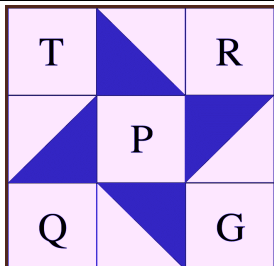


News from the Leadership Team



Happy August, everyone! Hopefully, your summer has been spent in the air conditioning sewing, visiting with family, or both.

We have two challenges coming due within the next two months. For our August meeting, don't forget to bring your tumbler project so that we can see how creative you were with the block. It will be interesting to see how everyone did. In September, the Row by Row quilt project will come to an end. Don't worry if you don't have a completed quilt. Pam Smith said that she would accept completed tops. Don't forget to go through your stash to find fabric for the pillowcase projects. We'll talk about this more at our August meeting.

Our year comes to a close in August. We are still in need for someone to chair the charity outreach committee as well as someone to work on the website for next year. The leadership team is looking for a fourth member. Remember the guild can only be as good as its members.

See you soon,
Joan, Kelley, Linda, and Nancy



WANTED! ENTHUSIASTIC TEAM MEMBERS

Want to share your love and enthusiasm for quilting with others? Have you considered a more active role in the guild? Opportunities are available for the leadership team and outreach committee. For more information please contact a leadership team member!

August Quilting Times

August

Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild Meeting Minutes 07-12-2019

Joan Mayo called the TRPQG meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She stated that the guild had two tickets for the Quilt/Sewing Expo in Raleigh on Aug 1, 2, and 3 to raffle off. She reminded us of the Quilt Speak Exhibition which runs through February, 2020 at the Raleigh Museum of History. Joan spoke of the story of "the Galloping Horse" to remind us to forgive ourselves for errors and to foster camaraderie and encouragement. She thanked Sara Wade for the July 4th decorations and for being the greeter. Joan wished Happy Birthday to members with birthdays in July and mentioned that the Leadership Team was thinking about something different for Birthday members. Two bags of fabric were donated for anyone to take home.

A motion was made to accept the June Meeting Minutes by Katherine Carter and seconded by Susie Crumpler. A motion to accept the June Treasurer's Report was made by Sara Wade and seconded by Pam Smith. Both motions were passed by the membership.

Committee Reports:

Charity Outreach: Carol Gates. July is for Veterans (patriotic theme). August is for the Christian Adoption Agency (any size plus an extra block). Britney from the Children's Advocacy Group, which serves Nash, Edgecombe and Wilson counties approached the guild about making quilts for all the children (aged 3 – 13). The numbers were too many for us to handle, so Carol suggested that we make standard-size pillow cases instead. After discussion, it was decided to have a sew-in day for the guild's birthday party in September to make pillowcases. More information will follow.

Library: Martha Blount. There is only 1 shelf left to purge. They asked if members would donate books for the sale planned for November.

Newsletter/Facebook/ Webpage: Jennie Wright is thinking about doing the Newsletter next year but we still need a Social Media person for the Website and Facebook.

Sunshine and Shadows: Ramona Orzell. Ramona mentioned that Theresa Parker's mother has been in the hospital with pneumonia. Her address is in the Membership Directory.

Membership: Amanda Harrell. Beverly Couch helped Amanda today at the membership desk. There were 30 people present, 0 guests. Dues should be paid in July and August.

Bee Keeper: Pam Smith. See Pam if you would like to join a Bee or start a new Bee. Pam presented trivia. This month has National French Fry Day, Beans and Franks Day, Eat Your Jell-O Day, and International Skinny Dipping Day. July 29th is National Lipstick Day and Pam told us some fun facts about lipstick.

Old Business:

Projects: Pam Smith stated that the Row by Row project is due in September with prizes: \$35 for 1st, \$25 for 2nd, \$15 for 3rd (viewers' choice).

TRPQG Memorial for Sue Fry: The donation has been made.

Katherine Carter, who is making a list of quilt sites, spoke about a few sites that she knew about (woolymammoth.com, quiltradies.com, and quiltshow.com from Sisters, Oregon). She also told us that Emily repaired an old quilt for a man who asked if anyone could help him. When she would not accept any money for it, he donated a \$50 check to the guild.

Tumbler Challenge projects are due in August.

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New Business:

First Fridays: begins in October. Jennie Wright made a pamphlet about TRPQG. We need volunteers.

Upcoming Programs:

August – Elections will be held. We have two vacancies: Charity Outreach and Social Media/ Newsletter.

September – Birthday Party. It was mentioned that there will be special gifts for the founding members at the birthday party. This will be a Sew-in to do pillow cases.

October – Loving Stitches.

November – Library Sale.

December – Christmas Party.

In January 2020, there will be a sign up for a Mystery Quilt which will begin in February.

Leadership Team Retreat – a planning session at Joan Mayo's house on August 24th.

Program: Member demonstrations:

Barbara Wallace – Binding Tip

Jennie Wright – Key fobs

Kathy Lewis – Dog collars with a raffle.

Vickie Wallace – Folding fabric coasters

Sew and Tell/Drawing for prizes:

1st Time Sew & Tell: Kathy Lewis; Sew & Tell: Carol Gates; Name Tag: Barbara Wallace

Raffle for Dog Collars: Jessie Mayo

Raffle for tickets to Sewing Expo: Barbara Wallace and Carol Gates

Respectfully submitted,

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



Charity and Outreach

Birthday Pillowcase Challenge!!!

Our amazing guild will celebrate our birthday by doing what we do best - providing comfort to those in need with our time and talents. The director of the Nash, Edgecombe and Wilson Children's Advocacy Center has reached out to us asking for help. The NEWCAC is where young victims of sexual assault receive all the services and support they need. The NEWCAC conducts forensic interviews, medical examinations and counseling to children ages 3-18. Our guild has decided to provide pillowcases designed and sewn by us, with a new pillow, for each child to hold on to during these incredibly difficult experiences. We will have a sew-in during our September birthday meeting to work on these pillowcases - but of course you can start anytime. **I challenge every single member to make at least 4 pillowcases!!!** The fabrics can be for all ages, boys and girls. So get busy!!! Directions for making a burrito style pillowcase are very easy to find on the internet. There is an excellent tutorial at <http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases/instructions/RollItUp.pdf>. If you don't do computers, it will be easy to find someone in our guild to show you how make them. Let's do this!

We had another exciting month of donations in July. Patriotic quilts were donated to the NC Veterans' Home by Carol Gates, Sharon Powers, and Barbara Wallace. Emily Vinson donated "Purple Power" (made with a TRPQG kit!), and Helen honored the memory of Sue Fry with a donation. Jinx Abernathy and Maryann Rettino donated a total of 15 knitted hats for the Cancer Center. Our focus for August will be adoption quilts. The NC Christian Adoption Agency needs baby quilts of any size to go with the adopted baby to his or her new home. Please make a comfort square for the birth mother to keep. Our focus for September will be baby quilts for the NICU at Nash Hospital, they can be any size. Thanks everyone!!



Carol Gates

UPCOMING CHARITY COLLECTIONS

August — Christian Adoption Agency

Baby quilts with Comfort Square for birth mother

September — Nash NICU

Any size baby quilts

If you need more information, please contact Carol Gates

LIBRARY CORNER

This month I am reviewing a book that is not in the guild library. I recently purchased this book to help in completing the applique row on our Row by Row quilt. The book is inexpensive (\$11.99, I think) and has good information for anyone using Monofilament Thread. The title is Understanding & Using Monofilament Thread by Rose Lewis. I have not used monofilament thread much because I had been told that it melted if you touched it with an iron. Ms. Lewis says she uses two brands exclusively and that those two brands do not melt. They are Madeira and Aurifil. If she is doing flowers and has many layers to sew through, she uses Madeira because it is 40 wt, thread rather than the 60 wt. of Aurifil.

This book explains how to set the tension on your machine. The author did not use the monofilament in her bobbin. I did use it, however, and had no problem. I did hold the two threads when I started to sew. When I tried using colored thread in the bobbin, that thread showed on top. That is the reason I used the monofilament in the bobbin. I did not have this book at that time and probably did not have the tension adjusted correctly. I went online after doing that first piece of applique to find out what I could do to improve it. That is when I saw reference to this book. I ordered it immediately.

The author lives in Australia. She teaches applique classes often at quilt shows. She said her students were generally intimidated about using monofilament thread. She started adding an hour to the beginning of her class to talk about threads and how to adjust sewing machines when using monofilament thread. She realized that she was only reaching a small number of quilters so decided that the information needed to be more widely available. The book was very helpful to me. It would be a good addition to your personal quilting library.

Your librarians,
Martha Blount
Maryann Rettino

Membership Minute

Membership Dues for 2019-2020 can be due in August. Membership is open to any individual 16 years or older, interested in the promotion of quilting as an art form. Dues are \$20.00 per year for Regular Members & are payable on or before September 1st each year.

Junior Membership (*non-voting*) is offered to family members between the ages of 8-16, of current members, while in attendance with parental or legal guardian supervision at Guild Meetings & events. Founding, Junior & Honorary Membership is complimentary.

Bee Hives for August



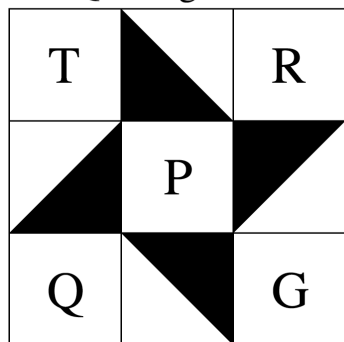
GREETERS

August — Carol Gates



Busy Bees	Meeting at the Arts Centre on 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 (August 13th)
Cutting Corners	Meeting at Braswell Library on 3rd Friday Friday, at 10:00 am (August 16th)
Happy Hoopers	Meeting 3rd Saturday at Home of Pam Smith. (NOT MEETING IN AUGUST).
Rachel's Remnants	Meeting 1st Thursday at various locations at 6:00 pm (August 3rd — Hing Ta, Rocky Mount)

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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