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President's Letter

Wow...what a meeting last month. Thanks to everyone who stayed and help put together charity kits and stuff the care bags. Thanks to everyone who took kits home to sew. There are plenty of kits left for those who want one to sew one; see Mary Ann for your kit. Thank you to Jane and Mary Ann for taking quilts to Womack Army Center and also to Sue for going with Mary Ann to deliver the care bags to the Tarboro Police Department.

We have a great meeting planned for this month. We have Patty Cline from Quilters Gallery coming to do a trunk show and talk about the rulers she uses and then following our meeting she will be teaching a class on corners and curves. If you are interested in taking this class, contact Gayle to see if there is room for you. The class fee of \$20.00 includes a kit with 3 precut blocks.

Can you believe that our guild will be another year older in September? So with that comes election of officers....and that will take place this month at our meeting. I encourage you to please be in attendance so that you can cast your vote. The newly elected officers will be installed at the September meeting. Also in September we will have our annual birthday party. Birthday cake and games and an overall good time will be had by all in attendance.

Since this is my last letter to you as president, I want to take just a few lines to say thank you to everyone for making my time as president a pleasant experience and my job as easy as possible. I have had the joy of working with a great group of ladies who all work

hard together to get the job done. Thank you for trusting in me and now I look forward to all the exciting things that our new board will plan. My outgoing plea is that all of you will help out when asked and please consider serving as an officer in upcoming years. Looking forward to seeing you all,
Karen

Mary Ann Shindle rode with me to Womack Army Medical Center this a.m. and we delivered 23 quilts. I managed to get 3 more done from tops that needed quilting at the last guild meeting. They were so appreciative. Master Stg. Kelly is the officer who was the first to receive quilts when I brought the first load in 2007. She just returned from her tour of duty in Afghanistan. She was not in today but we were met by others in her office. We did not get lost and had a wonderful day shopping in Fayetteville afterwards. Attached is a photo they took at the hospital. Thanks to all who helped make this a blessing for 23 wounded warriors.
Jane



Our Next Meeting Saturday, August 13

At the Arts Center

9:00 am - Social

9:30 am - Meeting

- **Wear Your Name Tag !**
- **Bring a Friend!**
- **Charity/Patriotic Quilts**
- **Show & Tell**
- **Fat Quarter for the drawing!**
- **Food to Share!**
- **Overdue Library Books!**
- **Sewing Supplies for Class!**

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President Karen Batts called the meeting to order at 9:34 am. She asked if everyone received a July 2011 Newsletter and if any changes needed to be made to the June 2011 minutes. Sue Fry made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Jeanne Branham seconded the motion. There was no opposition, and the minutes were accepted as written.

President Batts asked everyone to remember JoAnne Rice, whose daughter recently passed away.

President Batts read an invitation to the Pamlico River Quilters Guild Day of Sharing, "Sail Into Fall," on September 17th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Washington, NC. The topic is "Ten ways to Find Inspiration." We are welcome to sell tickets for our opportunity quilt, and anyone may bring a quilt(s) for show and tell. Karen must RSVP the number of people that will be attending by September 2nd.

The Hearts & Hands/ECA Quilters Guild of Lemon Springs, has invited us to their quilt show in Sanford on October 21st & 22nd, "Peaceful Gardens." They welcome our quilt entries, as well. See their website for information about entering. [<http://heartsandhandsnc.org>].

Gayle Helm had previously announced a summer challenge. Participants will be given a piece of fabric 10-1/2 x 9 for making a 12 x 12 inch "comfort square" to be placed within the charity bags for police cars. They should be bound as a miniature "quilt" for the children to hold while being temporarily separated or removed from family in volatile situations for which the police have been called to intervene and/or defuse. The winner will be chosen by popular vote at the August meeting, at which time the "quilts" will be due and displayed. Do not use buttons or other attachments, etc., that smaller children may rip off and accidentally swallow.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee:

Debbie Quitiquit announced there were 37 members and 6 guests present at the June, 2011 meeting. Guests include the following: Brittany Mocsari, A.B. Gentry (husband of Betty), Susan Blevins, Caitlin Keppen, Naomi Weise, and Rose Bullen.

Newsletter:

Angela Fleming stated she has extra copies of the newsletter with her.

Hospitality:

Dinah Shearin asked anyone who contributed food for June's meeting to drop their name in the yellow bag at the food table. Gayle Helm's name was drawn for a gift.

Library:

Virginia Ward recommended a book from the library called "Liberated Quilt Making," that suggests quilting using unmeasured scraps--without precise cutting. There are two of the books in the Library.

Dunne Center Quilt Show:

Our quilt show at the Dunn Center will be in October. By August, Wendy [Ferguson] will need sizes and pictures of any quilts to be displayed. The pictures are needed for advertising and promotion of the show.

Nominating Committee:

In August we are supposed to vote on a new guild secretary and guild president and, according to the by-laws, have a slate of officers ready at this meeting. Currently, the Nominating Committee, Virginia Ward and Ramona Orzell, has been calling and has not found anyone to run for the open offices. Ramona reminded us that we need to support our Board of Officers, as they make many decisions to relieve the Guild membership from having to stress over things and decide every little thing. The secretary takes the minutes of meetings and the president oversees the board and the various committee activities, as well as the monthly meetings.

Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales:

Sherri Daniels announced that opportunity quilt ticket sales are doing well. Sales at the Theatre of the American South in Wilson helped greatly. The person who sells the most tickets will receive a prize of \$50. Anyone who sells between 31 and 100 tickets will get their names in a drawing--the prize being \$25. Anyone who sells more than 100 tickets (other than the grand prize winner) will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 prize. The quilt is currently hanging at Cotton Fields in Washington. The quilt will be displayed and tickets sold at the Pamlico Day of Sharing.

Treasurer:

Mae Carroll stated the Treasurer's Report is in the current Newsletter. The balance at the beginning of the month was \$8,367.18. The balance at the end of the month, including emergency funds, was \$8,437.95. Expenses included \$30.33 for the challenge fabric, \$39.40 for Theater of the American South expenditures, and \$370.00 for the storage building for a year. Income included \$120 in class fees and \$25 in opportunity ticket receipts.

Charity Quilt Committee:

Maryann Rettino reminded everyone that we need to know the total hours spent for each charity quilt submitted. The committee does not care how long it takes anyone to complete one, but the Art's Center needs a report of the hours involved in charity outreach. Maryann mentioned that a quilt was given to the family of a police officer recently shot in the line of duty, as well as 3 neonatal quilts and 6 bereavement quilts given to Nash Hospital. Jane Privette announced that she will be going to Womack Air Force Base on July 18th to deliver patriotic quilts.

Maryann has charity quilt kits with her each month for checkout. Today, we will put together kits for comfort bags, as well. See Susie Crumpler for a charm if you have contributed a charity quilt(s).

Vice President:

Today we will be working together with the Charity Committee--putting together charity kits. Vice President Helm reminded that at our August meeting the Quilters Gallery from Gastonia, NC, will present a trunk show and teach a class on "Curves and Corners." The cost per participant in the class is \$20, and includes a kit. See Gayle to sign up and pay. Also, Gayle has fabric for August challenge of mini quilts for police bags. In September we will have our Birthday Party and the Mystery Quilts are due and will be displayed and voted upon. The new board officers will be installed in September, as well. Recent survey results indicated an interest by the membership for a "big-sister" pairing of recent and long-term members of the guild. Gayle will address this in a future meeting.

Drawings:

The Sew and Tell drawings were won by Mae Carroll and first-time--Susan Blevins. Jan Marie Potter won the fat quarter drawing. The name-tag drawings were won by Naomi Weise, Sarah Wade, Betsy Freeman, and Angela Fleming.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Myers, Guild Secretary

Notes from the Vice President

We had a lot of people stay and help with the charity projects in July. Maryann Rettino did a great job having everything ready and organized for us - Thank you Maryann!! I know she puts a LOT of effort into the Charity Committee. It seemed like we got a lot accomplished so, thanks to everyone who helped out!!

In August, Be sure to bring your **Summer Challenge** as we'll have prizes for the viewers Choice. The Challenge is to use the fabric provided make a finished (quilted and binded) - comfort block (approximately 12" square). These finished blocks will be used for a great cause as they will go into the bags we are making for the Police to distribute to children when they go to a home needing the Police assistance.

Also in August we will have the Quilters Gallery from Gastonia at our meeting to do a Trunk Show focusing on use of rulers. Following the meeting there will be a class on *Curves and Corners*. The cost of the class includes the kit with all the material pre-cut to make 3 blocks during the class which all have curves in them! The cost of the class is \$20 I have a few slots left open - if you want to attend, please send me an email : GHelm@BBandT.com or call my cell phone: 252 315.1329 as soon as possible. I'm really looking forward to their Trunk show and the class.

Supply list for class: Sewing machine, extension cord, surge protector, sewing supplies (thread, 1/4" foot, scissors, etc.)

In September - it's our Birthday Party!! Our guild will be 11 years old this year. Of course we'll have birthday cake!! And party events too! Also, we'll be displaying all the **Mystery Quilts** - if you haven't started on yours.... There is still time and we will have prizes for Viewers Choice!

In October - I've tentatively scheduled Danny Goux from My Sewing Shoppe in Raleigh who will be coming to do a presentation about EQ (Electric Quilt)! I can't wait for that!

In November- I'll be planning another mini-workshops (just in time for those last minute Holiday GIFT ideas!!



If you make a Charity Quilt, be sure to give your name to Maryann Rettino or Susie Crumpler. Susie has the Charms and Safety pins (to hang the charms from).

Please make sure you attend the August meeting so you can vote for the Guild officers!

We have been invited to submit quilts to the "Pieceful Garden" Quilt Show being presented by the Hearts and Hands/ECA Quilters Guild. For more information visit:
<http://heartsandhandsnc.org>

Blogging Quilters:

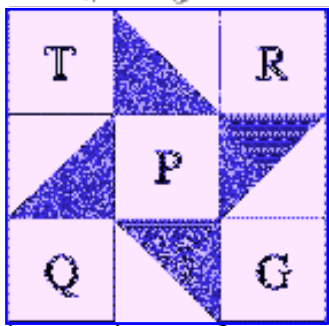
Lori Richardson

talkischeap.com

Ad Rates: \$10 per month for a business card size; \$20 for a 1/4 page; \$35 for a 1/2 page. Email Angela Fleming at a.fleming64@yahoo.com if you would like to place an ad. Please mail your check to TRPQG, PO Box 7813, Rocky Mount, NC 27804



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DATE	UPCOMING QUILTING EVENTS
Sept 17	Washington, NC—Pamlico River Quilters Guild— Day of Sharing
Sept 18	Mt Gilead, NC—Historic Montgomery House, 7069 Hwy 73W. Admission \$3—2-5 pm Contact Rosemary Huntley, 910-576-8781 troyflowershop@yahoo.com
Sept 23-24	Lincolnton, NC—Quilted Treasures 2011 by Piecemakers Quilt Guild. First Baptist Church, 201 Robin Road (150 Bypass) Admission \$5—10a-5p visit ncpiecemakers.org for more information.
Oct 7-8	Concord, NC "Splash of Color" Fiber Art & Quilt Show Hours: Fri – 10:00 am – 5:30 pm, Sat 10:00 am – 5:00 pm? Admission: 1 Day \$5/ 2 Day \$8. Visit http://www.cabarrusquiltersguild.org/Quilt_Show.html .
Oct 7-9	Shelby, NC "25 Years and Still Stitchin" Quilt Show by the Foothills Quilters Guild. Cleveland County Arts Council, 111 Washington Street. Admission \$4 Fri-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-4. Visit www.foothillsquiltersguild.org .
Oct 21-22	Sanford, NC—Hearts and Hands/ECA Quilters Guild "Pieciful Garden" Quilt Show. Dennis A Wicker Civic Center 1801 Nash Street. For more information go to: http://heartsandhandsnc.org

MISCELLANEOUS

Remember to share your quilting projects with everyone you know. One (or more) may discover they want to learn!

President: Karen Batts	813-0844
Vice President: Gayle Helm	315-1329
Secretary: Carol Myers	443-1521
Treasurer: Mae Carroll	443-2828
Membership: Debbie Quitiquit	434-594-7254
Library: Virginia Ward	443-4554
Bee Keeper: Pam Kowalk	937-4863
Newsletter: Angela Fleming	230-6610
Web Site: Kathy Bass	314-0283
Charity Outreach:	
Maryann Rettino	823-4378
Sue Fry	823-7527
Sandy Harris	296-0084
Gayle Helm	315-1329
Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales:	
Sherrie Daniels	236-1542
Nominating Committee:	
Virginia Ward	443-4554
Ramona Orzell	451-0978
Quilt Show: Wendy Ferguson	291-5333
Hospitality: Dinah Shearin	443-6945
Sally Thorpe	537-3419

Please keep these ladies in your prayers.



Mae Carroll's daughter BJ has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
Barbara-Jean Shafer's 1/2 sister Janice & her niece, Sarah as both have serious illnesses.
Maryann Rettino is having knee surgery Aug 2.
JoAnn Rice—her daughter passed away.

If you have anyone you want remembered, please let me know (a.fleming64@yahoo.com).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Opening Balance		\$ 8,437.95
Income:		
Opportunity quilt ticket sales		\$ 303.00
August Class Fees		\$ 240.00
Newsletter Ad		\$ 30.00
Sale of Charity Fabric		\$ 15.00
Redeposit of Change Fund		\$ 50.00
Expenses:		
Guild Challenge Fabric	\$ 35.00	
Gifts for Police Bags	\$ 72.00	
Door Prizes	\$ 31.49	
Less Total Expenses		(\$ 138.49)
Balance as of June 20, 2011		\$ 8,937.46
(Balance Includes \$365.50 Emergency Fund)		

A Big TRPQG Thank You to:

- Everyone who made and took a Charity kit!
- The Charity Committee for coordinating the July event to make the kits!
- Everyone who brought a guest!
- Everyone who brought food!
- Everyone who stayed to help after the July meeting!
- Everyone who brought Show and Tell!



SLATE OF NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee (Ramona Orzell and Virginia Ward) is presenting the following Slate of Nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary for the coming year, September 2011 to August 2012.

President - Gayle Helm

Vice-President – Sherrie Daniels
Carol Forestell
Jan Marie Potter

Secretary - Virginia Adams
Robin Murray

Originally the membership was being asked to consider nominations for the President and Secretary. Those were the board positions available.

Many members responded to our recent poll earlier in the year asking for suggestions for each of the positions. Gayle Helm was the name most mentioned for President. She is at present our Vice-President.

In order for Gayle to accept the nomination of President, she will have to resign her position of Vice-President at the August meeting before the elections.

After speaking with Gayle, she has agreed to do this and then place her name in consideration for the President of TRPQG.

No other people were identified to be the President. However, nominations will be accepted from the floor at the August meeting for any of the three officer positions.

At some point in the 2011-2012 year, we will need some By-law changes in regards to the two (2) year term for officers, committee, etc.

Healing Hands and Hearts Quilt Show Dunn Center Mims Gallery

Please bring your quilts for the show to the August Guild meeting. Quilts will still be accepted at the September meeting. There are only 20 quilts committed so far. We need approximately 30 more, so please consider putting a quilt in the show. The show is already receiving P.R. Quilts will be on display from Oct 1-30 with a reception Oct 7. Be sure to include a brief description with your name, attached to the quilt, along with the price if your piece is for sale. Also, attach a 4" hanging sleeve or other hanging method. Call Wendy 252-532-9150 with questions.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We now have 94 members who have renewed -- keep spreading the word about our guild.

We had 37 members in attendance at the meeting. .

We had 6 guests: A.B Gentry (husband of Betty), Susan Blevins, Brittany Mocsari, Caitlin Keppen, Naomi Weise, Rose Bullen.

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

Please contact Debbie Quitiquit with any questions - quitiquit@hotmail.com or 434-594-7254.