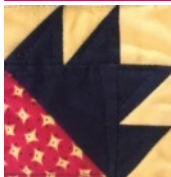


Quilter's Quill

News of the Twin Rivers Quilters Guild
August 2026



From the President

Welcome back everyone! I hope you enjoyed our one-month summer break and had a chance to relax, travel, spend time with family and friends – OR, of course, do a little quilting!

It's hard to believe we are halfway into August; before you know it, we will be heading to retreat and celebrating Halloween....YIKES!!

I can hear all the Quilt Show engines revving up (or is that the sound of your sewing machines?) I know you are working on your entries and items for our boutique. I can't wait to see all the beautiful creations. See page 6 for a list of items needed and wanted for the boutique. Have fun with it. Our boutique booth is always a favorite.

As we get back to our regular meetings, I hope you'll join in the fun, share what you've been working on, and maybe even encourage a friend to finish that quilt or join the guild.

Today we had 68 members return for our Business Meeting, the energy was great and it was so wonderful to see all those familiar faces and some new ones. The number of donation quilts handed in was impressive and the Show and Tell presentation was amazing!! Remember to join in, it's the best way to get the most out of what the guild has to offer....you CAN do it!

I would like to remind all the new members to try to get to a Stitch 'n Chat, it's a great way to have more time getting to know your fellow members without all the bustle of the regular meetings. We've all been "the new guy" at one time and you may feel awkward at first but please get yourself in here. Personally, it's been a blessing for me, and I hope it will be for you also.

Hugs and Stitches,

Fran

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2026 Fall Retreat: Sandy Smith/Katherine Haleen

From the Vice President

As we enjoy the last few weeks of summer, it's time to look ahead to fall activities.



Pamlico River Quilters' Guild's Day of Sharing will be held on Sept. 19. They will be supporting the Kely Center of Hope and have requested those attending the Day of Sharing to bring items to be donated. If you have signed up to attend, please see the list of items needed as well as other information on pages 7-8.

Please also consider bringing an item for Show and Tell.

Thread Painting Class: Carolyn Tabarini will be leading a Thread Painting class on Sept. 24 at the church. The cost of the class is \$50.

There are still spots available if you are interested in attending. Please see the description of the class and supply list on page 9.

Please note that due to the class, there will be no Stitch & Chat on Sept. 24.

Planning Meeting: If you are interested in being on the Planning Committee, we will be holding a meeting on Aug. 27 at 9:30 a.m. at the church. We are looking for people who are interested in assisting the vice-president in planning and conducting workshops and programs for the guild.

Blocks With Buddies: By now many of you have completed the Blocks With Buddies Quilt. Please bring them to the November meeting.

That's it for now. Enjoy the rest of the summer and happy quilting!

--Laure Manette



Sunshine

If you know of a TRQG member who is experiencing a health issue or other challenges, we would like to send them a card of encouragement. Please contact Evelyn Bernhardt, who now leads this outreach. Kay Amend is assisting her.



Cecilia Davoren	5
Julie Robertson	5
Mary Grote	8
David Hoagland	12
Brenda Parker	13
Alvina Diello	15
Cathy Cox	16
Betty Lou Krasenics	17
Nancy Hill	22
Lani Pilgrim	24
Karen Schoch	27
Lu Anne Tridico	29



Block of the Month

Twelve beautiful red, white and blue star blocks were returned in August. The lucky winner was Karen Dodd.

The next BOM is a colorful 3-DI pinwheel!





Children's Quilts

On July 16 I delivered 17 quilts to the following: 9 quilts to Hope Family Resource Center; 8 quilts to Coastal Center for Hope and Healing.

From this week's meeting I received 14 quilts from: Julia Robertsen 3, Susan Cargnino 1, Laura Miller 1, June Dale 2, Geri Reid 1, Louise Glenowicz 1, Becky Barnes 1, and Mary Quay 4. Nancy Houyoux gave me 2 quilts from the nursing home contributions that she thought might be more appropriate for children and I will give her 1 from my collection.

It was hard to match up quilts to the names of those who gave them because some did not have a label. Please use one of the labels from the supply cabinet to sew to the back of your quilt.

Thank you all. Lorraine Wocel

Nursing Home

Thank you in abundance! So many lovely quilts were donated at the August meeting. These will complete my need for the fall delivery!

QUILTS: Susie Hardy 1, June Dale 1, Carolyn Hansen 1, Shirley Baldwin 1, Christine Youngs 1; Mary Quay 2, Julie Robertson 2, Jenny Nebe 2, Kay Amend 2, Laura Miller 2, Louise Glenowicz 2, Becky Barnes 3, Linda Drabeck 3, Emily Lewandowski 8.

CLOTHING PROTECTORS: Mary Quay 4
EYEGLASS HOLDERS: Susie Tibbetts 8

Again, thank you. You could have used your time doing other things!

--Nancy L. Houyoux

Community Sewing: Join Us to Cut Kits on Oct. 15

Thank you everyone who donated quilts, walker bags, clothing protectors, and eye glass cases! Please keep sewing for our community.

Our next community project will be Oct. 15. We will be cutting up fabric to make take-home kits for walker bags, clothing protectors, and possibly some quilt kits. We will have some mats. Please bring your basic cutting supplies: scissors, rotary cutters, rulers, etc. Sewing machines will not be needed.

Thank you for your efforts. Questions? Contact Mary Quay.

Military Quilts

We are still collecting quilts to donate to the USO in Germany for overseas service members who are injured or ill, as well as local veterans groups. The USO asks that the quilts **be no larger than 40 X 60 inches**. This allows them to be used without interfering with medical equipment that is used for treatment. Quilts of other sizes will be donated for local veterans. The quilts do not have to be in patriotic colors, but of course those are welcome.

-- Mary Daugherty & Jackie Harrison

Coastal Center for Hope and Healing

A huge thank you Nancy Hausman for your years of service chairing and caring for this community outreach for the guild. Well done!

The monthly Christmas containers were passed among those attending this August meeting. Amazing...over \$250 was collected. This will go towards the guild supporting two families in need at Christmas time.

This guild is generous, loving, helpful, creative and kind.

School supply donations: Thank you for shopping for the kids. I collected the August donations. We will collect school supplies again at the Sept. 10 business meeting, so bring your contributions! Help those in need -- yes indeed.

And thanks so much to Ann Holden who volunteered to assist me with the CCHC work!

Hugs,

Jan Penner



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Welcome New Members!

As of this August's Newsletter, we've had three more new members!

First we have **Linda Thompson**.

Linda is from Chesterfield, VA. She says on her application that she is friends with Pat Fitzpatrick and Denise Sandlin, both current members. She visits them down here in NC fairly often and says she'd love to be part of our group. She goes on to say that she has been quilting since 1992 and it is her "happy place."

Our next new member is from Maine! She joined at the behest of Kim Durkee, sister of our own Holly Pace. **Sandra Chadbourne** is from Madison, Maine. She wrote on her application that she has five children, has owned/operated multiple businesses and has sewn "all my life."

Next we have someone a little closer to home! **Jane O'Hara** is just down the road in Emerald Isle. Her professional background is teaching in person and online at all levels of education, as well as having just retired as an assistant principle. Her mother taught her to sew when she was 4 years old. She goes on to say that she loves learning and that is what draws her to our guild.

Welcome ladies! We look forward to seeing you.

New Member Mentoring

Welcome to the new members who joined this summer. I am looking forward to seeing you at the business meetings this fall and Stitch & Chat and workshops. Most of the information regarding the Twin Rivers Quilters Guild is found in the newsletter and calendar, which you can link to online on our website. Contact me if you have any questions about any upcoming classes or functions, or anything quilting related.

Best wishes,
Carolyn Hansen, New Member Mentoring



I always hold my
wife's hand when
we go shopping.
If I let go, she
buys fabric!

RAFFLE QUILT

We are still selling tickets for the raffle quilt! Our next day to attend the Farmers Market is after Labor Day. The sign-up sheet will be at each business meeting until late March of 2027. You have been great about signing up and we have September covered. **Please check your calendars and sign up for October and November ticket sales!**

Sept. 12 7-11 a.m. Holly Pace/Kristen LeQuin

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Mary Jo Grote/Cindy Shipley

Sept. 26 7-11 a.m. Mary O'Neill/Janet Olsen

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Cecilia Davoren/ Sally Comfort

--Mary Daugherty, Raffle Quilt Chair



Don't Forget our Free Quilt Library

Did you know that there is a catalog list on the TRQG website of the several hundred quilt books available in our library for you to check out? Member Chris Youngs reports that when she's interested in a technique or looking for pattern ideas, she turns to the list on the website to see what we have available. (On the website, go to Committees and select Library.)

Interested in applique? Baby/kid quilts? Maybe Hawaiian quilts, or landscape or a new pattern (look under piecing), paper piecing, or machine quilting are things you want to explore. Check out the library list on the website. Then the next time you are at the church, go see what's in the big gray cabinets along the back wall. There's a lot of good reading and ideas waiting for you!



Binding Friendships

The show Boutique is a large booth where we display and sell quilting/sewing items made by all the members of the guild. The Boutique usually brings in a good sum of money for the guild. If you have a talent or creative ideas of things to make for the boutique we are grateful! Below is a list of items we need, but we accept any new items that you make. Please be aware these items are a donation. Items that are unsold will not be returned to you.

Adult clothing protectors

Eyeglass cases

Walker bags/wheel chair bags

Quilted shawls

Pocket prayers

Baby items: bibs, bonnets, sleep sacks, soft toys, burp cloths

Children's items: aprons, stuffed animals, reading book pillows, cloth books, dolls, small doll quilts, hair bows

Pets: beds, bandannas, blankets

Household items: placemats, table runners, cloth napkins, hot pads, casserole carriers, microwave bowl warmers, aprons, pot holders, mug rugs, decorative dish towels

Sewing room items: sewing machine pads with pockets, scissor holder, pin cushions, fabric/thread catchers, sewing machine covers, notion bags

School items: fabric-covered notebooks, pencil cases, book marks,

Miscellaneous: makeup bags, jewelry bags, eye covers for sleep, microwave heat pads

We will not be displaying Christmas items as they did not sell well at the last show.

Please contact us if you need any supplies or we can assist in any way! Thank you in advance, Carolyn Hansen and Betty Turner

Boutique Items Needed

Hello TRQG members. It won't be long until April is here and time for our 2027 TRQG Quilt Show!

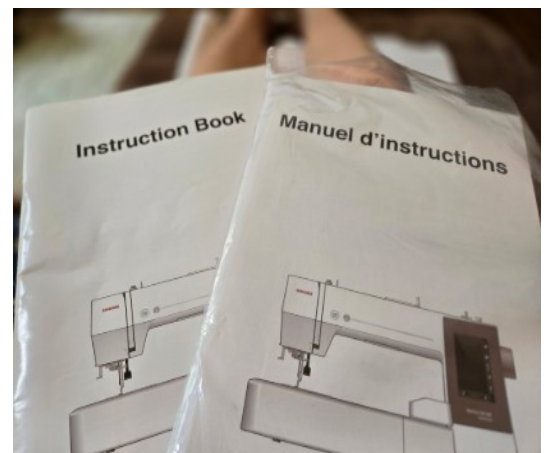
As chairs of the Boutique, Betty Turner and I (Carolyn Hansen) need your help!



**Janome Embroidery Machine
\$1,500**

Like new...only used three times!

Contact Evelyn Bernhardt.





By Lynnet Keeley

This month the spotlight is on **Linda Drabeck**. Linda, like several others of you, is not necessarily new to the group. She joined TRQG a few years ago, but it wasn't until retiring that she has been able to attend Stitch & Chat and business meetings regularly. So, over this past year we've seen more of her!

Linda says her parents were an Italian war bride and an American GI. Her mother lived in Rome with her family when she met Linda's father. After they married they moved back to the United States, first to Virginia Beach, and then New York. Linda has two brothers, one of whom was instrumental in fostering Linda's creativity. He taught her a love of baking, knitting, and crotchet. He was always her biggest supporter and always an adventurer. Linda says her mother, maternal grandmother and her mother's best friend were all skilled in knitting, crocheting and sewing. In fact, her mother's best friend was a professional seamstress specializing in hand-sewn women's undergarments.

After being married for "a hot minute" and divorcing said scurvy dog, Linda met her husband John. He comes from a Czechoslovakian family. She immediately took a shine to him, leaving a note on his car windshield with her phone number. Forty-three years and two kids later she says, "He's not perfect, but he's perfect for me!" Linda and John have two children: a son, John and a daughter, Marisa. John is in the Air Force and Marisa is a teacher in Raleigh. Marisa has two children with her husband, also named John. (This is quite the family joke as there are multiple others "Johns" in the family).

Linda says she grew up learning how to knit, crotchet, sew but when she was pregnant with her daughter, her best friend had moved to the area and convinced Linda that they should take a quilting class. So, they did and the rest is history as they say!

Linda, it's great to see you more often at the guild!

Attention TRQG Members:

Reservations have already been sent in for members who signed up at the August meeting.

Consider bringing a quilt for their show-and-tell!

List of donation items is on the next page.

*Pamlico River Quilters' Guild invites you to **FALL into QUILTING***

A Day of Sharing by the Pamlico

Saturday, September 19, 2026

First Christian Church, 307 E 3rd Street, Washington, NC

- ❖ *Doors open 9:30, program starts at 10:30*
- ❖ *Seating is limited to 120; Registration \$15, checks payable to PRQG*
- ❖ *Mail checks to Mary Grace Bright, 7844 Core Point Road, Blounts Creek, NC 27814*
- ❖ *Deadline to register September 1, 2026*
- ❖ *Includes light breakfast, lunch, and dessert*
- ❖ *Parking in church parking lots*
- ❖ *Program and Vendor by Martelli*
- ❖ *Show and Tell – 1 entry per quilter, complete information card + get a basket ticket*
- ❖ *Raffle quilts by various guilds*
- ❖ *Door prizes, Baskets to win*
- ❖ *Collecting donations to Kelly Center of Hope – see donation sheet attached*
- ❖ *Any questions, Corey McKinstry – mckinmass2@gmail.com*

If you are attending the Pamlico Day of Sharing on Sept. 19, this is a list of optional items you may care to donate for their community collection.



Our Ongoing Needs

Household & Cleaning Supplies



- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Clorox Wipes & Disinfectant Sprays
- Toilet & Bathroom Cleaners
- All-Purpose Cleaner
- Window Cleaner
- Trash Bags (Tall & Large Outdoor)
- Swiffer WetJet Solution & Dusters



- Laundry Detergent (liquid or pods)
- Fabric Softener
- Dryer Sheets

Kitchen & Food Supplies



- Dish Soap
- Plastic Wrap & Aluminum Foil
- Plastic Cutlery
- Bottled Water & 5-Gallon Water Jugs
- Canned Goods
- Non-Perishables
- Grocery Store Gift Cards
- Prepared Meals

Personal Care Items



- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Ethnic Hair Products (moisturizers, gels, oils, etc.)
- Feminine Products
- Toothpaste
- Dental Flossers
- Q-Tips
- Kleenex
- Deodorant (Female & Male)
- Bath Towels, Hand Towels, Washcloths

Miscellaneous Items



- Over-the-counter Medicines
- First Aid Items
- Bug Repellent
- Sunscreen
- LED Battery-Powered Lanterns
- Light Bulbs
- Batteries (AA & AAA)
- Power Strips

Important Info for Sept. 24 Thread Painting Class!

On Sept. 24 Carolyn Tabarini will be our guest teacher. Carolyn was the guest speaker at the Jacksonville Day of Sharing. After her lecture, I received many requests to have her come to TRQG. The cost of the class is \$50. **There is still room in this class – contact Laure Manette ASAP.** Here's what you need to know.

CLASS DESCRIPTION: Thread painting, or free-motion machine embroidery, is a unique way of embellishing your quilts or creating one-of-a-kind works of art by “painting” the images using thread. Fabric is your canvas and thread is your paint. You are only limited by your imagination as to what images you can “paint” on your fabric. Learn to create your own art piece using thread and free motion quilting basics on your own sewing machine. The class will include thread basics, needle basics, machine basics and set up, and free-motion quilting basics (skill level; intermediate sewing; prior sewing experience necessary).

CLASS SUPPLIES NEEDED: Sewing machine: Have basic working knowledge of your machine; how to thread, change feet, set tension, have your machine cleaned and oiled per your manufacturer's instructions.

- Quilting, darning or free motion quilting foot.
- One practice sandwich, about fat-quarter size or smaller, for practice, checking tension, or troubleshooting. Top layer should be plain fabric – your color choice. Prepare your sandwich by layering the backing fabric, then a low-loft batting (80/20), then Pellon 910 sew-in featherweight stabilizer (or equivalent stabilizer), topped with a piece of plain fabric so you can see your stitches clearly.
- Basting pins.
- Thread:- Use Mettler brand or equivalent, 50 wt or 40 wt, silk finish, poly sheen. NO metallic threads for this workshop please. Brands such as Aurifil, Madeira, MSQC, Wonderfil and Glide are all good brands. Cotton and cotton blends are used for top threads and polyester can be used for bobbin thread. Thread weight is important. You need a thicker thread – 40 wt and below (the lower the number the thicker the thread), when you want your stitching to show. Variegated threads add dimension. The teacher will have some threads for use and purchase.
- Cone thread stand – If you are using larger cone thread or a cross-wound thread spool. This prevents thread twisting, relaxes the thread and prevents breakage.
- The instructor will provide one topstitch needle but if you wish to purchase a topstitch needle prior to the workshop, the recommended needle is SCHMETZ Top Stitch needles sizes 80/12 and 90/14. I highly recommend Chrome – they last longer. Equivalent top-stitch needles of another brand are okay, but it is important you are using a topstitch needle as they have a sharp point for going through many layers, deeper groove on the front putting less stress on thread, and a larger eye for thicker thread. Needles are the opposite of thread and the higher the number the smaller the needle. The 90/12 creates smaller, less visible holes.
- Extra bobbins
- Erasable marker (either heat or water-soluble markers appropriate for fabric)
- Optional: Free-motion quilting grip gloves or well-fitting grip garden gloves.
- KIT AVAILABLE: You may purchase a kit for an additional cost of \$15. It will include a quilt sandwich, a variety of threads for students to use, one 90/12 Schmetz top stitch needle and flat fabric grippers.



















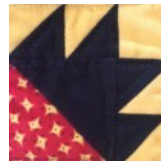
Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

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



REMINDER: The official TRQG name tag must be worn 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.



UPCOMING DATES

- Oct. 18-23 — Fall Retreat
- Dec. 9—Holiday Luncheon
- MARK YOUR CALENDAR! April 2027—TRQG Quilt Show

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug. 23	Aug. 24	Aug. 25	Aug. 26	Aug. 27 9:30 Stitch & Chat	Aug. 28	Aug. 29
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