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News of the Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild New Bern, North Carolina



From the President

Happy New Year! Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season with the people you love. I thought it would be good to present

TRQG 2021 in Review to show that we did have a productive year considering all the challenges we faced! I didn't acknowledge all the members involved in the events because there are SO many and I'm sure I would forget someone!

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

- All Board Meetings were conducted in person
- Jan – Feb – March – April 2021 Business Meetings were conducted virtually through Facebook Live to abide by the “church numbers restriction.”
- The 2022 Quilt Show Theme was established – “Connected by Thread.”
- The Board approved the money for the membership directories to be mailed this year due to COVID.
- “Job Descriptions” for all committee chairs were requested and posted on the TRQG Website.
- “Block of the Month” continued via the monthly newsletter.
- A “team” was selected to create additional events/instructions for the TRQG Stitch and Chat “Thursdays.”
- A checklist of “What to Pack for Retreats” was added to the Website.
- TRQG participated in the community “Empty Bowls” event, donating bowl covers and potholders.

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2022 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President: Sandy Drechsler

Vice President/Programs: Holly Pace

Treasurer: Jackie Harrison

Secretary: Laura Miller

Block of the Month: Chantal Huestis/Lilly Lucier

Charity Quilts:

- Children—Lorraine Wocel
- Military — Mary Daugherty/Jeanne Batten
- Nursing Home — Jan Penner

Communications:

- Newsletter—Paula Gramley
- Technology/Website/Facebook — Karen Hallquist

Community Education: Sandy Drechsler

Community Relief Fund: Executive Committee

- Coastal Woman’s Shelter — Nancy Hausman

Community Service: Alvina Diello/Pat Philips

Door Monitoring: Evelyn Bernhardt

Library: Donna Clark/Claudia Moran

Member at Large/Founding Member: Helen Williams

Member Outreach: Cathy Cox/Sandy Drechsler

Membership: Diana Rezab

New Member Mentoring: Caroline Hansen

Sunshine: Kay Amend

2022 New Member Tea: Caroline Hansen

2022 Christmas Luncheon: Evelyn Bernhardt/
Kathy Farrar

2022 Spring Retreat: Kathy Farrar/Sandy
Drechsler

2022 Fall Retreat: Sandy Smith/Jeanne Batten

2022 Winter Retreat: Sue Kleeman/Ruth Powers

2021-22 Raffle Quilt Construction: Sally Cornford

2021-2022 Raffle Quilt Sales: Evelyn Bernhardt/
Kathy Farrar/Mary Yanchok

2022 Quilt Show: Jan Penner/Carolyn Hansen

2022

*Here's to another year
of sewing, quilting and
finishing! Cheers!*



From the President (*continued*)

- Raffle Quilt Committee was established – resulting in a beautiful quilt revealed at TRQG Day of Sharing in October.
- The Hanson family donated Eileen's Singer 221 sewing machine to be used for a TRQG "money maker." (It's sitting in my sewing room!)
- A new TRQG Website was created.
- One of the Quilt Show chairs resigned – board and the membership voted to continue with the 2022 Quilt Show with Jan Penner as chair.
- A New Member Tea was held at the church.
- The May Business Meeting was held at Glenburnie Park with an overwhelming delicious potluck following the meeting. The Membership was thrilled to get together in person for the first time since April 2020!
- Duffy Center invited TRQG to exhibit quilts in the center January 22 – March 27, 2022.
- Members were treated to a "continental breakfast" at our first "back-in-the-church" business meeting in August.
- A new business meeting format was established – due to the popularity of "Show and Tell" it is now a part of the meeting instead of after the meeting.
- Members attended Carolina Pine Needles Quilt Guild Day of Sharing.
- TRQG Day of Sharing in October was a huge success!
- Spring and fall retreats were huge successes!
- TRQG donated to "The Wreaths Across Ameri-
- ca."
- TRQG made a contribution to the CarolinaEast pet therapy program in memory of Megan McGarvey.
- TRQG bought Christmas presents and food for a needy family at Coastal Women's Shelter.
- Christmas luncheon was held at New Bern Country Club. Members donated pj's for the Women's Shelter and food for the Food Bank.
- Members donated quilts to the Tornado Victims in Kentucky.
- Members continued to donate quilts and bibs to various organizations all year, even when we were not meeting in person. (Where there's a will – there's a way!)
- All Committee Chairs continued to "do their thing" all year and did it well!
- A Member Outreach Committee was established with the goal of keeping in contact with previous and current members who need support.

**TRQG - Good people always find a way to contribute, no matter the circumstance!
We had a good year!**

I'm headed to St. Augustine, FL for the month of February in my little teardrop trailer. I am looking forward to relaxing and sitting on the beach. Kathy Farrar and Holly Pace will be your "go-to people" while I am gone.

See you in March!
—Sandy Drechsler

Duffy Gallery Quilt Exhibit Opens Jan. 22

All quilts have been received and the exhibit will be open to the public at the History Center, 529 S. Front St., during opening hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At this time masks are required inside the building.

Thank you to all the Guild members who entered their quilts. It will be a beautiful exhibit!

- **Quilt owners will be invited to a preshow on Friday, Jan. 21 , 5:30 p.m.** Masks will be required and no food or drinks will be served due to new restrictions.
- **Please note there is a change in the quilt pick-up date**, which is now Monday, April 4 between 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Thank you and happy quilting!

—Lu Anne Tridico

THE SPOTLIGHT

Member

By Cathy Cox



Jodie Henning

Only a year ago our new member, Jodie Henning, escaped the hustle and bustle of California to retire in Pamlico County where she is at last free to pursue all the creative activities she has

always dreamed of. When she is not immersed in the remodeling of a gorgeous home in Arlington Place she supports our military by volunteering at the USO. Jodie loves Pilates, sewing, traveling, knitting, reading, quilting and she used to weave. She recently traveled to New England for a workshop to learn about her new Bernina sewing machine and serger. In the spring she traveled to the west coast to study the design, fitting and sewing of custom-made jeans. Creative and brave too, she is soon off to learn the secrets of the mysterious world of creating women's foundations!

In her previous life as a civil servant, Jodie worked as a Property Appraiser and was elected County Property Assessor for the State of California. In addition, she worked for the State of California as an Auditor of Property Assessors. Jodie assures us there is a challenging element of creativity in this career when looking at fabulous newly constructed homes like Oprah Winfrey's estate or Crocodile Dundee's manse, Rob Lowe's place, or viewing the "Thelma and Louise" convertible in Geena Davis' garage.

Jodie has already stepped up to chair the Publicity Committee for our TRQG 2022 Quilt Show. She is looking for a few volunteers to help her put up posters and signs and just have fun getting to know this delightful lady.

Lilly Lucier

If you want a straight answer, ask Lilly Lucier. This long-time TRQG member is known for her honesty and heart of gold. She is always there to help her quilt sisters support an event

or accomplish a project. Lilly is also an award-winning quilter and owner of Lilly's Machine Quilting. Her business provides quality long-arm quilting and embroidery.

Lilly was a tool and die maker in her first career, where she took a hunk of steel and turned it into a precision tool to within a .00001 tolerance. No wonder quilting is a breeze for her. At three different corporations Lilly worked on the fuel system for the first space shuttle and made firing pins for submarine torpedoes. She later became the first female, long-haul truck driver for Allied Van Lines. Lilly owned and operated her own tractor and trailer; driving all 48 states, Canada and Mexico. For two years she drove in a six-truck caravan across the U.S., touring the King Tut exhibit to American museums.

Lilly has sewn since she was 6 years old and got into quilting while caring for her ailing husband. She began experimenting with an old Singer on a do-it-yourself runner, practiced until the machine died and then purchased a commercial long-arm machine in 1988. She assembled the machine herself and with no lessons embarked on a whole new career. The rest, as they say, is history.

Lilly was an avid motorcyclist for 13 years and the director of her motorcycle club. She loves to hunt, fish and hike. After surviving three floods since 1988 she is at last settled in her newly raised home. She is currently serving as our co-chair for Block of the Month. So, if you want a creative project or a hilarious story, our Miss Lilly is the person to meet.



Community Service Workshop is Jan. 27

On Jan. 27, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. we have a community service workshop scheduled at the church. This is to work on quilts that will be donated. We have materials in the cabinets but you are welcome to bring your own. We have block-of-the-month blocks from 2021 that need to be put together. We also have simple patterns to choose from. For beginners, we are there to help and guide you.

Please refer to pages 10-11 in your TRQG Member Directory for a list of supplies to bring with you. Bring your lunch. For questions, please call Alvina Diello (252-617-0820) or Pat Phillips (252-529-2422).



Community Relief & Coastal Women's Shelter

thank you
TRQG received a thank you card from the Coastal Women's Shelter, specifically from Family #9. "Thank you so much. We really appreciate the gifts. Love, Family #9."

December was our month for helping these carefully selected families in several ways. We provided many sets of nightwear and underwear for many ages, along with wrapping paper and gift bags. Even more appreciated was providing Christmas for Family #9, which had a long list of requested items. The Guild budget of \$600 was spent and supplemented by my personal donation as I shopped to purchase as many items as possible. Items included many housewares, a Christmas tree and trimmings and two outfits for each of the three children, who also received items reflecting their favorite characters: unicorns, Spiderman and Minnie Mouse. A big thank you to Target for their generous discount in making this all happen. Family #9 has sent us a thank you note for making their Christmas so special.

When asked how we can help for the next several months, the director immediately requested paper products, so **please watch for sales on PAPER PRODUCTS and bring what you can to our next two meetings**. We will also continue to collect money toward Christmas 2022. Many, many thanks for your continued support of CWS. — Nancy Hausman

Recent Cards Sent from the Guild

Get Well: Chris Babich, who had back surgery
Mary Yanchok, recovering from a blood clot
Rolyne Schwendy, recovering from Covid

Sympathy: Pat Mayo's husband passed
Mary Ann DeRossett's grandson passed

Encouragement: Adah Walker, undergoing cancer treatments

Thinking of You: Sandy Smith, whose daughter was having surgery
Gail Schiller, who is not able to attend meetings.



If you know of a TRQG member facing a difficult time, please contact Kay Amend to send them a card. Thank you!

You are Invited!
The Heart of the Triad
Quilt Guild
Kernersville, NC
Quilt Show
"TOGETHER AGAIN"

Friday & Saturday, April 8-9
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Winston-Salem Fairgrounds,
Neil Bolton Home & Garden Bldg
(Enter Gate 9 on 27th St.).

Our website is www.hottqg.com.



Children's Quilts

I received for the year ending 2021 **65 quilts**. I also had 5 gallon bags of pull tabs that I took to the Ronald McDonald home in Greenville.

This month 7 quilts and 5 pillow cases were turned in from the following: Karen Dodd 1, Evelyn Bernhardt 2, Mary Quay 2, and Jenny Nebe 2. Jenny Nebe turned in the 5 pillow cases.

Thank you all, Lorraine Wocel

Military Quilts

This month 1 quilt was turned in by Jenny Nebe.

Thank you, Loraine Wocel (filling in for Mary Daugherty)



Nursing Home Report

Thank you for a great year. **The totals for 2021 are: Lap Quilts-97; Fidgets-14, and Adult Bibs/Clothing Protectors-111!** That is outstanding! I appreciate and applaud each of you for your generosity, creativity, and love for others.

In January I received Lap Quilts: Karen Dodd, 1; Jenny Nebe, 2; Sally Rowe, 1; and Mary Quay, 1. Bibs: Ruth Powers, 2; Evelyn Bernhardt, 3; Chantal Huestis, 16. Fidgets: Sally Rowe, 1. Thank you! I anticipate this year will be even better - and look forward to delivering your donations.

Chantal, I loved your Show and Tell, complete with modeling. The assorted collection of bibs were beautiful as were the models.

Keep those machines running. Love 'n Hugs,
Jan Penner



New Member Mentoring

By Carolyn Hansen, Chairperson

Welcome and Happy New Year to all the new members and mentees. The New Member Tea will take place Saturday, April 2, in the Family Life Center at Tabernacle Baptist Church. All new members will be invited along with their mentors and volunteers helping with the tea. I will have a sign-up sheet at the February Business Meeting, asking for volunteers to assist with some of the tea sandwiches, cookies and pastries appropriate for a tea. **We also will need to borrow tea pots and two-tiered serving trays for the event—let me know if you have some we can borrow.** There will be some fun activities at the tea.

We ask anyone attending to bring a teacup and saucer with a story to share about yourself, and wear a festive hat to celebrate spring! New members who are attending their second tea will be graduating at the tea. We will have several surprises so we hope to see you all there!. Invitations will be mailed for the event. Any questions, contact me, Carolyn Hansen, at 252-288-4454 or my co-chair Evelyn Bernhardt.



New Member Tea

April 2, 2022

*Family Life Center,
Tabernacle Baptist Church*



**7076 Ramsey St./HWY 401
Fayetteville, NC 28311
(910) 630-3912 Mon-Sat 9 am—5 pm
<https://www.lovingstitches.net>**

One of the Largest Quilt Shops On the East Coast!

**Happy New Year!
We look forward to serving you in 2022!**

Come Visit Us at These Shows:

Quilting Marketplace
Sanford, NC
Jan 14th-15th

Quilting & Needle Arts
Statesville, NC
Jan 28th-29th

Select machines on Sale in Sanford. See & test drive our Bernina longarm machines in Statesville.

Don't miss our big, beautiful January, February & March 2022 Newsletter! Get your copy at our store or on our website. You'll love all the new classes, events, virtual events, and sales we have planned for you!



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NEW!
**Monthly Sewing Day at
Sewing on the River!**

**Fourth Thursday of Each Month
Starts Feb. 24, 10 a.m.**

Bring whatever project you'd like to work on! Also, in February, the Quilt Show Boutique Committee will share patterns for tote bags you can make for the Boutique!

Let's get sewing!

Don't worry about Mom's no cookie resolution. Once she buys fabric again she'll break all the rest as well.



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Are Your Fabrics Bleeding? From Lu Anne Tridico

There's a difference between fabrics fading or bleeding. Fabrics will fade over time. But if you are worried about fabrics bleeding out their dye, here's some tips to try.

What About Vinegar?

Fabric is manufactured differently today than in the past, so vinegar/salt tips that were used in years past only works on some acid dyes and only at the time of the dyeing process. It never sets color or stops fading on quilting cotton. Another thing many don't realize is if you wash something with a detergent and use vinegar in the wash cycle, the vinegar neutralizes the effectiveness of the detergent. So if you want the detergent to do its job you need to use vinegar in the rinse cycle only...by that time, if you had a fabric bleed, it would be too late.

Fabric manufacturers recommend using a couple of products

Retayne is a prewash when you have a fabric you know beforehand that will bleed. It will set the loose dyes.

Synthropol is for a finished quilt project where one fabric bleeds onto another. It works by suspending the loose dyes in the water so as not to be absorbed by other fabric. I had a king size quilt where blue bled onto cream fabric...I used 1/4 cup Synthropol in the washing machine on the bulky-bedding setting for extra water fill, as good water fill is very important. Lucky for me my washer tub is large and I get great water fill, plus I don't have an agitator so it's much better on my quilt, fabric and clothes! One wash with Synthro-

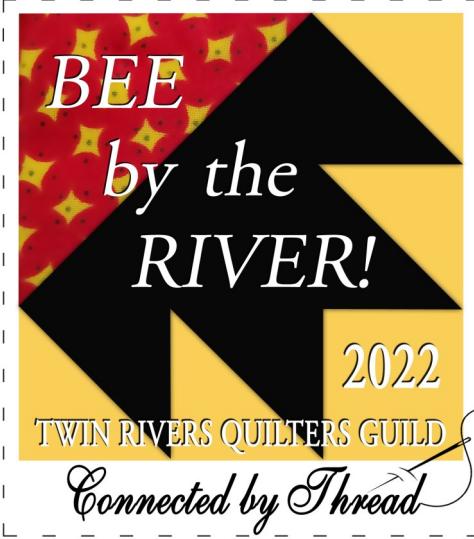
pol and my quilt was back to normal. Synthropol is a pH neutral product so it's great to use just to wash a quilt, even if you do not have any fabrics bleeding. It's also very effective at removing the oils in fabric from our fingers and many other things

Both of these products are used by many in the dyeing industry...I've found them at every fabric store I've frequented but they are also available at Amazon or other online sites. Used exactly as directed for optimal performance they are wonderful products. They require hotter water the first use but that didn't harm my quilt at all...compared to my leftover fabric my quilt looked exactly the same after the wash.

What about other products?

Many believe color catchers are a miracle cure but they don't prevent a true fabric bleed. I've seen so many online posts where people said they failed. Plus they are full of chemicals that can cause skin irritation and upper respiratory issues. While they do "catch" color (which is misleading because everyone thinks they had a fabric bleed but they didn't) there are so often loose dyes in fabric and clothing, and this is what the color catchers attract. However, it's color that most of the time isn't going to be absorbed by other fabric.

It's been said that you can soak a quilt for hours/days...however long it takes...that blue Dawn will remove a color bleed. I personally don't have the patience to wait that long and I can't imagine adequately rinsing and wringing out a quilt that's been soaking, not when my washer does it so much easier.



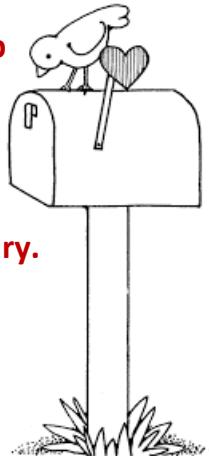
BEE by the RIVER! 2022 Quilt Show

October 21 & 22, 2022

Monthly committee meetings begin in February following the board meeting (Feb. 3).

**WATCH FOR INFO IN
FEBRUARY ON TICKET
SALES FOR THE
RAFFLE QUILT!**

Membership directories will be mailed in early February. Watch your mailbox!



Kelley's Laws for Quilters

Helen Kelley was an award-winning quilter who was also the author of several books and numerous magazine articles. From 1983 to 2008 she wrote a column for *Quilter's Newsletter Magazine*. "Loose Threads" offered humorous and thoughtful reflections on quilting and life. Those columns were collected into two books, including the column "Kelley's Laws for Quilters." These 12 laws will be shared in *The Quill* throughout 2022.

FIRST LAW

The woman in the line ahead of you at the store will buy the last half yard of the fabric you wanted.

—From *Every Quilt Tells a Story: A Quilter's Stash of Wit and Wisdom*, by Helen Kelley

In Search Of...

If you know of a long arm quilting machine and frame available for purchase, please contact Laura Miller with details.



Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

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

Monthly Board Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. 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 or Evelyn Bernhardt (252-725-0273) to get someone to open the door.


ADDITIONAL DATES

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| Jan. 22-March 27, Duffy Center Exhibit | Oct. 19-Oct. 20, Quilt Show Setup |
| Jan. 27, Community Service Project Day | Oct. 21-22, Quilt Show |
| Mar. 27-Apr. 1, Spring Retreat | Oct. 30-Nov. 4, Fall Retreat |
| April 2, New Member Tea | Dec. 15, Christmas Luncheon |

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
23 Jan TRQG Exhibit at Duffy Gallery through March 27	24 Jan	25 Jan	26 Jan	27 Jan COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT DAY 9:30 @church	28 Jan	29 Jan
30 Jan	31 Jan	1	2 	3 9:30 Stitch & Chat 9:30 Board Meeting @ church, followed by Quilt Show mtg	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 10:00 Guild Business Meeting @ church	11	12
13 Super Bowl	14 	15	16	17 9:30 Stitch & Chat	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 9:30 Stitch & Chat 10:00 NEW! MONTHLY SEWING DAY @ SEWING ON THE RIVER	25	26
27	28	1 March	2 March	3 March 9:30 Stitch & Chat 9:30 Board Meeting @ Church, followed by Quilt Show mtg	4 March	5 March