



# Welcome to Common Threads Quilters Guild

Welcome! We're pleased that you decided to become a member of the Common Threads Quilters Guild and look forward to quilting with you!

The following pages are filled with information for you so you can get the full benefits of your membership. If you have any questions at any time, please contact any member and she will gladly help you!

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Our membership year runs from Aug. 1 to the following July 31. Dues are \$24 a year and are prorated after Dec. 31 to \$2 per month. You will receive a membership card which is reissued each year. Some quilt shops will offer a guild discount if you show your card/name tag as proof of membership!

Name tags will be available at all meetings and functions so we can get to know one another and the tags identify us to visitors. Be sure to turn your name tag in at the end of the meeting!

## **WEBSITE**

We have a great website to keep you updated on all that is happening in our guild. You can view our monthly newsletters, patterns, supply lists for upcoming workshops, and access to various helpful links. The address is:

[www.commonthreadsnewnan.com](http://www.commonthreadsnewnan.com)

Under the "more" tab, you can view the guild roster with this password: CTQG

## **BY-LAWS**

Our guild has a set of by-laws that we follow. You can see them on the guild's website (see address above). You are welcome to print a set off for yourself.

## OUR PURPOSE

The CTQG is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a supportive network to benefit all members by:

- \* Sharing of knowledge, skills, and experiences
- \* Fostering quilting education through programs, workshops, speakers and teachers
- \* Providing a forum for an exchange of ideas
- \* Encouraging voluntary participation in Community Service projects to demonstrate love and support of others
- \* Organizing Friendship groups for nurturing and fellowship

## QUILTED NAME TAG

You may notice that some members wear purple and green quilted name tags. Directions for making one are on our website under More.. and then Patterns.

Here is the direct URL: [http://www.commonthreadsnewnan.com/uploads/7/2/5/9/7259734/ctqg\\_name\\_tag\\_pattern.pdf](http://www.commonthreadsnewnan.com/uploads/7/2/5/9/7259734/ctqg_name_tag_pattern.pdf)

## PROGRAMS AND GUILD MEETINGS

Monthly guild meetings are on the 4th Monday unless a holiday interferes so check the calendar on our website. We meet at Mills Chapel Baptist Church, 85 Country Club Road, Newnan, which is located just off on Hwy 29.

Each month the Vice President of Programs plans a meeting program to meet the interest of the guild members. Activities are designed to meet the educational aspects of our purpose and speakers may be brought in to make a presentation to the group following the general meeting. At times, the speakers will also conduct workshops or classes in addition to the meeting program to further enhance our educational objectives.

## SPECIAL MONTHLY PROGRAMS

The guild holds a **Birthday Celebration** at our **August** meeting to applaud our continued growth! It is the beginning of our new fiscal year with the incoming Board of Directors and a membership drive.

**November** is traditionally our **Brown Bag Bonanza** (formerly known as the Chinese Auction), which draws a huge member participation and raises funds for our continued program planning and community service work.

**December** and the holiday season arrives with a **party/luncheon** designed to celebrate the new friendships we have discovered with some plain old fun in

the midst of the hectic holiday season!

### **BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

The BOM chairwoman/women give us a demo at the meetings for a quilt block pattern with directions posted on our website. Some years we have used these BOM for exchanges at the guild meetings and in other years we have all created a quilt with the blocks! There is a drawing for a chance to win the blocks or a prize so we encourage everyone to participate!

### **WAYS AND MEANS**

During each monthly guild meeting we hold a raffle for quilting related items. This is a fund raising effort and donations of items are accepted and other items are purchased for the next month with the proceeds. Currently the cost of tickets is 4 for \$1.

### **LIBRARY**

CTQG has a library of books, magazines, and some DVD's that can be checked out at the monthly meeting.

**MAGAZINE SALES;** The librarian will also accept donations of quilting magazines to resell to the membership at each guild meeting. This is a great fundraiser and a wonderful way to increase your home library! Currently the cost is one magazine for 25¢ or 5 for \$1.

### **SHOW AND TELL**

#### **RIBBONS:**

During our guild meetings we hold a Show & Tell activity in which our members proudly share the projects, along with the stories, that they have completed or acquired, that delight and interest us all! When you have a Show & Tell item, please check in prior to the meeting with the Awards person at a table where you can receive a ribbon to hang on your name tag.

#### **PUNCH CARDS FOR BUTTONS:**

You will receive a 12-hole punch card for earning our guild's buttons. When you join our guild, you will receive your first button. Your card will be punched for every month you participate in Show & Tell and additional

punches for all the extra things you do for our guild! Earn a punch for participating in a charity sewing day, selling tickets for the Opportunity Quilt, giving a workshop, etc. Once your punch card is full, you'll receive another button different from the first!

### **CHALLENGES**

Several times during the year we may be issued a challenge to interpret a particular word, theme, or color into a quilt! You will be given several months to complete the challenge and all members are encouraged not to be afraid to "try anything" when it comes to these challenges.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Our community service projects are an ongoing function within the guild. There is a committee to determine the recipients of the charity quilts made by our members. Often a particular pattern is demonstrated to be made in a size that is needed and then on our Saturday Sewcials we put them together.

In the past we have made quilts for the Crisis Pregnancy Center here in Newnan, quilts for the Fallen Soldiers of Coweta County, and currently quilts for the homeless Veterans being housed at Fort McPherson. Many members also make quilt tops or completed quilts to be donated to community service projects. We have been blessed with donations to complete most of our projects over the past 4 years with only the guild needing to purchase batting.

### **SATURDAY SEWCIALS**

CTQG provides monthly opportunities for our members to come together in a workshop type environment for free instructions from other members. This is a sewcial (social!) opportunity as well as a sewing one. We have a rotating schedule of a class, a charity sewing date, and a "bring your own project" day. We do not meet during the summers or in December. Check the website and come join us at Mills Chapel Baptist Church from 10 - 2, usually on the second Saturday of the month!

### **VOLUNTEERING**

Everything that happens within the guild happens because of a volunteer. There are jobs throughout the year that need volunteers as well as the Board of Directors positions that are for a one-year to two-year duration. The guild is always looking for and needing active participants to keep the ideas fresh and the interests of all members attended to. The best way to feel like you belong is to become involved. Everyone wins when everyone participates!