Quilter's Quill

News of the Twin Rivers Quilters Guild
November 2026





From the President

This will be my last article as president of our guild, and as I sit here trying to think of what I want to say, I can't help thinking about how fast time goes by.

Serving as your president has been a wonderful experience and I am truly grateful for the opportunity. Your support and friendship is a gift I will always cherish. All I had to do was look out at your smiling and laughing faces to know things were fine (even if and when I would forget something or say the wrong thing). It has also been a great way to get to know everyone better, which has made being a part of this group even more important to me. I enjoyed this so much and hope things were accomplished along the way with all the fun I had.

Thank you so much to Laure Manette, Chris Youngs, Evelyn Bernhardt and Claudia Moran for serving with me. It takes a great team to make things happen! The board, the chairs of all our committees and the continuous generosity of our members is what makes this such a wonderful guild.

As I pass the president's responsibilities along, I do so with confidence that our guild will continue to grow and thrive. I look forward to supporting our new leadership and enjoying the fun from a different seat.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season and remember to join in and get involved, it's a great way to get more from your membership!

With Gratitude, and Hugs and Stitches,

Fran

Approved TRQG officers for 2027-28

President: Laure Manette
Vice President: Susan Faith
Secretary: Janet Olsen
Treasurer: Fran Rice

2026 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President: Fran Rice
Vice President/Programs: Laure Manette
Treasurer: Claudia Moran
Secretary: Chris Youngs
Block of the Month: Susan Faith & Chris Youngs
Community Quilts
· Children: Lorraine Wocel
· Military: Mary Daugherty/Jackie Harrison
· My Sister's House: Cecilia Davoren
· Nursing Home: Nancy Houyoux/Shirley Baldwin
Community Relief Fund: Exec. Committee
· Coastal Center for Hope & Healing: Jan Penner/Ann Holton
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: Lynnet Keeley
Member Outreach: Cathy Cox
New Member Mentoring: Carolyn Hansen
New Member Tea: Cathy Cox/Chantal Huestis
Newsletter: Paula Gramley
Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales: Mary Daugherty
Quilt Show: Janet Olsen
Sunshine: Evelyn Bernhardt/Kay Amend
Website/Facebook: Fran Rice/Suzie Tibbetts
2026 Winter Retreat: Sue Kleeman/Ed Dzioba
2026 Spring Retreat: Kathy Farrar/Sandy Drechsler
2026 Fall Retreat: Sandy Smith/Katherine Haleen

Program News from the Vice President

It's hard to believe that two years have gone by so quickly since you elected me to be your vice-president. It was an honor to be chosen. It has been a rewarding experience and I thank you all for giving me the opportunity. I have learned so much and I have enjoyed working with so many wonderful people. It's been so much fun!

I want to thank each and every person who helped me by supporting me with kind words and encouraging me along the way. I also want to thank those who stepped up and led workshops or volunteered to help. This is an amazing guild because so many of you are willing to give of your time and talents. TRQG could not function without all the people who lead committees and volunteer to help.

I am honored to be elected as your president for the next two years. I hope each of you will find a way to get involved. There are so many opportunities.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

--Laure Manette

The January class is full.







Block of the Month

Fifteen of the candy-wrapped blocks were returned from last month. The winner was Cecilia Davoren. This month's block is a Wendy wreath in holiday colors.





November Birthdays:

Diana Rezab	1
Jane O'Hara	2
Linda Rodden	7
Sandy Drechsler	9
Kathy Farrar	10
Nancy Hausman	12
Katherine Haleen	14
Marty Dzioba	14
Holly Pace	24
Linda Whitten	24
Barbara Scavuzzo	30

December Birthdays:

Carlene Mount	2
Suzy Hardy	2
Thelma Broome	6
Mary Daugherty	6
David Hoagland	8
Jody Givens	10
Louise Glenowicz	11
Ruth Hill	16
Cindy Shipley	21
Ed Dzioba	23

Gratitude helps us to see what is there, instead of what isn't.



Community Sewing

Add Labels to Donation Quilts

Please remember to add a TRQG label to all donation quilts. You can find the labels in the cabinets at the back of our meeting room at the church.



Time to Sew for Empty Bowls 2027 Donations

With your support we will again be creating and donating items to the 2027 Empty Bowls Fundraiser. Proceeds from this annual community event help to fight hunger and go to Religious Community Services and the Craven Arts Council. Attendees who purchase bowls of soup also receive one small hand-crafted item with their ticket.

The organizers report attendees continue to enjoy items contributed by TRQG members, including **bowl cozies, mug rugs and sets of coasters. If you have any ideas for new small appropriate items, those would be welcomed also.**

Please get your items to Linda Drabeck by Feb. 15. The event is scheduled for Feb. 19.

Thank you for your continuous generosity.

Nursing Home Quilts

SURPRISE - 51 items were donated in November for Nursing Homes!

- 34 Clothing Protectors [from the RETREAT]
- Nine Quilts
- Seven Eye-glass Cases
- One Fidget Blanket

Contributors included: Mary Quay, Emily Lewandowski, Becky Barnes, Lottie Wilds, Mary Jo Grote, Paula Paganucci and Betsy Perri.

Thank you! – Nancy Houyoux

Children's Quilts

On Oct. 15 I delivered 7 quilts to Hope Family Resource Center and 8 quilts to Community Health Center. At this week's meeting I received 4 quilts from the following: Susan Cargnino 2, Mary Quay 1 and Suzie Tibbetts 1.

I also still collect pull tabs from all aluminum cans. This is a guild project started when I would take childen's quilts to the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville. I stopped taking the quilts, but continue taking pull tabs when I have about 5 gallon bags full. The pull tabs are recycled by the House, converted into cash, and the money is used to offset the cost of a family staying at the facility, while they have a child in the hospital.

Thank you, Lorraine Wocel

Military Quilts

Thank you for supporting our service members and veterans. Thank you, Emily Lewandowski, for your donation this month.

Stretcher quilts are sent to the USO overseas for ill or injured servicemembers who are being treated or returned to the USA for treatment. The size recommended for them is 40 inches by 60 inches to ensure the fabric doesn't interfere with the gurney or medical equipment. *They do not have to be in patriotic colors.* Quilts of other sizes are donated to nursing facilities or the Disabled American Veterans' (DAV) locally.

-- Mary Daugherty & Jackie Harrison

Thank You for Sewing for Our Community

Thank you to everyone who has sewn this past year for our community. The need continues, so please keep sewing clothing protectors, walker bags, small lap quilts and other items. **There are some kits in the cabinet that you can take home and sew.** If you have any questions about needs, patterns, etc., please call Mary Quay at 714-330-7638.

My Sister's House

Pat Kruger and Cecilia Davoren met with Michele Fisher, Program Coordinator at My Sister's House, with the purpose of introducing Cecilia as the new point of contact at our guild for anything related to the quilts we donate to this organization. Michele gave Cecilia a tour of the house and explained the purpose of the program.

Michele also said that they have four quilts left from the previous donation, and that it would be great to receive 12 twin-size quilts on a yearly basis: six in January and six in July. The women take the quilts with them when they leave the program.

Our goal is to have six twin-size quilts by the first week of January if at all possible. We will greatly appreciate your donations to help reach this goal.

Thank you. -- Cecilia Davoren







FOR SALE

Janome Memory Craft 550e Embroidery Machine

3 years old – hardly used! Includes:
Instruction booklet
Quick Reference Chart
Extra-wide Table
Hoops with Templates:

- **5.5" x 5.5" SQ 14b**
- **5.5" x 7.9 RE 20b**
- **7.9" x 7.9" SQ 20b**
- **7.9" x 14.2" RE 36b**

Assorted tools

Price: $2,200
Contact Betsy Perri, 845-699-1581



RAFFLE QUILT

We are still selling tickets for the Raffle Quilt!

Nov. 21 is the last time in 2026 we are attending the Farmers Market. Let me know if you are available.

PLEASE HELP US with our fundraising efforts. The signup sheet will be at each business meeting until late March 2027. We will return to the Farmers Market in February. There are two shifts on each date: from 7-11 a.m. and 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

People are needed for the following dates:
Feb. 13, Feb; 27, March 13 and March 27.

Please let me know if you can assist.

-- Mary Daugherty



BEE by the RIVER! 2027
TWIN RIVERS QUILTERS GUILD
Binding Friendships
April 16-17

Wanted During the Show: Demonstrations of Quilting Techniques

During our quilt show, we have a special area upstairs where we offer demonstrations of various quilting techniques. We need more demonstrators!

Do you have a special technique/skill you could show people how to do? It could be something hands-on for them to try, or something you just explain and show how to do. There are shifts each morning and afternoon during the show. You can sign up for as many as you want to do. Questions? Please contact Lynn Peck Collins.



TRQG QUILT SHOW 2027 REGISTRATION

We've had a good start to registering quilts through our new Cognito sign-in forms. We have 35 quilt entries with one non-member registration.

The form seems very easy to fill out. If you have any questions please send an email to me at: TRQGquilts@gmail.com. ***If you find you have made an error, ie spelling, priority number, member affiliation, I can make corrections so don't hesitate to reach out to me.***

I would like to point out the priority field regarding Challenge Quilts: Priority* (required).
CHALLENGE QUILTS - enter a "0" in this box as all challenge quilts are automatically entered. Challenge quilts do not affect the priority of your other quilt entries.

Thank you to all who have entered. I'm looking forward to many more! -- Mary O'Neill, Registration Chair

Boutique News!

WANTED: UNUSUAL ITEMS.
Please donate to the Quilt Show Boutique! The plan is to expand the items for sale and build on our prior success.

Along with beautifully sewn items, ***we also would like plain paper bags for shopper's purchases, spring wrapping paper to cover the display boxes and tissue paper.***

We only have a few months left to stitch up some fantastic items.

Remember, the table themes are:

- **Sewing**
- **Kitchen**
- **Household**
- **Kids**
- **Pet**
- **Seniors**
- **Purses & Bags**
- **Patriotic.**

If you have any questions about what we could use in the Boutique,contact Betty Turner, Boutique Chair, Phone: 508-542-1560; Email: btyboop17@yahoo.com

Twice Around Treasures Donation Guidelines

Welcomed Donations:

100% cotton fabric • Sewing Notions, e.g. Rulers • Quilt patterns • Books (less than 15 years old) • Thread • Stencils •Scissors • Buttons • Fabric markers • Pins • Needles • Templates • Safety pins • Quilt kits • Yarn • Knitting needles • UFOs

Please do not donate these items:

Books older than 15 years old • Magazines • Apparel • Toys • Home dec patterns • Quilt frames • Poly-blend, wool, upholstery, or apparel fabric • Batting scraps • Sewing machines • Large quilt frames • Craft supplies

Questions? Contact Christine Youngs (607-244-6877) or Linda Drabeck (252-675-9910).

In the Spotlight

By Lynnet Keeley

For this month's spotlight I had a heck of a good time visiting with our newest member, **Tony Tauber and his wife, Julia Burke**, who has been a guild member for a few years already.

I decided to interview them together since they usually work on all their quilts together! Tony says initially when Julia began quilting he would cut out the fabric for her and quickly progressed into ironing for her. But soon he began sewing and now he is a full-blown quilter. The first quilt he made was for his mother, who in her younger days sewed men's dress shirts and women's slips. His father was also a tailor before becoming a stone mason. Tony has made a few projects on his own aside from quilts, such as camping placemats (they have a special pocket for the cutlery and roll up so that the cutlery is secure in the camper, not rolling around and getting lost). He's made some table runners and placemats.

Julia said her mother and grandmother were accomplished seamstresses and taught sewing for 4H. Her mother even sewed Julia's wedding gown and all the dresses for her attendants. When Julia's sons were young she did a fair bit of sewing and it was on the advice of a friend that she took up quilting. She initially did quite a bit of embroidery for her quilts. She took a class on longarm quilting and decided it was not for her. She was only too happy to have her husband help her in the early days, and now that he sews quite well himself, they enjoy working on projects together.

I guess you could say sewing is in their blood!

Before their quilting journey together began, they met and married while living in Atlantic City. They both were working for Ceaser's Casino in the entertainment department for Bacchanal restaurant. A few years into that, Tony helped an associate open the Luxor and Excalibur resorts in Vegas. Soon after, he got transferred to Las Vegas, working for the Las Vegas Hilton. Julia retired and became involved in numerous other projects in the Las Vegas area. She wrote for Friends of Red Rock Canyon and even got to design a license plate. During these years in Vegas, the grandchildren would come visit for the entire summer and had such great fun doing just about anything and everything life in Vegas in those days could offer.

Welcome to both of you!



New Members & Mentors Meeting on Jan. 14

Welcome new members! **On Jan. 14, immediately following the business meeting, we will have a brief meeting of new members and mentors, including any seasoned members who would like to be a mentor.** I will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding the guild and mentoring. If anyone is interested in going to lunch with us afterwards, all are welcome. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year, have a blessed Christmas.

-- Carolyn Hansen, Chair, New Member Mentoring

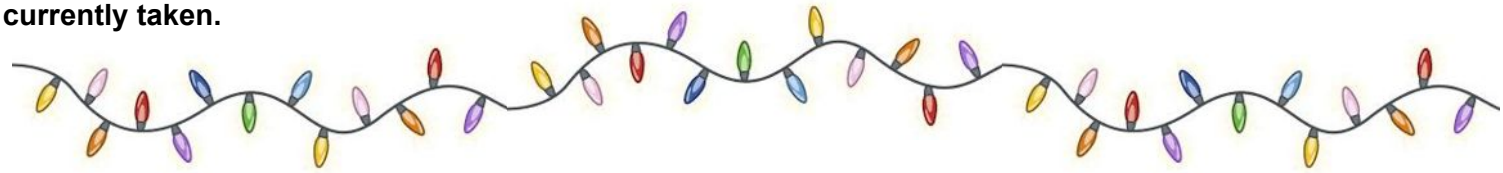


The Annual TRQG Christmas Luncheon ▲ Wednesday Dec. 9 ▲ 11:30 a.m.

New Bern Golf & Country Club on Country Club Road in New Bern

Please do not arrive prior to 11:00 a.m.

This event is for TRQG members only (sorry, no guests). Your cost is $20 for your choice of chicken or salmon. A wine bar will be available for cash payment only. All of the 80 spots for the dinner are currently taken.



DRAWING FOR WINNER OF THE UFO CONTEST:
For all who entered the 2026 UFO contest, the winner will be drawn at the luncheon. You do not have to be present to win if your name is drawn.

OPTIONAL: GIFT EXCHANGE
There will be an optional gift exchange. Your wrapped gift can be homemade or purchased; spending limit for purchased items is $20 (if you got something on sale for that amount, good for you!). Participation is voluntary and a good time is had by all as we exchange those gifts.

OPTIONAL: BLOCK EXCHANGE
A block exchange will also take place. Your block should be 12.5" unfinished and preferably in Christmas fabric. Please wrap your block as if it was a firecracker: Using a paper towel tube, put your block inside the tube and wrap the tube in paper, tying the ends like a firecracker or British Christmas cracker. A basket will be available to place these in. You may make as many blocks as you like. For example, if you put two wrapped blocks into the basket, you pick two out to take home.

NEW: RAFFLE BASKETS
Do you like taking chances on raffle baskets? There will be three at the party! Join in the fun for a chance to win a "Holiday" basket. One dollar a chance per basket. Proceeds will go back to the Quilt Show Boutique.

OPTIONAL: COMMUNITY DONATIONS
Food for Religious Community Services (RCS):
As we started last year, you do not need to bring food items to the party for donation. ***Please make a monetary donation for RCS food. There will be a donation basket at this dinner.*** Cash is preferred, or make out a check to Sandy Dreschler. Sandy and Kathy Farrar will make the food purchases most needed by RCS.

Center for Hope and Healing: Instead of bringing items for Center for Hope and Healing to the party, ***please bring them to a Stitch & Chat before Dec. 9.*** The needs currently are for ***CLEANING/PAPER SUPPLIES, like Mr. Clean, disinfecting wipes, paper plates, paper cups, paper towels.*** Traditionally, at Christmas we have also collected ***PERSONAL CLOTHING ITEMS. Items you might want to consider include socks, underwear and pajamas/ nightgowns, all sizes, for boys and girls, teens, or adult. Questions? Contact Jan Penner or Ann Holton.***

QUILT PRESENTATION TO OUR PRESIDENT
As is our custom, we will present a quilt to our outgoing president, Fran Rice, as a thank you for her great leadership over the past two years.

Wow, it's going to be busy and fun! If you have any questions please contact Kathy Farrar.







2026 Blocks with Buddies

















Show & Tell

































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 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.







Thursday, Nov. 19, 9:30 Stitch & Chat

Thursday, Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day, no Stitch & Chat

Thursday, Dec. 3, 9:30 Stitch & Chat
9:30 Board Meeting
10:30 Quilt Show Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 11:30 Holiday Luncheon, New Bern Country Club

Thursday, Dec. 10, 9:30 Stitch & Chat; NO BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, Dec. 17, 9:30 Stitch & Chat

No Stitch & Chat Dec. 24 and Jan. 31

Thursday, Jan. 7, 9:30 Stitch & Chat
9:30 Board Meeting
10:30 Quilt Show Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 14, 10:00 Business Meeting,
followed by a brief meeting for all new members & mentors.



Jan. 17-22, Winter Retreat

Thursday, Jan. 28, 9-12 Binding Workshop
(this class is full)

Thursday, Feb. 4, 9:30 Stitch & Chat
9:30 Board Meeting
10:30 Quilt Show Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 11, 10:00 Business Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 11, FINAL DAY to submit online Quilt Show entry form

Monday, Feb. 15, deadline to turn in items for Empty Bowls community event

Tuesday, April 13, Drop-off date for show quilts at the convention center

Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, QUILT SHOW!