

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

# Quilting Times



## President's Letter

Word through the grapevine is that all of you had a great meeting last month. I always miss the great meetings.

Thanks to everyone that stayed and helped put together charity kits and thanks to everyone that took kits home to work on. I want to say thank you to Gayle for taking over in my absence last month and thank you to everyone that helped her out. I also want to thank all of you for your suggestions and responses to the questionnaires. The board always wants your input, so please feel free to give it to us. We are going through all the responses and considering them and looking to them for planning future meetings.

This month we have Cathy Wiggins coming to share with us about entering quilts in quilt shows. What better person to give us inside tips than an award winner herself. Congrats to Cathy and her quilt at the Mid Atlantic Quilt show. Cathy is going to come and give us tips on what the judges look for in judging quilts. Now, don't sit there and think "I'll never enter a quilt in a show",

because even if you never enter a quilt in a show, the tips can always help to only make your quilts look better for your own viewing pleasure! I look forward to seeing each of you at the meeting and to learning some tips to help my quilts look better.

Next month, April, we will have our Auction. So start your spring cleaning now and get rid of some of those unused quilting items. Or what about those UFO's you know you will not finish...why not bring it and let someone else take it home and finish it up. Or what about that fabric that you just had to have and now can't remember why on earth you would ever need "that" fabric....bring it and let someone else give it new life.

See each of you at the meeting,

Karen



### Our Next Meeting

Saturday, March 12

Rocky Mount 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!**

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Vice President Gayle Helm opened the February meeting at 9:38 am. President Karen Batts was unable to attend the meeting. Gayle thanked Mae Carroll and the board members for bringing refreshments and had Treasurer Mae Carroll speak about the reinstatement of refreshments at the meetings. Mae spoke about how she missed the food at TRPQG meetings. She stated that just about any meeting anywhere has food or drink of some sort. Since we are a group of mainly ladies we should be able to bake refreshments for our TRPQG meetings. The food was dropped from the meetings, of course, mainly due to the lack of a person willing to chair the hospitality committee. Mae happily announced that Sally Thorpe and Dinah Shearin have stepped up to the challenge and have accepted the responsibility to chair the hospitality committee.

Gayle noted that it was a good day to help with charity quilts because of Valentines Day coming up soon, which is a good day to share your heart by giving to others. Maryann Rettino and the charity quilt committee were prepared with fabric for members to stay after the meeting to help with putting charity kits together. Gayle mentioned the Roanoke Rapids Quilt Show is scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Debbie Quitiquit has tickets for sale for their raffle quilt for anyone interested.

Martha Blount mentioned that a new shop (My Sewing Shoppe) has opened in the Raleigh area, at 5910 Dureleigh Road. Danny Goux, the man who owns the shop also quilts. He conducts an EQ - Electric Quilt software club from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Monday evenings, at which he teaches how to design quilts on the computer and scan fabric, etc. The cost is \$5 for each meeting for only 12 attendees per class. The owner of the shop has offered to come to one of our meetings and speak and maybe bring a lady who is from EQ.

Vice President Helm asked if everyone received the February 2011 Newsletter and accepted the January minutes as written. Nancy Knapp moved to accept the minutes, and Jane Privette seconded the motion. There was no opposition, and the motion to accept the minutes was passed.

Lin Varney knows of an individual looking for someone to make a t-shirt quilt. See Lin if you are interested.

Kathy Bass has volunteered to do a new mystery quilt with six different instructions to be published in the newsletter, the first being in the February Newsletter. The finished size is 45-1/2 X 59-1/2 inches. The quilt calls for 3 different colors. In September the quilts will be displayed and voted on by members for a viewers choice award.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Vice President Gayle Helm:**

In March, Cathy Wiggins will present her lecture entitled, Win, Place, or Show. She will present ideas and tips for creating award winning quilts.

In April, we will have an auction of quilt, sewing, and craft related items donated by guild members and friends. It will be held at Englewood United Methodist Church. We will be setting up on Friday night.

The Quilt Exhibit at the Dunn Center is scheduled for September/October 2011. Gayle passed out a handout containing information regarding the exhibit--the theme being "Healing Hearts and Hands." Wendy Ferguson said she needs information about any quilts for the October display by August 1<sup>st</sup>. A handout with details is available.

**Treasurer Mae Carroll** has put the Treasurer's Report in the Newsletter. The current bank balance is \$7,078.05, which includes \$365.50 in emergency funds. The profit for the raffle quilt was \$707.98.

**Cookbook Chair Sue Fry** announced that the cookbooks are all gone--there wasn't even one left for the library. Sue once again thanked Sarah Wade and Maryann Rettino and the entire committee, including editors Lyn Varney, Barbara Wallace, Jane Seegar, and Martha Blount. Sue also thanked the shops who helped sell the cookbooks, Via Cappuccino, Terri's Fashion Fabrics, Cotton Fields, and Whistle Stop. We ordered 350 cookbooks and received 377--27 more to offset shipping costs incurred by the Guild. Morris Press charged \$1,875 for the books. Expenses also included \$91.80--for ink, postage and gift card. We collected \$2,819 from the sale of the books, which averaged \$7.48 per book. We had a balance profit of \$852.61. Sue's recommendation to the guild for any future cookbook projects is to sell all books at one price--no savings for multiple sales. Martha Blount won a gift card for the drawing that was made from the list of members who purchased/sold 6 or more books apiece: Martha Blount, Mary Jones, Jean Branham, Maryann Rettino, Sarah Wade, Nancy Knapp, Helen Alston, Susie Crumpler, Gayle Helm, Kathy Bass, Debbie Quitiquit, Ramona Orzelle, Pam Kowalk, Jane Seegar, and Betty Rightmyer.

**Membership Chair, Debbie Quitiquit**, reported that there were 38 members present at the meeting and one visitor, Ashley Keppen, niece of Angela Fleming. Debbie stated that all of her paperwork from last month disappeared from the membership table and she would like to get it back. She could not remember who rejoined last month, but it was believed to be Mary Ann Shindle. There are currently 83 members in TRPQG.

**Librarian, Virginia Ward**, was not in attendance.

**Newsletter Chair Kathy Bass** stated she is looking for a volunteer to take over the website. She will teach them everything they need to know. It is a bit too much for her to take care of both the newsletter and the website.

**Charity Chair Maryann Rettino** said she will have patterns and fabric at the back for members to help put together charity kits.

Maryann said we received a nice thank-you note from a nurse at Heritage Hospital and from a worker at My Sisters House. My Sisters House included a wish list of items they need at the house. The notes will be on the front table for anyone wishing to read them.

Maryann also had 4 pictures for viewing that she took at the display of Japanese embroidery recently at the Dunn Center. They will be on the front table.

Maryann has the list of charity quilts checked out last year--check it to be sure your name has been removed if you have already turned yours in. There was a total of 85 charity quilts donated by members in 2010--not our "stellar" year. Maryann challenged members who made "zero" last year to set a goal to make at least "one" in 2011.

Maryann gave a gift card to Gayle Helm for making the most charity quilt donations for 2010.

**Beekeeper Pam Kowalk** had no updates regarding the bees.

**2011 Raffle Quilt Chair Pam Smith** announced a Civil War theme for the raffle quilt for 2011. The pattern will be flying geese--not "screaming" Civil War. Pam and Rachel's Remnants will be making the quilt. They hope to have it finished by May so it can be displayed at the Theatre of the American South on May 21<sup>st</sup>. We will need volunteers to sell the tickets when it goes on display there.

We also need a volunteer to head up raffle quilt ticket sales and marketing.

### **Door Prizes**

Cynthia Knoll won the fat quarter drawing; Susie Crumpler and Sarah Wade won the nametag drawings; and Paula Loges won the sew-tell drawing.



### AUCTION!

Get ready for the upcoming Auction which will be our next month's meeting! Start gathering up the items that you no longer need. The gadget that you never used, the fabric that you thought you loved and now wonder why you bought. Clean out and make room for all your new goodies! This is one of our biggest fund-raisers so please help us make it a successful one! We will be setting up starting at 5 pm on Friday, April 8 at the Englewood United Methodist Church (**come have fun, fellowship and see the goodies in advance!**) Bring your items to the church that evening or call a Board member for pick-up!

**Roanoke Rapids Quilt Guild Show**  
**March 26 (10-4) March 27 (1-4)**  
**Becker Village Mall**

**Rachel's Remnants**  
**Quilt Show at Via Cappucino**  
**February 28 - April 30**

**Our new Hospitality Team!**  
**Dinah Shearin & Sally Thorpe**  
**Please give these ladies your support!**

**Saturday, April 2**  
**Mark Your Calendar**  
**Cathy Wiggin's "Open Studio"**

The Theater of the American South  
May 21 at the Boykin Center, Wilson, NC

We have volunteered to display quilts at this exciting venue celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. Pam & Rachel's Remnants are working hard to get the Raffle Quilt finished so we can sell tickets. Please let Gayle or a Board member know if you would like your quilt displayed and if you will be available to help that day.  
[www.TheaterOfTheAmericanSouth.org](http://www.TheaterOfTheAmericanSouth.org)

**In a few months we will be having sewing demonstrations day. Please let Gayle know if you have a technique or project that you would like to demonstrate to the guild. There are sew many things we can share with each other! I always enjoy these meetings and have a notebook just for these projects.**

[Nash Community College - 451-8234](http://www.nashcc.edu)

Quilting      \$46.25  
Thursday      April 7-May 26 / 9 am - 12 pm  
                     April 7 - May 26 / 6 pm - 9 pm

Crocheting    \$37.25  
Monday        April 4 - May 23 / 1 pm - 4 pm

Knitting       \$37.25  
Monday        April 4 - May 23 / 6 pm - 9 pm  
Wednesday   April 6 - May 25 / 9 am - 12 pm

Comfort Bags for Police Cars

Thank you Terri Mitchell for your generous donation of a huge bag of stuffed bears. If anyone has any items for the comfort bags, please bring them to the meetings and give them to Maryann or any of the board members. This is an ongoing effort, so please be as generous as you can.

**March is National Quilting Month!**  
**Go to Terri's & try a Viking Sapphire Quilt 875**  
**And you might win one!**  
**Forms are at the registration desk.**

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

We now have 88 members who have renewed -- keep spreading the word about our guild.  
We had 38 members in attendance at the meeting and 1 guest, Angela Fleming's niece.

**We had one new member sign up at the meeting - Robin Keller**

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

Please update any changes with Debbie Quitquilt - [quitquilt@hotmail.com](mailto:quitquilt@hotmail.com) or 434-594-7254.

## Notes from the Vice President

There are LOTS of events and happenings in our Guild! I've listed a few things below and we'll be talking about more new great things at the March meeting:

Thank you all for your input on the **survey** we distributed at the February meeting. We've received some great ideas and suggestions. If anyone hasn't had a chance to complete the survey, it's attached below. Please complete it and bring it to the next meeting or you can email it back. Your input is what makes our guild better. You'll be hearing more about the survey results in our upcoming meetings. If you haven't filled one out, there is a survey on page 7 of this newsletter. Please give us your comments.

The **Mystery Quilt** is underway! Step 2 is included with the newsletter. There are 6 steps and we plan on having a display of all the finished Mystery Quilts in the September meeting. And there will be prizes for the "Viewers Choice". Don't miss this opportunity to show your stuff!!!

In our March meeting, we are very fortunate to have our very own TRPQG member **Cathy Wiggins** who will be presenting "**Win, Place, or Show**"! This will be a big help to all of us on how to improve our quilting skills and help learn more about entering a quilt in a show. As you may already know, Cathy recently won the 1st place blue ribbon for her Witches Brew quilt in the category of Innovation, at the recent Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival! We are so very proud of her!! For those of you that attended, you know there was a LOT of competition and the recognition of Cathy's work is very much deserved. Congratulations Cathy!!

In April, we are going to have our **Annual TRPQG Auction** of quilting, crafting and sewing items. This is going to be a big event and one of our significant fund raisers for the year. Please help your guild! You know you have lots of goodies that you won't be able to use, so give someone else a chance to put your treasures to good use! It's going to be a fun-filled auction and it's not only a great opportunity to "clean out" that closet but, it'll be a great opportunity to get some new treasures! Your guild really appreciates your help! Start gathering up your goodies for the Annual TRPQG Auction!!

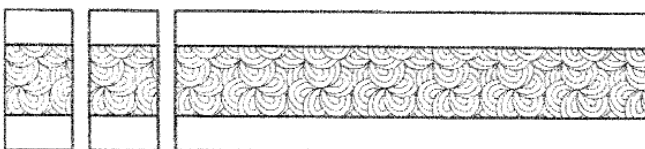
### Mystery Quilt - Step 2



Make 2 strips units; Cut 36 segments 2 1/4" wide.

1. Join the 2 1/4" MEDIUM strips and the 4" LIGHT strips to make two strip units as shown. Press the seams toward the MEDIUM strips. The strip units should measure 7 1/2" wide (raw edge to raw edge) when sewn.

From these strip units, cut 36 segments 2 1/4" wide.

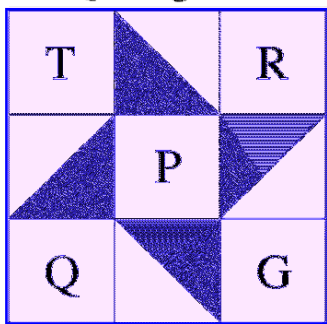


Make 2 strips units; Cut 18 segments 4" wide.

- Join the 2 1/4" LIGHT strips and 4" MEDIUM strips to make two strip units as shown. Press the seams toward the MEDIUM strips. The strip units should measure 7 1/2" wide (raw edge to raw edge) when sewn.

From these strip units, cut 18 segments 4" wide.

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DATE	UPCOMING QUILTING EVENTS
March 27-28	Roanoke Rapids, NC - Quilt Show - Becker Village Mall
April 2	Macon, NC - Open Studio - Cathy Wiggins 260 Pasture Gate Road, Macon, NC
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
Now - May 14	Harrisonburg, VA - The Magic of Mirrors: The Beauty of Kaleidoscope Quits - Virginia Quilt Museum - www.SAQA.com

North Carolina Quilt Symposium

2011

Peace College

June 2-5, 2011

<http://ncqsi.org>

email: [ncqsl1@capitalquilters.org](mailto:ncqsl1@capitalquilters.org)

Please keep the following in your thoughts & prayers: Mae Carroll's husband, Hayes, as he recovers from his surgery. Wendy Ferguson as she undergoes her radiation treatments. And also, Amelia Johnson, as her mother passed away recently.



Barbara-Jean Shafer thanks you for your prayers for her niece - she had a good report.

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

<b>President:</b> Karen Batts	813-0844
<b>Vice President:</b> Gayle Helm	315-1329
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<b>Membership:</b> Debbie Quitquit	434-594-7254
<b>Library:</b> Virginia Ward	443-4554
<b>Bee Keeper:</b> Pam Kowalk	937-4863
<b>Newsletter &amp; Web Site:</b> Kathy Bass	314-0283
<b>Charity Outreach:</b>	
Maryann Rettino	823-4378
Sue Fry	823-7527
Sandy Harris	296-0084
Gayle Helm	315-1329
<b>Raffle Quilt:</b> Pam Smith	985-3863
<b>Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales:</b>	??????
<b>Quilt Show:</b> Wendy Ferguson	291-5333
<b>Hospitality:</b> Dinah Shearin	443-6945
Sally Thorpe	537-3419

All area codes are 252 unless listed with the number

TREASURER'S REPORT

Opening Balance		\$ 7,078.05
Deposits:		
Membership	\$ 52.50	
Total Deposits		\$ 52.50
Expenses:		
2011 Raffle Quilt	\$ 326.45	
Charity project	\$ 28.95	
Workshop expense	\$ 15.70	
Less Total Expenses		(\$ 371.10)
Balance as of February 23, 2011		\$ 6,759.45
(Balance Include \$365.50 Emergency Fund)		

**A Big TRPQG Thank You to:**

- Pam Smith for coordinating the Raffle Quilt!
- Rachel's Remnants for helping to make the quilt!
- Betsy Freeman for volunteering to quilt the quilt!
- Sally Thorpe & Dinah Shearin for volunteering to chair the Hospitality Committee!
- Terri Mitchell for the bag of stuffed bears!
- Everyone who made and took a Charity kit!
- The Charity Committee for making the kits!
- Everyone who brought a guest!

## TRPQG Member Survey February 2011

Please tell us what you think:

1	To help in selecting speakers: What techniques or methods in quilting would you like to learn more about?	
2	If we have a class after the meeting, which usually involves a fee to an instructor; what are you willing to pay for the class?	
3	Do you have any suggestions for any of the following Committees:	
	• Library Committee	
	• Charity/Outreach Committee	
	• Membership Committee	
	• Programs Committee	
	• Hospitality Committee	
	• Newsletter Committee	
	• Publicity Committee	
4	Is there a committee you would like to help with? If so, please indicated which one	
5	What type of skills do you have that you could teach others about? Either in a small group or during our guild meeting?	
6	What events would you like to have during a guild meeting?	
7	What other ideas or suggestions do you have to make our quilt guild even better?	

Please turn in before you leave today. You can give it to a board member or leave it on the registration table. Thank you for your thoughts!!

Optional (but it helps if we need to clarify something):

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_