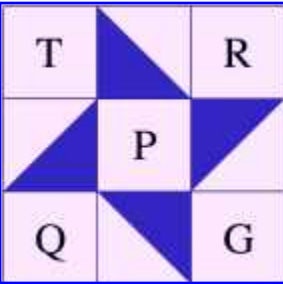


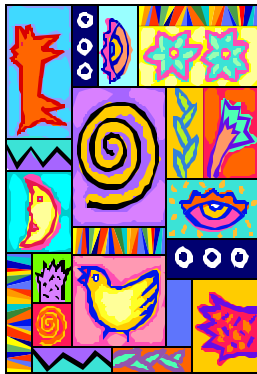
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# Quilting Times



## President's Letter

**HAPPY JUNE QUILTERS.....**

o glad that you are part of our family, quilters are the best group of people that you can be a part of.....they are always willing to lend a hand to those in need, are always ready to try a new class, and always ready to share a good laugh & good food!!!!

We have Connie coming from Whistle Stop Quilt Shop this month to teach us some tips & tricks for Machine Quilting on your home machine..... there are always new things to learn & share, I hope that you will take part in this class if possible,..... Connie is very excited to be coming & teaching this class & I hope that you will give her a big Welcome.....

Our DOS is coming up pretty quick so I hope that those of you

that are helping to make table items are finishing them up, ... Any of you that would like to help make some items also, there is still time, just let me know & I will get you some directions for one of the projects..... We are hoping that all of you will find the time to come that day as this is a day for you also, to share you quilts, to see quilts from other area's of NC, and to meet the quilters from these areas..... We hope that you have enjoyed the Mystery Quilt that Karen found for us to do & bring it in for everyone to enjoy..... For those doing the challenge quilt, we hope that you have enjoyed that process & bring them in for everyone to see..... We will have a lot of door prizes to be given away, including the fantastic quilt that the Busy Bee's has donated for a door prize!!!!

Hope to see you all there.....

Happy Quilting My Friends,

**Martha**

**Our Next Meeting**  
**June 13, 2009**  
**Imperial Centre**  
**Gay Street**

**Social: 9:00 a.m.**  
**Meeting 9:30 a.m.**  
**Connie from Whistle Stop**

- **Bring a Friend!**
- **Name Tag !**
- **Show and Tell!**
- **Fat Quarter for the drawing!**
- **Items on the Supply List on Page 5 & Lunch if you are staying for the class**

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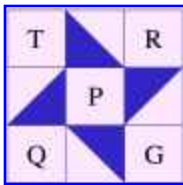
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**June Birthdays**

<b>Norma Keith</b>	<b>June 04</b>
<b>Margaret Nicholson</b>	<b>June 24</b>
<b>Mary Jones</b>	<b>June 28</b>
<b>Linda Baggett</b>	<b>June 29</b>
<b>Lyn Stephens</b>	<b>June 29</b>

**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)

**Emergency Quilts** – any size

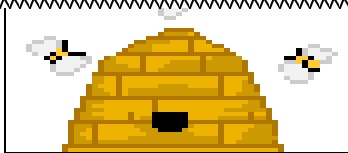
The Charity Committee presented the following quilts this month:

- ♥ 3 quilts for tornado victims in Tarboro;
- ♥ 6 Isolette Covers to Heritage Hospital;
- ♥ 2 Bereavement Gowns,
- ♥ 1 Bereavement Quilt &
- ♥ 7 Neonatal Quilts to Nash General
- ♥ Good work ladies!
- ♥ Keep them coming!
- ♥ (See page 4 for information on delivery of soldier quilts)

*Check out the Web Site*

[www.trpqg.org](http://www.trpqg.org)

*You can direct anyone interested in joining the guild to the site- they can print an Application Form and see past newsletters.*



**Bee Hives for May**

**Fat Quarters** 6/27 at the Arts Center.

**Busy Bees** will meet at 9:30 am on 6/9 at the home of Susie Crumpler.

**Rachel's Remnants** will meet at 7 pm on 6/4 at the home of Betsy Freeman.

**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 on 6/22 at 6pm at the Wilson County Library.

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

*Hospitality Chair Alice Holloman would like to thank all the members for bringing their delicious goodies. If you would like to bring something to a future meeting, please contact Alice. Don't forget Alice will need help with the refreshments in the coming months. Please volunteer to help!*

**Up and Coming Guild Programs**

- July - Day of Sharing*
- August - Slate of New Officers*
- September—TRPQG Birthday Party*
- October - Down East Festival*

May 9, 2009

Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild @ the Art Center in Rocky Mount, NC

President Martha Cianos called the meeting to order at 9:30am. After welcoming everyone to the meeting, Martha wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day! A motion to accept the April minutes was made by Sue Fry and seconded by April Walton the membership approved the minutes as printed.

Martha reminded everyone of the library area and the procedures.

Membership Chair Jane Privette announced that we had Two new members, Becky Anderson and Rachelle Nichols visitors were Terri Mitchell and Marge Gurgone

Kathy Bass, Newsletter chair asked if everyone received their newsletter. Everyone present received their letter.

Charity Outreach Chair Maryanne Rettino thanked everyone for taking a charity quilt kit last month. Nine kits remain, please take one. We only have one twin quilt size left in our current inventory the remaining are lap size quilts. Jane will be taking quilts to Fort Bragg at the end of June. Someone asked if Tornado victims in Wilson needed quilts.

Alice Holloman thanked Maryanne Rettino, Sue Fry, Debbie Quitiquit, Kathy Bass, and Pam Smith for supply the refreshments. Everyone was glad to see Juanita and Jack attend the meeting, they have been missed.

Sara Wade Raffle Quilt Chair: Announced that the raffle quilt top is completed and ready for Kathy Wiggins to quilt it. It's beautiful and it will be a surprise to the membership when it's finished.

Barbara Wallace, Nomination Chair handed out nominating forms to those who did not attend the April meeting. Nominating committee will be getting together before our June meeting to discuss the upcoming ballot.

Brenda Grover presented a quilt, a gift from the Busy Bees to the guild to be used as a raffle quilt. Construction of the quilt was performed by the Busy Bee's, Carolyn Evans donated her time to quilt it, Lyn Varney made the label, Sara Wade picked the fabric.

Busy Bee's meeting was announced that it would be held at Barbara's house. Please turn in your needle keepers. Please bring anything to work on for the meeting.

Winners of the show & Tell, name tag, fat quarter drawing and attendance were: Jean Brandon, Mae Carroll, Margie Nicholson and April Walton.

Martha reminded everyone of the Day of Sharing:

Invitations were send out to six guilds, no responses received yet. We are anticipating 150 guild members and guests for our July meeting. Sign up sheet was passed around to get an idea of how many guild members and their guests will be attending. A quick reminder that it will be held at Englewood Church on Sunset Ave across the street from Pizza Hut beginning at 10 am. We are targeting to have our brunch food begin serving at 10:45ish so things will remain hot if need be. We will need the membership help to set up the Church on Friday night & clean up on Saturday after the party.

Meeting was turned over to Jane Privette's for a presentation of your Sewing Room/Space. Many ideas were exchanged and shared by Jane and members on set up, storage of notions, fabrics etc. Some web sites that might be helpful: [sewingabout.com](http://sewingabout.com) and [younge.com/sewing](http://younge.com/sewing)

Martha closed the meeting at 11:20

Sincerely,  
Pam Smith



## Sewing & Quilting Tips !!



A message from Jane Privette:

Thanks to all who offered their quilting tips during my presentation last month. I really hope we can see more members' creation stations next year. Each month we would like to feature a QT. Look around and see what you have, that could be recycled to be used for quilting storage, tools, etc. If you have something that works for you, that has not been mentioned please email it Kathy Bass or turn it in at the sign-in table to me.

Quilt Tip for this month:

Foundation piecing: recycle those old clothing patterns by using the pattern papers for foundation piecing. It is thinner than copy paper and will be easier to tear away.

### SOLDIER QUILTS

Jane Privette is making another trip to Walter Reed Hospital on June 18th. And will also be making a trip to Fort Bragg in July. If you have finished your patriotic quilts please bring them to the meeting so we can let the soldiers know how much we appreciate them keeping us safe. Thank you to all who have made these quilts. They are truly appreciated!

**Do you love to make Rag Quilts  
but don't because of the endless snipping?**

**Like the look of Half Square Triangles but not the  
time it takes to cut them out?**

Let me die-cut your quilt pieces and spare you the sore hands and hours of time  
better spent sewing.

**Call Mary Ann Coley at 826-2753 or email me at  
[mac5843@embarqmail.com](mailto:mac5843@embarqmail.com)**

**Dies available** (includes seam allowance)

**Squares:** 6-1/2", 4-1/2", 2-1/2". **Rectangle:** 6-1/2" x 3-1/2", **Strips:** 1-1/2" 2-1/2",

**Half Square Triangles:** 2-1/2", 6-1/2"

**Shapes:** flower, circles, dragonfly, bee, butterfly

**Also:** 8-1/2" Rag block with *pre-cut snips!*

Ad Rates: \$10 per month for a business card size ad, \$20 for 1/4 page \$35 for 1/2 page.  
E-mail Kathy Bass if you want to place an ad: zippy1044@nc.rr.com.

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

We now have 97 members. Please welcome our new members **Becky Anderson and Rachelle Nichols**. Please add these names to your membership list and welcome our new members, Please make our new members feel welcome & keep spreading the word about our guild.  
Invite your neighbors, relatives, or even a stranger to come visit with us.  
Please update any address or e-mail changes with Jane Privette at [jbprivette@yahoo.com](mailto:jbprivette@yahoo.com) or 443-4022



Our Sincere Sympathy to:  
Gayle Helm who lost her sister, Meg

Get Well Wishes to:  
Cynthia Knoll's Husband

**MYSTERY QUILT**

You should have received your final installment of the Mystery Quilt. Karen will have copies at the meeting if you didn't receive yours, or you can email or call

**June Meeting Info & Supply List**

Connie Walker owner of The Whistle Stop Quilt Shop will present a lecture during the meeting and have a class after the meeting  
Machine Quilting on your home sewing machine  
Sign up at the meeting for her class - \$20 for members

**Supply List:**

Sewing Machine, Walking Foot & Free Motion Foot, Machine Quilting Needles,  
20-30 Safety Pins, Fabric Marking Tool of Your Choice, Basic Sewing Supplies;  
6 - 14" Squares of muslin, solid, or tone on tone fabric & 3- 14" squares of batting,  
Thread to contrast with your fabric choice;  
A Pair of quilting gloves or garden gloves with rubber dots

Anyone wishing to bring your finished quilt top...

Please make sure the top is pressed & free of loose threads; your backing & batting should be 2-3 inches larger than your top on all four sides. When considering your thread and marking tools, be sure they will work with your quilt. Connie does not recommend working on your finished tops during class, but she doesn't want to discourage it either. Being able to see some finished tops and talk about your quilting options can greatly enhance the class. If anyone brings a top, she will do her best to use them as creative opportunities and things to share and discuss.

**The Day of Sharing is fast approaching!**

**We are going to have a Viewer's Choice**

**"It's Sew O'Clock Somewhere" Challenge**

**You can make a wallhanging as small as 8"x11" up to as large as 36"x36"**

**See Martha to sign up for this challenge**

**You will be given a piece of challenge fabric which must be used in the wallhanging.**

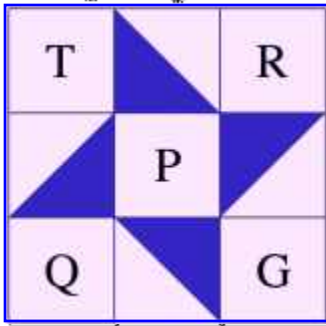
**Our theme is tropical, so put on your creative hat and start thinking up ideas!**



Don't forget, this is everyone's newsletter

Feel free to submit, pictures, stories, quilting items for sale, etc. and if there is space, I will try to put them in the next issue.

**Tar River PieceMakers  
Quilting Guild**



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DATE	UPCOMING QUILTING EVENTS
April 17 - June 7	Durham, NC - ARTQUILT <i>Transitions</i> - Allenton & Semans Galleries of the Durham Arts Council
June 5-7	Chantilly, VA "Quilter Unlimited 36th Annual Quilt Show" Dulles Expo Center—www.quiltersunlimited.org
June 6 – 7	Ahoskie, NC "Roanoke Chowan Quilters Quilt Show" at Roanoke Chowan Community College
June 25-27	Hendersonville, NC "A Garden of Quilts" Western NC Quilt Guild & Tarheel PieceMakers Quilt Club, East Henderson High School
June 25 - August 22	Cary, NC - ARTQUILT <i>Transitions</i> - Page Walker Art & History Center, 119 Ambassador Loop, Cary, NC
June 26-28	Wilmington, NC, "Quilters by the Sea 27th Annual Quilt Show" Temple Baptist Church www.quiltersbytheseaguild.com
August 22	Cary, NC, "Lazy Days Art Festival" Page-Walker Arts & History Center, 119 Ambassador Loop, Cary, NC
Nov. 6-7	Ashboro, NC, "At Home With Carolina Quilts", Randolph Quilters Quilt Guild Show, Central Carolina Community Church, 1128 Fayetteville St.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements	
Beginning Balance (includes emergency fund)	\$ 9,390.92
Deposits	\$ 30.00
Disbursements	(\$ 137.28)
Balance as of 5/19/2009 (includes emergency fund)	\$ 9,283.64
Emergency Fund	\$ 365.50

**ARE YOU FEELING LUCKY???**

**Don't forget your Fat Quarter for the Drawing!**

<b>President:</b> Martha Cianos	363-5048
<b>Vice President:</b> Karen Brown	407-7583
<b>Secretary:</b> Nancy Knapp	972-3329
<b>Treasurer:</b> Pam Smith	985-3863
<b>Membership:</b> Jane Privette	443-4022
<b>Hospitality:</b> Alice Holloman,	919-284-4507
<b>Library:</b> Virginia Ward	443-4554
<b>Bee Keeper:</b> Carolyn Evans	212-9043
<b>Membership Liaison:</b> Carolyn Evans	212-9043
<b>Newsletter:</b> Kathy Bass	237-6909
<b>WebSite:</b> Kathy Bass	237-6909
<b>Charity Outreach:</b> Maryann Rettino	823-4378
Joyce Klett	446-9340
Sandy Harris	296-0084
Gayle Helm	315-1329
<b>Nomination Committee:</b> Barbara Wallace	478-3331
<b>Mystery Quilt:</b> Karen Brown	407-7583

**A Big TPQG Thank You to:**

- **Everyone who brought refreshments!**
- **Everyone who made our new members feel welcome!**
- **Everyone who sent an email with a contribution for the newsletter!**
- **Everyone who made a charity quilt!**

**Get Involved with the Guild - It Makes it More Fun!**

Debbie Hyde asked me to tell everyone the following:  
 "Thanks to all of our friends in Rocky Mount who supported us during our stay there. We will miss you! You can contact us now at afrayedknotnow@embarqmail.com. Debbie, Paul & Chloe"

Editors Note: The deadline for the TRPQG Quilting Times is the 20th of each month. You can reach Kathy Bass at 237-6909