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News of the Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

New Bern, North Carolina



From the President

As we wrap up another wonderful year together, I want to take a moment to thank each one of you for making our guild such a vibrant, creative, and wel-

coming community. I especially want to thank the board members, Laure Manette, Chris Youngs and Evelyn Bernhardt for taking this ride with me; along with all the chairs of all our committees!

Looking back, it's hard not to feel proud of what we've accomplished and all we have participated in.

We started our year by swearing in a new board and moving full steam ahead into our 2025 Quilt Show. The members who chaired this event along with all the members who volunteered are to be congratulated on the amazing job they did to make this a wonderfully successful event!

We continued with some of our yearly events such as our New Member Tea, the UFO contest, and our Spring Picnic in the Park. The membership continues to make and donate many, many guilts for children and nursing homes, veterans and military quilts, and supporting My Sister's House, along with our continued monthly community sew days. Our members also came out in support of the Empty Bowls event by making and donating various items and participated in other quilt contributions when asked.

The membership has enjoyed special speakers and classes by Pepper Cory, and Lynn Christiansen along with classes led by our own members: Becky Barnes, Chris Youngs, Jenny Nebe, Susan Faith and Rolayne Schwendy. We will also



soon enjoy guild membership in The Quilt Alliance (see more on page 3!)

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2025 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President: Fran Rice

Vice President/Programs: Laure Manette

Treasurer: Evelyn Bernhardt Secretary: Chris Youngs

Block of the Month: Lilly Lucier & Susan Faith

Community Quilts:

• Children—Lorraine Wocel

Military — Mary Daugherty/Jackie Harrison

• My Sister's House — Pat Kruger

• Nursing Home —, Nancy Houyoux

Community Relief Fund: Executive Committee

 Coastal Center for Hope & Healing — Nancy Hausman

Community Service: Mary Quay Day of Sharing: Laure Manette **Door Monitoring: Sandra Egolf Duffy Exhibit: Lu Anne Tridico**

Library: Claudia Moran/Gail Dorman

Membership & Member Spotlight: Janet Olsen

Member Outreach: Becky Barnes

New Member Mentoring & New Member Tea:

Carolyn Hansen

Newsletter: Paula Gramley

Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales: Mary Daugherty

Quilt Show: Janet Olsen

Sunshine: Kay Amend/Evelyn Bernhardt

Website/Facebook — Fran Rice

2025 Winter Retreat: Sue Kleeman/Ed Dzioba 2025 Spring Retreat: Kathy Farrar/Sandy

Drechsler

2025 Fall Retreat: Sandy Smith/Katherine Haleen

President's Message (cont. from page 1)

Our monthly meetings have increased in attendance to an average of 70 members at the business meeting. Keep it coming, it's more fun with more participation! We've also acquired a new wireless microphone and speaker for use at events, so you'll be able to hear our beautiful voices, and have moved our stored items and equipment to a climate-controlled unit.

We are continuing to investigate ways to make our guild interesting, fun, educational, current and modern.

The members are now looking forward to our yearly Christmas Holiday party which is a 'sold-out event' and the revealing of the new raffle quilt! We are then diving into our Black, White & One other color January challenge, the Duffy Center exhibit, our April Day of Sharing event and the start of preparing for our next 2027 Quilt Show.

I'm sure I've forgotten something, so I apologize. It's been a great year for me; I thank you for allowing me to serve as your president and I look forward to all that next year will bring.

May your bobbins be full and your seams straight. Be happy and healthy!

Hugs and Holiday Stitches, Fran

Program News from the Vice President

The end of 2025 is quickly approaching. It has been a fun and busy year for all of us. We presented a wonderful quilt show, made lots of quilts, had lots of fun and created so many good memories. As we head into the holidays and prepare to say goodbye to 2025, it's time to look

ahead to all the great opportunities waiting for us in 2026.

- Lily Lucier will start us off on Jan. 15 with a lecture on how to properly prepare your quilt before you send it to the quilter.
- Rolayne Schwendy will be at the Retreat in January and will be available to help anyone who took her quilted jacket class in October and needs help to finish their jacket. She will also teach anyone who wants to learn how to do the jacket at the retreat. Rolayne will be teaching another quilted jacket class on Feb. 26! Sign up now.
- In March, Loving Stitches will be coming to New Bern to teach us how to quilt with rulers on our domestic machines.

- In April, Roxanne Lessa will be giving a lecture "Using Shiny, Fluffy, Sheer and Weird Materials in Your Quilts." She will also be doing a class on making quilt patterns from photos.
- You won't want to miss Fran's class on the "Prairie Point Mat" in May.
- Carolyn Tabarini will be doing a class on Thread Painting in September.
- Not to mention our Day of Sharing in April, which will be the talk of the quilting world.

2026 is sure to be another great year!

Black and White Plus One Challenge: Don't forget to bring your finished challenge project to our Business Meeting on Jan. 15.

Blocks With Buddies: The next block exchange will be in January at the Business Meeting. Blocks will NOT be exchanged at the Christmas Party.

<u>Prove to me that you have read the newsletter</u>: Mrs. Claus made her Christmas Wish List to give to Santa, but somehow it got jumbled up. You must search the newsletter for the five items on her list, unscramble them and email me the list at <u>Lmanette59@gmail.com</u>. The items can be found throughout the newsletter in bold green print.



More news on page 3!

Program News from the VP (cont. from page 2)



NEW! QUILT ALLIANCE

TRQG is now a member of the Quilt Alliance. They will be our guest speaker at the Day of Sharing. Their website is full of valuable information and opportunities. You can check it out at: https://guiltalliance.org

As an added bonus, each member of the Guild is invited to join as an individual member. Following is a message from the Quilt Alliance with instructions.

A new Quilt Alliance benefit is that your members now have the option to become QA Affiliate Members for one year (they must join while the group membership is active). Affiliate members enjoy the same benefits as QA individual members but will save \$35 on any level of membership (Friendship, Album, Sunburst and Signature).

We have created a coupon code just for your group and your members can register themselves online at: https://quiltalliance.app.neoncrm.com/forms/membership-form. Your discount code is: TRQG member.

BUS TRIP

The AQS Quilt Show has moved from Lancaster, PA to Columbus, OH. Therefore, we have canceled the bus trip. We will explore other possibilities in the future.

TROG DAY OF SHARING COMING IN APRIL!

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

Once again they are holding a placemat challenge and will then donate placemats to a community organization. Registration is closed for this event.

Our Day of Sharing is just five months away. Hopefully everyone is working on their table decorations. I will have a sign-up sheet at the January meeting for volunteer positions. Remember, if you decorate a table, volunteer or provide food, door prizes or supplies, you will not be charged the \$15 admittance.

November

Diana Rezab 1

Linda Rodden 7

Sandy Drechsler 9

Kathy Farrar 10

Nancy Hausman 12

Marty Dzioba 14

Katherine Haleen 14

CBFIAR

Holly Pace 24

Barbara Scavuzzo 30

December

Suzie Hardy 2

Joan Johnen 4

Mary Daugherty 6

Jody Givens 10

Ruth Hill 16

Pat Mayo 16

Cindy Shipley 21

Ed Dzioba 23

For the bounty of
the year;
For the friends that
we hold dear;
For new blessings on
the way;
Let's be thankful, all, today.



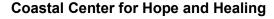
Community Sewing: Upcoming Dates

Thank you everyone for the Christmas pillowcases. As of today I have collected 102. I plan on passing them out the first week of December. The first place I will donate the pillowcases is Riverpoint Crest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in James City.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY SEWING DATES

- **Nov 20:** We will be cleaning out the fabric cabinets at the church, sorting and organizing the quilt kits. If you have simple patterns, please share them.
- <u>December: No Community Sewing Day</u>. Happy Holidays!
- Jan. 22: Becky Barnes will lead us in making fidget quilts.
- **Feb. 19:** Clothing protectors. There are patterns in the notebook in closet. If you have time and fabric, please go ahead and cut out a few.

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



Many thanks to all for your generous monetary donations this past year. You have given enough

to allow us to make a very Merry Christmas for two deserving families, totaling two adults and probably four children, although exact information is not available at this time. Special thanks to Jenny Nebe and Mary Quay for donating special Christmas quilts (pictured) and ornaments, as well as to Mary O'Neill for joining me in the fun of shopping to fulfill children's wishes.

If you would like to go the extra mile, the Center would love to have donations of socks, underwear, and pajamas for boys and girls of any age and size to be distributed throughout the year on an asneeded basis. These items will be collected at the Christmas Party just look for the blue wagon at the Country Club.

Many, many thanks for your continued support.--Nancy Hausman



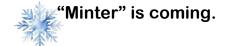


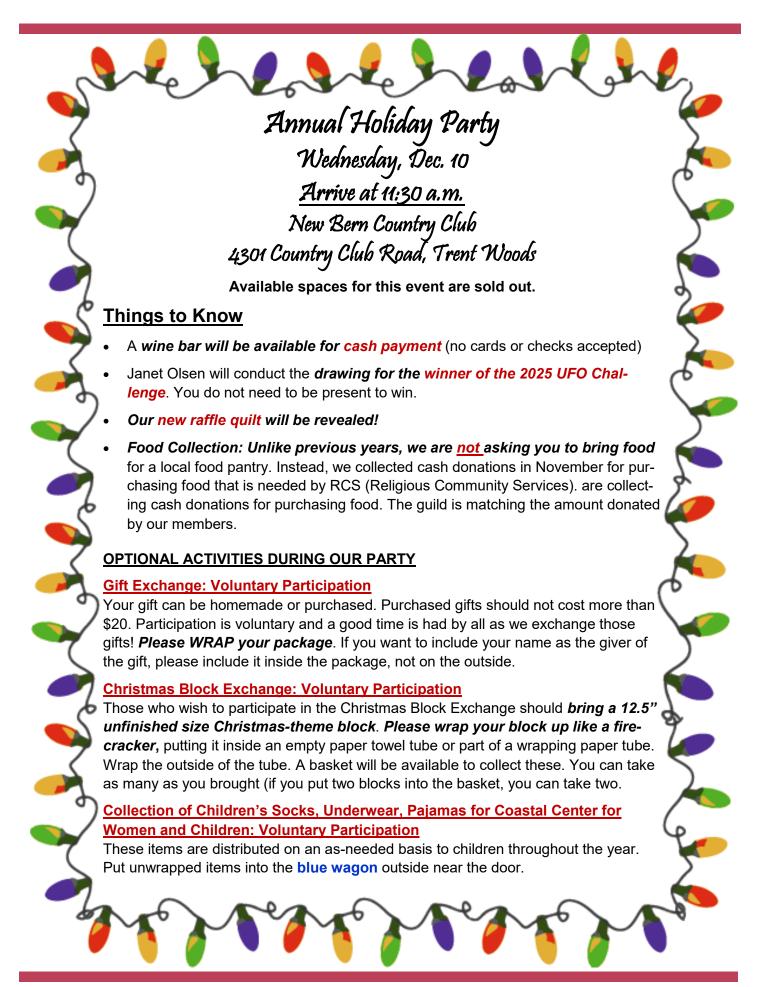
Someone who used to be a Longaberger representative has a set of Longaberger

basket quilt block squares. She is looking for a quilter to create a quilt for her from these squares. If interested, please contact Rose Lawrie at rose2ramble@gmail.com.

Brace yourselves.

The era of pumpkin spice will fall, and the northern winds will whisper "PEPPERMINT EVERYTHING."





Block of the Month

Congratulations to Kay Amend, who won the Christmas tree blocks. We had 20 of 24 returned; I thought they were beautiful.

I would like to thank everybody who participated in Block of the Month YTRRAO TCERUT over the past few years. You made my life easy and I hope you learned a little something too.



—Lilly Lucier

Thank you, Lilly, for leading BOM for us! New leaders are stepping up starting in January.



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...And Sew It Goes

by Janet Olsen

(A column about the trials and tribulations of a mediocre quilter)

The Duffy Dilemma

As those who know me, the idea of being asked to submit a red, white, and blue quilt for the 2026 exhibit at the Duffy Center had me almost giddy. I could not wait to unroll my quilts from their basket and choose the perfect one. Unfortunately, it was not quite as much fun as I had hoped.

First quilt out was the Quilt of Honor I made for my husband. It was one of the first quilts I made, complete with a personalized label with his name, rank, West Point graduation, and years of active duty. And since he was a tanker – there was a great addition of a US Army label with....you guessed it...a tank. I unfurled my great work of art. I stared at the stars bordering two sides. There were NO points showing on any of the stars. I felt like a child that had just been told they had to pay for the ice cream they had just ordered. My playful

side calmly said, "Well it would be pointless for me to enter this one."

My second choice was the quilt I had made in a class for beginners. The class was supposed to teach us different techniques and blocks, but I was one of two people in the class who had a day job, so

by week three I was way behind. The last block I had completed was paper pieced. I tossed all the other blocks in a bag (which mysteriously disappeared) and took myself to a friend's house to finish the other 14 blocks. After adding borders and squares of fabric between the blocks, I had it quilted. I did a great job with my first binding. I then

washed it...it bled. Those darn red squares.

Third time's a charm? Nope. It was the quilt I entered in the last Quilt Show, but I am still haunted by trying to put a piping on it. Those of you at the spring retreat might remember me kicking that poor quilt across the room. Although I PRTI OT SROII-SUM RTSA apologized profusely to it the next day, I still do not really like it.

Which left me with a quilt I made as a mystery project. The points are perfect. I have not washed it yet, so all is well on that front. And the binding is

a bit 'limp' (as in not enough batting). But I do love it. Plus, it still had a sleeve on it – bonus.

This 'seamed' like a good time to launch a hopefully entertaining column in our TRQG Newsletter. If you enjoyed it – let Paula Gramley (the newsletter editor) know. If you did not, please write a 200 word essay and send it to Fran.





Sunshine Report

Sympathy card: To the family of former member Sue Johnson

Encouragement & Thinking of You: To Holly Pace for her last cancer treatment and to Susan Faith for a boost of cheer

A Personal Note from Kay:

I'm taking this time to wish you all a happy Thanksgiving, merry, blessed Christmas and happy, healthy New Year. As you know, this crazy lady goes north in the winter! Please remember to call Evelyn Bernhardt for any get well, sympathy or other cards when you are aware of members who need a card.

Also, I have a surprise for 2026 start up. A very loving member has donated a beautiful quilt kit and we will raffle it off to all attending the January meeting.

Love you all, Kay Amend

Don't forget to turn
your bathroom scales
back 15 pounds
at 2 a.m. on
Wednesday, Nov. 26,
for Thanksgiving.





RAFFLE QUILT TICKET SALES BEGIN IN 2026

The tickets for our new guild raffle quilt have arrived. I will host a "Stapling and Envelope Party" sometime between the holiday party on

Dec. 10 and our January business meeting. We will staple some of the tickets and stuff envelopes the same day.

Thank you to Suzie T., Kay, **WNE ANNBIRE** Tori and Betty T. for volunteering. You can expect to hear from me soon. Anyone else who would like to help can contact me. . . I'm in the directory!

-- Mary Daugherty



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Children's Quilts

On Oct. 27 I delivered quilts to: Community Health Center 7, Coastal Center for Hope and Healing 7, and Hope Family Resource Center 7, for a total of 21.

From this week's meeting I received 10 quilts from the following: Karen Dodd 1, Jenny Nebe 2, Suzie Tibbetts 2, Mary Quay 3, Kay Amend 1 plus a book and bag, and Dawn Jones 1. Also, Karen Dodd 1 rabbit.

Thank you for these beautiful quilts. —Lorraine Wocel

Military Quilts

Thank you for your continued support of our military service members and veterans. Thank you to Lilly Lucier who provided 3 quilts and Mary Quay who provided 2. They are most appreciated!

—Mary Daugherty & Jackie Harrison



Male reindeer lose
their antlers in winter
and females don't.
So Santa's sleigh is
actually pulled
by a team of women...
Of course it is.

Nursing Home Quilts

Many will cozy-up in a quilt at our nursing homes this winter, thanks to so many of you. Quilts donated at the November meeting came from: Karen Dodd 3; Rae Gee 4; Lani Pilgrim 1; Mary Quay 2; **BGREIG WGISNE MORO** June Dale 1; Mary Ann Coxson 2; Sally Cornford 1; and Dorothy Najarian 2.

Thank you for your beautiful work.

Over the holidays, if you have time and fabric to sew, the homes could use Walker bags or clothing protectors with your stash at home. You can bring them to the January meeting.

—Nancy Houyoux

My Sister's House

On Oct. 30 I attended the quarterly partnership meeting of all partners of My Sister's House and Tried by Fire. It is good to stay involved.

There are currently three ladies One is employed by IHOP. The second works at a Subway. The third lady is just getting started.

It's good to be back!

—Pat Kruger



Pat with Bonita Simmons, executive director of Tried by Fire.



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TRQG members enjoyed a great presentation from professional quilter Lynn Lynn Christiansen at our November meeting on using "ugly" fabric in our quilts. Lynn provided a display of her collage quilt artwork and discussed looking at your fabric in a different way to incorporate it into quilts.





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 already at the meeting or Sandra Egolf to get someone to open the door.





Additional Dates

- Dec. 6—Greenville Day of Sharing
- Dec. 10—Holiday Party arrive at 11:30
- NOTE! JANUARY MEETING DATES
 MOVED BACK ONE WEEK DUE TO
 HOLIDAY ON JAN. 1!
- Jan. 8—Board Mtg
- Jan. 15—Business Mtg, Lilly Lucier presentation
- Jan. 24, 2026—Duffy Exhibit Opens
- Jan. 25-30 —Winter Retreat
- Feb. 26—Patchwork jacket workshop with Rolayne Schwendy
- April 25, 2026 TRQG Day of Sharing
- April 2027—TRQG Quilt Show

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Nov. 16	Nov. 17	Nov. 18	Nov. 19	Nov. 20 9:30 Stitch & Chat Community Sew: Clean out supply cabinet/organize kits	Nov. 21	Nov. 22
Nov. 23	Nov. 24	Nov. 25	Nov. 26	Nov. 27 No Stitch & Chat	Nov. 28	Nov. 29
Nov. 30	Dec. 1	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 4 9:30 Stitch & Chat 9:30 Board Meeting	Dec. 5	Dec. 6 Greenville Day of Sharing
Dec. 7	Dec. 8	Dec. 9	Dec. 10 11:30 Holiday Luncheon at the Country Club	Dec. 11 NO BUSINESS MEETING 9:30 Stitch & Chat	Dec. 12	Dec. 13
Dec. 14 Hanukkah Begins	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 17	Dec. 18 9:30 Stitch & Chat	Dec. 19	Dec. 20
Dec. 21	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Dec. 26	Dec. 27
Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 31	Jan. 1 Happy	Jan. 2	Jan. 3
Jan. 4	Jan. 5	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Jan. 8 9:30 Board Mtg 9:30 Stitch & Chat	Jan. 9	Jan. 10
Jan. 11	Jan. 12	Jan. 13	Jan.14	Jan. 15 Business Meeting: Presentation by Lilly Lucier. Also, bring your BLACK, WHITE + 1 CHALLENGE QUILT	Jan. 16	Jan. 17