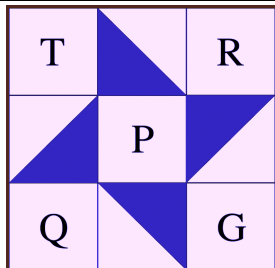


News from the Leadership Team



Quilting Times

May

April showers visited the TRPQG meeting day on April 13th but that didn't stop the 25 members and 2 guests that arrived from having a fun morning. Many thanks to all who attended.

First Friday at the Imperial Center is ending on May 3rd. Nancy Knapp from Rachel's Remnants and Pam Smith from Happy Hoopers will finish the year out for us. First Friday will resume on October 4th. If you attended First Friday make sure your name is in the drawing for the lovely baskets of goodies. There are only 7 First Fridays and it would be to our benefit to have a schedule in place for next year. Leadership has some new ideas for our participation which should make for an enjoyable 2-3 hours at the event. Please sign up for a night of meeting our neighbors and showing how the guild works. Signup sheet will be at membership table.

Charity quilt donations are decreasing in number. You may think that there is always someone who makes them and plenty are being made. That's not the case. If you haven't made one yet or have not done one in a while we encourage you to jump right back in. Carol Gates will not be handling our Charity Outreach next year and this would be a perfect time for one of you to make this your own challenge.

Our leadership team has 2 vacancies for next year. Joan and Kelley will remain while Linda and Nancy will end their terms. So many answers to the question: "Why don't you come on leadership?" revolve around how much work it is. Well, if no one is interested that would leave Joan and Kelley to do everything. Many of you have been on leadership before or held an office. However, just as the guild has grown so has the way leadership functions. We get together and brainstorm how to make our meetings interesting and exciting. We try to bring programs and activities that highlight new quilting methods or games that bring us together for more fun. (Quilt Block Puzzle). But more importantly than all that, is the responsibility leadership has to keep the guild strong and on solid ground for the future. That won't happen without members that are committed to that mission. Please consider being on leadership or heading a committee. There are vacancies there as well. Think about it. Please.

At the May meeting there will be an Accuquilt Demo by Jennie Wright and Emily Vinson. Bring some fabric to play with and see some of the uses for these blocks that members have incorporated into their projects.

Don't forget that Harvey has fabric and notions available for sale at his home. Call him for an appointment.

See you soon,

Joan, Kelly, Linda, Nancy



Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild Meeting Minutes 04-13-2019

Nancy Knapp called the TRPQG meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She wished Happy Birthday to those having birthdays in April. She reminded people about cell phones.

A motion was made to accept the March meeting minutes by Pam Smith. It was seconded by Carol Gates and passed by the membership. A motion was made to accept the March treasurer's report by Jinx Abernathy. It was seconded by Susie Crumpler and passed by the membership.

Committee Reports:

Charity Outreach: Carol Gates. April is Christian Adoption Agency, May is Nash NICU, and June is NICU Vidant. Donations have been dropping. Carol encouraged people to join together and share the different parts of making a quilt.

Library: Maryann Rettino/ Martha Blount. There is the possibility of another book sale in November. Pam Smith stated how much she enjoys their book reports in the newsletter.

Newsletter/Facebook/ Webpage: Heather Todd.

Sunshine and Shadows: Ramona Orzell. She stated that Sue Fry was back at Duke in Durham due to complications.

Membership: Jinx Abernathy/Amanda Harrell. There were 25 people present including 2 guests.

Bee Keeper: Pam Smith gave a history of quilting bees. There are 4 active bees. Please contact Pam if you would like to join one or start a new one.

Nancy reminded committee chairs to designate a representative if they are unable to attend a guild meeting.

Old Business:

Last month's program: Nancy thanked Carol Gates for her presentation of Tag Quilts.

First Friday: Nancy thanked the Busy Bees for attending April's First Friday. Nancy Knapp and Pam Smith representing the Happy Hoopers & Rachel's Remnants will attend May's First Friday on May 3rd. First Fridays will resume on Oct 4th. A sewing machine has been donated for use at First Fridays. Nancy reminded members why we are a part of First Fridays and reminded those that attended them to put their name in the drawing that will take place at the May meeting.

Projects: Pam Smith stated that they are through the applique row. She will put something in the newsletter about the Row by Row quilt. Please bring your ideas to the Leadership team for projects that you would like to see next year.

New Business:

Meeting Greeters: Thank you to Gayle Helm for being the greeter today. There are still a few months open: Jun, Aug and Sep. Please sign up at the membership table if you can fill them. Upcoming Programs:

May - Accuquilt Demo by Jennie Wright and Emily Vinson. BRING FABRIC to play with.

June - History Quilts.

July - Demonstrations: NEED VOLUNTEERS.

August - Elections

Elections: Linda Baggett and Nancy Knapp are leaving the Leadership Team (LT) so there are 2 positions open. If you are interested in a committee or LT position, please contact LT at the June Meeting. The slate has to be set by June to be published in the July newsletter per by-laws.

Full Board meeting is being held after this meeting.

Harvey Sopher is having an estate sale of his wife's fabric, notions, etc.

Imperial Art Center is closed on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Program: Playing with Blocks presented by Joan Mayo and Kelley Gerstenmier.

Sew and Tell/Drawing for prizes:

1st Time Sew & Tell: None; Sew & Tell: Gayle Helm; Name Tag: Jinx Abernathy.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Doyle
Secretary



Cutting with the Accuquilt Tumbler dies.

During the May TRPQG meeting you have an opportunity to use an Accuquilt cutter to cut out tumbler blocks. ***If you own a GO Cutter please bring it to the meeting. If you have any of the tumbler blocks please bring them as well.***

Below is a chart of the three dies that will be available to use with quilt sizes and the approximate number of blocks needed to create a quilt.

You are only limited by your imagination in designing a tumbler quilt. Use as few as two different fabrics to as many as the number needed to make the quilt the size you want it. Think tumbler blocks are boring, piece some scraps together and cut that into a tumbler block. Don't want to create a quilt but want to try the tumbler block use some to make a mug rug, placemat or table topper.

Die information

3 ½" Tumbler finishes 3" - a 11 ½" wide strip yields 24 per strip - 72 per yard

4 ½" Tumbler finishes 4" - a 5" wide strip yields 8 per strip - 56 per yard
(charm sq. compatible)

6 ½" Tumbler finishes 6" - a 7 ½" wide strip yields 7 per strip - 28 per yard

Quilt size information

38" x 40" scrappy quilt with 2 ½" border strips uses 180 - 3 ½" tumblers

38" x 52" scrappy quilt with no border strips uses 169 - 4 ½" tumblers

48" x 78" scrappy quilt with no border strips uses 143 - 6 ½" tumblers

38" x 48" scrappy quilt with no border strips uses. 84 - 6 ½" tumblers



Ironed fabrics work best. I personally prefer starched fabric.

Charity and Outreach

April was an amazing month for donations! Our generous members really came through, donating 5 quilts to the NC Christian Adoption agency, 2 quilts for veterans and 2 sets of mug rugs. And each item was beautiful! Many thanks to our members who made donations this month: Barbara Wallace, Lin Varney, Martha Blount, Sandy Batchelor, Betty Gentry, Susie Crumpler and Sarah Wade. In May we will focus on baby quilts of any size for the NICU at Nash Hospital (what a great way to celebrate Mother's Day!) Our focus for June will be quilts for the NICU at Vidant Hospital. They have requested small baby quilts approximately 30" x 30". In July our focus is the NC Veteran's home, we donate patriotic lap-sized quilts to the residents. Start looking at your stash now!! It's time to unleash your creativity and talent! Looking forward to some super cute baby quilts at our next meeting!

Carol Gates
Charity and Outreach



UPCOMING CHARITY COLLECTIONS

May — Nash Hospital NICU

Any size baby quilt

June — Vidant Hospital NICU

Baby quilts 30"x30" for incubators and sent home with babies.

July — NC Veteran's home

Patriotic lap quilts.

If you need more information, please contact Carol Gates

In Loving Memory



of Sue Fry

Sunshine & Shadow



We don't want you to go through it alone! If you have anyone you want remembered, please email

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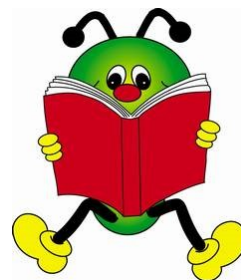
Library Corner

This month I am reviewing "Patch Pals Collection" from Quiltmaker. These patterns have been printed in the magazine Quiltmaker each month for quite a while. Each pattern is an animal in a cute design. They are all the same size (40.5" x 50 3/4"). They could be used for the NICU in both hospitals we serve, or for a baby shower or just a gift for a loved one.

The animals include dog cat, elephant, owl and more. There are twelve of them. They each have a different border which you can change to one you like better. I highly recommend them.

Maryann Rettino

Martha Blount



Bee Hives for May

GREETERS

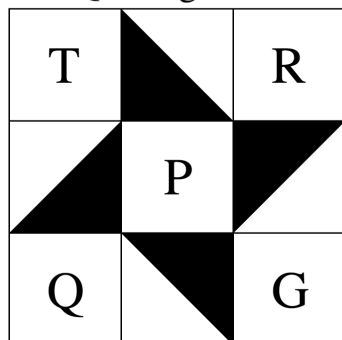
Greeters needed for
2019.

Please sign up at the
membership table.



Busy Bees	Meeting at the Arts Centre on 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 (May 14th)
Cutting Corners	Meeting at Braswell Library on 3rd Friday Friday, at 10:00 am (May 17th)
Happy Hoopers	Meeting 3rd Saturday at Home of Pam Smith. (May 18th).
Rachel's Remnants	Meeting 1st Thursday at various locations at 6:00 pm (May 2nd— Ruby Tuesday's)

Tar River Piecemakers
Quilting Guild



TRPQG is on Facebook!

Public information site: Tar River
Piecemakers Quilting Guild

Private Members only Group: TRPQG Members
(visit site and send join request.

Active members will be approved)

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