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



From the President

Presidents Report for January 11, 2024

Happy New Year! Our attendance was 62 members...lots of happy faces as everyone greeted each other, caught up with news of the past holidays and checked the tables for signup sheets. The Block of the Month due today was a 10-inch ten snowman. Fran Rice had members Raffle Tickets available for pickup. Remember to bring a check for \$20 or cash for your four packs of tickets. Thank you for supporting your guild.

During the meeting the guild approved adding a fall Day of Sharing to our 2024 calendar, date to be announced. This will realign our event schedule to hosting DOS in even-numbered calendar years and our quilt show in odd-numbered years.

Following our Business meeting members submitted quilts for display at the Duffy Center, located in the NC History Center. **The exhibit opens Jan. 20.** Be sure to tell your neighbors and friends to visit the Duffy Center to view the Twin Rivers Quilters Guild display! **There is no museum entrance fee if you are only going to the Duffy Gallery to view the quilts.**

Quilt Show Meeting **Feb.1, 2024 following the** **Board meeting.**

I would like all Committee Chairs from the October 2022 Quilt Show to attend. Bring your folders/notebooks if you have not returned them. Thank you.

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Please read through this newsletter for committee reports and calendar updates.

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2024 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President: Jan Penner

Vice President/Programs: Carolyn Hansen

Treasurer: Jackie Harrison

Secretary: Margaret Puotinen

Block of the Month: Chantal Huestis/Lily Lucier

Charity Quilts:

- Children—Lorraine Wocel
- Military — Mary Daugherty/Jackie Harrison
- My Sister's House — Pat Kruger/Barbara Scavuzzo
- Nursing Home — Becky Barnes/Ruby Scheer/Pat Mayo/Rolayne Schwendy

Communications:

- Newsletter—Paula Gramley
- Technology/Website/Facebook — Karen Hallquist

Community Relief Fund: Executive Committee

- Coastal Woman's Shelter — Nancy Hausman

Community Service: Lily Lucier, Mary Quay

Day of Sharing: Open

Duffy Gallery Exhibit: Lu Anne Tridico

Library: Claudia Moran/Gail Dorman

Member Outreach: Nancy Houyoux

Membership & Member Spotlight: Janet Olsen

New Member Mentoring: Carolyn Hansen

Sunshine: Kay Amend/Evelyn Bernhardt

2024 New Member Tea: Carolyn Hansen

2024 Winter Retreat: Sue Kleeman/Ed Dzioba

2024 Spring Retreat: Kathy Farrar/Sandy Drechsler

2024 Fall Retreat: Sandy Smith/Katherine Haleen

2024 Christmas Lunch: Kathy Farrar & team

NEW! 2024 UFO CHALLENGE

See page 2 and pages 11-12.

You must sign up by Feb. 8
to participate!



From the President, Continued from pg. 1

The Christmas Luncheon held on December 15 was a great day. We had lots of fun with gift exchanges, choosing Christmas blocks and the revelation of the 2023 Round Robins projects. The quilts were beautiful, and perfect for the holidays. Donations for the Women’s Shelter were received by Nancy Hausman. I collected the food donations for The Gathering Place in Havelock. My son Scott delivered your donations a few days later, which were greatly appreciated. Gathering Place sends their thanks to everyone. December 15th at 6:30pm Scott married his sweetheart JoAnn, so the 15th was a double party day for me.

I am so blessed to be a part of this guild. You are so generous, kind and giving to your community. Thank you for all your donations.

We were saddened to hear in December of the passing of Helen Williams, a founding member and early leader of our guild. Many of us attended her funeral service on Dec. 29.

I am excited to begin my second year as guild president and look forward to meeting our challenges and goals together. Reach out to our new members, make them feel welcome and needed.

Love ‘n Hugs, Jan Penner

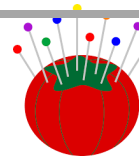
January Birthdays

- 4 Laure Manette
- 14 Rosemary Orner
- 15 Paula Paganucci
- 19 Betty Williams
- 19 Frieda Young
- 26 Ann Holton
- 27 Marie Kube
- 30 Sandra Egolf
- 31 Glenda Martin



Ann Holton was the winner of the drawing for the January birthday recognition gift. No leopards were harmed in this program.

Program News from the Vice President



Happy 2024! We have another busy year ahead! Here’s some program highlights. ***Please register with me and get supply lists for the workshops!*** All of the workshops are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at Tabernacle Church from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

- Jan. 25, free workshop on putting a **hidden zipper placket into a pillow**, taught by Karen Dodd.
- Feb. 22, free **hexi quilting** workshop led by Emily Lewandowski.
- March 28, **free paper piecing workshop** taught by Sue Kleeman & Claudia Moran

• A future workshop on quick and easy lap quilts will be led by Becky Barnes, more information to follow.

• **DAY OF SHARING on Mar. 23** in Atlantic Beach; see ***complete information on page 9.*** You must register soon for this event!

— Carolyn Hansen



Jan. 25 Workshop



Feb. 22 Workshop

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

**Feb. 1, 9:00 a.m.,
prior to board meeting**

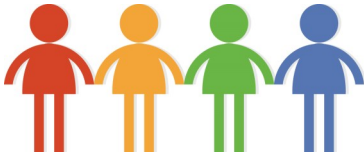
Anyone is welcome to join us!

NEW! 2024 UFO CHALLENGE

Feb. 8 is the LAST DAY to sign up! Set a goal to complete up to 10 of your UFOs between now and November. Pay \$1 per project that you are challenging yourself to finish. In December, a name will be drawn to win the pot! This challenge will motivate us to complete our neglected projects. And you may be the winner!

Rules and signup sheet on pages 11-12. Questions? Contact Janet Olsen.





New Member Mentoring

Welcome to all new members who attended the January Business Meeting: Rachael Lane, Sally Bush, Johnese Carmon, and

Tori Smith.

To our newer members: please keep open the date of April 23 from noon to 3 p.m. for our Spring Tea. We will honor all TRQG new members and mentors. You will receive an invitation in March with more in-



*New Member Spring Tea
April 23 Noon-3 p.m.
Invitations coming in March.*

formation. The tea takes place at Tabernacle Church in the Family Life Center. We will welcome new members and their mentors, helping you gain an understanding of all our guild activities, and assist with answering any questions you may have about quilting or the guild. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

—Carolyn Hansen, Chair, New Member Mentoring

NEW MEMBERS JANUARY 2024



Rachel Lane:

Rachel is currently living in two places – Fairfield Harbor and Ottawa, Canada. She has been sewing her whole life (cross-stitch, needle point, quilting, clothes, etc.) She learned to quilt in a Mennonite community in Ontario. She has shared her love of quilting by teaching several folks.

Johnese Carmon: Johnny moved here from Raleigh, NC. She began quilting when she was 10 years old.

Sally Bush: Sally started quilting after her first retirement as a math teacher in 2006. She spends four to six months down south.

Tori Smith: Tori grew up in New England – spending summers in Nantucket Island. She worked at the Navy Ship Yard in Kittery, MA for 31 years. She moved to North Carolina, following her son. Her first home here was in Blounts Creek in 2010. She later moved to Hubert to be closer to the ocean. She started quilting in 2019 and has already purchased a long arm!

Sunshine Report for November-January

Get Well Cards

Diana Rezab, who was in the hospital
Lily Lucier
Gail Banks
Pat Kruger, hurt her shoulder
Linda Tobacco, broke her knee

Thinking of You Cards

Sally Cornford
Nancy Hausman

Sympathy Cards

Family of Helen Williams
Ed & Marty Dzioba, on the passing of Ed's brother



Thanks to Evelyn Bernhardt for filling in for me while I was out of town. Please remember to contact me if you hear of one of our members who is ill or facing a difficult time.

—Kay Amend

Two Machines For Sale

1. Embroidery-only Babylock Pathfinder with extras: magnetic hoop as well as 4x4, 5x7, and 9x12! Less than one year old; \$3,500.
2. Babylock Altair, a combination sewing and embroidery machine: 4x4, 5x7, 9.5x14 plus magnetic hoop. Embroidery module carrying case. Dual thread holders. Offering the same price as my trade in value.

One free lesson to buyers. Call me if interested: Karen Dodd (252-229-2033).





Children's Quilts

During the year of 2023 I received a total of 65 beautiful quilts.

After the November meeting, 5 quilts were turned in and I delivered them to the Coastal Women's Shelter.

At this month's meeting 4 quilts were turned in from the following: Jenny Nebe (2) and Lorraine Wocel (2).

Thanks, Lorraine Wocel

2023 GIVING TOTALS

I went thru all last year's newsletters and tried to calculate all of our generous charitable donations. We should be very proud of our members and our guild!

- Children's quilts 63
- Lap Quilts 76
- Military Stretcher Quilts 20
- Nursing Home Quilts 26
- Clothing Protectors (Bibs) 154
- Walker Bags 72
- Port Pillows 68 (Carolina East Cancer & Dialysis)
- Seat Belt Covers 47 (Carolina East Cancer Center & Heart Center)
- Fidget Quilts 100
- My Sister's House Quilts 17
- RCS Bags for the Homeless 28
- Coastal Women's Shelter: School supplies, Summer Toys, Pajamas, socks, underwear for children, Toiletries, Christmas gifts for two families
- Donation Wreaths Across America

—Lu Anne Tridico

Thanks to Lu Anne for providing this information to the Duffy Center Gallery to include with background about Twin Rivers Quilters Guild.

November Nursing Home Report

Our needs right now are lap quilts and walker bags. Thank you to the people who turned in items today: lap quilts-Jenny Nebe 2, Evelyn Bernhardt 1, Becky Barnes 2. Walker bags-Jackie Harrison, 8, Claudia Moran 5. Fidget quilts-Becky Barnes 3.

Simple instructions for a walker bag are in the notebook at the church. There is a workshop plan in April for the fourth Thursday on an easy lap quilt. —Becky Barnes.

My Sister's House

A fulltime manager named Evelyn Richards is now on staff at My Sister's House and the best news for me is that she lovingly took the quilts that have been stored in my (unused) bathtub. The quilts now have secure storage and space for future donations. So if you have been holding back on donating twin bed-size quilts for My Sister's House I will gladly accept them from now on, and I thank and bless you.

—Pat Kruger

Coastal Women's Shelter

Two mothers and five young children were the delighted recipients of many, many items on their Christmas wish lists. Thank you for making this possible, and thanks to Cindy Bijas who had a lot of fun assisting me with the shopping. Your January monetary donations collected at our business meeting in the little red buckets have put this year's funds off to a great start. The pajamas, underwear, etc. that were additional donations brought to the Christmas party brought smiles to the staff, as they will be distributed as needed through the coming months.

- In May we will collect summer-fun activities for the children.
- In August we will donate back-to-school supplies. Keep your eyes open for good sales!

Thank you, thank you, and thank you again for your support of CWS.

—Nancy Hausman



Pet Pillow Donations

Craven County Animal Services was the recipient of 16 kitty and small dog pillows. Jan Penner made four; Becky Barnes made three; Jenny Nebe made two; and Jackie Harrison made seven.



If you have any questions please contact Jackie Harrison



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One of the Largest Quilt Shops On the East Coast!

Happy New Year!
We look forward to serving you in 2024!

Come Visit Us at These Shows this month:

Quilting Marketplace
Sanford, NC
Jan 12th-13th

Quilting & Needle Arts
Statesville, NC
Jan 26th-27th

Select Bernina machines will be on Sale in Sanford.
See & test drive our Bernina longarm machines in Statesville.

Be the Buyer with Moda Fabrics!

Jan 20th, 10am-2pm

Go behind the scenes to see the new Moda collections for July!

Free gifts from Moda every hour!
Vote on collection you would like at our shop.
Free event, but registration required.

Don't miss our big, beautiful January, February & March 2024 Newsletter! Get your copy at our store or on our website. You'll love all the new classes, events, and sales we have planned for you!
Sign up to receive our monthly emails at our website too.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Jan Penner, winner of the cute snowmen Block of the Month!



The January BOM block is called My Heart Belongs to the Stars. Turn in your completed block in February.



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON





**ROUND
ROBIN
REVEALS**



January Show & Tell





**More
January
Show
& Tell**



Day of Sharing: Bee Our Guest

Presented by the Crystal Coast Quilters' Guild
& Croatan Quilters Guild

March 23, 2024

Doors open 9 a.m.; program begins at 10

On the Rocks Restaurant in Atlantic Beach

Special Guest: Lynn Lancaster Gorges will speak about the history of a quilting bee and have a trunk show of antique quilts.

Cost is \$15 and includes continental breakfast, lunch and dessert.

Be sure to wear your guild nametag to be entered into a special drawing.

There will be Show & Tell, one item limit per person.

CHALLENGE: Create a piece with the theme of BEES!

- Size: 60-inch perimeter around the edges of the quilt. It may be any shape that totals 60 inches (square, rectangle, circle, trapezoid, hexagon, etc.)
- If the perimeter is over 60 inches, please bring it for Show and Tell.
- Each piece must be quilted (a little or a lot).
- Each piece must have a binding or facing.
- Every entry must have a least ONE BEE...be it a button, embroidery, applique, drawing, thread painting, etc.
- Bee creative!
- One entry per person. Winners selected by viewers' choice; prizes will be awarded.



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.

February

ADDITIONAL DATES

- Duffy Gallery Exhibit runs Jan. 20—March 17
- Mar. 17-22, Spring Retreat
- Mar. 23, Day of Sharing, Crystal Coast & Croatan Quilters
- Mar. 25, pickup for Duffy exhibit quilts
- April 23, Spring Tea for New Members & Mentors
- Day of Sharing, Date TBA
- LOOKING AHEAD: April 11-12, 2025—Quilt Show

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Jan. 21 TRQG EXHIBIT IS OPEN AT DUFFY CENTER	Jan. 22	Jan. 23	Jan. 24	Jan. 25 9:30 WORKSHOP: Pillow w/zipper placket, register w/ Carolyn Hansen 9:30 Stitch & Chat	Jan. 26	Jan. 27
Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	Feb. 1 9:00 Program Committee Meeting 9:30 Board Meeting, followed by 2022 Quilt Show Chair meeting Stitch & Chat	2 	3
4	5	6	7	8 10:00 Business Meeting LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR UFO CHALLENGE 	9	10
11	12	13	14 	15 9:30 Stitch & Chat Community Service Sewing Day	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 9:30 WORKSHOP: Hexi Quilts, register w/Carolyn Hansen 9:30 Stitch & Chat	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 9:30 Stitch & Chat LEAP DAY 	Mar. 1	Mar. 2
Mar. 3	Mar. 4	Mar. 5	Mar. 6	Mar. 7 9:30 Board Meeting, fol- lowed by Program Com- mittee meeting 9:30 Stitch & Chat	Mar. 8	Mar. 9

TRQG UFO Challenge 2024

The UFO (unfinished objects) challenge is a great way to motivate yourself to finish your PHDs (projects half done). You will contribute \$1 for each UFO you INTEND to finish during the 2024 quilt guild year. Each time you finish and show a UFO, you will notify the UFO challenge keeper which UFO you finished, and your name will be entered into the drawing for the JACKPOT at 2024 Christmas Luncheon. For example, if you entered 10 UFO projects that you INTEND to finish, then you pay \$10 into the pot. If you finish 5 of those, your name is entered into the drawing 5 times. The more UFOs you finish, the greater your chance of winning!



RULES FOR UFO CHALLENGE:

1. A UFO is defined as an object that you have ALREADY STARTED but have NOT FINISHED. It does not include projects that you have not yet started. If you have the fabric and pattern ready to go – that counts. We are not the quilt police, so this is on the honor system.
2. A UFO is not necessarily a quilt, but it should be something that is customary for a quilt guild. Examples are a set of placemats, tree skirts, fabric bags, a quilted garment, fabric bowls, jelly roll rugs, etc. Examples that would NOT be included are paintings, jewelry, ceramics, etc. Entries should be fabric-focused.
3. UFOs become FINISHED when they are in their final form. For example, if a QUILT is entered, it must be quilted, bound, and contain a LABEL. Quilt tops “only” are NOT finished. If it does not meet this criteria, then please wait to declare it finished until it truly is finished. Other fabric items must simply be in their final form.
4. You must give a name to your UFO because you must be able to identify which project to mark off your list as finished. For example, I enter a quilt that I name “Three Bears” because I can identify it 6 months from now by that name even though the label reads “Bears on Parade”.
5. The DEADLINE for UFO entry forms is Thursday, FEBRUARY 8th. Forms can be handed in at the General Membership Meeting, or mailed to the address below. All monies must be paid by then, and the completed forms must be turned in. You may choose to turn in your form and money earlier than the deadline.
6. The UFO Challenge Keeper is Janet Olsen. Contact her at Janetned.olsen@gmail.com or 3902 Sienna Trail, New Bern, NC 28562
7. You must show the finished quilt or object at a General Membership Meeting during Show and Tell to receive credit for finishing it and to make sure the correct object is marked off your list. If you are unable to show any project in this manner – please contact Janet for alternatives. The November 2024 meeting will be the last opportunity to show a completed project.

Happy sewing to all who participate!!

TRQG "UFO" CHALLENGE 2024

Name: _____

Phone: _____

UFO number	Name of UFO Short Description	Date Finished & Shown
1		
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