

# Quilters' will



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



### From the President

Is everyone ready for **TRQG 2022 BEE by the RIVER, Connected by Thread, QUILT SHOW? I'M READY!**

There were important things to discuss at our March 10 meeting and I know – it was WAY TOO LONG! 😊 The evidence was in the numerous empty chairs back by the door prior to the meeting being adjourned! The past two years have been a challenge for everyone. Regrettably, with my goal of getting members back together, some things were pushed to the bottom of the list – important things. I promise that the TRQG 2023 Budget will be “membership ready” for the January 2023 Business meeting.

*That saying, “Did you know we are having a Quilt Show in October?”* Starting next month, **all Business Meetings** will focus on the Quilt Show, Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales, Block of the Month and “Show and Tell.” All other reports and information will be noted in that month’s newsletter or on the website. It’s crucial that TRQG Membership concentrate on the 2022 Quilt Show as much as possible to ensure that this year’s show is a huge success and that all the work does not fall on few. The “older” members know that the TRQG Quilt Show is a wonderful event and requires a **tremendous amount of work!** For the “newer” members, there is a **role for every member**, no matter how big or small! In other words, the TRQG Quilt Show is an **“ALL HANDS-ON DECK”** event. From my personal experience,

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Join us for the May 12 business meeting at Glenburnie Park. We've reserved a shelter for a picnic potluck!

### 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  
2023 Winter Retreat: Sue Kleeman/Ruth Powers  
2021-22 Raffle Quilt Construction: Sally Cornford  
2021-2022 Raffle Quilt Sales: Evelyn Bernhardt/  
Kathy Farrar  
2022 Quilt Show: Jan Penner/Carolyn Hansen/ Ed Dzioba

### **From the President...continued from page 1**

working on the Quilt Show is fun and gratifying. And, it truly “bonded” me to the guild. When you have played an active role in the preparation and execution of the quilt show, there is a sense of pride as you hear attendees express their delight for the show. So, when the “Committee Volunteer Lists” are on the back table soon - **EVERYONE** - sign up for one or several things, even both days if you can. You won’t be sorry. You’ll have a wonderful time with your “Quilt Sisters”! And when the show is over and you are totally exhausted, the fond memories will make you smile.

Until October 21, 2022, create, create, create, design, design, design, and sew, sew, sew.

See you at our Community Service Day, Stitch & Chat, “Sew Day” at Sewing on the River, Crystal Coast DOS and/or the spring retreat at the Islander in Emerald Isle!

—Sandy Drechsler

### **Girls’ Dress Project at Tabernacle Church**

At our March business meeting, there was interest in making some dresses for 10-14 year-old girls in third world countries. They are donated through Tabernacle Church’s participation in the Operation Christmas Child shoebox program of Samaritan’s Purse. There is a free dress pattern on the Tabernacle Church website, [tabernaclebaptist.com](http://tabernaclebaptist.com), under “Resources.” It has seven pages of detailed instructions with pictures and is written so beginner sewers understand them.

**The church provides “kits” for these dresses. The kit includes:**

- Dress fabric - approximately 35” x 44”
- Precut straps - four at 20”
- Precut pocket
- Coordinating trim or lace
- Elastic – 27” x .5”
- Instructions in a numbered zip lock bag. Return with bag/instructions (which are reused).

Tabernacle depends on donations for all these supplies as well as volunteers to make 500 or more dresses annually. If you would like to donate, see Laura Miller, who works on the Tabernacle Crafters for Christ (TCC) team. In the fall dresses are included in shoe boxes along with items like small toys, a toothbrush, soap, school supplies, etc., which are distributed to children around the world in December. Laura will provide some dress kits at the April Business Meeting as well as the March Retreat and collect completed dresses. Contact Laura if you have any questions.

### **A Few Goodies from the March Show-n-Tell**



## New Member Mentoring



*New Member Tea*  
*April 2, 2022*  
*1-3 p.m.*  
*Family Life Center,*  
*Tabernacle Baptist*  
*Church*

Spring is here and it is time for our New Member Tea. All new members and their mentors were mailed an invitation. We will meet Saturday, April 2, at 1 p.m. at Tabernacle Church in the Family Life Center. ***Park in the rear of the building and enter through the rear doors covered by the portico.***

Please bring a tea cup and saucer, with a story to share about yourself, and wear a festive hat to celebrate spring! Thank you to all the volunteers who will be assisting to prepare food for the tea. You will need to be at the church at 11 a.m. to set up and prepare. If any volunteers and mentors have two-tier serving trays and tea pots they can loan for the tea please bring them with you (be sure to put your name on them so they can be returned to you).

We have four new members of TRQG this Month. April Durning will be mentored by Chris Youngs and Susan Faith by Kathy Farrar. Francine Rice and Kim Durkee will meet their mentors at the tea. We welcome all the new members and are looking forward to seeing you all at the tea. If you have questions please contact your mentor or me; my contact information is in the directory.

—Carolyn Hansen, New Member Mentoring.



## Next Community Service Workshop is April 21

Join us for a day of sewing for the community!

—Alvina Diello & Pat Phillips

Congratulations to Rae Gee, who won the bug jar block of the month! She has 20 fun blocks to play with!

**Block of the Month Winner**

## Welcome New Members!



### April Durning

1606 Trent Blvd, New Bern  
252-626-3297; adurn-  
ing123@msn.com

April and her husband moved here in 2004. She is an emergency NP at the ER at Carolina East. She just started quilting and has made a few quilts as a beginner. April was introduced to us through Sewing on the River.

### Susan Faith

400 Ginger Dr, New Bern  
603-660-6008; bill228d@yahoo.com

Susan moved here from Florida, where she volunteered teaching Guatemalan woman how to sew, and then to quilt. Susan came to one of our meetings and was eager to join; she even signed up for a quilt show committee.

### Francine Rice

314 Shoreline Dr, New Bern  
252-631-1220; qotmer@gmail.com

Francine moved here from New York. She started quilting 2 ½ years ago. She is active in the River Bend Garden Club and is looking forward to learning more about quilting. Francine was introduced to the guild by our member Emily Lewandowski.

### Kim Durkee

88 Hole in the Wall, Solon, ME  
978-828-7988; kdurke917@aol.com

Kim started quilting when she was 10. Kim has many hobbies besides quilting such as soap making, felting and rug hooking. Kim was introduced to the guild by our member and her sister Holly Pace.

### ADDRESS CHANGE

**Pat Mayo, 1011 Gurten St, NB, 28562**

*Members, please make this address change in your directory.*

—Diana Rezab



## Joan Fiala

After 10 dates – and just six weeks later – Joan Fiala married the love of her life. For 20 of their 49 years together she traveled internationally with her oil executive husband, lived overseas and experienced high adventure and terrifying thrills!

That was all BQ (before quilting).

Let's back up to her college days as a student of fine arts at McGill University in Canada. There her professor discouraged a career in painting, but told her she had an excellent sense of color. Fortunately, Joan did not take his comments to heart, but purchased a loom while living in Venezuela and began a 32-year career in hand weaving. She sold her creations to interior designers and wholesalers. After settling in Colorado in the 1990s Joan established her own studio and spent the next 25 years traveling 27 weeks per year to arts and crafts fairs all over the U.S.A.



Joan moved to New Bern in 2011 after her husband's passing. She often says she moved to New Bern because she found a quilt guild that goes on retreats. She had made over 100 quilts, most of which she sold. At that time, she felt she had 'moved on' from piecing quilt tops. Then a friend took her to the Bernina store where she found a book on crazy quilting. Her imagination went wild! She has since made over 120 'crazy' quilt tops which she often donates to charity.

Each of her quilts are unique and hand embellished with vintage lace, ribbons, buttons and jewels. Joan makes two or three of these works of art to display in the TRQG Quilt show and has won numerous awards for her quilts and marvelous embellishment. Joan is also a member of our local embroidery guild.

She noted that her life has been an incredible adventure, "although sometimes terrifying." Joan thanks God every day for the gift of 'NOW'. Her stated ambition is to die with laugh-line wrinkles. If you haven't gotten to know this intelligent and fascinating quilt sister, plan on attending a retreat with her. She is a TREAT in herself! And wish her a happy birthday on March 26.



## Ruth Hill

New member Ruth Hill was the first Navy nurse ever assigned to the Marine Corps. There she became the Executive Officer of a Marine Corps Medical Battalion where she trained corpsmen and medical aids for field trauma care. She was deployed to 29 Palms California as the only female officer amidst hundreds of men. As Commander of Alpha Company, she worked in an isolated desert area for eight weeks with no time off. Despite the challenges of leading as a woman in the military of the 1980s, Ruth so excelled that the Marine Corps awarded her the second highest peace time honor, The Meritorious Service Medal.

Ruth and husband Pat retired to Bridgeton in 2020 from Peachtree City, Georgia where Pat had been an airline pilot. Nearby they have one son, a mechanical engineer at Cherry Point, and a lovely new daughter-in-law. But they haven't stopped traveling yet! They jump in their 'Rock Star' bus and travel all over the United States, meeting up with friends and family along the way. They recently flew to Hawaii and currently are off to Kentucky and Tennessee, followed by two months in the Midwest and upper peninsula. Then a cruise to the Caribbean, followed by an Antarctic adventure in the fall.

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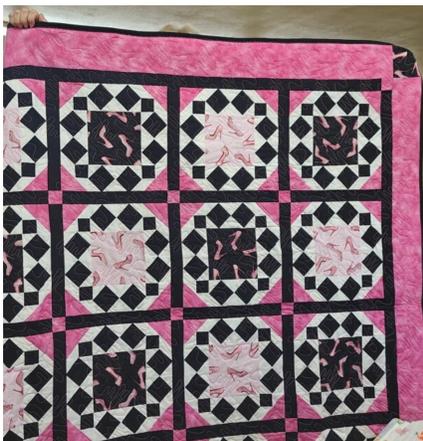
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Ruth enjoys the mobility of hand-quilting and crochet. She can sit with her work around the campfire or keep her hands entertained in the RV. She is also an avid scrap booker. Ruth says the best thing that has happened for her in TRQG is the mentorship program. Her mentor encouraged her to participate in the holiday luncheon committee and introduced her to our monthly community workshop, which has become her favorite activity in the Guild so far.

Ruth and Pat are already active in our community as members of the Chamber of Commerce, Military Alliance and Legion of Merit. From an illustrious 20-year career as a Navy nurse specializing in cardiovascular clinical care, to the joys of quilting and travel, this gentlewoman lives up to the adoring essay penned by one of her soldiers, "The Lady Wore Combat Boots."



## MORE SHOW-N-TELL



## 2022 Challenge Quilt Challenge

Guidelines for our 2022 challenge quilt, *Memories...Connected by Thread*, are on the website under the "Forms" tab.

### A question came up about the size limitations for the quilt.

This would be the measurement of the outside edges of your quilt, which should be between 100 inches and 144 inches. So think of the **number of inches of binding it would take to go around the edge of the quilt**. Maximum size is 144 inches, which, if you were making a square quilt, would be determined by adding the four sides (36+36+36+36). Minimum size would be 100 inches, which would be 25+25+25+25. Your quilt can be any shape...rectangle or triangle or trapezoid or whatever...just so the outside binding edge doesn't exceed 144 inches.

## Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales

The 2022 raffle quilt will be on display at the Duffy Gallery through March 26. Starting April 9, the quilt will be at the Farmer's Market every other Saturday through Oct. 8, where tickets can be purchased.

The raffle quilt will be displayed at our quilt show Oct. 21-22, where we will also sell tickets. The winning ticket will be drawn the afternoon of Oct. 22 near the end of the quilt show.

Questions about raffle tickets should be directed to Evelyn Bernhardt (252-725-0273 or [ebtime39@usa.com](mailto:ebtime39@usa.com)).



## Nursing Home Report

At the March meeting I received lap quilts from; Lilly Lucier (1) and Mary Quay (2). Thank you and I look forward to receiving more lap quilts next month from other members. I hope you all are busy with projects as we enter spring time.

I delivered lap quilts, adult clothing protectors, and fidgets to the following; Cherry Point Nursing & Rehabilitation, Riverpoint Crest, Home Place, Pruitt Healthcare, Craven County Health Department and Brookdale. The facilities really appreciated the two styles of clothing protectors and always love the colorful quilts. Below are facilities that receive our donations. Thank you for being such a wonderful, generous and caring group.

Love 'n Hugs, Jan Penner

Bayview Nursing Home  
3003 Kensington Park Drive, New Bern

Cherry Point Bay Nursing & Rehab.  
110 McCotter Blvd., Havelock

Pruitt Healthcare  
1303 Health Drive, New Bern

Brookdale of New Bern  
1336 S. Glenburnie Road, New Bern

Croatian Village  
4522 Old Cherry Point Road. New Bern

Riverpoint Crest Nursing & Rehab.  
2600 Old Cherry Point Road, New Bern

Brook Stone Living Center  
8990 US Hwy 17, Pollocksville

Gardens of Pamlico  
22 Magnolia Way, Grantsboro

Truewood by Merrill (formerly Courtyard @  
Berne Village)  
2701 Amhurst Blvd., New Bern

Craven County Health Dept.  
2818 Neuse Blvd., New Bern

Home Place of New Bern  
1309 McCarthy Blvd., New Bern

## Children's Quilts

From January and February's collected quilts I was able to deliver 7 quilts each to Promise Place, Coastal Women's shelter, and Hope Family Resource center. For this month I received 4 quilts from the following: Evelyn Bernhardt 1, Jenny Nebe 1, and unknown 2.

Thank you all. —Lorraine Wocell

The Guild received a note of thanks from Jon Burger, Executive Director of the Craven Arts Council & Gallery, for our \$50 donation and continued support of the Arts!

*Thank you*

## Community Relief & Coastal Women's Shelter



Many thanks for your continued support of the Coastal Women's Shelter. We are continuing to collect **paper products**. Items can be delivered to their office at 1333 South Glenburnie Rd. (please be sure to identify that you are with TRQG) or brought to our business meeting. The little buckets for monetary donations will be passed as usual at the coming business meeting. Please keep the needs of these families in your thoughts and prayers. — Nancy Hausman

## Sunshine Report

We recently sent a card to member Betty Williams and received the following note:



*Hello Kay,  
I want to thank you and the guild members for the lovely get well card we received yesterday, February 28. Kip and I are very grateful for your kindness. We are getting better. It is a slow recovery, even though we had all three vaccinations. Thank God we did have all three shots.*

*God bless you and the guild members.  
Love, Betty Williams*

# You are Invited!

## Palmetto Quilt Guild of Hilton Head Island

### QUILT FESTIVAL

Friday-Sunday, March 25-27

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri.-Sat.;  
10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Sun.

Hilton Head Beach & Tennis  
Ballroom  
40 Folly Field Road  
Hilton Head Island, SC

Admission -\$10 for single day;  
\$15 for multi-day; 18 and under  
are free.

Website: [www.palmettoquilt-guild.org/Quilt-Festivals](http://www.palmettoquilt-guild.org/Quilt-Festivals)

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 27<sup>th</sup> St).  
Admission-\$6  
Free Parking

Website is [www.hottqg.com](http://www.hottqg.com).

Salisbury Rowan Quilter's  
Guild of Salisbury NC

### Pearls of Wisdom Quilt Show

May 13-14, 2022

Friday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.;  
Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

West End Plaza Events  
Center

1925 Jake Alexander Blvd.  
Salisbury, NC

Website: [SalisburyRowanquilters.net](http://SalisburyRowanquilters.net)



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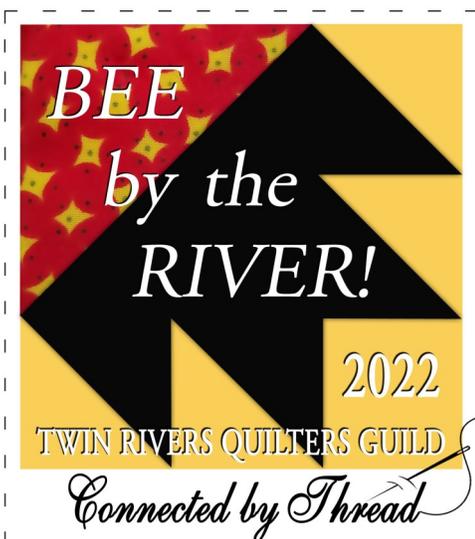
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## **BEE by the RIVER! 2022 Quilt Show**

October 21 & 22, 2022

Committee meetings follow the monthly board meeting  
(next is April 7).

Guild members are joining committees and making plans to ensure this year's show will be the best.

Twice Around Treasures are collecting cotton fabric, rulers, sewing items you don't need because you have doubles or triples of the same thing. Amazing what you find when you organize or spring clean your sewing area. Quilt books must 15 years or younger. No magazines!

The Boutique would like items that you would want to buy. See Mary Quay with suggestions or ideas which will benefit the Boutique.

Do you have too many quilts? Maybe you want to sell one or more, Quilts for Sale will be your opportunity. Maybe you don't have enough - your chance to buy some!

Keep creating, people, and by all means stay Connected by Thread!  
Hugs,  
Jan Penner, Quilt Show Chair



Special thanks to  
**Carolyn Hansen and  
Ed Dzioba who  
volunteered as  
co-chairs for the  
2022 show!**

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### **Twice Around Treasures at the 2022 Quilt Show**

It is that time again when we begin the frenzy of activities for the upcoming show. Twice Around Treasures is a large part of profits (greater than \$9,000 for the 2019 show) *and* a "first stop" for many of our devoted attendees. We would like to take this opportunity to share with you the guidelines set forth to make this an efficient, profitable, and fun experience for all. There is an indescribable thrill sharing our passion with others, whether they are newbies or veterans of the art of quilting.

#### **Welcomed Donations:**

- 100% cotton fabric
- Quilting notions such as rulers, patterns, thread, stencils, scissors, patterns and quilt books.

#### **Based on recorded experiences of past chair ladies, PLEASE DO NOT DONATE:**

- Batting scraps
- Polyester blend, wool, upholstery or apparel fabric
- Magazines
- Sewing machines

- Quilt frames
- Patterns for apparel, toys, home dec
- Craft supplies (one would think that this would be a great outlet and source for crazy quilt supplies, but historic sales have disproved this theory). We have found that buttons are an exception to the rule.
- Books more than 15 years old (this seems like a short time, however the internet, web sites, Pinterest, in addition to the technologies of quilting tools and accessories, has had a tremendous impact of how and what we quilt). Newer books will be accepted after 4 p.m. during the Wednesday setup.

Please note that once an item is donated it is out of your control. Items donated outside of the established guidelines will be re-donated/dispersed at the discretion of the TAT committee.

***Please contact Christine Youngs (252-514-2876) or Ruth Powers (252)634-9470 with any questions.***

**DON'T FORGET!**  
**Monthly Sewing Day at**  
**Sewing on the River!**

**Fourth Thursday of Each Month**  
**10 a.m.**

**Bring whatever project you'd like to work on!**

*Let's get sewing!*

**HELEN KELLEY'S THIRD LAW**  
**FOR QUILTERS**

**When ironing any unknown fabric with an iron, you will discover that it has a polyester contents.**

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

Sure, bring the family over! Susan's working on a quilt, so bring your own food and dishes. And a folding table if you have one.



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**Hang It Dang It?**

Several guild members recommend Hang It Dang It for hanging quilts on the wall. The hanger allows you to use only one nail in the wall to hang any quilt. The telescoping rods come in several sizes to give you flexibility in changing your quilt display. More information is at [www.hangitdangit.com](http://www.hangitdangit.com).



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TIPS

**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

- May 12, Potluck Picnic at Glenburnie Park
- Oct. 19-20, Quilt Show Setup
- Oct. 21-22, Quilt Show
- Oct. 30-Nov. 4, Fall Retreat
- Dec. 15, Christmas Luncheon

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>27 March</b> <i>Spring Retreat</i>	<b>28 March</b> <i>Spring Retreat</i>	<b>29 March</b> <i>Spring Retreat</i>	<b>30 March</b> <i>Spring Retreat</i>	<b>31 March</b> <i>Spring Retreat</i>	<b>1</b> <i>Spring Retreat</i>  <b>April Fools Day</b>	<b>2</b> <b>New Member Tea</b> 
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