



The Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild is a Rocky Mount Arts Center sponsored group

Quilting Times



President's Letter

I can't believe that Spring is here...or so the calendar says..but Mr. Weather Man is talking about snow tomorrow. But that doesn't matter... because any day is a great day to quilt. I was inspired and learned a lot of hints from Cathy's very informative presentation last month. Thank You Cathy. We missed all of you who didn't make the meeting in March and you missed a very inspiring and encouraging presentation. I do hope that everyone is cleaning out their quilting closets for the auction this month. Bring your items to Englewood United Methodist Church on Friday night April 8. If you can't bring your items on Friday night, call a board member and we will make arrangements to get the items or you can bring them on Saturday morning. Please label all fabric for the amount there, exampleyard, half yard, fat quarter, etc. and label kits as to what is included....fabric, backing, batting, pattern,...or label what is missing. Label with any information you feel is necessary so that it will help the auctioneer and those bidding on the items. Do you miss not talking and sharing with other guild members in between meetings? I want to encourage you, if you are not already, to sign up for the TRPQG group on yahoo groups and make sure we have your email address on the guild

membership list. There is a lot of chatter between meetings, ideas shared, website links, pictures, etc. I realize that not everyone has computer access, so we have bees that meet at various times between meetings. Why not take the time to visit a bee and see if you can find one that fits you. Staying connected between meetings is a fun way to stay involved.

Also...I want to take just a few seconds to remind everyone of the fat quarter draw we do at every meeting. How do I get in on the fun you ask? Well it is very simple. Bring a fat quarter with your name rolled up inside and drop it in the basket or bag at the sign in desk. At some point in the meeting, we will draw a fat quarter out....and whomever's name is in the fat quarter is the month's winner of all fat quarters entered that month.

See ya at the meeting and remember to bring your fat quarter, friend, and auction donation, and cash or check for your auction purchases. Let's have some fun at this meeting bidding and buying!

Karen



Our Next Meeting Englewood United Methodist Church AUCTION!

Saturday, April 9

9:00 am - Social

9:30 am - Meeting

- **Auction items if you couldn't get them here sooner.**
- **Wear Your Name Tag !**
- **Bring a Friend!**
- **Charity/Patriotic Quilts**
- **Show & Tell**
- **Fat Quarter for the drawing!**

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Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild
March 12, 2011

President Karen Batts opened the March meeting at 9:32 am. She started the meeting with congratulations to Cathy Wiggins on winning a blue ribbon at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Show in Hampton, VA. Karen also reminded everyone of the Roanoke Rapids Quilt Show scheduled for March 26th and 27th and announced the May 28th May Day Festival in Easton (free admission). President Batts thanked everyone who participated in the charity kit workshop after February's guild meeting. She then reminded everyone that next month's meeting will be the auction at Englewood United Methodist Church. Bring your donated items to sell on Friday night, April 8th. Or, if you can't make it Friday night, call a Board member for pickup of your items.

Sally Thorpe and Dinah Shearin thanked all who brought food to the March meeting. See them about signing up to bring food for next month's meeting.

Diane Howard asked prayer for her brother and his wife in Tokyo, as well as for members of their church. She had been unable to communicate with her brother thus far and was concerned for their lives and safety due to the recent tsunami.

President Batts asked if everyone received the March 2011 Newsletter and accepted the February minutes as written. Sandy Harris moved to accept the minutes, and Jane Privette seconded the motion. There was no opposition, and the minutes were accepted.

Martha Cianos talked about the project "100 Quilts in 100 Days" for Flags of Valor, to be completed by Flag Day, June 14th. The project organizers are looking to receive 1800 blocks. Participants must use fabrics of red and/or medium blue and a cream colored background. The pattern to use is "Just One Star" and can be found at modafabrics.com. Do not trim the block. If you already made one using a white background, you can still turn it in and our guild will use it to make a patriotic quilt for wounded soldiers--those that Jane Privette has been delivering.

Check the newsletter for the next installment of the mystery quilt. The newsletter usually goes out the week before our guild meeting.

Lyn Varney announced that My Sister's House will have a fundraiser auction at the Art Center on April 1st. They will take outright donations and will also sell on consignment if you wish--you can have the item(s) sold for yourself, with a commission on the sale going to My Sister's House.

On April 2nd there will be a yard sale at Peace Church. Their quilting group will use the proceeds for buying batting for the charity quilts they make and distribute. The cost is only \$10 per table. The sale begins at 7:00 am.

Committee Reports:

Vice President Gayle Helm thanked everyone for their input on the surveys. We are still collecting surveys and value the suggestions provided by members.

Be sure to attend April's auction to find and buy treasures. We will be setting up on Friday night.

The Theatre of the American South will run for 3 weeks in May. There will be a quilt display on May 21st from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, in conjunction with The Wilson Quilt Guild. You can sign up in April if you have a quilt to display. They are exploring the idea of hanging some of the quilts from the buildings, to create a spectacular display that will draw people to the show from near and far. If they hang them from buildings, they, of course, will need to find a way to protect the backs of the quilts, which will be against the building fronts, and would appreciate suggestions. Our Raffle Quilt will be displayed there and tickets will be sold. Connie Wilson will be a featured speaker. Check out the Theatre of the American South website for details.

In June we will have workshops--Christmas in June--with members demonstrating ideas for gifts to make.

The Quilt Exhibit at the Dunn Center is scheduled for September/October 2011. Our guild will be the only one involved, so we need a good showing of quilts to display.

Treasurer Mae Carroll has put the Treasurer's Report in the Newsletter. The current bank balance is \$6,759.45, which includes \$365.50 in emergency funds.

Membership Chair, Debbie Quitquit, reported that there were 56 members present at the meeting. Guests present included Emily Pearson, Sara Knight, Linda Nickerson, Diann Aycock, and Audrea Grigas. There were two who joined the guild for the first time, Robin Keller and Dawn Hendrix.

Membership renewals included Kecia Jones, Teresa Garrett, and Evelyn Purvis.

Librarian, Virginia Ward, announced the addition of 2 new booksto the library, Quilters Christmas Cookbooks Favorite Recipes.

Charity Committee Chair Maryann Rettino thanked everyone who stayed to put together charity kits after February's guild meeting, noting that most participants took their kits home to complete! She currently has pretty many bereavement quilts. Five baby wraps were donated to Nash Hospital last month. The committee has no adoption agency or neonatal quilts right now. Maryann will be delivering some quilts to My Sisters House. If you have anything to donate to them, please see her.

The Charity Quilt Committee will again be giving out pins and/or charms to members for charity quilt donations. Susie Crumpler will be taking charge of handing out the pins. Please see her to get one for your 2010 quilt, so she does not have to try to chase everyone down. She will begin handing them out quarterly, rather than all at the end of the year.

Raffle Quilt Chair Pam Smith stated that Rachel's Remnants is working on piecing the quilt and is almost done. Betsy Freeman has volunteered to quilt it. Nancy Knapp has volunteered to get the tickets made. The unveiling will be at the May TRPQG meeting and will also then be displayed at the Theatre of the American South in May.

March Minutes Continued:

Beekeeper Pam Kowalk reminded us that bee participants need to be members of TRPQG and that bees are to be limited to 15 people. The leaders of the bees are as follows: Rachel's Remnants--Ramona Orzelle; Fat Quarters--Martha Cianos; Busy Bees (full)--Susie Crumpler; Sew Bee It--Paula Loges; Betty's Bee--Betty Rightmyer; Tar Bees--Alison Boyette.

Ramona Orzelle commented that when the by-laws were set up, they set the limit per bee at 15, since most were meeting in homes. The Wilson bee now meets in a library and could probably handle more than 15. President Batts said the Board will look into the 15-member limit and possible flexibility.

Door Prizes

Beverly Couch won the fat quarter drawing. President Batts explained that anyone can participate in this drawing by bringing in a fat quarter(s) with your name tucked inside.

Helen Alston won the nametag drawing. Frances Cooley and Mae Carroll won the sew-n-tell drawing.

After the business meeting and sew-n-tell, Cathy Wiggins presented her excellent lecture entitled, Win, Place, or Show, providing us with many helpful ideas and tips for creating award winning quilts.

The meeting and lecture was concluded by 12:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Myers/Guild Secretary

Auction Set-Up
Friday, April 8th from 5pm - Until
Come Join the FUN!
And preview the Goodies!
Please measure any fabric you donate and
if possible bind up your magazines in a
stack. We need lots of goodies make a
successful auction!

[The Theater of the American South](#)
May 21 at the Boykin Center, Wilson, NC

We will have sign up sheet at the meeting to see who would like to have their quilt displayed.
Also, we will need volunteers to help sell tickets to the raffle quilt that day.
www.TheaterOfTheAmericanSouth.org

Quilts for Japan
If you would like to bring in a quilt for the
Quilter's Newsletter's project of sending
quilts to victims of the tragedy in Japan,
please bring them to the meeting and give
them to any member of the charity commit-
tee. We will see that they get mailed.

[Comfort Bags for Police Cars](#)
The Charity Committee has been working hard &
has an assortment of items to put in the comfort
bags, but help is needed to make the bags. They can
be no larger than 12"x16"; they must be able to be
closed (no buttons - use Velcro or a drawstring (but
the drawstring cannot be sewn into a circle.
The ends must be open)
Contact a committee member for more details.

Saturday, April 2
Cathy Wiggins' "Open Studio"
260 Pasture Gate Road, Macon, NC

In June we will be having sewing demon-
strations. Please let Gayle know if you
have a technique or project that you would
like to demonstrate to the guild.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We now have 92 members who have renewed -- keep spreading the word about our guild.

We had 55 members in attendance at the meeting. **Dawn Hendrix** is our newest member.

We had 3 renewals (Kecia Jones, Teresa Garrett & ??? - Welcome Back!

Invite your neighbors, relatives, or even a stranger to come visit with us.

Please update any changes with Debbie Quitquilt - quitquilt@hotmail.com or 434-594-7254.

Notes from the Vice President

- We are really looking forward to the April Auction! Since this is one of our major fund raisers for the Guild, I hope everyone is out there looking for goodies to donate for the auction!! One person's donations are another person's treasures!! And we can really help the Guild by having a successful auction. Parker has offered to be our auctioneer once again - I don't know about you but, it's worth going just to listen to him!! Please help your Guild by getting your donations for the auction to the Englewood Church Friday, April 8 between 5:00-7:00! If you can't bring it by Friday night, please contact one of the Board members and we'll arrange something to get your donations. Thank you for your support!!!
 - **SHOW YOUR STUFF!!** We have 2 GREAT opportunities coming up to "Show Your Stuff!"
- We have the **Theatre of the American South event in Wilson on May 21**. Not only are we going to have our Raffle Quilt on display and selling tickets but, we are going to do something unique and inspirational by displaying our quilts on the buildings in downtown Wilson!! We'll have a sign up sheet at the next meeting to see who will be participating in this event. We're hoping it's something that will take off and grow in the years to come and people will come from all over to see the quilts! You'll need to select quilts for the display that has sleeves or loops on the back and that can be hung outside on a 2 story building! There are no limits to how many quilts you can display. We have people that will actually do the hanging but, we'll need to "prepare" the quilts (e.g., sheet on the back of the quilt) and provide the material to hang the quilts. I hope we are starting something BIG with this event and I hope you'll want to be involved from the beginning!! We are going to be participating with the Wilson Quilt Guild and it should be a great partnership!
- We also have our **Healing Hearts and Hands Quilt Show at the Dunn Center September 30 - October 30**. This is just for our TRPQ Guild and provides us the opportunity to show off our skills and talents. Each person can submit up to 2 quilts. You can mark the items "for sale" or "not for sale". This is going to be a wonderful event to showcase our Guild and the great work you have all done. We'll be starting a sign up sheet so we can begin to get an idea of what we'll have for the show. Start planning on what you want to enter to Show Your Stuff!!
- In May we will have fun filled meeting, with games and prizes. Don't miss it!
- In June we're planning on the mini workshops and we've already lined up a few demonstrators! This is one of my favorite events as we get to learn about new projects and skills! Please let me know if you are interested in being one of the demonstrators!



Step 3-

Join the 2-5/8" DARK half-square triangles and the 4-3/4" LIGHT quarter-square triangles to make 68 Flying Geese units as shown.



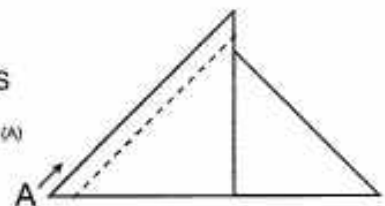
Make 68.

Press the seams toward the DARK triangles.

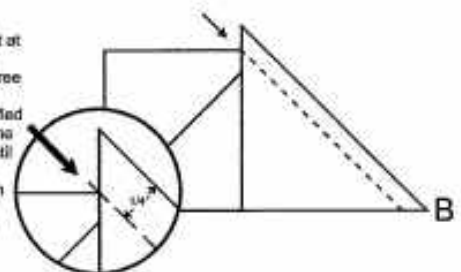
The units should measure 2-1/4" x 4" (raw edge to raw edge) when sewn.

STITCHING TIPS FOR "FLYING GEESE" UNITS

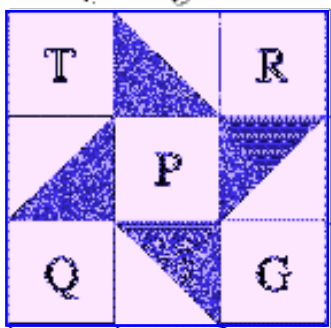
1. Join left-hand triangle: Match points (A) and bottom edges; sew in direction of arrow. Press seam toward smaller triangle.



2. Join right-hand triangle: Start at arrow. Your 1/4" seam should EXACTLY intersect the 90-degree angle where the two smaller triangles meet, as in the magnified portion of the drawing. Adjust the position of the loose triangle until the seam lines up correctly. Take a few stitches, then match points (B) and finish stitching the seam. Press seam toward smaller triangle.



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DATE	UPCOMING QUILTING EVENTS
April 1-30	Rocky Mount, NC Wesleyan - Quilting a Community's History
April 1-2	Elizabeth City, NC - "Quilting from the Heart" Colonial Quilt Lovers Guild - Knobb Creek Recreation Center
May 13-14	Morehead City, NC - "Coastal Stars Quilt Show", Crystal Coast Civic Center, Arendell St., Morehead City
May 21	Wilson, NC - Theater of the American South - Boykin Center
Now - May 14	Harrisonburg, VA - The Magic of Mirrors: The Beauty of Kaleidoscope Quits - Virginia Quilt Museum - www.SAQA.com

North Carolina Quilt Symposium

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Peace College

June 2-5, 2011

<http://ncqsi.org>

email: ncqsl1@capitalquilters.org

Paula Loges as she recovers from surgery. Wendy Ferguson as she undergoes her radiation treatments. Barbara-Jean Shafer's 1/2 sister Janice & her niece, Sarah as both have serious illnesses. Please keep these ladies in your prayers.



If you have anyone you want remembered, please let me know (zippy1044@nc.rr.com).

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Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales: Pam Smith	985-3863
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Quilt Show: Wendy Ferguson	291-5333
Hospitality: Dinah Shearin	443-6945
Sally Thorpe	537-3419

All area codes are 252 unless listed with the number

TREASURER'S REPORT

Opening Balance		\$ 6,759.45
Deposits:		
Membership	\$ 90.00	
Class Fee	\$ 25.00	
Raffle Tickets	\$ 20.00	
Ad - Newsletter	\$ 20.00	
Total Deposits		\$ 155.00
Expenses:		
Charity Committe	\$ 135.00	
Program expense	\$ 25.00	
Less Total Expenses		<u>(\$ 160.00)</u>
Balance as of March 23, 2011		\$ 6,754.45
(Balance Include \$365.50 Emergency Fund)		

A Big TRPQG Thank You to:

- **Cathy Wiggins for an excellent presentation!**
- **Nancy Knapp for offering to make the raffle tickets!**
- **Everyone who made and took a Charity kit!**
- **The Charity Committee for making the kits!**
- **Everyone who renewed their membership!**
- **Everyone who brought a guest!**
- **Everyone who paid their dues!**