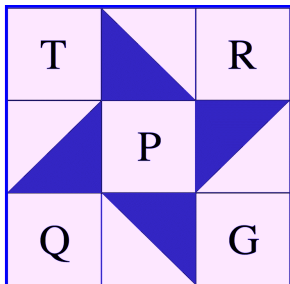


President's Letter



I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Let the season begin!! Hopefully, you're all done with any shopping, cleaning and baking and are just sitting back and enjoying the festivities! Or if you're like me, maybe not! I just hope we can all find the time to enjoy this wonderful Christmas season and all the glory that goes with it!!

I know I'm thankful for Angela Fleming, Lin Varney, Marion Chamberlain, Paula Loges and Sue Fry for the great demonstrations they did for us last month. They put in a lot of effort to those demos and we all appreciate their time, effort and their wonderful expertise!! We're all a bit smarter because of you ladies. Thank you!! I'm also thankful to Carol Forestell for agreeing to be our new VP. Having people in our guild that will give their time and effort is what makes our guild so enjoyable. It takes a lot of people to keep our guild functioning and I think we're fortunate to have so many who are willing to help out!!

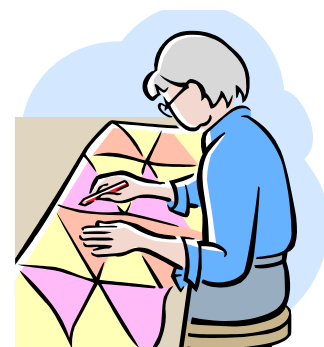
And now we're getting all ready for a fun Christmas Party! We'll have a few surprises and with your help, plenty of yummy food to eat! Also in December is the BIG DRAWING for our beautiful Opportunity Quilt! Once again, thanks to Pam Smith, Rachel's Remnants and Betsy Freeman for making our quilt! And a special thank you to Sherri Daniels who has worked tirelessly to sell those tickets. This is one of our major fund raisers and if you haven't sold \$25 in tickets yet,

please step up and get those tickets sold or just buy them yourself! All tickets must be turned in Saturday as that's when we'll be doing the drawing. I'm almost sure I have the winning ticket but, if I don't, it's probably your ticket!! I can not wait to see who wins this year's quilt!!

Remember: we can use your help setting up Friday night December 9 at the Englewood Church. On Saturday, we're starting our meeting at 10:00 and after a brief introduction, we'll be eating at 10:30!! Please remember to bring your potluck dish - I'm going to try to taste every dish!! After our meal, we'll have the rest of our events for the day. If you haven't made your Christmas ornament for the challenge, you still have time! It will be viewers choice and we have some fabulous prizes. This year, we're going to have a separate category and voting for our junior members!! It's a great opportunity to encourage our junior members to keep on sewing!!

May you all have a safe and merry Christmas, filled with blessings for every one of you. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on December 10!

Gayle B. Helm



Our Next Meeting
Saturday, December 10
At Englewood United Methodist Church

10:00 am - Social

10:30 am - Meeting

- Wear Your Name Tag !
- Bring a Friend!
- Charity/Patriotic Quilts!
- Show & Tell!
- Fat Quarter for the drawing!
- Food to Share!
- Non-perishable food item!
- A Toy!
- Christmas Challenge Ornament!
- Overdue Library Books!

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Quilting Times





December Birthdays

Marion Chamberlain	12/4
Margaret Sink	12/4
Maryann Rettino	12/7
Marlene Strufe	12/10
Jean Branham	12/13
Sherrie Daniels	12/14
Jane Privette	12/14
Katherine Carter	12/15
Jan Marie Potter	12/20
Dinah Shearin	12/22
Florence McKeel	12/28
Brenda Grover	12/29



Bee Hives for November

Fat Quarters - TBA at December TRPQG meeting.

Busy Bees will meet 12/13 at the home of Pam Kowalk.

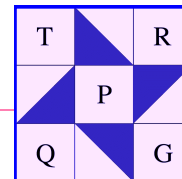
Rachel's Remnants will meet 12/8 at 6:30 pm at the home of Paula Loges.

Tar Bees - will meet 12/8 from 7:00—8:00 pm at St James Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Tarboro.

Sew Bee it - will meet 12/12 at 6:30 pm at the home of Paula Loges. Don't forget your box!

Betty's Bee - will meet on the first & third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm at the home of Betty Rightmyer.

F.Y.I.



Charity Projects

Patriotic Quilts Wheel Chair size 36 X 54.

Lap top Quilts = 50-55" X 60-65"

Bereavement Quilts for Nash General Hospital. . .

12"X12" to 15"X15". These can be quilted, crocheted or knitted.

OUR ON-GOING SPONSORED CHARITIES

Baby quilts for Christian Adoption Agency 36" up to 40" square (include one 12" square for the birth mother, they love it!)

Neo-natal for Nash Rocky Mount Hospital: 30" X 30" (Please no larger, they can't use them due to safety issues)

Isolette Covers for premature babies 36" X 28" or 36" square (NO LARGER)

Emergency Quilts - any size

MaryAnn says: The ladies spent an amazing 408 hours quilting for Charity. We donated 15 Quilts of Valor to the wounded soldiers who visited Rocky Mount. We also donated one quilt to a friend of Gayle's who lost everything in Hurricane Irene. I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving.

The comfort bags should be no larger than 12"x16"; they must be able to be closed (no buttons—use Velcro). Don't forget your 12 x 12 "comfort" squares for the bags—use up your orphan blocks! Any items will be greatly appreciated!

Please be sure to include a 12" square when you make an adoption quilt. Christian Adoption Services feels it is very important for the birth mother to have a "piece" of the baby's quilt.

Questions have been asked about recording your charity hours. This is done so the Arts Center can keep track of the hours we spend making charity projects. The amount of funding they received is based on the charity hours we perform. So, don't forget to turn your hours in to Maryann so they will be counted. It is not a contest to see how fast you work - just a log of the hours spent by the guild members on charity projects. Keep up the good work!



Ad Rates: \$10 per month for a business card size; \$20 for a 1/4 page; \$35 for a 1/2 page. Please note ad rates are for Art Ready ads. Please contact Angela Fleming at a.fleming64@yahoo.com if you would like to place an ad or need information about ad design pricing. Please mail your check to TRPQG, PO Box 7813, Rocky Mount, NC 27804

Up and Coming Guild Programs

December—Christmas Party

January—Wendy Ferguson "Pictures in Fabric"

February—Just for the Love ♥ Charity Quilt Day

Minutes from Meeting of TRPQG

November 12, 2011

Meeting called to order by President Gayle Helm at 9:40 a.m.

Welcome and comments about last month's presentation by Danny Gaux.

Our Quilt Show has ended at NC Wesleyan college. Quilts are here for pick up. The Guild thanked Wendy Ferguson for a job well done. The show was spectacular.

Motion made to approve the minutes of last month's meeting as printed in the newsletter. Motion made by Sue Cruickshank. Se conded by Wendy Ferguson. Minutes approved.

Announcements:

Romancing Eastern NC Shop Hop will be February 1 - 4, 2012. Bags are available for purchase at participating shops.

The Greenville Guild's day of Sharing will be held on December 10th.

Smokey Mountain Quilters Guild in Tennessee is seeking quilts for their show in February. Info will be in newsletter.

Fons and Porter is offering a 1 yr. subscription to magazine for \$15 plus 3 spools of Sulky Thread and a book if we subscribe or renew through the Guild. The sign up sheet is at the front.

Sherrie Daniels has resigned as Vice President. Carol Forestell has agreed to serve. Carol was unanimously approved by the membership present. Carol encouraged the members to help her when they are called upon to do so. Carol was sworn in by Ramona Orzell.

December 10th we will meet at Englewood United Methodist Church beginning at 10 a.m. It is a potluck brunch. Please bring something to share. We will eat first and then have our monthly meeting. We will have Sew and Tell as well as our Christmas Ornament Challenge. Members are asked to bring some non- perishable food items for the church's food pantry. The church could also use toys for needy families.

Today's meeting will feature mini workshops. Paula Loges will do mug rugs. Sue Fry will do Dresden plate variations. Angela Fleming will do eyeglass case holders. Marion Chamberlain will do folded fortune cookies. Lin Varney will do holiday coasters.

At the Washington Day of Sharing our members heard of a lady who had lost everything in the hurricane. The Pamlico River Guild has donated a sewing machine. The Washington guild provided a cutting board. Our members have provided a lot of fabric, thread, etc. today. The se items will be delivered to Teresa Manning who will get the items to her. Sue Fry thanked the guild members for their generosity.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Debbie Quitiquit. Dawn Hendrix will assist Debbie with the check in table at future meetings. We have had 58 members renew their memberships. Debbie has asked everyone to fill out a renewal form so that she can update the database. 42 members are prese nt today. We had 1 visitor.

Virginia Ward - Library. Thanks to whoever returned lost library book. A donation has been made to our library fund. Please let Virginia know if you have books that you would like to see added to our collection. Virginia highlighted Postcard Quilts from our library.

Website - Kathy Bass. Pictures from the quilt show have been posted on our website. The Embroiderers Guild is having a show today in the main building. Members are encouraged to go over if possible and view their projects.

Bee Keeper - Pam Kowalk. Pam was not present.

Treasurer - Mae Carroll. The Treasurer's Report was in Newsletter. Ending balance was \$9239.94.

Opportunity Quilt - Dawn Hendrix standing in for Sherrie Daniels. Our winner for the most tickets sold was Betsy Freeman. Many thanks to those who volunteered at the Whirligig Festival to sell tickets. Thanks also to those who sold tickets at Sam's Club in Rocky Mount. All members are encouraged to sell their 25 tickets. Prizes will be awarded for all who sell over 100 tickets and the one who sells the most tickets.

Charity - Maryann Rettino. Members have spent 850 hours on charity projects. Knitted caps and baby quilts have been delivered to Heritage Hospital.

Sew and Tell.

Prize Drawings

Fat Quarter drawing - Maryann Rettino.

Members drawing - Paula Loges.

Refreshment drawing - Ramona Orzell.

Sew and Tell drawing - Sara Wade and Betsy Freeman.

Respectfully submitted

Virginia Adams, Secretary

Opportunity Quilt

Congratulations to Betsy Freeman on having sold the most tickets as of 10/31/11. She won a canvas bag with lots of goodies and a beautiful scarf made and donated by Marion Chamberlain. We are just days away from the drawing. Who will be the winner????

Please bring any unsold tickets to the guild meeting.

Sherrie Daniels



QUILT SHOW INFORMATION

March 23—25, 2012

Smokey Mountain Quilters Guild
Quilt Show

Knoxville, TN

Entry deadline: Feb 7

<http://www.treecityquiltersguild.com/2011/11/smoky-mountain-quilters-guild-quilt.html>



Quilting Tips!

Need a design wall and don't have a lot of space ... or don't have a permanent place for it? Use a flannel backed vinyl tablecloth. Pin it up (flannel side out) when you need it (the blocks will stick to the flannel), and store it in a drawer, or on a shelf when you don't. Check them out after the holidays—you can probably get them pretty cheap then!

I have found that using my left foot to operate the foot pedal of my sewing machine is much easier on my back. It didn't take long to get used to using my left foot. Try it yourself ... even for half the time, alternating with your right foot the other half.

Blogging Quilters

Lori Richardson

<http://talkischeapquilts.blogspot.com/>

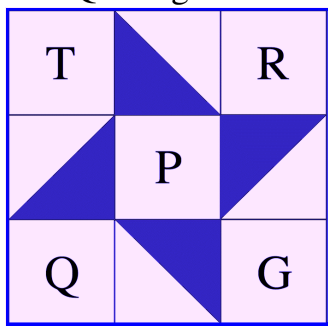
Charity Quilt Charms and Pins!

Beginning in 2012, Charms for Charity Quilts will be given out quarterly.

Maryann will be keeping a list of everyone who makes Charity Quilts, so be sure to fill out a slip when you turn in your quilts so you can get your charm!

Each quilter is eligible for one charm per quarter! Stay tuned for excited news to come regarding charity pins!

Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild



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DATE	UPCOMING QUILTING EVENTS
Dec 10	Greenville, NC—Greenville Christmas Day of Sharing Brunch
Jan 6-7	Sanford, NC— Quilting and Fiber Art Marketplace, Dennis A Wicker Civic Center, 9 am—5 pm \$5 admission. www.quiltersgallery.net
Jan 12-14	Myrtle Beach, SC—Myrtle Beach Quilt Party and Vendor Extravaganza, www.mbqp.net
Jan 20-Apr 3	Paducah, KY—"Quilts of the Appalachian East" at the National Quilt Museum
Jan 27-28	Statesville, NC— Quilting and Needle Art Extravaganza 2012, Statesville Civic Center, for info call 704-376-2531 or 704-864-4894
Feb 1-4	Romancing Eastern NC Shop Hop, contact Lori Richardson at Cotton Fields Quilt Shop in Washington, NC for a passport

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 - Sue Fry 823-7527
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- Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales:**
- Sherrie Daniels 236-1542
- Hospitality:** Dinah Shearin 443-6945
Sally Thorpe 537-3419
- All area codes are 252 unless listed with the number

Get Well Wishes to anyone who has been ill this past month.

And

Our Deepest Sympathy to anyone who has lost a loved one this past month.

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



TREASURER'S REPORT

Opening Balance	\$ 8,874.44
Income:	
Opportunity quilt ticket sales	\$ 888.00
Dues	\$ 135.00
Newsletter Ad	\$ 20.00
Magazine Subscription	\$ 15.00
Expenses:	
Christmas Party	\$ 293.24
Charity Committee	\$ 280.00
Total Expenses	(\$ 573.24)
Balance as of November 20, 2011	\$ 9,724.70
(Balance Includes \$365.50 Emergency Fund)	

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We now have 58 members who have renewed -- keep spreading the word about our guild.

We had 42 members in attendance at the meeting and 1 guest.

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.

Christmas Challenge

Don't forget our Christmas challenge!

Start now. Make a Christmas ornament!

One entry per member!

Bring them to the December guild meeting/party!

There will be prizes!



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Christmas Party!

If you are able, help is needed Friday night to set up for Saturday morning. Set up will begin at 5 pm!

Also, help will be needed after the party to clean up.

Our party will be held at the Englewood United Methodist Church in Rocky Mount
Address 300 South Circle Drive—across from the Pizza Hut on Sunset Avenue.

The social will start at 10 am

Things to bring:

A Friend
Non Perishable Food item
Christmas Challenge Ornament
Opportunity Quilt Tickets & Money
Fat Quarter for the drawing

Food to Share
A Toy
Sew and Tell
Charity Quilts

The drawing for the Opportunity Quilt will be held at the Christmas Party! Do you hold the winning ticket??

Newsletter Items

Deadline is the 20th of each month.

Email your newsletter information to
a.fleming64@yahoo.com with Newsletter in the
subject line .

A Big TRPQG Thank You to:

- Everyone who brought a guest!
- Everyone who brought food!
- Everyone who brought Sew and Tell!
- The ladies who gave mini demonstrations!
- Everyone who has sold Opportunity quilt tickets!
- Carol Forestell for stepping up to be our new VP!