

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

Quilting Times



President's Letter

Today is the perfect day to sit inside and quilt. This is the first time in a long time I have seen this much snow and I am loving it. I should have been more inspired to go into my quilting room.....but as usual other chores around the house kept me out. Did you have the chance to quilt any on these snow days?

We had a great Christmas party and I thank everyone that came; without you it wouldn't have been the success that it was. I hope that you enjoyed it as much as I did. Nothing is better at Christmas than spending it with family and friends.

This month we have Connie from Whistle Stop coming to give us a lecture on the Underground Railroad quilts and following is a class using Underground Railroad quilt blocks. If you have not signed up for the class, contact Gayle Helm to reserve your spot.

Also this month we will be drawing the name of our raffle quilt winner. Please bring all raffle ticket monies and ticket stubs to the meeting so all

who purchased tickets can get a chance at getting their name drawn. Thank you all for the hard work you done selling tickets.

Also remember the Quilt showing we will have at the Dunn Center in October. The title of the show will be Healing Hands and Hearts. There is no steadfast rules on this show, but rather it should be your interpretation on the title. You may already have a quilt or wall hanging made that you would like to submit. For further information on this, contact Wendy Ferguson.

See all of you at the January meeting,

Karen



Our Next Meeting Saturday, January 8 Rocky Mount Arts Center

9:00 am - Social

9:30 am - Meeting

- **Wear Your Name Tag !**
- **Bring a Friend!**
- **Bring Raffle Tickets & Money!**
- **Charity/Patriotic Quilts**
- **Fat Quarter for the drawing!**
- **Supplies for Underground Railroad Class!**

There's room if you want to join the class!

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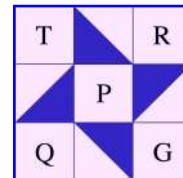
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January Birthdays

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| Robin Murray | 1/01 |
| Barbara Mills | 1/12 |
| Beverly Couch | 1/16 |
| Virginia Ward | 1/19 |
| Gayle Helm | 1/26 |
| Juanita Horne | 1/26 |
| Barbara Wallace | 1/28 |
| Cathy Wiggins | 1/29 |

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. (See page 5 for a good web site)

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)

ALERT!

Cotton prices are going up!

Buy your fabric now before the price increases in 2011!

I'm sure Cotton Fields, Whistle Stop and Terri's would love to see your smiling faces!



Bee Hives for January

Fat Quarters will meet 1/22 @ the Arts Center.

Busy Bees will meet at 9:30 am on 1/6 at the home of Linda Baggett.

Rachel's Remnants will meet 1/11 at the home of Carolyn Evans.

Tar Bees meets the 3rd Monday at 7 p.m. in the St. James Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall. 211 E Saint James St, Tarboro.

Sew Bee it - will meet the Wilson Library on 1/24 @ 6pm. Hope to see some Row by Row quilts!

Betty's Bee - will meet at Betty Rightmeyer's house on the first & third Wednesday of the month at 1:00



Maryann Rettino wants to thank everyone for taking an interest in the bereavement wrappers and quilts. Several were taken at the December meeting.

The Charity committee has made up kits, and she will put them out each month. Anyone who wants to take one, can. Here is a website for other gowns: www.newbornsinneed.org

The Guild spent 37 hours quilting for charity in December.

There is a need for bereavement gowns & more patriotic quilts so Jane Privette came make another trip.

The agencies & recipients appreciate all the time & love incorporated into all the quilts you ladies donate, keep up the good work!

Up and Coming Guild Programs

February - Charity Quilt Day

Introduce the 2011 Mystery quilt

March - Cathy Wiggins - "Win, Place or Show"

Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild
December 11, 2010

The Christmas Party opened with a great meal--potluck style. President Karen Batts thanked everyone for bringing the delicious food and noted that some of the recipes could be found in the Guild cookbook.

President Batts called the business meeting to order at approximately 11:15 am. She asked if everyone received the December 2010 Newsletter and accepted the November meeting minutes as written. Sue Fry moved to accept the minutes, and Helen Alston seconded the motion. There was no opposition, and the motion to accept the minutes was passed.

See Treasurer Mae Carroll to order and pay for copies of the recipe books donated by The Old Country Store to the Guild library. The cost is \$20.85 for both books. We need a few more to sign up before we can order as a group. The same goes for subscriptions to Fons & Porter's *Love of Quilting* magazine for \$20. The Guild will get to keep some of the money if orders are placed and/or renewed through the Guild.

Mary Jones announced she had raffle tickets for anyone who needed more. Money is due in January, 2011.

Sue Fry announced she had a handful of cookbooks left for sale. Some may still be available at Via Cappuccino.

Vice President Gayle Helm thanked Lyn Varney for her help in obtaining use of the Englewood United Methodist Church facilities for our Christmas party. She thanked Kathy Bass for all her assistance in picking up the many door prizes that were awarded during the party. Thanks were extended to Debbie Quitiquit for making the lapel pins and pincushion favors and to Cynthia Knoll for putting together the bags with goodies. Thank you also to Gayle Helm for the needle holders she made as favors for each place setting.

The winner of the Pillowcase Challenge drawing was Jane Privette. Pillowcases for children can still be submitted and will be delivered to accepting hospitals.

January's workshop on the Underground Railroad quilt will be done by Connie Walker, of Whistle Stop. The cost of the workshop is \$25. See Gayle to sign up and pay.

We will have a charity quilt kit day in February. Help from Guild members is needed by the Charity Quilt Committee to cut fabric for kits. Maryann Rettino announced that she had bereavement quilt kits with her for anyone interested in taking one.

In March, Cathy Wiggins will present a workshop called "Win, Place or Show."

We will have an Auction in April, which should be a great money raiser for the Guild and a great opportunity for members to clean out quilt, sewing, and craft related items from their closets and sewing rooms. The Board will discuss and make a decision on whether to include yard sale items for silent auction.

Wendy Ferguson is heading up the upcoming Quilt Exhibit at the Dunn Center, scheduled for September/October 2011. Wendy has asked members to email, as soon as possible, pictures of quilts they plan to enter in the exhibit so she can put together a flyer for advertisement. The theme is "Helping Hearts and Hands." The theme allows for a wide range of quilts, since almost all quilts are made lovingly with your hands and with heartfelt desire to please and meet the needs of family and friends (and unknown recipients of charity quilts) and also includes the September theme of breast cancer awareness. The quilts will be on display for a month, probably pinned to a carpeted wall and displayed where people will not likely be wearing white gloves. Approximately 50 quilts will be accepted for display.

Door Prizes/Green Bag Challenge Winners

Congratulations to Green Bag Challenge winners: Sarah Wade--1st place; Mae Carroll--2nd place.

Jan Marie Potter won the fat quarter drawing.

The meeting was adjourned by 12:20 pm.

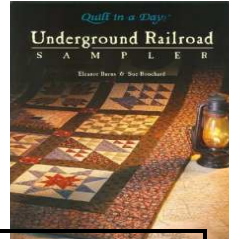
Respectfully submitted: Carol Myers, Guild Secretary



Notes from the Vice President!

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas meeting. The food was excellent & it seemed a good time was had by all. A special thanks to all who helped to set up & cleaned up afterwards and to Debbie Quitiquit for the finger pincushions & Christmas pins & Cynthia Knoll for the meaningful goodie bags. It is such a pleasure to work on an event when so many people help out by pitching in and making the day so special. The amount of toys and food brought in were a wonderful showing of your generosity. Thanks to all for making the day a big success!

January Meeting: We are fortunate to have Connie Walker from Whistle Stop (back by popular demand!) who will be doing a lecture on the Underground Rail Road and a giving a class after the Guild meeting on the Underground Rail Road Quilt Code! See below for the supply list. I believe we may have a few spots open, so if you are interested, you can sign up and pay at the meeting.



| Fabric Requirements | |
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| Workshop (3) 12" Blocks Only | Full Quilt Finished size @60" x 90" |
| (4) Background Prints – Fat Quarter of each Medium/Dark Prints as follows: Fat Quarter each of (2) Reds Fat Quarter each of (2) Browns (1) Fat Quarter Green Fat Quarter each of (2) Blues General Sewing Supplies Bring your sewing machine, cutting mat, thread, scissors, rulers, minimum 6 1/2" square, 3'x6" Flying Geese Ruler. | (4) Background Prints – 1 yard each (13) Medium/Dark Prints as follows: 1/2 yard of Red 1/4 yard each of (2) additional Reds 1/4 yard each of (3) Browns 1/2 yard of Green 1/4 yard each of (2) additional Greens 1/2 yard each of (2) Blues 1/4 yard of (1) additional Blue 1/8 yard of Black 1 1/2 yards for Sashing 1/4 yard for Cornerstones 1 1/2 yards for Outer Border |
| Choose background fabrics similar in color, value and scale. When selecting medium/dark prints, fabrics that will read as a solid from a distance will work best; try to vary the scale to add more interest. For a more authentic look, work with reproduction fabrics from the 1800s. | |

February Meeting: In February we are going to ask your help to put together charity quilt kits. We've had great success in making charity quilts using the kits and we're just about out of them and want to stock up on them for the year. Your help is appreciated in staying for a little while to help.

March Meeting: We're lucky to have Cathy Wiggins do a presentation in March. "Win, Place or Show" What it takes to make an award winning quilt. This is perfect timing as we get ready for our quilt show in the fall!

April Meeting: It's time for spring cleaning. We're going to have an auction after all! Start getting ready for those bargains and treasures!

To save your finger tips from poking pins, use snap-shut hair clips to secure your binding in place for hand stitching.

Just clamp them over the quilt binding to keep it in a secure position, and then blindstitch. Use several clips at a time and just keep moving them along as you stitch.

Happy Quilting!

For those who don't already know it, YouTube is a great place to get quilting ideas and tips and tricks. Just type in what you are interested in and see what you can find. I found a great one on joining the ends of your binding.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ot7Trk6J2Vw>

Do you have a quilting tip you'd like to share?

Send them to zippy1044@nc.rr.com and I will use them, space permitting.

TRPOG Quilt Show headed up by Wendy Ferguson
is Coming in October of 2011
Get your quilts ready!

It will be held at the Dunn Center for the Performing Arts at NC Wesleyan College

January 7 - 8

Sanford, NC - Quilting and Fiber Arts Market-
place,
Dennis Wicker Civic Center. 9-5
For more info. www.quiltersgallery.net

February 2 - 5

Romancing Eastern NC Shop Hop,
Includes Cotton Fields!
www.cottonfieldsn.com for more info

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We now have 77 members who have renewed -- keep spreading the word about our guild.

We had 47 in attendance at the meeting and 1 new members: Barbara Mills

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

Please update any changes with Debbie Quitquit - quitquilt@hotmail.com or 434-594-7254.

Nash Community College
Continuing Education
Winter Classes with Louise Janelle
Registration open now.
Call 451-8234.

Crocheting \$37.25
Monday: Jan. 10 - Mar. 7
1:00-4:00 P.M.

Knitting \$37.25
Monday: Jan. 10 - Mar. 7
6:00-9:00 P.M.

Wednesday: Jan. 12 - Mar. 2
9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Quilting \$46.25
Thursday: Jan. 13 - Mar. 3
9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Thursday: Jan. 13 - Mar. 3
6:00-9:00 P.M.

*There is still time to buy the winning
Raffle Ticket !!*

Martha Cianos has found a web site dealing
with Alzheimer's Disease (www.alzquilts.org).
It might be something you would like to check
out. They accept small quilts and auction
them off to raise money to fund research on
this disease which as we get older, may affect
someone we love - it may even affect you!

If anyone finds an interesting web site, please
let me know and we will share it with the guild!

Green Bag Challenge

Congratulations to
Sarah Wade for 1st Place
Mae Carroll for 2nd Place

Pillowcase Challenge

Congratulations to Jane Privette
Pillowcases can still be turned in to
be distributed to local hospitals

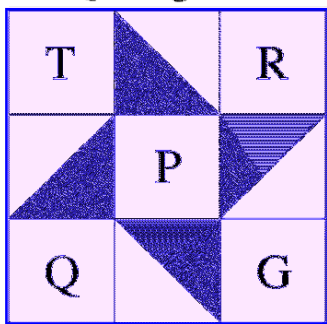
TRPOG's YAHOO GROUP!

Jane Privette is the moderator
of our Yahoo Group.
Please contact Jane at
jbprivette@yahoo.com

Sign up for the Yahoo Group — it is free
and keeps you in the loop of all the hap-
penings in between guild meetings.

Easy to sign up - Easy to use!

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| DATE | UPCOMING QUILTING EVENTS |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jan 7-8 | Sanford, NC - Quilting and Fiber Arts Marketplace, Dennis Wicker Civic Center. 9-5 For more info. www.quiltersgallery.net |
| Feb. 2-5 | Romancing Eastern NC Shop Hop, Includes Cotton Fields! www.cottonfieldsnc.com for more information |
| Feb. 24 - 27 | Hampton, VA - "Mid Atlantic Quilt Festival XXII" - Hampton Road Convention Center |
| 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 |

North Carolina Quilt Symposium

2011

Peace College

June 2-5, 2011

<http://ncqsi.org>

email: ncqs11@capitalquilters.org

Please keep Diane Howard's great-granddaughter, Bailey, in your thoughts & prayers, she is having a tough time after being born prematurely Also, say a prayer for Karyn Howard & her 82 year old mom.



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

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| President: Karen Batts | 819-0844 |
| 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 |
| Membership Liaison: Carolyn Evans | 212-9043 |
| Newsletter & Web Site: Kathy Bass | 314-0283 |
| Charity Outreach: | |
| Maryann Rettino | 823-4378 |
| Sue Fry | 823-7527 |
| Sandy Harris | 296-0084 |
| Gayle Helm | 315-1329 |
| Cookbook: Sue Fry | 823-7527 |
| Maryann Rettino | 823-4378 |
| Sarah Wade | 442-7600 |

Charity Quilt Ticket Sales: Mary Jones
Charity Quilt Tickets Production: Lin Varney

All area codes are 252 unless listed with the number

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Opening Balance | | \$ 6,461.82 |
| Deposits: | | |
| Raffle Tickets | \$ 212.00 | |
| Membership | \$ 30.00 | |
| Class Fees | \$ 125.00 | |
| Cookbooks | \$ 280.00 | |
| Total Deposits | | \$ 647.00 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Charity Fabric | \$ 8.98 | |
| Christmas Party | \$ 202.29 | |
| Less Total Expenses | | (\$ 211.27) |
| Balance as of December 22, 2010 | | \$ 7,263.05 |
| (Balance Include \$365.50 Emergency Fund) | | |

A Big TRPQG Thank You to:

- Everyone who took a bereavement kit!
- The Charity Committee for making the kits!
- Everyone who brought a guest!
- Everyone who brought the delicious food!!
- Everyone who bought/sold raffle tickets
- Everyone who bought/sold cookbooks!