



WHAT IS NORTH CAROLINA QUILT SYMPOSIUM?

SYMPOSIUM: a drinking party; from the Greek "sypotein" which meant to drink together. A cross between a conference and a seminar, whereby select individuals lecture large groups (conference) and small groups gather to learn (seminar).

North Carolina Quilt Symposium, Inc (NCQSI) consists of a 3-day event held yearly at various NC venues across the state. Teachers from across the nation come to inspire and teach, vendors set up shops with numerous opportunities for retail therapy (including, but not limited to fabulous fabrics and patterns), and people come from far and wide to see and drink in the art of North Carolina quilters. Above all, QUILTERS join in a celebration of one another, forming new friendships and trading new ideas, drinking in the quilts and inspirations from one another.

North Carolina Quilt Symposium dates back to 1978 when Ruth Janesik returned to North Carolina after attending a Symposium event in Kentucky. In 1979, the first NCQSI was held in Raleigh. NCQSI is a non-profit corporation that was formed after the first North Carolina Quilt Symposium in Raleigh in 1979. At the time of its formation, its primary purpose was to insure the continuation of an annual quilt symposium, but its purpose as stated in its charter, "to promote and perpetuate the art of quilting through regularly sponsored symposia within the state of North Carolina and to sponsor other projects designed to preserve, continue, and advance this art form in the direction of the Board of Director's, has allowed it to broaden its scope."

NCQSI work is performed by a volunteer board of directors. This board consists of twenty-one members elected through-out the state. There are no paid staff members and the directors receive only mileage reimbursements for travel to and from meetings. Sole financial support comes from a percentage of the net proceeds from each symposium. By definition, NCQSI has no members. By virtue of location and avocation, every quilter and guild in North Carolina comprises the "membership" of NCQSI!

2010 Symposium co-chairs: Marilyn Gore ~ Patti Hayden ~ Grace Howes

Make plans now to attend this event!

June 3-6, 2010 • Johnson and Wales University • Charlotte, NC

WEBSITE: <http://www.charlottequiltersguild.org/2010symposium.html>

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