

News from the Leadership Team

The wonderfully prepared Thanksgiving Meal is but a memory. As of the December Meeting, there will be only 16 days until Christmas Day. In these remaining days, members of this Guild will be hard at work finishing those quilted projects into wonderful Christmas presents under the tree. Quilters and Santa's elves have a lot in common – both can work under extreme pressure and meet deadlines!

The December Guild Meeting will be our Christmas Party which will be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 301 S. Circle Drive, Rocky Mount. Please note the time change: the party will start at 10 a.m. Bring a dish to share, a wrapped Christmas ornament, canned goods for the church food pantry and your Sew & Tell. The entrance to the Parrish Hall will have a snowman on it.

One of the highlights of the Christmas Party will be the drawing for the 2018 Raffle Quilt. Remember to turn in your sold tickets & money to Joan Mayo of the Leadership Team at the December Meeting. (Good luck to everyone!!) The December Meeting is the last time to donate to the American Red Cross Hurricane Relief. The Guild has been collecting donations since October. Thanks for being so generous!

Thank you to Martha Blount and Maryann Rettino for organizing the Library Sale last month. The books all went to good homes where they will be used and loved. In keeping with the theme of cleaning, have you taken a hard look at your quilting studio, stash or collection of notions and tools? The Guild Auction is in January during the Guild Meeting. Once again Parker Phillips is our auctioneer. All donated items must be accompanied by a description form. Bring the items the morning of the January Meeting. Description forms will be available at the December Meeting.

Keep February 9th open on your calendar. This is the date of the First Annual Guild Sew-In Day. We have the room until 4pm. Bring your machine, UFOs and lunch for a day of fellowship. The Guild will provide snacks and drinks. The event was a popular request on the membership survey.

During this hectic holiday time, remember to take the time to take care of yourself – breathe deeply, have a cup of tea and then go back sewing!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Party!

Linda, Joan, Kelly and Nancy
The TRPQG Leadership Team

TRPQG Christmas Party**Saturday, December 8th****10:00 am****St. Andrews Episcopal Church**

301 S Circle Dr, Rocky Mount

What to Bring:

Covered Dish to share

Wrapped Ornament

Canned item(s) for the

food pantry

Sew and Tell

Raffle Tickets and Ticket Money Due!**Hurricane Relief**

During the November and December meetings, the guild is collecting monetary donations for the American Red Cross for the Hurricane Florence and Michael relief.

Quilting Times

DECEMBER

Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild Meeting Minutes 11-10-2018

Joan Mayo called the TRPQG meeting to order. Joan spoke to the group regarding "House- keeping reminders": Please silence cell phones, keep small talk to a minimum, and try not to wander around during the meeting. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished Happy Birthday to those having birthdays in October. She also thanked our greeter for the day (Debbie Nivison). There is a Greeter sign-up sheet at the sign-in table. In honor of Veteran's Day, Joan thanked our veterans for their service.

A motion was made to accept the October meeting minutes by Nancy Knapp. It was seconded by Katherine Carter and passed by the membership. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Sue Fry. It was seconded by Sara Wade and passed by the membership.

Bee Keeper: Pam Smith will ask for a report from each bee on what they are doing.

Library: Mary Ann Rettino & Martha Blount: Our program today is a book sale from our library. The money is going into the guild.

Newsletter/Facebook/Webpage: Heather Todd spoke of the two Facebook pages: The public page is Tar River Piecemakers Quilt Guild. The private page is for members only and is TRPQG Members. Members must send a request to join the private group. The question was brought up as to who is monitoring the Guild's Yahoo page. Heather said she would do it. Instructions on how to sign in will be written.

Sunshine & Shadow: Ramona Orzell asked that you contact her if you know of anyone who is sick or needs encouragement. No cards were sent out this month.

Charity Outreach: Carol Gates stated that we have 4 donation sites. The focus for November is the NC Veterans and for December it is the Adoption Agency (Please remember to make the square for the mother.) Lin Varney has labels for them. Please remember to fill out a slip for the donation quilts and the hours spent even if you don't show them at the meeting.

Membership:

Jinx Abernathy (chair) stated there were 44 members present, including 5 guests, 3 of whom became members.

Old Business:

Hurricane Relief Donations: Last day to contribute – to Nancy Knapp.

First Friday: Volunteers are needed for December. Warm thanks were given to Harvey who always comes and takes pictures.

Quilt Raffle Tickets: The drawing will be at our December 8th meeting; a December birthday girl will draw the winner. Keep selling tickets – all to be turned in at the December meeting. \$192 more sold in raffle tickets, almost up to \$1000.

Day of Sharing December 1: The Greenville Quilters Guild's Day of Sharing is on Saturday, Dec 1st. If you want to go, call Barbara Myers. Eight are definitely going; Joan will RSVP for ten.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming programs:

December 8th – Christmas Party will be held on December 8th at 10:00 am at St. Andrews Episcopal Church (301 S Circle Dr off Sunset Ave) at 10 am. Please bring a dish to share, canned goods for the Food Pantry, and a wrapped ornament for the grab bag.

January 12th – Auction (Parker will be the auctioneer). Sheets with directions were passed out.

February 9th – Sew-in Day with a quick business meeting. Guild will have ironing stations set up and will provide extension cords. Guild will be providing drinks & snacks. Bring your lunch and your own projects and notions. 10 am – 4 pm.

PROGRAM: Break/Book Sale - \$160 so far for book sales.

SEW AND TELL/DRAWING FOR PRIZES:

1st Time Sew & Tell: Lisa Clark; Sew & Tell: Deb Shearin; Name Tag: Will get name next month. Thank you to Harvey and Laura for all the photography.

Full Board Meeting to be held after this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Doyle
Secretary



Charity and Outreach

Tis the season for giving! There were 4 quilts and a collection of mug rugs donated at our November meeting for a total of 42 charity hours. Many thanks to Deb Shearin, Lin Varney, Sandy Batchelor and Joyce Barrow for their generous donations. The focus for December donations will be the Christian Adoption Agency. We ask that when you make a quilt to donate, also make an extra "comfort square" from the same fabrics as the quilt. The quilt will go with the baby to his/her new home, the comfort square is for the birth mother to keep. In January we will focus on quilts for the NICU at Nash General Hospital, any size is fine. In February we will collect quilts for NICU at Vidant. These quilts should be no larger than 36" x 36. At both of these sites, our quilts go home with babies who have been in the NICU. There are other smaller items that can be donated as well. See Jinx (at the Membership table) for patterns for Bereavement Wraps and Mother's Hearts. For our knitters and crochet artists, preemie hats are always needed. Mug rugs are used in the waiting rooms in Oncology Depts. at both hospitals. So many opportunities! Please remember that any item can be donated any month, following the schedule is optional. It's a busy time of year, but challenge yourself to make time to create something beautiful to warm the hearts of those in need.



UPCOMING CHARITY COLLECTIONS

January—Nash Hospital NICU

Any size baby quilt or blanket

February — Vidant Hospital NICU

Small (approx. 30"x30") baby quilts

March — NC Veteran's Home Kinston

Lap size quilts, does not have to have patriotic theme. Attach TRPQG label

April — Christian Adoption Agency

Baby quilt with a comfort square for birth mother to keep. Attach TRPQG label.

If you need more information, please contact Carol Gates

GREETERS

December

Maryann Rettino

Greeters needed for 2019.
Please sign up at the
membership table.



Sunshine & Shadow

We don't want you to go through it alone!

If you have anyone you want
remembered,
please email
Ramona Orzell at
orzellrjo@suddenlink.net



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Bee Hives for December

Busy Bees	Meeting at the Arts Centre on 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 (Dec. 11th)
Cutting Corners	Christmas party Friday, Dec 14th, 11:00 am at The Main Course
Happy Hoopers	Meeting at Pam Smith's home, Saturday, December 1* at 10:00 (note date change)
Rachel's Remnants	Meeting 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm (Dec 6) — Hing Ta Restaurant

APPLIQUE BEE

There is interest in starting an Applique Bee. If you are interested in being a part of this bee, please let Pam Smith know.

First Fridays at The Imperial Centre

"First Fridays" is underway at the Imperial Centre. This program is a way to promote the Guild and our love of quilting. Each month we need a team of volunteers to talk about the Guild and sell raffle quilt tickets. Raffle tickets will be sold through the December First Friday.

A bag containing samples of the Guild's outreach projects will be provided to each monthly team. All who participate at First Fridays will have their names placed into a special drawing to take place at the May 2019 Guild Meeting. Each time you work First Friday, you will be entered in the special drawing!

Event Time: 6pm - 8pm

Location: Lobby of the main building of the Imperial Centre.

December 7th - Need a Team

January - No First Friday

February 1st - Need a Team

The team can be a group of friends or a Bee. To sign up for a month, please see a Leadership Team Member at the Guild meeting.

Members who volunteer for the event will be entered into a special drawing to be held in May.

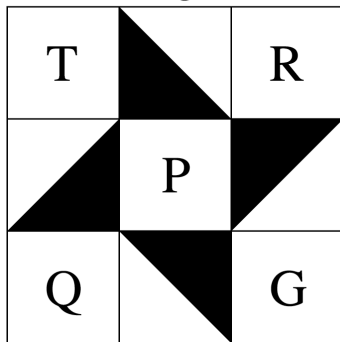
Upcoming Events

January 12th — Guild Auction Fundraiser. Donated items are to be brought the morning of the auction. Forms will be available at the November and December meetings.

February 9th — Sew-in-Day following a brief business meeting and lasting until 4pm. Bring your own lunch and project to work on. A perfect time to work on your Row by Row. Snacks and drinks provided by the Guild.

March 9th — Cathy McKillip, owner of Wish Upon a Quilt, will demonstrate what the AccuQuilt Fabric Cutter can do for you.

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 mem-
bers will be approved)

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