle Quilt (if applicable)
- Sunshine Lady

Bees and Gatherings – The purpose of our Guild is to "promote, encourage, maintain, and exhibit the art of quilt making; and to support other activities on occasion which may be deemed appropriate."

Outside of our monthly meeting there are a variety of less formal opportunities to meet with guild members and the public.

- Chinn Bee typically a Saturday each month at the Chinn Library in Prince William County.
- Open to the community. We use the community room and spread out with a variety of individual projects and/or a chosen project.
- Wednesday Bee this is a roving Bee and is held nearly every Wednesday. A small group meets in a various member's home from 9:30 – 11:30. This is typically a hand-sewing event. Refer to the newsletter for the name and phone number of the hostess so you can reserve a spot!
- Sit and Sew The Monday of our monthly meeting the church is open to our guild for workshops or open-sew sessions. Workshops require pre-registration and are focused on a specific project/technique and take priority over open-sew. Open-sew allows members to sew, chat, get help, or just pop in for comradery. Time frame for both is 10:00 4:00.