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November 2023

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



From the President

Attendance today, November 9, 2023, was 55 members and two guests. We welcome you and hope you decide to join our guild. We offer friendship, classes, community sewing days, and Stitch and Chat weekly. Retreats are held three times a year at the beach. More information and opportunities are available to members, please read the newsletter. Just a reminder, there is no December newsletter and no business meeting.

Today we recognized our very own military veterans for their service. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Never forget! Veterans Day! God Bless America.

Nancy Hausman received funds to provide Christmas gifts for two families from Coastal Woman's Shelter. Nancy is looking for a member or two to go shopping with her. It's fun to shop for others and it won't hurt your budget. Call Nancy if you can help.

Day of Sharing was a great success. Thank you Ed Dzioba and committee. Thank you to members who provided table place-mats, napkins, food, drinks, raffle prizes and being "Vanna White" by parading around the room with quilts. Annette Ornelas brought a large number of quilts and wall hangings. You all jumped in to help and that was very appreciated.

I want to wish our members, families and friends a very Happy Thanksgiving! I am blessed and thankful for having you in my life.

The guild Christmas Luncheon is Dec. 15 at New Bern Country Club. I look forward to seeing your smiling faces.

Kindly read through this newsletter and calendar.

Love 'n Hugs, Jan Penner

**Important information on the
Christmas luncheon is on page 2!**



2023 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President: Jan Penner

Vice President/Programs: Carolyn Hansen

Treasurer: Jackie Harrison

Secretary: Margaret Puotinen

Block of the Month: Chantal Huestis/Lilly 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: Lilly Lucier, Mary Quay

Day of Sharing: Ed Dzioba/Pat Boni

Door Monitoring: Evelyn Bernhardt

Duffy Gallery Exhibit: Lu Anne Tridico

Library: Claudia Moran/Gail Dorman

Member at Large/Founding Member: Helen Williams

Member Outreach: Nancy Houyoux

Membership & Member Spotlight: Janet Olsen

New Member Mentoring: Carolyn Hansen

Sunshine: Kay Amend/Evelyn Bernhardt

2023 New Member Tea: Carolyn Hansen

2023 Winter Retreat: Sue Kleeman/Ed Dzioba

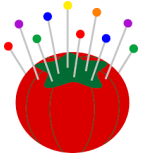
2023 Spring Retreat: Kathy Farrar/Sandy Drechsler

2023 Fall Retreat: Sandy Smith/Katherine Haleen

2023 Christmas Lunch: Evelyn Bernhardt & team

2023-24 Raffle Quilt: Susan Faith

2023-24 Raffle Quilt Sales: Francine Rice



Update from Vice President Carolyn Hansen

Hello members! As we come to the end of the year, I want to thank everyone who attended the program committee meetings and given their input. I also want to thank members who stepped up to teach workshops. My goal was and still is to make interesting learning experiences available to all members.

Anyone can come to the Program Committee meetings, we welcome input from new and seasoned members! The Program committee is planning some interesting challenges for 2024, we will have more information in January at the Business Meeting. The next Program meeting will follow the Board Meeting on January 4, 2024. The Program Committee will be looking into a professional instructor for 2024. Please attend, as I need your input.

Please look at the calendar in the newsletter for the first 2024 workshops, scheduled for Jan. 25 and Feb. 22. All workshops will be held at Tabernacle Church, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

I want to wish all Guild members a blessed Thanksgiving. — Carolyn Hansen

December Birthdays

2 Carlene Mount
2 Susie Hardy
6 Mary Daugherty
16 Pat Mayo
16 Ruth Hill
23 Ed Dzioba



Annual Christmas Party

Friday, Dec. 15

11:30 a.m.

*New Bern Country Club on
Country Club Road in New Bern*

This event is open to our guild members.
Your cost is \$15.

Choice of entrée: Chicken, Salmon or
Mushroom Ravioli

Sign-up sheets will be available at all
Stitch & Chats and the guild meeting on
Nov. 10. You must pay for your cost
when you sign up; either cash, or a
check made out to Twin Rivers Quilters
Guild.

Sign up deadline date is Dec. 1.

A wine bar will be available for cash pay-
ment only during the event.

The 2023 Round Robin Quilts will be re-
vealed during the party.

If you have any questions please contact
Evelyn Bernhardt or Kathy Farrar.



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES DURING OUR PARTY

Gift Exchange: Voluntary Participation

Your gift can be homemade or purchased. Purchased gifts should not cost more than \$20. Participation is voluntary and a good time is had by all as we exchange those gifts. **Please WRAP your package.**

Christmas Block Exchange: Voluntary Participation

Those who wish to participate in the Christmas Block Exchange should bring a 12.5" unfinished size Christmas block. **Please WRAP your block up like a firecracker**, putting it inside an empty paper towel tube or part of a wrapping paper tube. Wrap the outside of the tube. A basket will be available to collect these. You can take as many as you brought (if you put two blocks into the basket, you can take two out).

Food Drive: Voluntary Participation

You may bring a donation of non-perishable items. It has not yet been determined to which organization will receive this year's donations...suggestions are welcome.

Coastal Woman's Shelter: Voluntary Participation

We will focus on collecting items for children (any sizes) of socks, underwear, pajamas, and personal care items. **DO NOT WRAP these items.** If you want to contribute wrapping paper for the shelter, that would be appreciated.



New Member Mentoring

A warm welcome to all the new members. I am looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas Luncheon. Be sure to read the

newsletter that is on our website every month (except in December and July, when we do not have business meetings). The newsletter has a calendar of workshops usually scheduled on the fourth Thursday of each month. I have a sign-up sheet for these workshops at all business meetings on the table in the back of the room.

In the spring, usually April, we have a tea, to celebrate all new members and their mentors. In January I will announce a date for this tea. We all have a good time, and it helps us get to know the new members better.

We are such a large guild, it is easy to feel lost or an outsider, if anyone feels that way please contact me, I will answer all your questions and help you connect with other members! I sincerely want everyone to enjoy their experience with Twin Rivers Quilters Guild.

Thank you for joining, I look forward to getting to know you.

Carolyn Hansen, Chairperson, New Member Mentoring

Community Service Sewing Resumes in January

Community Service Sewing days are suspended during November and December due to the holidays at the end of the month. Look for them to resume in January. The next project will be walker bags. Thanks to Lily Lucier for her great leadership of this initiative!

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It is *thankful*
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Sunshine Report



Get well card to: Holly Pace, who had the flu.

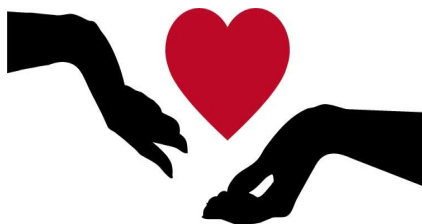
Sympathy card to: Linda Tobacco, whose sister passed away. A "thinking of you" card also went to Linda, as her husband has been ill.

I will be away for the holidays. Thanks to Evelyn Bernhardt, who will be taking calls for cards to go out to members while I am traveling.

Wishing all my quilt sisters, and brother, a wonderful and blessed Christmas and a very Happy Healthy New Year!"

Love, Kay Amend

Coastal Women's Shelter



Shoppers needed!!!! While I love to shop, I would really like to share this experience with one or two others. It really is a lot of fun. You will be given an envelope of cash, a list of requested gift items, and a letter of introduction to show to store managers in hopes of getting a discount. We are waiting for family information and the shopping will need to be finished mid-December.

Special thanks to Jenny Nebe for her donation of two quilts made of hexagons from seven matching panels – so unique and very special (photos on page 7). The families will really enjoy using them. They will also appreciate the children's underwear, pjs, etc. that you may bring to the Christmas Luncheon (see page 2). All your donations are greatly appreciated.

Questions? Call me at 252-617-6041. — Nancy Hausman



Charity Quilts

Children's Quilts

On October 19, I delivered 7 quilts to Hope Family Resource Center, and 8 quilts to Havelock Health department. This week I received 5 quilts from the following: Mary Ann Coxson 1, Lilly Lucier 3, and Susan Faith 1.

Thank you very much, Lorraine Wocel

November Nursing Home Report

In November I recognized members who have turned in a large number of lap quilts from January to October 2023. Special thanks to Emily Lewandowski (9), Geri Reed (10), and Mary Quay (16). Jenny Nebe received a special gift for contributing 25 lap quilts.

For November I received lap quilts from Emily Lewandowski (2), Karen Hallquist (2), Kay Amend (1), Jenny Nebe (1), and Mary Ann Coxson (1). The community service day of sewing led by Lily Lucier contributed 22 clothing protectors, plus Laure Manette donated 14, Kay Amend 1, and one came from an unknown person. Becky Barnes made 13 walker bags and one fidget quilt.

Thank you. — Becky Barnes



Military Quilts

Twenty quilts have been shipped to Europe and have arrived at the USO Warehouse. When they are received by the servicemembers we can expect pictures as they are distributed. Our contact at the USO has sent us a lovely note. Per his request, we will send them a picture of our group. I believe it was taken at the Business Meeting this week.

—Mary Daugherty

Here is his note:

Mary and Team,

Thank you so much for everything you do for our wounded, ill, and injured service members. I'll let you know when they get here and I'll ensure to send you pictures of our services members using the quilts. Do you by chance have a picture of the team? I'd love to add you to our wall of fame.

I'll be in touch with you as soon as receive them.

Thanks again,

*Geno Mendiola
Center Manager, USO Warrior Center
Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany*

Reminder: Stretcher quilts for wounded service members at the USO in Germany must be sized 40 x 60 inches. The stretcher quilts do not have to be in patriotic colors or theme. Warm quilts are much appreciated to help keep service members more comfortable during transport home on a military plane.

Quilts of other sizes will be donated to veterans elsewhere.



**7076 Ramsey St./HWY 401
Fayetteville, NC 28311
(910) 630-3912 Mon– Sat 9 am—5 pm
<https://www.lovingstitches.net>**

We will be closed November 23rd & 24th.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thankful Hearts SALE!

Nov 25th & 26th

- Savings throughout the store!
- Up to 60% off select items.
- Special sale pricing on all Bernina & bernette machines, and longarms.
- 0% interest Financing available for 60 months.
- Arrow furniture & chairs on sale

Buy your dream machine from an experienced dealer who will support you long after the sale. We have an excellent service department & educational program. We want you to enjoy many years of sewing, quilting, serging and embroidery with your new Bernina. We provide several machine training events throughout the year in addition to new owners training in house.

Holiday Fabric Challenge!

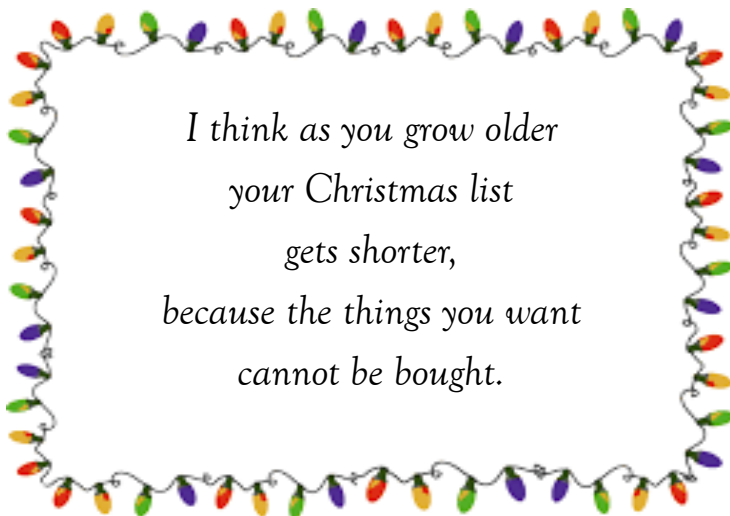
Our holiday challenge bags are available now until we run out, only \$5. You have until June 30th, 2024 to completely finish your holiday project using the yard of fabric in the bag. Photos of completed quilts & their stories will be placed on our website to vote on. We will have prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25 store gift cards for first, second, and third place winners. Join in the holiday fun!

made to create **BERNINA**



**We Found It...
Did You Lose It?**

A light gray sweater was left behind at our Day of Sharing in October. Please call Marty Dzioba to help it find its way home. (252-638-876900)



Block of the Month

The November BOM was a tree pattern. 18 blocks were returned; Karen Hallquist was the winner.

A snowman block pattern was distributed. It will be collected at the JANUARY meeting.





Show
&
Tell





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A big thanks to Jenny Nebe for making quilts for the two families from Coastal Woman's Shelter that we are supporting this Christmas.

**Greenville Quilt Guild
Day of Sharing
Dec. 2**

First Christian Church, 2810 E. 14th St., Greenville

Coffee at 9:30 a.m.; lunch will be served

OPTIONAL: Bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry.

PLACEMAT CHALLENGE: All placemats will be donated to the local Meals on Wheels.

SHOW & TELL, one item

Registration is currently closed for this event.

Attention Those Attending the Winter Retreat!

Please bring an item for our **"UP-FOR-GRABS" TABLE.**

Examples:

- Fabric
- Books
- Magazines
- Notions
- Quilt Tools



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 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 !

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.



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JANUARY

ADDITIONAL DATES

- Duffy Gallery Exhibit runs Jan. 20—March 17
- Jan. 25, Free workshop, pillow with zipper placket
- Feb. 22, Free workshop, hexagon quilts
- Mar. 17-22, Spring Retreat
- Mar. 23, Day of Sharing, Crystal Coast & Croatan Quilters
- Mar. 25, pickup for Duffy exhibit quilts
- Spring Tea for New Member, TBA
- LOOKING AHEAD: April 11-12, 2025—Quilt Show

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
26 Nov	27 Nov	28 Nov	29 Nov	30 Nov 9:30 Stitch & Chat	1 Dec	2 Dec Greenville Day of Sharing
3 Dec	4 Dec	5 Dec	6 Dec	7 Dec 9:30 Stitch & Chat <i>NO BOARD MTG</i> Hanukkah begins 	8 Dec	9 Dec
10 Dec	11 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec	14 Dec 9:30 Stitch & Chat <i>NO BUSINESS MEETING</i>	15 Dec HOLIDAY LUNCH  11:30 am	16 Dec
17 Dec	18 Dec	19 Dec	20 Dec	21 Dec 9:30 Stitch & Chat	22 Dec	23 Dec
24 Dec 	25 Dec	26 Dec	27 Dec	28 Dec 9:30 Stitch & Chat	29	30
31 Dec	1 Jan 	2 Jan	3 Jan	4 Jan 9:30 Board Meeting, followed by Program Committee mtg 9:30 Stitch & Chat	5 Jan	6 Jan
7 Jan	8 Jan	9 Jan	10 Jan	11 Jan 10:00 Business Meeting TURN IN QUILTS FOR DUFFY GALLERY EXHIBIT	12 Jan	13 Jan
14 Jan <i>Winter Retreat</i>	15 Jan <i>Winter Retreat</i>	16 Jan <i>Winter Retreat</i>	17 Jan <i>Winter Retreat</i>	18 Jan 9:30 Stitch & Chat 9:30 Community Sewing: Walker Bags <i>Winter Retreat</i>	19 Jan <i>Winter Retreat</i>	20 Jan DUFFY GALLERY EXHIBIT OPENS 
21 Jan	22 Jan	23 Jan	24 Jan	25 Jan 9:30 Stitch & Chat 9:30 WORKSHOP: Pillow w/ zipper placket, register w/ Carolyn Hansen	26 Jan	27 Jan