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News of the Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

New Bern, North Carolina



From the President

I was **thrilled** to see so many members at our August Business Meeting having fun reconnecting (and eating!). Hopefully, we are truly back on the road to "normal"!

For those members who were unable to attend, **we shook it up!** We did what *y'all* said you wanted on the survey I sent out last December – focused on socializing and "Show and Tell." We rearranged the chairs into semi-circles facing each other – not so formal. And we made "Show and Tell" an integral part of the actual meeting – not after the meeting. Members agreed they liked the change, so we will continue the "new" design for our business meetings in the future. If anyone has other ideas on how to make our meetings more fun and engaging, I'm open. Just let me know.

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**DON'T
MISS!**

See page 2 for important information on the TRQG Day of Sharing, and page 3 for new TRQG August & September Classes, as well as other opportunities offered by nearby guilds.

2021 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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- Nursing Home — Jan Penner

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Sunshine: Kay Amend
2021 Spring Retreat: Kathy Farrar/Sandy Drechsler
2021 Fall Retreat: Sandy Smith/Jeanne Batten
2021 Christmas Luncheon: Pat Boni/Mary Phelps
2021 Day of Sharing: Mary Quay
2021-22 Raffle Quilt Construction: Sally Cornford
2021 Raffle Quilt Sales: Mary Yanchok, Evelyn Bernhardt
2022 Quilt Show: Jan Penner

From the President (continued)

North Carolina Quilters Update

Along with being President of TRQG, I agreed to be the “facilitator” of the Eastern North Carolina Quilters (ENC). There are about 12 other guilds from Washington, NC to Wilmington, NC that are part of this group. Originally, the group met twice a year to share what their guilds were doing with each other. ENC has now decided to start meeting more often and will focus on planning activities together.

At our meeting in June, we discussed the possibility of ENC doing Zoom Classes. The group consensus, for many reasons, was not to get involved in Zoom Classes. There are many teachers who have a Zoom account and are doing classes online already. ENC will start sharing their experiences and those resources with each other. One of the members of the group is designing a “private” Facebook Page for all members of all ENC guilds. Another member and I are working on “Road Trips”. Everything the group will be organizing will be designed to inform and benefit all members of all guilds. Should be fun!

Lastly, I want to give a **big shout out** to ALL the Board Members. They are hardworking, conscientious, and engaging! They make my job as President much easier and enjoyable! **NEW MEMBERS** – think seriously about becoming a Committee Chair, Committee Co-Chair or Officer in the future. It’s a great group of quilters to work with and you will love it!

Hope to see you all September 9th!

Sandy Drechsler



Our Day of Sharing is Oct. 30!

If you haven’t yet marked your calendar to attend the Day of Sharing that our guild is hosting for other guilds in our region, get it on your calendar **now**!

Saturday, Oct. 30
Tabernacle Baptist Church
9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Breakfast & lunch included
Tickets: \$6

If you’ve never been to a Day of Sharing, it’s a time to get together with other guild members from eastern North Carolina to learn and share. The theme is “Vintage Twist.” We have a great guest speaker, Mary Kerr, who will discuss concepts from her book *Twisted: Modern Quilts with a Vintage Twist*. People also bring their own quilted projects to share.

In keeping with the theme, we have a fun activity planned where we’ll do a “crazy quilt prom dress swap.” We need lots of embellishments to use. **As you clean out your sewing room or closets, please look for things you can donate for use in our crazy quilt exercise! We’re looking for lace, buttons, fancy fabric swatches and even donations of prom dresses or bridesmaid dresses that we can cut up and use in new and creative ways. No, you won’t have to model it for us to see if it still fits! (I found a beautiful bridesmaid dress at a thrift store!)**

Questions? Contact Mary Quay at 714-330-7638.

Attention Day of Sharing Committee

Meeting on Aug. 19,
9:30 a.m. at Stitch & Chat

Meeting on Oct 14
after the guild business meeting

From The VP's Desk

It is August and things are picking up. Yes, we need to still be careful with our health, but it was so great to see so many faces at the meeting. Here is what we have going on. I would like to see more participation in these classes, so **if you would like to attend please contact me by phone, text 303-520-1006 or email jenny.nebe@gmail.com**. These classes are FREE to our members, unless there is a cost for supplies!

August 26, 10 a.m., Sewing on the River: Chris Youngs will teach **"What to Quilt Where."** This class will focus on where to place quilting stitches to fit your quilt pattern while meeting the needs of the quilt to be sturdy. *No supplies are needed, not even a machine.*

September 23, 10 a.m., Sewing on the River: Karen Dodd will teach **paper piecing on card stock**. I will send the details out to those that register. Karen will help you create lovely greeting cards for friends and family that show your quilting talents. I think this is a fun way to remind them of your passion and skills. Karen will provide a kit for \$5 paid directly to her. The supplies will include cardstock, envelopes and patterns. You'll need to bring other supplies from home as well as fabric scraps – *I will send the list to those who register*. Karen requests that anyone taking this class wears a mask.

October: Stay tuned for what is planned for October. See ya'll soon! –Jenny Nebe

P.S. -- *I forgot to mention at the meeting that for those using the IBOTTA the rebate app, they are offering free school supplies thru Walmart. You purchase the specified items and then get a full refund. This is a great way to help the women's shelter or any charity or family member.*



Fall Workshop: Mandala

- Sept. 17 in Morehead City, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Hosted by Coastal Carolina Modern Quilt Guild
- \$40 includes pattern and lunch, with class led by Connie Farland using specific Deb Tucker rulers. Space is limited.

Contact
Sandy Drechsler
or **Jenny Nebe**
ASAP to register
for either event!

Birds of a Feather Day of Sharing

- Sept. 18 in Jacksonville, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Hosted by Carolina Pine Needles Quilters Guild
- \$15 includes lunch and speaker RaNae Merrill, author of "Free Motion Quilting in a Month," who will demo how to quilt any design with just six basic shapes. Space is limited.



Duffy Gallery Quilt Exhibit IMPORTANT UPDATE

Our guild has again been invited to exhibit quilts at the Duffy Gallery at the North Carolina History Center. The TRQG Exhibit 2022 will be Jan. 22 – March 27.

Detailed instructions and the entry form are on our Website (look under the FORMS tab).

I did receive this special request from the gallery director:

“One thing while I'm thinking of it, is that we need to implore everyone to please be careful with how they are measuring their quilts. We spent so much time reworking the layout of the show the last two times, because the measurements we were given were not correct (some were WAY off). Which messes up the layout and then we have to start over with the installation and it wastes a lot of time. And we put a lot of unnecessary holes in the wall from incorrect measurements. I guess we just won't trust what measurements we are given any more. But that's a lot of extra work for us to measure every single piece. If they would just measure correctly to begin with, that would help a lot. That would be our single biggest request. Also king size quilts are too large for the limited space.”

So PLEASE measure accurately. The side where you place your hanging sleeve is the WIDTH — measure it from binding edge to binding edge. Then list the length of the quilt. Also, king size quilts are too large to exhibit.

Thank you and happy quilting! — Lu Anne Tridico

Email Reminder

Please remember, when you receive an email with the subject of TRQG INFO it is for information pertaining to our guild and sent by our president Sandy Drechsler or one of the committee chairs.

Do not reply back to these messages by hitting the reply button.

If you have any questions go directly to the author of the email. When you hit the reply button it comes back to me, drezab@yahoo.com. I do not monitor the email so you will not get a reply to your question. Thank you. —Diana Rezab

We have a New Member

Jody Givens,
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Jody and her husband Michael live in Florida but bought a home in Bridgeton, NC, to spend a few months here. She enjoys quilting and beach walks. Her sister Jonnie Purkey, a TRQG member, introduced her to the guild. Welcome Jody!



New Member Mentoring Committee

This summer we welcomed three new members to Twin Rivers Quilt Guild. Janet Olsen of New Bern, will be mentored by Cathy Cox. Gini Breaton of New Bern was a previous member. Carolyn Hansen will serve as her mentor as needed. Jody Givens of St Augustine, FL, will be assigned a mentor in the near future. New members were emailed information about the mentoring program, the spring tea and other guild activities. Try to meet these new members and make them feel welcome!

Thank you to all our mentors for making a difference. If anyone is interested in serving as a mentor for a new member, please let me know. Let us know if you have any questions.

— Carolyn Hansen, Chairperson
of New Member Mentoring and
Claudia Hughes, Co-chairperson



Quilt Show: Planning for Bee by the River 2022 is Underway!

The first meeting for show chairs and co-chair members is
Sept. 2 following the Board meeting.

The planning begins with all of us working together. Join the fun and excitement for the next Quilt Show because we are **“Connected by Thread”**...which is the theme of our show! I know you must be finishing or starting a new creation. Keep on sewing - we need a lot of quilts.

— Jan Penner, Quilt Show Chair

Quilt Show Boutique

Start now making items for the boutique...please make the type of items you yourself would be interested in purchasing! Thank you!

—Mary Quay

Twin Rivers Quilters Guild 2022 Quilt Show Challenge Quilt Guidelines

This category for the quilt show is limited to members of the Twin Rivers Quilters Guild.

THEME: “MEMORIES...CONNECTED BY

THREAD”: Create a quilt that is connected to one of your memories. You will be asked to describe on your entry form what memory inspired your creation.

QUILT SIZE: Quilts are to measure a **maximum of 144 inches total outside dimensions** (if doing a square project, this would be 36x36 inches). The **minimum size is 100 inches total** (if doing a square, this would be 25x25 inches). You may elect to create a rectangle or other shape within these measurement guidelines.

This challenge is for quilts/wall hangings rather than quilted items such as tote bags, purses, clothing, etc.

CONSTRUCTION: You may use any method for to construct your quilt – piecing, paper piecing, applique, etc. All entries must be quilted and completely finished.

EMBELLISHMENTS: Each entry must contain **at least three embellishments**; however, the definition of embellishments is wide open. Be prepared to identify your embellishments on the description of your project. Some examples might include, but are not restricted to:

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| • Buttons | • Machine Embroidery |
| • Lace | • Thread painting |
| • Ric rac | • Fabric paint/Inktense |
| • Trapunto | • Silk flower |
| • Prairie points | • Paper |
| • Beads | • Shells, stones, jewelry, |
| • Embroidery | keys or other nontraditional items |

COLORS: You must feature on the front of your quilt **three colors determined by your initials**.

These do not have to be the dominant colors in your project, but you will be asked to identify on the entry form what your colors are and where they are used in your project. We encourage “creative license” in identifying your “initial” colors! For example, the name Betty Lou Smith could select:

Betty-B: Blue, Black, Blue Violet, Blush, Burgundy, Burnt Orange, Baby Blue, Banana, Barn Red, etc.

Lou-L: Lavender, Lilac, Lime Green, Lemon Yellow, Lawn Green, Liver, Lapis Lazuli, Licorice, Linen, etc.

Smith-S: Scarlet, Sand, School Bus Yellow, Strawberry, Slate Blue, Smoke, Salmon, Shamrock, etc.

JUDGING WILL BE BASED ON:

- Originality/creativity
- Use of the theme “Memories...Connected by Thread”
- Use of your “initial” colors
- Use of embellishments

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place and honorable mention.

Questions? Contact Laura Miller, chair of the Challenge Quilt Committee.





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I bought a larger machine and (so) sew - it no longer fits this wonderful storage cabinet. Both my former Bernina and Babylock loved it, but the Altair needs a larger home. **THIS MUST GO!** \$550 or best offer. Small Staples desk chair free goes with it. (Sorry neither hubby nor myself could help you move it. It's on wheels in a downstairs room here.) Contact Karen Dodd at 252-229-2033.



Charity Quilts



Children's Quilts

On June 24th I delivered 6 quilts to Coastal Women's shelter.

At this month's meeting I received 8 quilts from the following: 3 from Pat Kruger and 5 from Laura Miller.

I still collect pull tabs from cans. When I have about 5 gallon bags full I take them to the Ronald McDonald home in Greenville. They turn them into cash which helps the families who are staying while they have a child in the hospital.

Thank you, Lorraine Wocel

Nursing Home Quilts

After the August meeting my nursing home container was overflowing, much to my delight! I received lap quilts from Linda Sullivan (one), Jenny Nebe (six), and Mary Quay (six). Adult bibs were made by Karen Hallquist (six), Mary Phelps (three), Linda Rodden (11), and Ruth Powers (five). Carolyn Hansen and Mary Quay each created a fidget quilt. And Jenny Nebe made three walker bags. Thank you Linda and Diana for helping me get everything to my car. Special thanks to all of you for supporting our community with your generosity. Keep on sewing and being busy!

Love 'n hugs,
Jan Penner



Community Service Project: Coasters Needed for Empty Bowls

Empty Bowls is a local annual charity event held in February that helps raise funds to feed the hungry in our community. Those who purchase tickets receive a meal of soup and a locally crafted item they take home with them.

This year TRQG is contributing coaster sets. The coasters can be any pattern you choose. Please go online and look for a coaster pattern you'd like to make. There are a lot of free patterns available.

We need sets of six coasters tied together with a ribbon. If you have any questions, please feel free to give one of us a call.

Pat Phillips & Alvina Diello



Community Relief & Coastal Women's Shelter

The staff of Coastal Women's Shelter was most appreciative of the back to school supplies you provided at the August meeting. You will have another chance to support them in this category in September, so please watch for sales on school supplies for students learning online and in the classroom. Boxes of Kleenex would also be appreciated. Thank you for your continued support. Questions? Call me at 252-617-6041. — Nancy Hausman



Every Quilt Deserves a Label

By Paula Gramley

Do you label your quilts? At the June TRQG meeting at Glenburnie Park, members shared family heirloom quilts. None of the quilts included a label. Some of those presenting the quilts knew a bit about their story, but others had very little background on these family treasures. We all wished we had more information about the quilt maker and when the quilt was made.

What should be on a label?

- To: Who the quilt is made for
- Why: Occasion of giving the quilt (birthday, wedding, holiday)
- Made by: Name, Location, and Date
- Nice to add: Name of the quilt pattern and other information about the quilt or the circumstances of making it (for example, "This quilt includes fabric from Grandpa Smith's work shirts," or "Made to provide cheer during the 2020 Covid-19 quarantine.")

There are many ways to make a label

- Hand-embroider your message.
- Machine embroidery.
- Use your inkjet printer with special fabric for use in your printer. Or use an inkjet printer, freezer paper and fabric; various instructions are available by searching online.
- Buy a fabric panel that has premade quilt labels and print on them with a permanent marker.
- Have label tags professionally made (services are available on Etsy) to sew onto your items. TRQG member Karen Dodd uses Etsy to purchase personalized labels with her name to add to the many items she sells.

Make a simple hand-printed label

If none of these solutions are for you, you can simply make your own labels using fabric and permanent marker made for fabric. On her YouTube channel, Sew Very Easy, Laura Coia offers a step-by-step guide to make simple hand printed labels using freezer paper to stabilize the fabric for your writing (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rcXLQldURAg>.) Her tips include:

1. Wash your fabric; do not use fabric softener.
2. Stabilize the *back* of the fabric by ironing it onto freezer paper. To keep your writing straight, draw

dark lines on the paper side of the back freezer paper that you can see through the fabric. You can also mark the exact finished size of your label on the back freezer paper.

3. Laura then recommends that you make a freezer paper frame to iron to the front of the label the exact size you want for your completed quilt label. This will

provide a boundary to keep your writing in the allotted space.

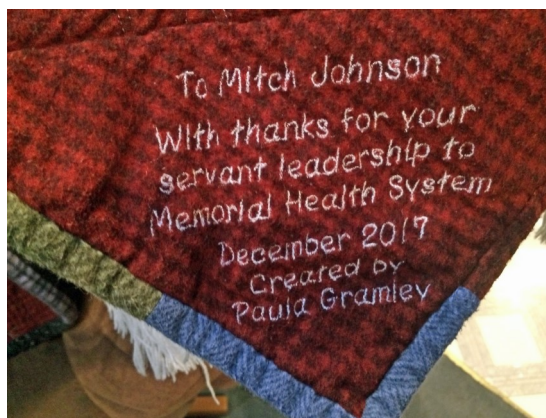
4. Use a permanent marker designed for fabric that is archive safe. Laura uses Sakura Pigma Micron pens. (Various online articles also recommend Pentel Gel Arts Roller for Fabric, or ask at your local quilt shop. For additional information, see <http://quiltingdigest.com/which-permanent-marker-is-best-for-quilts/>).

5. When the ink is dry, heat set it with your iron. When it is cool, cut the label out, *leaving additional fabric as a border*. Remove the freezer paper when you are ready to use it. You can turn the edges under or frame it with additional fabric before adding it to the back of your quilt.

Adding the label

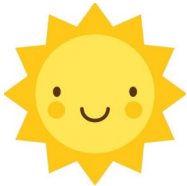
Some people stitch the label to the back of the quilt when it is completely done. Others add it to the back of the quilt prior to quilting so that the label is well secured and would be very difficult for someone to remove it, providing some security for proving ownership or provenance of the quilt.

Another option is to create a triangle label by folding a square diagonally in half. Embroider or print your label information onto half the triangle and stitch the raw edges of the folded triangle into the back corner of the quilt before you complete your quilt binding. Sewing the binding over the edges of the label secures it well.



Example of a triangle label on a retirement quilt that was stitched into the corner with the binding.

Do you have any family quilts without a label? It's not too late to add what you know about the quilt so future generations don't lose track of that precious family history.



Sunshine Report

We sent a get well card to Linda Tobac-

co, who had shoulder surgery. Cards of encouragement/thinking of you we sent to member Mary Hutchinson, who had a stroke, and Patricia Rutt, whose husband is ill.

If you know someone who needs a card, please contact me. Thank you! — Kay Amend



TRQG received a thank you letter from CarolinaEast Foundation for our donation of \$100 in memory of Megan M. Mc Garvey.

"Your gift will be placed in the **Thera-Paws Furapy At Its Best Fund** to support CarolinaEast Medical Center's canine visitation program which brings comfort, affection and happiness to patients, visitors and staff. An acknowledgement of your gift has been sent."

"Thank you again for your assistance and for making a difference in the lives of others."

Signed Jared T Brinkley, Exec. Dir.

Bring BOMs to September Meeting

The April, May and June newsletters included three red/white/blue blocks of the month. These will be collected at the Sept. 12 guild meeting. If you made two blocks, one will be collected for a drawing for participants to win a set of the blocks, and the other will be collected for charity quilts. We do not have a BOM this month. Watch for information in September for a new block of the month!



Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

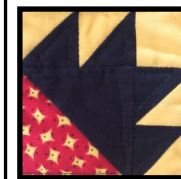
Regular meetings are held at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 616 Broad Street in New Bern.

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

Oct. 7: Board Meeting,
Stitch & Chat

Oct. 14: Guild Business
Meeting

Oct. 14: Meeting for Day of
Sharing Committee

Oct. 17-22: Fall Retreat

Oct. 21: Stitch & Chat

Oct. 28: Stitch & Chat

Oct. 30: Day of Sharing

hosted by TRQG

Nov. 4: Board Meeting, Stitch
& Chat

Nov. 11: Guild Business Meet-
ing

Dec. 16: Christmas Luncheon

Jan. 16-21, 2022: Winter
Retreat

Mar. 27-Apr. 1, 2022: Spring
Retreat

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
29 Aug	30 Aug	31 Aug	1 <i>National No Rhyme (Nor Reason) Day</i>	2 9:30 Board Meeting @ Church 9:30 Stitch & Chat 10:30 Quilt Show Meeting (following board meeting)	3	4
5	6 	7 <i>Buy a Book Day</i>	8	9 10:00 Guild Business Meeting @ Church	10	11
12 <i>National Grandparents Day</i>	13	14	15	16 9:30 Stitch & Chat	17 Mandala class, Coastal Caro- lina Modern Quilters, Morehead City	18 Day of Shar- ing, Carolina Pine Needles Guild in Jacksonville
19 <i>National Talk Like a Pirate Day</i>	20	21	22	23 9:30 Stitch & Chat 10:00 Paper Piecing on Card Stock @ Sew- ing on the River, con- tact Jenny Nebe to reg- ister	24	25
26	27 <i>National Choco- late Milk Day</i>	28	29	30 9:30 Stitch & Chat	1 Oct	2 Oct
3 Oct	4 Oct	5 Oct	6 Oct 10	7 Oct 9:30 Board Meeting @ Church 9:30 Stitch & Chat	8 Oct	9 Oct