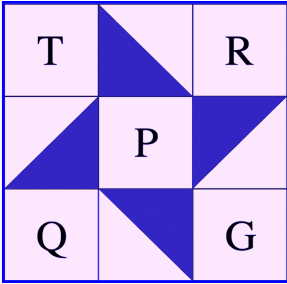


President's Letter



We had a GREAT meeting last month as well as a busy meeting. If you didn't make the meeting, you sure missed a great one. I never knew that there were so many different rulers and templates available....not to mention all the different variations you can get from each different ruler or template set. Whew....with those possibilities I could never run out of quilt ideas, possibilities, let alone ever think of getting bored with one technique. And the class afterwards was filled with many hints on how to get organized so that you can make the most of 10 minutes a day to sew.....and yes we also learned some new techniques for sewing curves. My head is spinning just trying to remember everything we did. Here is a hint to our new board...I think we need these ladies to come back and teach a class on how to get organized ahead of time to maximize time to sew for 10 minutes a day!

Gee.....the above was just a couple of the things we had in the meeting. We also had our usual great sew-n-tell and we also elected our new officers for the upcoming year. Congrats to Gayle Helm - President, Sherrie Daniels - Vice President, and Virginia Adams - Secretary. And ladies, I want to thank each of you for being willing to serve and share your time with the rest of us in the guild. I am looking forward to a fun-filled year under the new board. For everyone else...please consider sharing your time with the rest of us when elections come back around. You each have a year to think about how you can share your talents (and yes you each have them) with the guild.

This month we will be having our annual birthday bash all inclusive with birthday cake, games, and sew-n-tell. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, this would be a good one to come to....sounds like lots of fun to be had. In October, we will have a presentation of using Electric Quilt in designing our quilts. I am looking forward to this because maybe...I will be able to finally start using that program on my computer instead of it just taking up space!!!!

And just a friendly reminder....It is time to renew our memberships if you haven't already done so. Please fill out the renewal slip available at the sign in desk and return it with your \$15.00 renewal fee.

Thanks to everyone for your support over the past year. Without your support our guild wouldn't be as great as it is. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you.

Keep Quilting and Having Fun,
Karen

Here are our Comfort Square Summer Challenge winners:

- 1st place to Betsy Freeman
- 2nd place to Carolyn Evans.
- Congratulations ladies!



Patti Cline and Cindy Page from Quilters Gallery. They did a great job with the trunk show and class afterwards. Thank you ladies!



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Our Next Meeting

Saturday, September 10

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

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



Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild
Meeting Minutes, August 13, 2011

President Karen Batts called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. She requested that anyone planning to attend the Pamlico Guild Day of Sharing scheduled for September 17, 2011 (10:00 am to 2:00 pm) sign the sign-up sheet. She also read an invitation from the Wilkes County Quilters to "A Symphony of Quilts", their quilt show scheduled for September 23rd and 24th at the Stone Center in Wilkesboro.

She asked if everyone received an August 2011 Newsletter and if any changes needed to be made to the July 2011 minutes. Gayle Helm moved to accept the minutes as written, and Susie Crumpler seconded the motion. There was no opposition, and the minutes were accepted. Martha Blount said she had some difficulty opening the Newsletter on the website. Kathy Bass said she would look into it.

President Batts asked everyone to remember Carolyn Evans, who will be having surgery Monday, and Juanita Horne, who is currently in a rehab center. Also think of Jane Privette's husband, who recently had knee surgery. Maryann Rettino's daughter, Lisa Cutchin, reported that Maryann is able to walk with the aid of a walker and that she is improving every day.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee:

Joyce Suiter, sitting in for Debbie Quitiquit, announced there were 48 members (reporting later that there were 54) present at the August 2011 meeting. Guests include the following: Brittany Mocsari, Madison Suiter (Joyce's granddaughter), Caitlin Keppen, and Maryann Rettino's daughter, Lisa Cutchin.

Newsletter:

Angela Fleming reminded that she needs all submissions by August 20th for the September Newsletter.

Hospitality:

Dinah Shearin asked anyone who contributed food for the August meeting to put their name in the drawing. Kathy Bass' name was drawn for a gift.

Library:

Virginia Ward urged those with outstanding books to return them and reminded that checkouts are for only one month.

Treasurer:

Mae Carroll stated the Treasurer's Report can be found in the August Newsletter. The opening balance at the beginning of the month was \$8,437.95. Income for the month included quilt ticket sales, August class fees, newsletter advertisement fees, sale of charity fabrics, and redeposit of change fund, for a total of \$638. Expenses included Guild Challenge fabric, gifts for police bags, and door prizes, for a total of \$138.49. The balance at the end of the month, including emergency funds, was \$8,937.46.

Charity Quilt Committee:

Sue Fry has charity quilts for checkout. Sue reported that we received another donation (5 more bolts of fabric) from Wanda Thompson, who closed her Ayden shop. Jane Privette and Maryann Shindle took 23 patriotic quilts to Womack for the wounded soldiers. Winners of the "comfort quilt square" challenge, for use in the police charity bags, were as follows: 1st Place went to Betsy Freeman, who received a \$25 gift card, and 2nd Place went to Carolyn Evans, who received a \$10 gift card to Terri's Fashion Fabrics. Those who contributed a charity quilt between February and April of this year can obtain a "charity" pin from Susie Crumpler.

Vice President:

Vice president, Gayle Helm, reminded everyone to vote for their favorite challenge comfort square. Some bags have already been given to the police, with good response. We may be able to provide bags to the police in all the regions around us--Wilson, Nashville, etc. Today's program will be a trunk show by the Quilters' Gallery from Gastonia. In September we will have our Birthday Party, with cake, and the Mystery Quilts will be displayed and voted upon. The new board of officers will be installed in September, as well. In October, Danny, from "My Sewing Shop" will present EQ (use of electronics) quilting. We will have mini-workshop stations in November and our Christmas party in December. Looking forward, a Day of Sharing is planned for next year, possibly in October. In March, Cathy Wiggins will do a presentation.

Wendy Ferguson spoke about the show in October at the Dunn Center, "Healing Hearts and Healing Hands." The show has already been promoted by the Dunn Center on a postcard. The opening reception, at which we need to be present, is on Friday, October 7th beginning at 7:00 pm. The Dunn Center will be providing the food. She has 20 quilts so far, and that will not be enough. The September meeting will be the last opportunity to provide her with quilts, unless you choose to deliver directly to her home, in Wilson.

Beekeeper:

Pam Kowalk stated that since the new year begins in September, she will need updated reports for each bee. Bee leaders should contact her with membership information and meeting locations. If your bee meets in various homes, she needs to have the month's location by the 15th of each month.

TRPQG Board Elections:

Gayle Helm, our current vice-president, is the only person willing to run for president. Gayle Helm stood up before the membership and resigned as vice president so that she may now run for the position of president. Ramona Orzell then presented the slate of officers for the next year, which begins in September: Gayle Helm for president, Sherri Daniels and Carol Forestell for vice president, Virginia Adams and Robin Murray for secretary. We were reminded that only members in good standing may vote for officers. President Batts then opened the floor for other nominations. None were given.

Drawings:

The Sew and Tell drawings were won by Kathy Bass and first-time Susan Cruikshank (1st time). Jan Marie Potter won the nametag drawing. Gayle Helm won the fat-quarter drawing.

Election winners were Gayle Helm for president, Sherri Daniels for vice president, and Virginia Adams for secretary.

After sew and tell, the Quilters Gallery (Cindy Page and Patty Kline) did a great trunk show and, later, conducted a class on piecing curves.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Myers, Guild Secretary

Notes from the Vice President

It's hard to believe it's been a year since I became the VP! It's been a lot of learning for me but, it's been an adventure and we've done a lot of fun things! From playing Quilto to Gastonia to our Auction to Mini-workshops and "Big" workshops! I've really enjoyed it and I know I'll enjoy being your President too. I appreciate the support we have in our Guild - the saying "many hands make light work" is very true. It's all of us working together and chipping in where we can to make a positive difference. I love hearing about your ideas and appreciate you taking the time to provide your thoughts.

I was amazed at the wonderful participation in our August Challenge and the comfort squares you made were terrific! Thank you so much for your participation!! I'm certain your work will warm the heart of a special child who could probably use that "warming".

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** and we will have prizes for Viewers Choice!

In October - 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 - We have another "mini-workshops" just in time for those last minute Holiday Gift ideas!!

In December - we'll have our wonderful holiday potluck and if you've been good this year, Santa may be bringing some goodies for you!!



Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild
Presents

"Healing Hearts and Hands"

A quilt and fabric art show honoring
survivorship, courage and strength

October 2011

Mims Gallery at the Dunn Center
Wesleyan College
Rocky Mount, NC

Opening Reception

7:00 p.m. Friday, October 7, 2011

***** All quilts need to be delivered to Wendy Ferguson-Whitehead by the end of August. *****

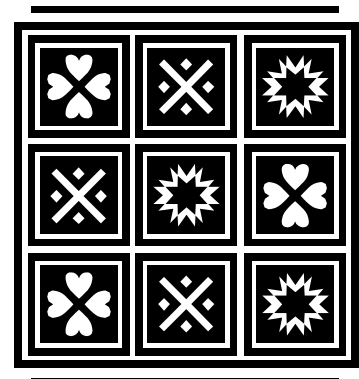
***** Contact Wendy to arrange for Quilt drop off *****

**Phone—252-532-9150
Email—wferguson2000@yahoo.com**

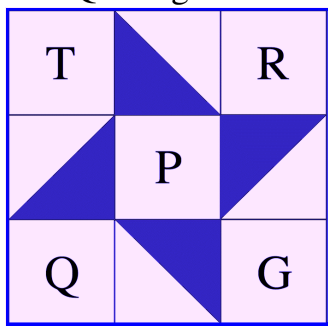
All quilts must be labeled with the following information:

**Your name
Title of Work
Date it was made or the year
Medium/materials
Size
Price if for sale or NFS**

The label should be securely attached to your quilt.



Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild



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DATE	UPCOMING QUILTING EVENTS
Sept 17	Washington, NC—Pamlico River Quilters Guild— Day of Sharing
Sept 23-24	Wilkesboro, NC—”A Symphony of Quilts” by the Wilkes County Quilters at the Stone Center in North Wilkesboro. Visit wilkesquilters.org
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 .
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

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Library: Virginia Ward	443-4554
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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
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

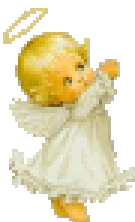
Please keep these ladies in your prayers.

Mae Carroll’s daughter BJ—recent surgery for breast cancer.
Barbara-Jean Shafer’s 1/2 sister Janice & her niece, Sarah as both have serious illnesses.

Maryann Rettino is recovering from knee surgery.

Juanita Horn is in Rehab on dialysis.

Carolyn Evans—recent surgery.



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

TREASURER’S REPORT

Opening Balance	\$ 8,571.96
Income:	
Opportunity quilt ticket sales	\$ 68.00
August Class Fees	\$ 100.00
Dues	\$ 315.00
Expenses:	
Quilters Gallery August speaker	\$ 565.00
Gift Cards for Challenge	\$ 37.95
Gifts for Birthday Party	\$ 17.00
Less Total Expenses	<u>(\$ 619.95)</u>
Balance as of June 20, 2011	\$ 8,800.51
(Balance Includes \$365.50 Emergency Fund)	

Blogging Quilters:

Lori Richardson talkischeap.com

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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

We had 54 members in attendance at the meeting. .

We had 4 guests: Madison Suiter, Lisa Cutchin, Brittany Mocsari, Caitlin Keppen.

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

Please contact Debbie Quitquit with any questions - quitquit@hotmail.com or 434-594-7254.

The deadline to enter quilts in this show has been extended to September 15, 2011



Hearts & Hands/ ECA Quilters Guild

Presents

"Pieceful Gardens" 2011 Quilt Show



October 21-22

Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center

1801 Nash Street. • Sanford, North Carolina

**OVER 100 QUILTS • RAFFLE QUILT
VENDORS • BOUTIQUE of HANDMADE ITEMS
RAFFLE BASKETS • DOOR PRIZES
SILENT AUCTION QUILTS • KIDS SCAVENGER HUNT
DEMONSTRATIONS • LUNCH AVAILABLE ON SITE**

Show Hours:

Friday 10 am to 5 pm and Saturday 10 am to 5 pm

Admission:

Adults: \$5 • Under 12 Free

For directions or more information email us at info@heartsandhandsnc.org
or visit us on [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/heartsandhandsnc) or at www.heartsandhandsnc.org

REGIONAL QUILT CHALLENGE

You are invited to participate in a quilt challenge sponsored by Studio-e Fabrics of Greenville, SC and Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild. Purchase a kit of four Studio-e fabric fat quarters and apply your creativity to produce a quilt, wall hanging or quilted item. All entries will be displayed at the April 20-21, 2012 Foothills Quilt Show in Greenville, SC and winners will be announced at that time. Quilt entries will be judged in one of the following categories; appliqué, pieced, mixed techniques, and creative use of fabrics.

Copy this link <http://www.foothillsquilts.com/2012challengeform.pdf> for complete rules and an entry form and how to order your Challenge Kit today.

**Congratulation to our new
Board Members!**

President Gayle Helm
Vice President Sherrie Daniels
Secretary Virginia Adams

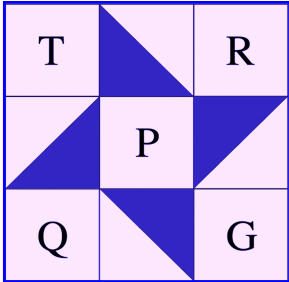
A Big TRPQG Thank You to:

- Everyone who brought a guest!
- Everyone who brought food!
- Everyone who brought Sew and Tell!
- The ladies from Quilters Gallery!
- The nominating committee for their hard work!
- Everyone who made the wonderful comfort squares for the police bags!

Guild Renewal

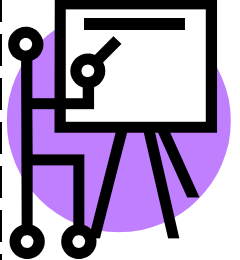
It's that time again. Please fill out the attached renewal form and turn it in to the membership table or any of the Guild officers. Call Debbie Quitquit if you have any questions.

Please help Debbie make sure the Guild membership list is accurate and up-to-date. If you have turned in your dues, but not a renewal form, please take a minute to turn one in. We need to make sure everyone has a current form on file. Thanks for your help and cooperation!



TRPQG RENEWAL

Please fill out form and return with your payment (\$15 cash or check payable to TRPQG) to the Membership table.



Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Alt Phone: _____

Birthday (Month/Day): _____ / _____

Are you in a Bee? _____

If so, which one? _____

If not, would you like to be in one? _____

AM _____ PM _____ Saturday _____

Paying by check _____ Check # _____

Paying by Cash _____

Comments: _____