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



From the President

What a great way to start the summer! Our June meeting was filled with friendship, inspiration and plenty of quilting enthusiasm. It was good to see new faces along with some I haven't seen in a while. It's June and we were already getting excited and discussing the next retreat; we love our retreats, but we'll have to be patient! There's plenty to do and enjoy in the next few months before October!

A big thank you to Carolyn Hansen and crew for hosting our New Member Tea. It was a pleasure to welcome new faces into our guild family and share a little about who we are and what makes our group so special. The New Member Tea provides a relaxed opportunity to get acquainted, answer questions, and connect with fellow quilters. I always enjoy hearing about the quilting journeys that bring members to our guild, and I know many new friendships have been formed.

I would also like to thank everyone who participated in the class I taught last month. Your enthusiasm, creativity, and willingness to work on a new project made it a rewarding experience for me. Seeing the different interpretations and unique touches each member brought to their project was very fun. We always manage to learn from each other whenever we are together.

As we move into the busy summer months, I encourage you to find some time for your quilting projects. Also, I can't say enough times...thank you for your dedication, generosity and friendship. You all make this such a welcoming and supportive community.

Remember in July there are no formal meetings, but I hope to see you at Stitch 'n Chat Thursdays. If you are traveling, have safe journeys and may you find wonderful fabric along the way. See you all soon!

Hugs and Stitches,

Fran

No TRQG activities the week of June 21; the church is having Vacation Bible School.

July: No board meeting or general business meeting in July, but Stitch & Chat is scheduled. See the calendar at the end of the newsletter.



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Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales: Mary Daugherty

Quilt Show: Janet Olsen

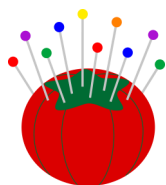
Sunshine: Kay Amend/Evelyn Bernhardt

Website/Facebook — Fran Rice

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

I hope everyone is staying cool in this tropical weather we are having. Some people think it's too hot to quilt, but I think that's nonsense. It's too hot to go outside, so you might as well stay indoors and quilt!

Thank you to everyone who filled out a planning questionnaire at our June meeting. Your comments and ideas are very helpful. If you were not at the June business meeting and would like to make a suggestion for a workshop or teacher, please email me at Lmanette59@gmail.com.

WORKSHOP FEES: Many people have commented that the costs of some workshops are too high. If we invite a professional teacher to give a lecture or teach a class, the Guild incurs not only the expense of that teacher's fee, but also their traveling expenses, accommodations and meals. This can be a hefty amount. It then becomes necessary to pass some of those costs along to those attending the workshop. If a class or workshop is taught by a TRQG Member, we only charge for materials or, if the class is too big for the church, the use of an alternate location. If you price workshop fees at other venues, you will see that our fees are more than reasonable.

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. ***I will have a sign-up sheet and supply list at the August business meeting.*** But 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

Supply list continued on pg. 3



New Member Tea

The 2026 New Member Tea in May was enjoyed by 14 new members. Several mentors attended and we had five graduates attend, with a total attendance of 41. Thank you to the volunteers who helped to make this a fun, successful day. The most original hat winner went to Sandy Smith. Sandy made a hat from a lampshade and decorated it with colorful fabric strips. Very creative! If you couldn't make this year's tea, don't worry, As a new member you will be invited again next year. Have a great summer. — Carolyn Hansen



Thread Painting Supply list continued from pg. 2

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.

PROVE TO ME YOU HAVE READ THE NEWS-LETTER by completing the following statement and letting me know:

The weirdest thing in my sewing room is ____.
Happy quilting, everyone!

—Laure Manette

RAFFLE QUILT TICKET SALES

Thank you for the help you have provided in selling raffle tickets for our "Salute to 250" RAFFLE quilt. We will only have one more Farmers Market table for June.

We must be set up at the market by 7:30 a.m. The second shift begins at 11:00 a.m. and finishes at 2:00 p.m.

Scheduled for June 27:

1st Shift: Tori Smith and Lani Pilgrim

2nd Shift: Sandy Drechsler and Kathy Farrar

We will return to the Farmers Market after Labor Day.

Scheduled for Sept. 12:

First Shift: Holly Pace and Krislyn Lequin

Second Shift: Mary Jo Grote and Susan Faith

Sept. 26:

First Shift: Mary O'Neill and Janet Olsen

Second Shift: Claudia Davoren and Sally Cornford

THANK YOU for all your help! — Mary Daugherty,
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales Chair

Quilt Show News

Items Needed for Quilt Show Boutique

Start up your sewing machines! Our quilt show is just 10 months away. Since we did well at the last show with sales from the Boutique (items you made and donated for sale), we will have more tables to fill at the 2027 show.

We will not have a holiday table this time, but we will have a clearance table, Americana/Patriotic table and one devoted for seniors, along with our regular tables featuring items for sewing, kitchen, household pets and children.

Please, we need everyone to help out.

I have a wish/want list, so feel free to contact me for suggestions of what you can make or if you have ideas for projects. Thank you.

—Betty Turner, Quilt Show Boutique Chair



Binding Friendships



JUNE

Mary Bostock	6/6
Kay Amend	6/10
Evelyn Bernhardt	6/12
Betty Turner	6/17
Sue Kleeman	6/19
Susan Cargnino	6/19
Claudia Moran	6/22
Christine Youngs	6/23
Laurene Gaskins	6/25
Melissa Ann Prewitt	6/25
Warren Thiell	6/30

JULY

Chris Gillespie	7/2
Janet Olsen	7/2
Patricia Deardorff	7/3
Claudia Hughes	7/4
Sue Royster	7/7
Laura Miller	7/9
Lilly Lucier	7/13
Lynn Peck-Collins	7/16
Beth Brobst	7/19
Jackie Harrison	7/24
Mary Ann DeRossett	7/26
Jenny Nebe	7/26
Mary Quay	7/26
Debbie Thiell	7/30

QUILT SHOW RIBBON COMMITTEE MEETS JUNE 18

The first meeting of the Ribbon Committee will be on June 18 at the church at 9:30 a.m. Members who have prior experience will be given specific tasks and may be asked to guide newcomers to our group in the proper procedures.

I will be taking pictures of each stage to reestablish a workbook for all our processes. This will assist future committee members.

You may want to bring a snack or lunch to allow us to work the entire time. There may be additional meetings which will be announced at later dates. Thank you!

—Mary Daugherty, Ribbon Committee Chair

In the Spotlight

By Lynnet Keeley

This month's New Member Spotlight is all about **Lani Pilgrim**. Lani and I had a lovely lunch and visit on the patio at Lawson's.

Lani hails from northeast Nebraska, where she grew up in a small town with her mom, stepdad, sister, and grandparents. It was a small community, and although she did love it as a young girl, she then came to realize she wanted more. She attended college nearby, and completed two years, but did not care for it much. So, she applied for a job in Washington DC with the Department of Defense and when she was hired, just moved herself out there! She was skilled in shorthand, and since it was such a much-in-demand skill she soon built a career on it.



There she met a young Marine who was rooming in the same home as she was (the young men lived on the top floor, the landlady in the middle and the young women on the ground floor). They fell in love, but then he was assigned to Vietnam, so of course they eloped! She was pregnant at the time he left, so she moved home for the two years he was gone.

Upon his return she continued to build her own career working for DOD, while he built a career as a Marine in the Intelligence community. They travelled quite a bit, and raised two children, a boy and a girl. Upon her husband's retirement Lani still had career goals, which meant that now he followed her to Florida. She spent three more years working for DOD before retiring.

During their respective DOD careers, they had been stationed at LeJume on occasion and really liked the New Bern area. They decided that would be their retirement home.

As for quilting, well, that is turning into her retirement career. She and her mother had a plan that upon Lani's retirement from DOD that she would come out and stay with mom and learn to quilt! Lani's mom had been sporadically making quilts for a few years. Sadly, Lani's mom passed away before they could quilt together. However, soon after, in 2010 Lani signed up for her first class. She says she knew her mom would want her to pursue quilting. She belonged to the quilt guild

in her hometown in Florida and was very active with the Quilts of Valor.

Lani says she is excited to be part of Twin River's Quilters Guild and to be involved. I can safely say, we are excited for her to be here as well!

Welcome Lani!

Volunteer Seamstresses Needed at Tryon Palace

Quilters, start your needles! A great volunteer opportunity is available in the costume department at Tryon Palace. Clothing will be made in the authentic 18th century manner. It will be hand sewing, assembling and mending clothing such as uniforms, gowns, everyday wear, aprons and more. There are also group projects. You will be taught 18th century stitches and sewing techniques. This is a wonderful way to spend a couple of hours a week learning new skills and volunteering. Imagine seeing the fife and drum march by or the ladies and gentlemen of the Palace giving tours in their finery and knowing you helped create that magical moment!



If you are interested please contact Ericka Osen at 252/639-3585.

Thanks to TRQG member Krislyn Lequin for contributing this information. Krislyn is a volunteer with Tryon's historic sewing group.

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Sunshine Report

During the past month, two cards were sent to members.

A thinking-of-you card was sent to Eleanor Reilly, whose husband had to go to a nursing home.

Get well wishes were sent to Claudia Hughes, who is recovering from hip surgery, and Lu Anne Tridico, who had eye surgery.

Please contact Kay Amend if you know of a member facing a difficult time so Kay can send a card.

Sewers Psalm

By Rolayne Schwendy (shared at the new members' tea in May)

The fabric shoppe calleth my name, I shall want!

I openeth the portal and view the fine textiles there-in,

My heart leapeth with anticipation as my fingers caress the multitude of prints and colors, for I shall want!

I rest in colorful pastures of polka dots, batiks, and florals. They beckon me, for I shall want!

Though I walk through the aisles, I fear no evil, my joy and my credit card, they comfort me.

The cutting table is prepared before me, my purchases runneth over.

Surely hours of sewing shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the sewing room for ever and ever.



Community Quilts

Children's Quilts

This week was a good week for quilts to be turned in as I received a

total of 12 from the following people: Jody Givens 1, Jonnie Purkey 1, Suzie Tibbetts 1, Jenny Nebe 1, Geri Reid 2, Sally Cornford 1, Paula Gramley 1, Jan Penner 2, Maryann Coxson 1, and Suzie Hardy 1.

Thank you all. – Lorraine Wocel

Nursing Home Quilts

Again I say thank you for your generous effort to supply our 14 nursing homes with items that bring joy to their residents! June donations:

- Eyeglass cases: Chantal Huestis (8)
- Fidget blanket aprons: Kay Amend (she added ties for around the waist to keep the fidget from falling off laps, for Craven County)
- Quilts: Chris Gillespie (1); Mary Bostock (1); MaryAnn Coxen (1); Geri Reid (2); Rae Gee (2); Emily Lewandowski (3); the team of Paula Pagnucci and Dawn Jones (1); and the team of Ada Walker and Chris Gillespie (1). Also, one beautiful quilt was donated but the quilter did not sign the donation list.

Thank you all! -- Nancy Houyoux

Coastal Center for Help and Healing

Please remember to shop for **school supplies to be donated in August and September**. It is hard to be thinking about the end of summer right now, but it comes around again quickly. Many thanks for your continued support of this important organization.



Community Sewing

This summer **please finish the pillowcase dress kits** for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox ministry. We assist Tabernacle Church by sewing for this project. Claudia is having surgery so if you have any questions please call Mary Quay at 714-330-7638

If anyone wants more dress kits please notify me (Mary Quay) by the business August meeting.

We still are in need for charity quilts too.

Thank you everyone who has supported our community. If you have any question and / or would like to chair a community sew-in at the church, please contact Mary Quay.

Military Quilts

Thank you very much for the lovely donated quilts! Thank you to Emily Lewandowski, Geri Reid (3!) and Paula Pagnucci for lap quilts and stretcher quilt donations. They will be appreciated by service members or veterans in need.

Mary Daugherty & Jackie Harrison

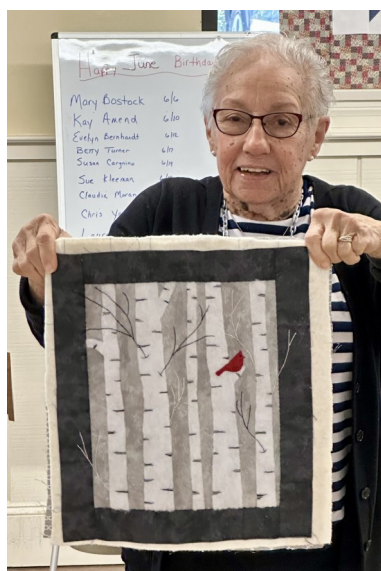


I'm sure glad it's not snowing!

Can you imagine shoveling snow in this heat?



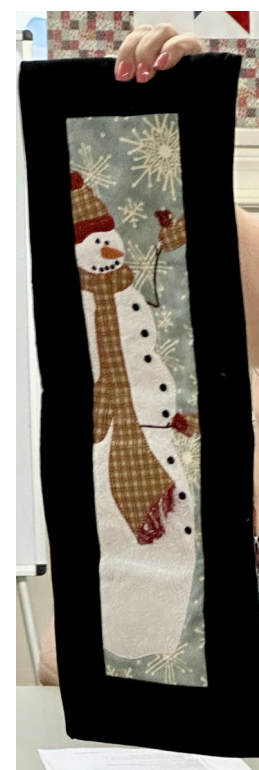
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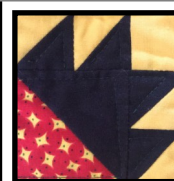
Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

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

- June 21-27—Church Vacation Bible School, no TRQG activities at church
- **NO BOARD MTG OR BUSINESS MTG IN JULY!**
- Sept. 24—Thread painting class
- Oct. 18-23 — Fall Retreat
- Dec. 9—Holiday Luncheon
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**
April 2027—TRQG Quilt Show

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18 Stitch & Chat	June 19	June 20
	Vacation Bible School at Tabernacle Baptist Church, NO TRQG ACTIVITIES					
June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2 9:30 Stitch & Chat <u>NO BOARD MTG or QUILT SHOW MTG</u>	July 3	
July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9 9:30 Stitch & Chat <u>NO BUSINESS MTG</u>	July 10	July 11
July 12	July 13	July 14 National Tape Measure Day	July 15	July 16 9:30 Stitch & Chat	July 17	July 18
July 19	July 20	July 21 National Junk Food Day	July 22	July 23 9:30 Stitch & Chat National Gorgeous Grandma Day	July 24	July 25 National Thread the Needle Day
July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30 9:30 Stitch & Chat	July 31	Aug. 1
Aug. 2 National Ice Cream Sandwich Day	Aug. 3 National Watermelon Day	Aug. 4	Aug. 5	Aug. 6 9:30 Stitch & Chat BOARD MTG followed by QUILT SHOW MTG	Aug. 7	Aug. 8
Aug. 9 National Book Lovers Day	Aug. 10	Aug. 11	Aug. 12	Aug. 13 10:00 BUSINESS MTG	Aug. 14	Aug. 15
Aug. 16	Aug. 17	Aug. 18	Aug. 19	Aug. 20 9:30 Stitch & Chat	Aug. 21	Aug. 22
Aug. 23	Aug. 24	Aug. 25	Aug. 27	Aug. 28 9:30 Stitch & Chat	Aug. 29	Aug. 30