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News of the Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

New Bern, North Carolina



From the President

Can you believe it's already October? The air is getting crisp, the pumpkin spice is flowing, and it's officially acceptable to stay inside wrapped in a guilt —

bonus points if it's one you made! Fall is my favorite season to sew: cozy flannels, rich colors, and let's not forget, *holiday projects* (yes, it's time to start thinking gifts!).

You may be packing for the fall retreat already, I am! We're going to have a full house with extra games and activities planned. It's sure to be an amazing week. If this will be your first retreat, I am excited for you. We learn a lot from each other while sewing, eating and having fun, can't wait to see you there. If you are not attending retreat, don't forget to sign up for Rolayne's quilted jacket workshop on Thursday, Oct. 23. It's sure to be creative, informative and entertaining!!

Last month we had a nice turnout for Pepper Corys' curved piecing class. Pepper is full of knowledge and fun stories, she had our creative juices flowing. I'm predicting some curved pieced quilts in our next quilt show. We also had 22 members attend the Carolina Pine Needles (Jacksonville) Quilt Guild Day of Sharing. It was a fun time and we even had a few raffle winners. If you've never been to a Day of Sharing, I hope to see you at the next one in Greenville in December...and of course our very own spectacular Day of Sharing next April.

Remember to read the entire newsletter to learn everything that's

going on and, as always, whether you're finishing your tenth quilt this year or just sewing your first straight line, we're so glad you're part of this guild. Let's keep inspiring each other one stitch at a time. Happy Haunting and don't eat too much candy!

Hugs and Stitches, Fran Rice



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2025 Fall Retreat: Sandy Smith/Katherine Haleen

Program News from the Vice President

It's fall y'all! Time to turn our attention to the holidays and end-of-year activities.

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LYNN CHRISTENSEN will be our guest speaker at the Nov. 13 Business Meeting.

Lynn would like everyone to bring a piece of ugly fabric to the meeting.

There will be no show-and-tell at the meeting and UFO's will be shown prior to the meeting so you can get credit for finishing them.

Lynn's website is: emeraldfallsquilts.com.

PRESENTATION: In the "Use Your Ugly Fabric Lecture" Lynn encourages quilters to rethink the fabrics they've been avoiding in their stash—those so-called "ugly" fabrics—and embrace their potential in collage quilting. In this presentation, Lynn will guide the audience through the creative process of turning overlooked or mismatched fabrics into unique and stunning works of art. She'll share tips on how to see beyond the fabric's surface and use color, texture, and layering techniques to transform these materials into integral elements of a collage quilt.

Attendees will learn how to break free from traditional rules and unleash their creativity by experimenting with fabric combinations that they might not have considered before. Lynn will share her own experiences and examples of successful collage quilts where "ugly" fabrics played a starring role. The goal is for quilters to leave the presentation feeling inspired and confident to use every part of their stash, transforming forgotten fabrics into beautiful, one-of-a-kind pieces.

Greenville Quilt Guild Day of Sharing Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pitt County Council on Aging/Senior Center 4551 County Home Road, Greenville

Cost is \$15. Once again they are holding a placemat challenge and will then donate placemats to a community organization. I will have a sign-up sheet and will collect money at the Nov.1 3 meeting; our guild's RSVP will be sent on Nov.14. er, instructor, and the creator of the Wanderlust Quilt Society. Living in Cary, NC, she draws inspiration from her travels to create unique quilt patterns that capture the essence of diverse landscapes and traditions.

Lynn's love for fabric arts began with embroidery lessons from her great-grandmother, sparking a lifelong passion. She spent her childhood sewing garments, embroidering, and cross-stitching. After

a co-worker introduced her to quilting, Lynn found a new outlet for her creativity. Now a passionate quilt pattern designer, Lynn's work is fueled by her travels, translating global adventures into unique patterns that capture the essence of diverse landscapes and traditions. Whether through machine quilting or hand projects, her quilts invite you to embark on a quilting adventure that reflects the

rich tapestry of the world.

Lynn is an experienced teacher with a genuine passion for quilting. With almost 30 years of teaching experience, she has cultivated a unique teaching style that nurtures the creativity and skills of quilters at all levels. She is known for her patient and welcoming approach. She offers a variety of classes, from beginner to advanced, where she shares her love for collage quilting and wool appliqué and fosters a sense of pride and accomplishment among her students.

Show me that you have read this newsletter by unscrambling the following phrase and let me know your answer. wgsien gtorhhu het yhsldaoi

BUS TRIP PLANNING MEETING

If you are interested in going on the bus trip in September to Lancaster, PA, please attend the meeting



on Oct. 30 at 9:30 at the church.

That's all for now. Happy Quilting Everyone!

—Laure Manette

Community Sewing: Third Thursday of the Month

Mary Quay is looking for a co-chair to help lead Community Service sewing. This takes place the third Thursday of the month. Contact her if you can assist.

Mary is still collecting <u>Christmas pillowcases</u> to distribute in December to nursing homes.

NEXT COMMUNITY SEWING IS OCT. 16. We will be making tote bags that RCS (Religious Community Services) will use to distribute food or clothing. *Please bring half-yard cuts or patchwork fabric, or use fabric from the cabinet*. Be creative!

NEXT MONTH'S COMMUNITY SEWING WILL BE NOV. 20. Lilly Lucier suggested we cut fabric from cabinet to make ready-go-sew quilt kits. If you have an easy quilt pattern to share please bring it. Also bring your rotary cutters and basic rulers.

NO COMMUNITY SEWING IN DECEMBER.

JAN. 15, 2026 COMMUNITY SEWING WILL BE FIDGET QUILTS.

Questions? Contact Mary Quay marypq@yahoo.com or 714-330-7638.



For all these projects, bring your sewing machine, fabric (unless otherwise stated) and basic sewing supplies (rotary cutter, rulers, mat, notions).

Quilters Rules

The pattern is just a suggestion.

Measure twice, cut once.

Don't bleed on the fabric.

It's not a "mistake."
It's an "opportunity."

Watch your bobbin.

Stray threads are a fashion statement.

Use the good fabric.

Done is better than perfect.

Duffy Exhibition Gallery: Important Dates

Please note these dates if you plan to enter a quilt in the next exhibition at the Duffy Gallery.

The exhibition runs Jan. 24-March 22

- Nov. 13: Deadline for submitting your entry form (due at the business meeting that day)
- Jan. 15: Quilt Drop Off (after the business meeting, noon-2 p.m.)
- Jan. 23: Reception for those who entered quilts
- March 23: Quilt pick up from 2-5 p.m.

Since next year is our nation's 250th anniversary, the Gallery's focus is <u>themes of patriotism</u>. They would like to keep an Americana theme and have a section for (1) patriotic quilts; (2) quilts with American landmarks, monuments, places and (3) traditional American quilt patterns.

Information sheet and entry form is on the TRQG website. —Lu Anne Tridico

Angel Gown Group Hosted by New Bern Fabrics

Angel Gowns are hand-made gowns that are offered to grieving families who have experienced a still birth or neonatal loss. The gowns are made by volunteers from donated wedding dresses and other materials. Families receive a special outfit for their child's final photos and burial.

New Bern Fabrics is hosting a group that is making Angel Gowns for the hospital. Angel Gowns are made for infants that have died. They are looking for anyone who might be interested in helping. They meet on the last Saturday of the month at New Bern Fabrics.

WHO'S UP FOR A CHALLENGE?

BLACK AND WHITE PLUS ONE

You are challenged to make a quilt using only black and white fabrics plus ONE other color of your choosing. Gray fabric is also acceptable. There is no size limit. Make it as big or as small as your inspiration demands.

Quilts will be shown at the **January 2026 Business Meeting**, so you still have time to decide on a pattern and let your creativity flow.

TRQG Day of Sharing is April 25

Our guild will host a Day of Sharing on April 25 at the church. It is now just six months away. I greatly appreciate all of you who have volunteered to help make our Day of Sharing a special event.

I will post the list of who has signed up for table decorations at each of our meetings. If you have any questions, please let me know.

DOOR PRIZES: I want to thank everyone who has contributed door prizes for the Day of Sharing. Please keep them coming.

<u>TABLE CLOTHS</u>: Please remember that the church has tablecloths that we can use for decorating the tables, which are white. But you are more than welcome to provide a tablecloth that better fits your theme.

Questions? Contact Laure Manette.

Chris Youngs shared at our October meeting:

We do not have a fabric stash.

It is a textile investment portfolio.



Dawn Rawls	3
Jonnie Purkey	4
Anna Falat	6
Sally Rowe	6
Lorraine Wocel	7
Paula Gramley	8
Marisue Shannon	10
Sharon Rhoton	16
Terry Lindquist	17
Mary O'Neill	19
Nancy Houyoux	22
Betsy Perri	22
Teresa Holloway	23
Mary Ann Coxson	24
Carolyn Hansen	31
44	21
Margaret Puotinen	31



New Member Mentoring

Welcome new members! We are glad you joined our Quilt Guild! If you were at October's business meeting, you saw all the sign-up sheets for up coming activities. We are a very active Quilt Guild! The best way to keep up with all the activities is to read the monthly newsletter, and calendar. If you have any questions please feel free to call me, and again, welcome to Twin Rivers Quilters Guild.

Carolyn Hansen, Chair of New Member Mentoring (252-675-8994)



Meet Terry Hanson

This month's edition of 'the Spotlight' focuses on someone I have known since "our kids were zero:" Terry Hanson. Terry has been a member of TRQG for three years, but beyond being inspiration behind some of my ideas (such as the Mystery Quilt and UFOs), she is one of our more silent members.



Terry was born in Cody, Wyoming. After graduating from college, she taught in Oregon for two years. She then applied to teach military dependents. She went to Germany, Turkey, South Korea, Barrow, Alaska (the northern-most community in the US), and Monterey, California. After marrying her husband Craig, they were stationed in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, Hawaii, Munich, Augsburg, Virginia, and Moscow. Their last assignment and the place she now calls home is Yorktown, Virginia.

Side note: It was in Garmisch that the Olsens and Hansons became friends. She had her first two kids there, and I had my second. We were members of a group of craft-loving women called "Stitch &" (you get the idea). It was mostly cross-stitching projects.

Terry started quilting in Munich (around 1995) and she purchased her longarm in 2005. She now has two (or three—I lost count) sewing/embroidery machines, and two sergers.

I asked a quilting friend of hers in Yorktown to describe Terry for this article. "Terry is always challenging herself with ALL her machines. She is always learning new things with webinars and classes. She thrives on Mystery Quilts – doing them and then teaching them to others. She is consistently coming up with new ways to use her stash."

Terry is one of my friends who encouraged me to start quilting. She is always very patient with my many questions (must be that kindergarten experience) She also did a great job of driving when we participated in the Carolina Shop-Hop a few years ago – 81 shops in 11 days. And for those of you who have heard me say, "my quilter will fix it"...well now you know who I mean.

Terry will be joining us at our fall retreat and will lead the Mystery Quilt experience.



If you want to participate in the half-day mystery quilt experience at the fall retreat, be sure to look at page 10 of the September newsletter. There is a complete list of the fabrics you need to bring AND THERE IS SOME CUTTING HOMEWORK THAT YOU MUST DO BEFORE THE RETREAT.





Block of the Month

Congratulations to Kay Amend, who won the Sunbonnet Sue blocks of the month. Eight of 24 blocks were returned.

The final 2025 BOM is a lovely paper-pieced pine tree.

Thanks to Lilly Lucier for providing a great BOM programs this year! Lilly will be stepping down from leading BOM in 2026.





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Children's Quilts

This week I received 7 amazing quilts from the following: Emily Lewandowski 3, Geri Reid 1, Sue Kleeman 1, June Dale 1, and Paula Paganucci 1.

Recently I was able to deliver 6 one-gallon bags full of pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald house in Greenville.

Military Quilts

Thanks to your generosity, we have 30 stretcher quilts to send to the USO in Germany. There were additional quilts that didn't meet the size requirements of the USO that will find their way to local veterans.

Thank you Lilly Lucier and Dorothy Najarian for your donations this month.

-- Mary Daugherty

Sunshine Report

Get well cards were sent to:

- Cathy Cox, who had surgery for kidney stones
- · Karen Dodd, who twisted her knee

An additional note from Kay Amend: Karen Dodd could not make the meeting. She called me because she had finished her Sunbonnet Sue block of the month and heard that I had won the blocks. She wanted me to have it. I went to her house and she gave me the community quilt donations that she was not able to bring to the meeting (pictured). There were four quilts and two lap quilts. Thank you Karen!





Nursing Home Quilts

I am so happy to report that YOU ALL are so generous with your time and your fabric treasures that we are able to serve well our 14 nursing homes!

Today was a special treat – we collected 23 beautiful quilts!

Kay Amend – 1; Dorothy Najarian - 1; Marsha McConnell – 2; Ray Gee -4; Paula Paganucci - 5; Emily Lewandowsky – 10 (yes, 10!). And also from Nancy Houyoux – 2 walker bags and 5 clothing protectors.

Many will rest and sleep warm this winter.

Reminder – There extra quilt labels are in the third cabinet in a container with red lid. Please put a TRQG label on your quilt.

Also, there is a binder with patterns for many of the community service projects. It is in a new binder in the third cabinet on the far right. Please explore it but do not take the binder home. Just make a copy of the pattern.

-Nancy Houyoux

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The Annual Quilting & Fiber Arts Marketplace **Returns to** Sanford, NC Jan. 9th & 10th, 2026!

Get ready for an unforgettable experience at the Dennis Wicker Convention Center, 1801 Nash St., as we welcome over thirty vendors for your browsing and shopping pleasure. New this year, classes & workshops will be offered on sewing techniques, make & take sewing projects, bag making, applique, free motion quilting, ruler work quilting, as well as lecture/demos on paper piecing and how to select the right quilting materials. You can register for all classes on our show website: www.fiberartshownc.com.

We will have multiple prize drawings throughout each day from our generous vendors, and a grand prize drawing on Friday and Saturday afternoon. On Friday the grand prize will be a new Bernina L460 Serger valued at over \$1,000. On Saturday afternoon the grand prize will be a new Bernina 325 sewing machine valued at \$1,499. You will receive a free ticket for both the daily prize drawings and the grand prize drawing with the purchase of your show ticket. You will also receive free drawing tickets for each class you attend. Food will be available for lunch on site. The Wicker Center provides ample free parking and our show tickets, which may be purchased in advance at our website, are only \$6 each day, or \$10 for both days.

This show will combine amazing crafters from NC, SC, FL, and VA under one roof with you, a vibrant community of sewing and quilting enthusiasts. You'll have the chance to immerse yourself in a world of creativity and inspiration! Dozens of beautiful vendor quilts and other creative items will be on display. Discover the latest trends, techniques, and tools that will elevate your crafting to new heights. Meet talented Artisans, attend engaging classes and workshops, and browse a diverse array of unique and high-quality products. Whether you're a seasoned expert or a curious beginner, this event promises something special for everyone. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Join us for a weekend filled with passion, learning and fun!





Twenty TRQG members enjoyed learning the ins and outs of the drunkards path block from Pepper Cory in September!



Annual Holiday Party Wednesday, Dec. 10, 11:30 a.m. New Bern Country Club on Country Club Road

This event is open to our guild members. Your cost is \$15. You must pay for your spot when you sign up, either cash, or a check made out to Twin Rivers Quilters Guild. If cash, put it into an envelope with your name on the outside.

Choice of entrée: Chicken, Fish or Vegetarian

Sign up deadline date is Dec. 1. Contact Kathy Farrar.

Things to Know

- A wine bar will be available for cash payment (no cards or checks accepted)
- Janet Olsen will conduct the drawing for the winner of the 2025 UFO Challenge. You do not need to be present to win.
- Our new raffle quilt will be revealed!
- Food Collection: Unlike previous years, we are not asking you to bring food for a local food pantry. Instead, we are collecting cash donations for purchasing food. The guild will match the amount members provide. Kathy Farrar and Sandy Drechsler will contact RCS (Religious Community Services) for a list of the items they most need for their food distribution program and will shop for those items and deliver them to RCS. Donations for the food are due to Kathy Farrar by the party on Dec. 10.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES DURING OUR PARTY

Gift Exchange: Voluntary Participation

Your gift can be homemade or purchased. Purchased gifts should not cost more than \$20. Participation is voluntary and a good time is had by all as we exchange those gifts! *Please WRAP your package*. If you want to include your name as the giver of the gift, please include it inside the package, not on the outside.

Christmas Block Exchange: Voluntary Participation

Those who wish to participate in the Christmas Block Exchange should bring a 12.5" unfinished size Christmas-theme block. *Please wrap your block up like a firecracker*, putting it inside an empty paper towel tube or part of a wrapping paper tube. Wrap the outside of the tube. A basket will be available to collect these. You can take as many as you brought (if you put two blocks into the basket, you can take two.



QUILTS, QUILTS, QUILTS!



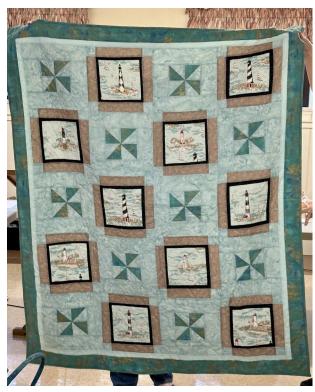










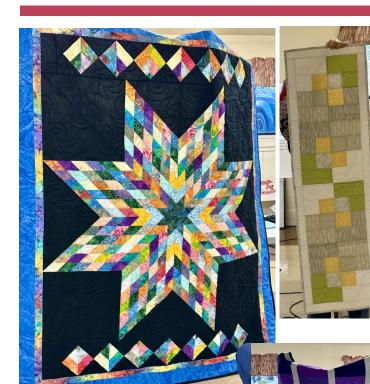














Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

Regular meetings are held at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 616 Broad Street in New Bern.

<u>Monthly Board Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m.</u> on designated dates for all officers and committee chairs (meeting is open to all members). The door is open at 9.

Monthly Business Meetings begin at 10 a.m. on designated dates (open to all members and visitors); the door is open at 9. We recommend you arrive no later than 9:30 to sign up for events, turn in donations, etc.

- Annual Dues: \$30
- Member-led demonstrations and workshops: Free, open for members
- Professional Teacher Workshops: \$10 for half-day; \$20 for full day (nonrefundable, due at sign up), open for members



REMINDER: The official TRQG nametag must be worn to all meetings at Tabernacle Baptist Church to maintain building security for the

church's preschool and other programs. Members should enter through our designated door, where a door monitor will let you in. The doors will be monitored:

- 9-10 a.m. on Business Meeting Thursdays
- 9-9:30 a.m. on other Thursday meeting dates
- If you arrive late you will need to call a friend already at the meeting or Sandra Egolf to get someone to open the door.



Additional Dates

- Oct. 19-24—Fall Retreat
- Oct. 23— Quilted Jacket Workshop
- Nov. 13—Presentation by quilter Lynn April 2027—TRQG Quilt Show Christiansen: Ugly Fabric
- Nov. 13—Duffy Gallery Entry Forms Due
- Dec. 6—Greenville Day of Sharing
- Dec. 10—Holiday Luncheon

• Jan. 24, 2026—Duffy Exhibit Opens

• April 25, 2026 — TRQG Day of Sharing

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Oct. 12	Oct. 13	Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Oct. 16 9:30 Community Sew, Food Bags for RCS 9:30 Stitch & Chat	Oct. 17	Oct. 18
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