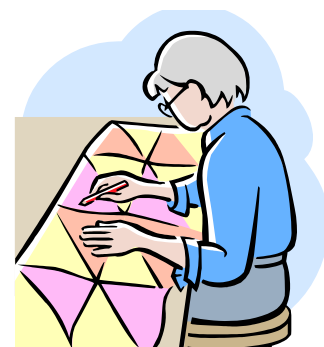


President's Letter

Another year over! I think the older I get the faster the time goes - so much to do and so little time! But, it was a great year for our guild. We've seen a LOT of new members join our guild and we're so happy to have them. Getting new ideas and skills makes our guild even better. We've done a lot in 2011 and accomplished quite a bit. One thing about people who quilt, we really **love to learn** new things. And speaking of learning new things, we've had several mini workshop ideas presented this year that has been great! We also had a beautiful Opportunity Quilt and I believe we set a new record for the number of tickets sold! We had some great presenters at our guild this year; including the "Pizza Ladies" teaching us new tips about curves, our own award winning Cathy Wiggins who taught us about "winning" quilts, and Danny Gaux who enlightened us about EQ7. We had a wonderful quilt show at the Dunn Center to showcase our talents. We also received a lot of positive press from the Theatre of the American South in Wilson, including having some of our guild members on TV! We've done some remarkable work through our charity programs and I'm looking forward to Maryann's summary of the year! Several of us had fun with the mystery quilt and we had some fun meetings with different games and activities. We also had some major fund raising events including our wonderful Opportunity Quilt

and the Auction. With those funds, we plan on having some terrific events in the coming year. I'm sure there are many things I didn't have space to mention but, we could never achieve all of those events without the help of a lot of members in our guild. When you read this newsletter, please take a moment to look at the list of officers and chair people. Also take a look at the "thank you" box that highlights individuals and groups that help throughout the year. They all contribute their time and efforts to make our guild the very best. I would personally like to thank everyone who has been an officer, chairperson, or helped with any of our projects, brought food, or just took a little extra time to welcome a new member. It is through all of your efforts that make the guild a great social network for people who love to quilt. Please keep volunteering and finding ways that you can make a difference. Your results are remarkable and I appreciate each of you!! Looking forward to many special events as well as continued friendships through our guild in 2012!!

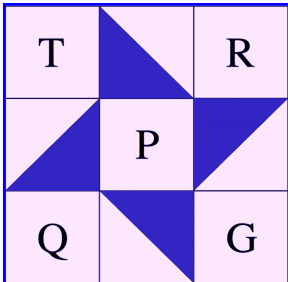
Gayle B. Helm



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- Our Next Meeting**
Saturday, January 14, 2012
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!**



Quilting Times



Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild

Meeting Minutes, December 10, 2011

President Gayle Helm opened the Christmas party by having Lin Varney ask the blessing for the meal. Gayle asked everyone to look over the challenge ornaments and vote for their favorite before the meal was over and the "business" meeting was to begin.

She asked if everyone received a December 2011 Newsletter and if any changes needed to be made to the November 2011 minutes. Nancy Knapp moved to accept the minutes as written, and Jane Privette seconded the motion. There was no opposition, and the minutes were accepted.

Gayle Helm wished Marlene Strufe a Happy Birthday, and the group later sang to her.

Gayle asked everyone to remember Diane Howard's seriously ill daughter-in-law in prayer. She also mentioned Lin Varney made some cards for Juanita Horne and Hilda Clemmons and requested that everyone take a minute to sign them.

Gayle mentioned an upcoming event--The Quilting and Fiber Art Marketplace on January 6th and 7th in Sanford, NC.

New member Susan Blevins asked for a few minutes to speak about her new shop in Warrenton, Quilt Lizzy. She will be conducting a long-arm workshop on January 19, 20 and 21 if anyone is interested. They will be doing a block of the month beginning in March--a sign up sheet was passed around.

The deadline to sign up for the Fons and Porter Newsletter through the guild is the end of December. Those who sign up and pay will get 6 issues, thread, and two bonus books for \$15.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee:

Debbie Quitquit, announced there are 82 members currently on the TRPQG roll and reported there were 55 regular and 3 junior members present at the meeting. Guests included Beth White, Dan Suiter and Erin Pearson. New members include Rita Schunck and Susan Blevins.

Library:

Virginia Ward had some new books for the library and had duplicates to sell to anyone interested.

Charity Quilts:

Next month, Maryann Rettino will have totals for 2011. Jane Privette gave out 9 quilts to the Wounded Soldiers while they were in Rocky Mount. Walter Reed does not accept cards due to the threat they pose to the national security.

Treasurer:

Mae Carroll stated the Treasurer's Report can be found in the December Newsletter. The current total in the budget is \$9,359.20. The emergency fund contains \$365.50.

Vice President:

Looking forward, our meeting in February will be a time of working together on charity quilts. Cathy Wiggins will be giving a presentation in March. We will have our auction in April. We will have a Day of Sharing in September, to be coordinated/head up by Martha Cianos.

Beekeeper:

Pam Kowalk announced the Fat Quarter bee would not meet in December, since the meeting would fall on Christmas Eve. She stated Busy Bee's need not take food to their December meeting.

Opportunity Quilt:

Sherrri Daniels reported on the status of the Opportunity Quilt sales. Thanks were expressed to Pam Smith for her design of the Opportunity Quilt and to Rachel's Remnants for their help in putting the quilt together under Pam's leadership and hard work. Thanks were also expressed to all those who helped sell the tickets at the Theater of the American South, at Sam's Club, the Whirligig Festival, and at Wesleyan College during the quilt show. The goal was to earn \$3,000 for the guild. We raised \$2,768.00. Betsy Freeman won a \$25 prize for her ticket sales in the 30-100 range. Kathy Bass won a \$50 prize for her sales of over 100. Mary Jones sold 120 tickets. Cathy Wiggins' name was drawn to win the top prize of \$100 for her ticket sales, also over 100. Pam Smith drew a name from the tickets, and the person who won the quilt was Mary Fish.

The winner for the best ornament by vote was Lin Varney, who won a centerpiece from one of the tables. She chose a snowman.

Drawings:

Carolyn Batts won the fat-quarter drawing. Almost everyone present at the meeting won a door prize.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Myers, for Virginia Adams, Guild Secretary

Opportunity Quilt

The winner of the quilt was Mary Fish. She lives in Connecticut and was “jumping up and down” when she learned she was the winner. She purchased her ticket from Kathy Bass and her granddaughter Mary Livingston (who is quite the salesperson!!) at the Whirligig Festival in Wilson. She said she “loved that quilt” and was so excited about winning!!



QUILT SHOW INFORMATION

March 23—25, 2012

Smoky 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!

If you pre-wash your fabrics, try snipping (1/2" or less) each corner before washing. This should help eliminate (or at least lessen) the “fabric fray”, which will help lessen the amount of wrinkles in the fabric.

Have you made any New Year’s Resolutions? I have—to make more quilts, and specifically more charity quilts. I’m thinking about taking my “orphan blocks” or “sample blocks” or any block that doesn’t quite make the “cut” and making them into charity quilts. I also want to learn some new skills—starting with free motion quilting. I think I’ll take my practice pieces and make wall hangings or zippered pouches. So many ideas!

Will you join me in these Resolutions? Just think of what we could accomplish in 2012!

Blogging Quilters

Lori Richardson

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

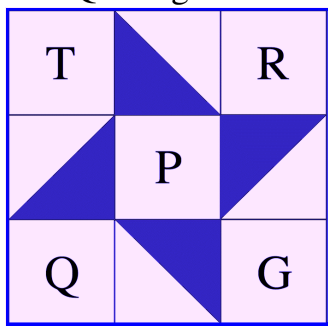
Charity Quilt Charms and Pins!

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
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
Mar 9-10	Charlotte, NC—Reach Out! The Charlotte Quilters' Guild 2012 Quilt Show. 9 a to 5p at Metroli-na Tradeshow Expo Center, 7100 Statesville Road. \$6 admission—\$1 off coupon available at website: www.charlottequiltersguild.org/quiltshows.html . For more information email quiltshow@charlottequiltersguild.org

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All area codes are 252 unless listed with the number

Please keep these ladies in your prayers:


Wendy Ferguson as she undergoes radiation for bone cancer.

Diane Howard and her family as their daughter-in-law passed away in December.

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

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		\$ 9,359.20
Income:		
Book Sale	\$	10.00
Dues	\$	75.00
Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales	\$	755.00
Expenses:		
Christmas Party	\$	327.13
Library Books	\$	147.93
Total Expenses		(\$ 475.06)
Balance as of December 1, 2011		\$ 10,089.64
(Balance Includes \$365.50 Emergency Fund)		

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We now have 82 members on the roll for TRPQG -- keep spreading the word about our guild.

We had 55 regular and 3 junior members in attendance at the meeting and 3 guests, Beth White, Dan Suiter and Erin Pearson.

Welcome new members Rita Schunck and Susan Blevins.

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.



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LIBRARY

Check out the new books in the Library:



Quilt by Association by Arlene Sachitano

One Block Wonders by Maxine Rosenthal

The Quilter's Color Club by Christine E. Barnes

Quilter's Academy Volume 1 by Harriet Hargrave

Quilter's Academy Volume 3 by Harriet Hargrave

Machine Quilting Made Easy by Maurine Noble

One Block Wonders Encore by Maxine Rosenthal

Rotary Cutter Revolution by Anita Grossman Soloman

Quilter's Academy Volume 2 by Harriet Hargrave

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!
- Sherrie Daniels for her tireless efforts in selling tickets for the Opportunity Quilt!
- All the good souls who helped with the Christmas party by getting the goodies and helping set up Friday night!