



Quilting Times

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



President's Letter

Welcome to Fall!!!!

Also welcome to the 10th year of the Tar River Piecemaker's Quilting Guild. I am looking forward to a successful and fun-filled year. We started off the year with a great birthday celebration. It was great to see everyone having a great time. Since we had our October meeting on September 25, we will not meet again until our November meeting.

In November we will be having some demonstrations for some quick Christmas gifts. We already have a few volunteers to give some demonstrations. If you have a quick Christmas idea, please consider volunteering to share it with the rest of us in November; give me or Gayle Helm a call.

We are making reusable gift bags, totes, etc. to replace that expensive wrapping paper. If you are interested in this challenge, see Gayle to get your fat quarter to be used in the gift bag.

We are once again going to collect canned goods for the church's pantry and toys to be given to the Toys for Tots program. We are asking you to bring either or both of these items to

There is no formal meeting this month, but our meeting room is available. Some members have expressed interest in having a "Sew-In". If you would like to join us, come from 9-3, to sew, visit, complete some UFO's, make your challenge bag, etc.

Come and join the fun.

Bring a food item to share for a pot-luck, snacks, drinks, sewing machine, ext. cord, etc. and we will have Sewing Party! Ice will be provided for your drinks.

the Christmas party as a way to give back to the community.

Again I am looking forward to another successful and fun-filled year with each of you.

Remember we will meet together again at the Imperial Center in November and will be seeing demonstrations for quick Christmas gifts. Take Care and.....

Keep Quilting!

Karen



Thanks to
Susie Crumpler
For our wonderful
birthday cake!



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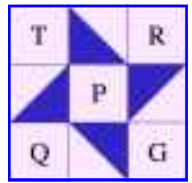
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October Birthdays

Martha Cianos	10/05
Louise Janelle	10/07
Pat McAdams	10/08
Paige Davis	10/10
Margie Hardison	10/14
Betsy Freeman	10/18

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)

"Enduring Earth"

Scarf Challenge for The Nature Conservancy

Opening Reception
October 7th - 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Scarves can be viewed/purchased from 11-2 on Thursday the 7th, Friday & Saturday (10-3) at Wilson Community College
All proceeds will be used for the animals affected by the Gulf oil spill.



Bee Hives for October

Fat Quarters will not meet again until Jan. 22.

Busy Bees will meet at 9:30 am on 10/12 at the home of Brenda Grover.

Rachel's Remnants will meet 10/8-9 at the home of Ann Layton at Lake Gaston for quilt camp.

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 6:30 @ the Wilson Library on 10/25. Don't forget your box!

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

The Guild spent 331.5 hours in August working on charity projects.

The Committee donated 7 neonatal quilts to Heritage Hospital. There is a need for bereavement gowns. Maryann will bring patterns to the next meeting.

The Charity Quilt Committee has worked hard and made kits for you - there are more kits available for you to sign out and take home to sew.

And the Winners of the

Mystery Quilt Challenge are:

Betsy Freeman

Ramona Orzell

Barbara Wallace

See pictures on the web site!



Up and Coming Guild Programs

November - Mini Workshops/Demonstrations

December - Christmas Party - Green Bag Challenge

Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild
September 11, 2010

President Karen Batts called the meeting to order at 9:40 am and welcomed everyone to our 10th Birthday Party. She thanked Susie Crumpler for making the Guild's 10th Birthday cake.

President Batts asked if everyone received the September 2010 Newsletter and if they read the August meeting minutes and accepted them as written. Nancy Knapp moved to accept the minutes, and Susie Crumpler seconded the motion. There was no opposition, and the motion to accept the minutes was passed.

Former Guild President Ramona Orzell led in the swearing in of new officers Vice President Gayle Helm and Treasurer Mae Carroll. President Karen Batts and Secretary Carol Myers reaffirmed their oaths as officers. Ramona then presented the "new" Board of Officers to the Guild.

President Batts thanked Sue Fry and Sarah Wade, as well as the entire cookbook committee, for their hard work and success with the Guild cookbook. Sue Fry then "unveiled" the cookbook with a Happy Birthday wish to everyone on the Guild's 10th year as a group and presented the completed cookbook for all to see. Continued orders and purchases are still needed to cover the cost of the cookbook. They are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 for Guild members only.

It was reported that Margie Hardison, who previously had serious back surgery, now must go through the same surgery again.

President Batts announced the Wilson Quilt Show is scheduled for October 16th and 17th. Cathy Wiggins' show quilts will be on display at the Cabarrus County Quilt Show on September 24th & 25th. Debbie Quitiquit had raffle tickets for a quilt to be raffled at the Peanut Festival, scheduled for September 25th & 26th.

A list was sent around for members to sign up for a committee they would be willing to help out with during the year if called upon. President Batts stated that members would be assigned to a committee if they did not choose one on the list.

A list was passed around to sign up to help out at the Tarboro History Days on September 25th, which is to replace the Guild's October 2010 meeting. Volunteers are needed to sell cookbooks and raffle quilt tickets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Raffle Quilt Chair Mary Jones handed out 24 raffle quilt tickets to each member not present at the August meeting. Members can either sell them to others or buy them themselves. The tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. The money must be turned in by the January 2011 meeting.

Membership Chair Debbie Quitiquit reported there were 55 members in attendance at the meeting. Guests included Paitin Fletcher, Brittany Moscari, Madison Suiter, and Melia Adams.

Charity Committee: Gayle Helm stated she has the list of charity quilt kits signed out and brought back. Please look over her list to make sure your name has been marked off if you returned yours or to see if you checked one out and forgot about it.

Newsletter Chair Kathy Bass asked to make sure everyone got their newsletter for September. She took the opportunity to remind everyone of the Enduring Scarf Challenge.

Treasurer Mae Carroll gave the report as she received it from Pam Smith. The Guild checkbook balance as of September 11, 2010 was \$7032.49. There were outstanding checks totaling \$2,760.26, leaving a balance of \$4,272.23. Membership dues and bus trip money will be added to that balance after the September meeting. There was one big change regarding the Mary Jo's bus trip expenses that would be explained by Gayle Helm.

Gayle explained that the amount for the bus trip ended up costing more than previously planned based on the quote given to Pam Smith. The cost was raised from \$1,900 to \$2,224. They used the wrong mileage on the first quote--which was also for a 47 passenger bus, now changed to a 55 passenger bus. The owners knocked off a little from the final quote for the mistakes made on their part in their original quote.

Vice President Gayle Helm, reported that she had itineraries to pass out to those signed up for the bus trip to Mary Jo's on September 18, 2010. There are currently 37 signed up for the trip. The bus will leave the parking lot by the old Goody's store at 6:00 am. There is a scheduled restroom stop. The bus should arrive at Mary Jo's at approximately 10:30 am. The bus will leave at 1:30 to take those who want to go to the Long Creek Thread Mills store. At 3:00 pm the bus will head back to Rocky Mount, making a stop in or near Greensboro for dinner. Call Kathy Bass before meeting the bus on the 18th if you are not already signed up--just to be sure there are still openings. You can bring your own food or visit a nearby restaurant for lunch.

Gayle announced a bag challenge for the Christmas Party in December. The bag is to be a "green" bag, one that could be reusable--not throwaway. Otherwise, the bag can be any kind you want, but you must use a bit of the fabric provided by the Guild for the challenge. Get your fat quarter from Gayle if you are interested in participating.

At the November meeting, we will have members demonstrating various gift possibilities. Some members have signed up--please volunteer if you have something to teach.

The Christmas party, the December meeting, will be at Englewood United Methodist Church. Bring a gift for the Guild's contribution to Toys for Tots this year. Also bring a canned good/sealed food item for the church's meal kitchen.

Librarian Virginia Ward thanked those who signed the committee list to help out in the library. She asked volunteers to call her for ways to help.

Beekeeper Pam Kowalk asked the bee leaders to see her so she can get information about the bees.

We played Quilto at the meeting. Winners included the following: Joyce Suiter, Mae Carroll, Lynda Baggett, Barbara Wallace, Sandy Batchelor, and Virginia Adams.

Thanks to Lori Richardson for the pattern for the Mystery Quilt. Congratulations to the winners, as follows: 1st Place, Betsy Freeman, winning a Cotton Fields gift certificate; 2nd Place, Ramona Orzell; and 3rd Place, Barbara Wallace.

Door Prizes/Drawing Winners

Beverly Hatch won the fat quarter drawing. Jane Privette won the nametag drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Myers, Guild Secretary.

2010 - 2011 TRPQG Renewal

Please fill out and return with your annual dues of \$15

(Due by September Meeting)

Cash (please don't mail cash) or check payable to TRPQG, PO Box 7813, Rocky Mount, 27804

Please fill in all your information and note if it has changed from last year.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell or Work: _____

Email: _____

Check if you want the newsletter via email _____

Birthday: Month _____ Day _____

Are you in a Bee? _____ Which one? _____

Do you want to be in a Bee? _____

Paying by Check: # _____ Cash: _____

Has any information changed? What? _____



Sharron Parker - Felting Workshop

October 16th - 10:30am - 4:00pm

\$65 city residents

The Art Center is offering a hands-on workshop with artist Sharron Parker in a felting workshop. Handmade felt is believed to be the oldest textile technique - dating to the Stone Age. Explore the possibilities of color, texture, and form with this medium, using only wool and hot water. Students will work with dyed wools, layering these to form felt "geodes", and then slicing these to create patterning for a flat felt. The flat felts can then be embellished with yarns, fleece curls, etc.

This workshop will be located at the Education Building of the Arts Center. To register and for more details contact Jennifer Rankin at 252-972-1632 or jennifer.rankin@rockymountnc.gov.



The Tarbees presented a quilt to Mayor Donald Morris for Tarboro in honor of the 250th celebration. The quilt depicts familiar structures in Tarboro, the Courthouse, the Blount Bridgers house, the Veterans Memorial, the Cotton Press and the Pender Museum. Photographs were taken of each

structure to use as a guide for the pattern making. The structures were assigned, a deadline set, and we scattered to get our stitching completed. The structures are all done by hand appliqué. The piecing is by machine, as is the quilting.

Here is the label:

Happy 250th Birthday, Tarboro

Quilt by the Tarbees

Veterans Memorial: Frances Daughtry

Cotton Press: Carol Whittig

Pender Museum: Martha Creech

Blount Bridgers House: Alison Boyette

Courthouse: Edie Baluss

Piecing by: Mary Ann Rettino, Angie Grady, Miriam Schaul, Mary Ann

Shindle, Mary Ann Coley, Carol Whittig, Martha Creech, and Edie

Baluss—Border by: Mary Ann Coley—Quilting by: Alison Boyette

The Tarboro History Days were a big success!
The ladies who manned the table raised
\$201 for the guild!
Way to Go!



TRPQG is Going Green
for Christmas!

Use all or some of the
provided fabric!

Use embellishments, etc.

Make it your own creation!

Save a Tree! Win Some Prizes!

Make a reusable Bag to wrap your gifts!



Joann Fabric "Quilt Your Colors 2010" Contest

Show Us Your Colors - Use your talent & skill to create a quilt made with fabrics from Joann Fabric.

1st Prize—\$2500 & a sewing machine & more

2nd Prize - \$1,000 & AccuQuilt Go & more

3rd Prize - \$500 & Cutting Table & more

4 - 10th Prize—\$50 Joann Gift Card

Contest ends December 18, 2010

Go to this website for more details

www.joann.com/quiltcontest

A Note From The Vice President!

I hope everyone enjoyed the bus trip to Gastonia! I know I had a great time and it was so nice to get to know more about some of you quilters! Thanks to Debbie for bringing her fellow Roanoke Rapids quilters - I'm not exactly sure what was going on in the back of the bus but, it was wild and crazy!! A special thanks to Kathy Bass who helped with so many things. It wouldn't have been as successful without her! We had games, prizes, shopping, food and friendship. If you were planning the "perfect day", what more could you ask for??

In November we're planning a "demonstration day" for those wonderful last minute gift ideas!! I can't wait!!

Gayle Helm

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

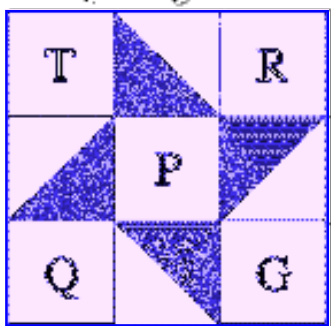
We now have 100 members -- keep spreading the word about our guild.

We had 55 members & 4 guests at the September meeting.

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

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

**Tar River Piecemakers
Quilting Guild**



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DATE	UPCOMING QUILTING EVENTS
Oct. 9 to Jan. 2	Virginia Museum of Fine Art - American Quilts - Selections from the Wintertur Collection - NewMarket Gallery
Oct. 16-17	Wilson, NC - Peace by Piecing Quilt Show at the Wilson Ag Center, Wilson County Ag Center, Sat. 10-4:30, Sunday 1-4
Oct. 22-24	Durham, NC - "A Thread Runs Through It", Durham/Orange Quilter's Guild, American Tobacco Warehouse, Fri/Sat - 10-6, Sun - 10-5
Oct. 29-30	New Bern, NC - "Quilts for 300 Years" Twin Rivers Quilt Guild, New Bern Riverfront Convention Center, 10-5
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

The Cookbook are going



FAST!

**Email or call
Sue Fry to
reserve yours!!**



Get Well Wishes to Judy Glover's husband whose cancer has returned, Barbara Jean Shafer's niece who has been diagnosed with leukemia, Wendy Ferguson who is undergoing chemo for breast cancer & Margie Hardison just had another back surgery. If we missed anyone else who has been ill this past month we wish them well also.

Our Deepest Sympathy to anyone who has lost a loved one this past month.

President: Karen Batts	819-0844
Vice President: Gayle Helm	315-1329
Secretary: Carol Myers	443-1521
Treasurer: Mae Carroll	443-2828
Membership: Debbie Quitquit	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

Opening Balance		\$ 4,272.23
Deposits:		
Bus Trip	\$ 250.00	
Membership	\$ 330.00	
Cookbooks	\$ <u>950.00</u>	
Total Deposits		\$1,530.00
Expenses:		
Mailing labels	\$ 9.04	
Raffle Tickets	\$ 64.00	
Less Total Expenses		(\$ <u>73.04</u>)
Balance as of September 21, 2010		\$5,729.19
(Balance Includes \$365.50 Emergency Fund)		

A Big TRPQG Thank You to:

- **Susie Crumpler for the wonderful birthday cake!**
- **Everyone who worked at the Tarboro Festival!**
- **Everyone who brought a guest!**
- **Everyone who signed up for a committee!!**

