

Quilter's Quill

News of the Twin Rivers Quilters Guild
October 2026



From the President

Happy October, fellow quilters! There's a little crispness in the air, the leaves will begin to change color soon, and it will be a perfect time to curl up with a cozy quilt and a good cup of tea (or glass of wine). Fall always seems to inspire us to pull out those warm colors, try a new pattern and get to work on those holiday gifts.

We had a nice turnout today at our monthly members meeting. The room was full, the laughter was loud and the energy was high. As you will see from this issue, there were some amazing quilts at Show and Tell, beautiful UFOs were finished, and our fall-themed blocks of the month were handed in and won by a lucky member.

There was talk about upcoming events, classes and of course our Fall Retreat, which may be happening as you are reading this newsletter. I am preparing my projects and thinking about food, which is not unusual for me. There's nothing better than having days of sewing near the beach, surrounded by friends and good food. Don't forget to check out our Facebook page for photos, you may see us in costume! It's going to be a full week of fun and surprises (and of course, ice cream).

I would like to again invite all new members to join in and get involved, we want to get to know you and there will be plenty of opportunities coming up for you to get your feet wet. Coming to Stitch 'n Chat is a perfect way to start, hope to see you there. Read the full issue to get the scoop on all that's happening!

As we head into the busy holiday season and you're immersed in your projects and wrapped up in activities, I hope you take some

time to reflect, relax and remember that you all touch other lives every day and make a difference. I know you have touched mine and I am very grateful.

Hugs and Stitches, Fran



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Community Quilts

- Children: Lorraine Wocel

- Military: Mary Daugherty/Jackie Harrison

- My Sister's House: OPEN

- Nursing Home: Nancy Houyoux

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- Coastal Center for Hope & Healing: Jan Penner/Ann Holton

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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

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 fall, y'all! It's hard to believe that the end of the year is quickly approaching. It's time to think about holidays and finishing up those end-of-the year quilts. While we will all be busy getting ready for the retreat and Christmas party, there are just a few things to keep in mind:

Greenville Day of Sharing: It's not too late to sign up for the Greenville Day of Sharing to be held on Nov. 14th at the Pitt County Council on Aging at 4551 County Home Road, Greenville. See page 10 for sign up information. Choose your choice of gluten-free, vegetarian, vegan or standard meal. The cost is \$15 payable online only. Don't forget to bring an item for show and tell, a placemat to be donated to Meals on Wheels and money for raffle baskets.

Blocks With Buddies: Please remember to bring your Blocks for Buddies quilts to the Nov. 12 Business Meeting. We will show the quilts in groups. Let's see how many groups have finished their quilts.

Binding Workshop: Sue Kleeman will be teaching a Binding Workshop on Jan. 28. Please see the details on page 9. We will have a sign-up sheet at the Nov. 12 business meeting.

Quilt Alliance: Twin Rivers Quilters Guild has once again joined the Quilt Alliance. As members of the Guild, you too are invited to become members. Go to <https://quiltalliance.app.neoncrm.com/forms/membership-form>. The code is TRQGmember. Unfortunately, the Quilt Alliance has raised their prices and this membership now costs \$25.

Happy quilting, everyone!

--Laure Manette

Nominations for Officers 2027-2028

President: Laure Manette

Vice President: Susan Faith

Secretary: Janet Olsen

Treasurer: Fran Rice

The Guild will vote for approval of these officers at the November Business Meeting. Thank you to Holly Pace and Jenny Nebe for your enthusiasm as we worked together to find good members willing to serve this great guild.

We hope you agree with these nominations.

Love 'n Hugs,

Jan Penner



October Birthdays

Dawn Rawls	3
Jonnie Purkey	4
Anna Falat	6
Sally Rowe	6
Lorraine Wocel	7
Paula Gramley	8
MariSue Shannon	10
Sharon Rhoton	16
Terry Lindquist	17
Mary O'Neill	19
Nancy Houyoux	22
Betsy Perri	22
MaryAnn Coxson	24
Krislyn Lequin	29
Joyce Snader	30
Carolyn Hansen	31
Margaret Puotinen	31

The average quilter has seven projects waiting to be sewn.

That makes me 42 people.





Welcome New Members!

We've had the following new members since the end of July!

Linda McKeon is from New York and has joined the guild because Betsy Perri has "shared how wonderful your guild is." Thank you Betsy! Linda first took an adult education quilting class in 1989, learning to scissor cut and hand piece blocks.

Linda Whitten is from Jacksonville. She heard about us from a friend but she did not specify who — thank you whoever you are! She has been in Jacksonville since 1985, raising six children, and enjoys her 12 grandchildren as well as five great grandchildren.

Sandra Best originally hails from Canada. She lived here in New Bern from 2012-2020 and she and her husband just moved back. Their son, daughter-in-law and new grandchild live just around the corner from her. Although she has been sewing since childhood, quilting is new to her.

Sharon Hamlin moved here to New Bern from Newport News, VA. She has belonged to guilds there in the past. She writes on her application "quilting is my therapy for dealing with old age!"

Mary McCarley has been quilting for more than 30 years, in addition to having a home bakery for 12 years...all while raising and homeschooling her 10 children! The past three years have been much more sedate; she "just" has a longarm business.

Anthony Tauber is husband to our own Julia Burke! He has spent quite a number of years cutting fabric for his wife in her quilt making journey. Apparently by 2021 he decided to go all in and is now a quilter himself. He also is a golfer.

Susan Ramey Connor hails from the San Diego, CA area. She is an Air Force Veteran. Thank you for your service! She writes on her application that she has been sewing all her life, and "only" quilting for the past 25 years. She is also a longarm quilter.

Welcome everyone! We are so happy to see new faces and new quilting creations.



Help Wanted: Be a Mentor

Volunteer mentors are needed to welcome new members to our guild. No experience necessary. Just come have lunch with us at our information session following the Nov. 12 meeting at Famous Restaurant. New Mentors, old mentors, just thinking about it...all are welcome. Or contact Chantal Huestis or Cathy Cox.



Coastal Center for Hope and Healing:

Items Being Collected

The needs currently are for **CLEANING SUPPLIES**, like Mr. Clean, Fabulosa... you get the idea. They can also use **disinfecting wipes**, **paper plates**, **paper cups**, **paper towels**.

Traditionally, at Christmas we have also collected **PERSONAL CLOTHING ITEMS** for people served by the Center. Items you might want to consider include **socks**, **underwear** and **pajamas/nightgowns**, all sizes, for boys and girls, teens, or adult.

These items will not be collected at the TRQG holiday party this year, as we have done in the past. Instead, you can bring any of these items to the Nov. 12 business meeting or to any Stitch & Chat Thursdays. However, please don't drop donations off at church on Oct. 22 as I will be away at the retreat.

Thank you also all for your generous monetary donations throughout the year that we use to support two families this Christmas.

Love 'n Hugs,

Jan Penner and Ann Holton



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. All you have to do is add your name to the label and sew it on..

Community Sewing is Oct. 15

Our next community sewing day at the church is Oct. 15. We will be clearing fabric out of the storage cabinets and cutting out clothing protectors. Please bring your scissors/cutting supplies and your ideas of what we can do with all our leftover fabrics. You don't need your sewing machine this month. Questions? Call Mary Quay at 714-330-7638

Nursing Home

Ahh, fall is here! Fortunately our nursing homes are receiving beautiful and cozy quilts and more!

QUILTS: Kay Amend 1, Mary Quay 1, Mary Ann Coxson 1, Mary Bostock 1, Dorothy Najarian 1, Emily Lewandowski 3 and 1 unknown.

CLOTHING PROTECTORS: Mary Quay 2, Chantal Huestis 4.

WALKER BAGS: Mary Quay 2, Emily Lewandowski 2

FIDGET BLANKETS: Chris Young 1

Thank you all. -- Nancy Houyoux

Children's Quilts

On Sept. 17 I delivered 26 quilts to the following: Community Health Center 9, Coastal Center for Hope and Healing 8, and Hope Family Resource Center 9.

At this week's meeting I was given 15 quilts from: Karen Dodd 1, Marsha McConnell 1, Kay Amend 1, Emily Lewandowski 1, Mary Quay 9, Evelyn Bernhardt 1, and Laura 1 (not sure of the last name, sorry).

Thank you for the labels on the quilts, it made it easier to identify the contributor.

--Lorraine Wocel

Military Quilts

Thank you for your continued support of our military service members and local veterans.

We have donated approximately 23 lap and throw quilts to the local Disabled American Veteran's (DAV) group. They were so very happy to receive your donations. Thank you!

Thank you to MaryAnn Coxson for the donation of a stretcher quilt this month!

Quilts do not have to be made in patriotic colors. We ask that stretcher quilts for the USO be made no larger than 40 inches by 60 inches. Others will be accepted for donation to local veterans' groups.

-- Mary Daugherty and Jackie Harrison

My Sister's House: A Note from Pat Kruger

Due to profound hearing loss, I must remove myself from being guild chair for My Sister's House. It's a simple but important role as I believe these women need a touch of love that we can provide with a quilt to wrap them with love. I will be happy to provide the history I have collected to whoever takes over for the guild. -- Pat Kruger

A big thank-you to Pat for initiating and leading the guild's outreach to this organization. Please talk with Fran Rice if you are interested in volunteering for My Sister's House.



Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales: People Needed Nov. 21

We are still selling tickets for the Raffle Quilt! The signup sheet will be at each business meeting until late March 2027. You have been great about signing up and we have October covered. Please check your calendars and sign up for Nov. 21st!

Oct 10 7-11 a.m. Janet Olsen and Marsha McConnell / 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Cindy Shipley and Lottie Wilds

Oct 24 7-11 a.m. Holly Pace and Susan Faith / 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Janet Olsen and Betsy Perry

Nov 7 7-11 a.m. Barbara Scavuzzo / 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Becky Barnes and Teresa Holloway

Nov 21 OPEN: 7-11 a.m. and 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

If you have questions, would like to be added to the calendar OR cannot make the date, please contact me AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Thank you. -- Mary Daugherty

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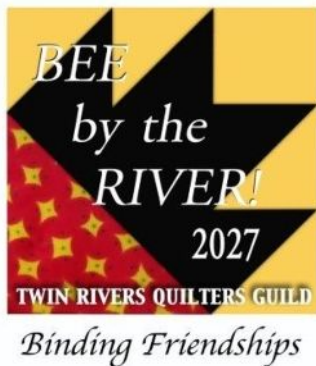
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Boutique News Flash!

Think “Unique Boutique” and make our upcoming quilt show spectacular with unusual, creative items. We only have a few months left to stitch up some fantastic items. The boutique at the last show was great, and I would love to make this next one even better!

Since there will be three quilt retreats before the show, it would be wonderful if all who go made one item for the boutique. The sewing and household tables were full of great items, and I’m sure they will be great again. I would like to have more items for the children’s and pet tables—think unusual and unique.

I would like to thank all who have donated items already. The tables are filling up with interesting items, so please continue to donate.

Remember, the table themes are:

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

P.S. I’m hoping to have more space to display all our beautiful items!

Questions? Contact Betty Turner, Boutique Chair, Phone: 508-542-1560; Email: btyboop17@yahoo.com

Twice Around Treasures Donation Guidelines Quilt Show 2027

At each TRQG quilt show, we have a very special corner full of bargains called Twice Around Treasures, where we sell items donated by members of our guild that they are no longer using. All items become the property of the guild; unsold items are not returned.

This is the PERFECT opportunity to clear out your cupboards and shelves of quilting items in good shape that you no longer use or want to keep.

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).

Block of the Month

Congratulations to Julie Robertson, winner of the fall leaves block of the month. The next block features a wrapped candy image.



In the Spotlight

By Lynnet Keeley

For this month's Member Spotlight I had a delightful evening chatting with Pat Kruger...such a funny lady!

Pat was born and raised in Buffalo, NY, living in the area until her retirement. She was born to loving parents and a large extended family; being the youngest of four, she says she was "spoiled rotten." She had two older brothers and

an older sister and says she was very lucky to have such a loving and happy childhood.

When she was 18, she married; however, by the time she turned 25 she was widowed with four young children, two boys and two girls. She spent the next five years working and raising her children. Then she married a fellow widower who had three children of his own, two boys and a girl. Pat and her new husband went on to have two more children together, another boy and another girl. The next 20 years she and her husband raised their nine children on a farm in Angora, NY. Pat recalls life on the farm with great fondness! They raised various animals, almost always had a big vegetable garden, and were fairly self-sufficient. There was a large wooded plot on the farm where she would go to when she needed some alone time; she found the quiet calming in her chaotic life, as well as a source of strength and renewal.

After 20 years of marriage Pat found herself on her own again; her children were grown and moving out into their own lives. She had been doing a variety of volunteer work for many years and, as she says, "worked" her way into a paid position as a Coordinator of Services for the Elderly in her home community. At the time of her retirement, she was honored with Citizen of the Year Award. By this time keeping up with the farm on her own was becoming too much and she wanted to move to warmer weather. Upon visiting New Bern, she says she fell in love with the area and retired here!

She has had a great many hobbies over the years. Quilting is something she learned after moving here and joining our guild, 20-some years ago! As part of our guild Pat has been a liaison to "My Sister's House," a home and program for women coming out of prison.

At age 96, Pat is trying to keep up with 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. As well, she continues to spend her summers back in New York. She has a lovely cottage on a lake. Here in New Bern, she is just now giving up official volunteer jobs but I know she will always have a heart for helping others!



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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.

- Sign-up sheets will be available at all Stitch & Chats and our guild meeting on Nov. 12.
- The deadline for sign-up is Dec. 3, 2026.
- The maximum capacity of the room, as set by the country club, is 80 members.
- Cash or checks made out to TRQG are required at the time of sign-up. Please make sure your cash payment is enclosed in an envelope with your name on it.

Drawing for Winner of the UFO Contest: For all who entered the 2026 UFO contest, get your UFOs completed and shown by the Nov. 12 business meeting in order to count. 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 have 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.

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 at either the November meeting or put it into the donation basket at this dinner.** We will purchase groceries that RCS can use. If you write a check, make it out to TRQG.

Instead of bringing personal clothing items for Center for Hope and Healing to the party, **please bring them to a Stitch & Chat or the Nov. 12 business meeting and put in the collection basket for Jan Penner. Please see page 3 for full information.**

Quilt Presentation to Our President

As is our custom; we will have the presentation of a Quilt to our outgoing President, Fran Rice, as a thank you for her great leadership over the past two years.

Wow, we are going to have fun and be very busy! If you have any questions please contact Kathy Farrar.



Binding Workshop
Instructor: Sue Kleeman

Are you struggling with your bindings?

Have your corners been keeping you up at night?

Do judges look at your bindings with a discerning eye?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, we have a class for you!

This class is intended to give and teach you the guidelines on properly applying a binding to quilts that will be entered to judged quilt shows. The binding will be applied by machine and finished by hand.

Sign up will be out starting in October, look up for the sign-up sheets.

The class is scheduled to take place at the Tabernacle Baptist Church;
scheduled for January 25, 2027, from 9:00 – 12:00.

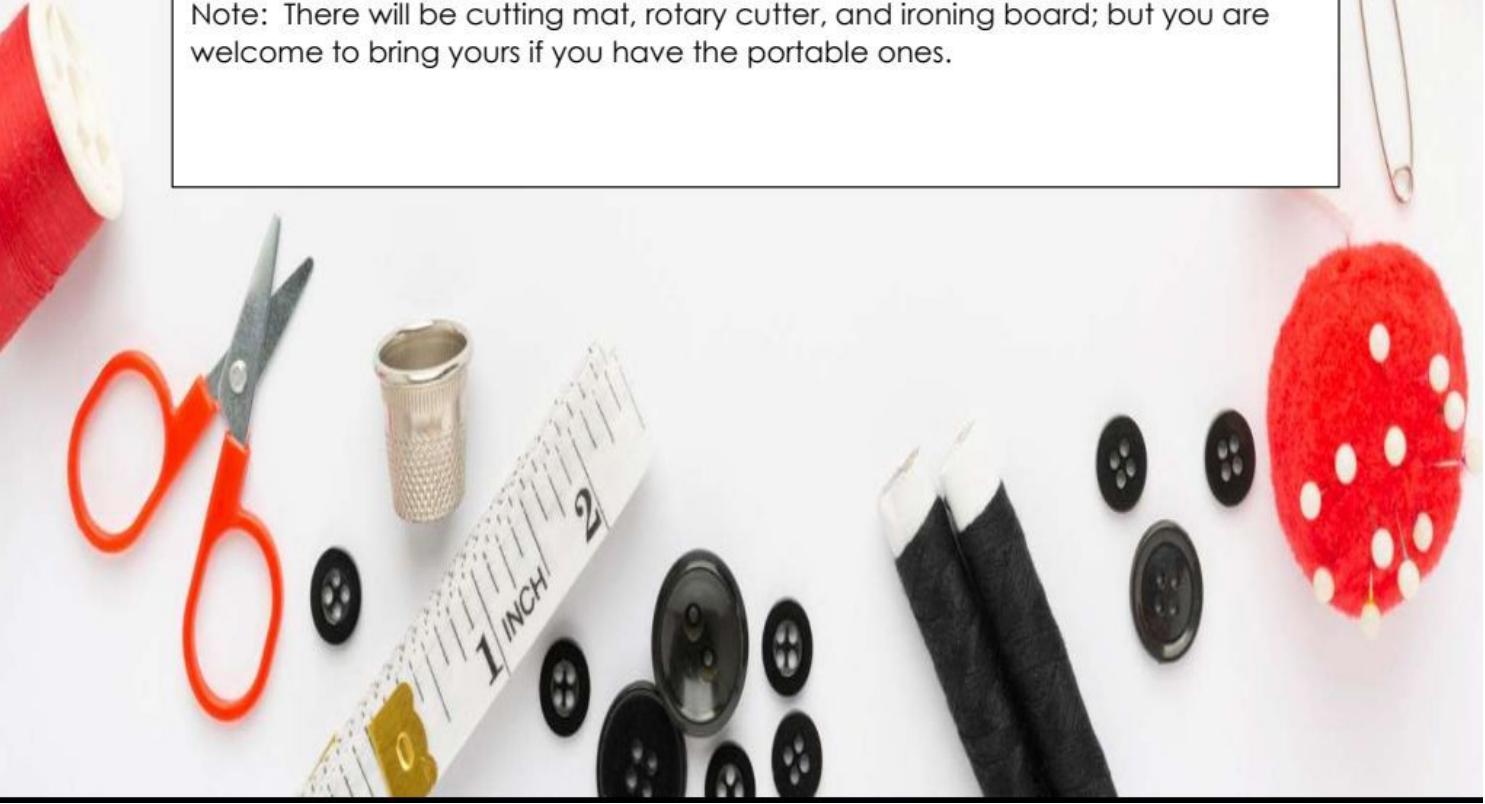
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Thursday, Jan. 28

Materials needed:

- Sewing machine
- Sewing supplies: thread, scissors, needles for hand sewing.
- Extension cord
- Quilted fabric sandwich the size of a placemat
- Fabric to make the binding

Note: There will be cutting mat, rotary cutter, and ironing board; but you are welcome to bring yours if you have the portable ones.





You are cordially invited to Greenville Quilters Guild Day of Sharing

Give Thanks Together

When: November 14th 2026

Time: Doors Open 9:30 - 2pm

Where: Pitt County Council on Aging
4551 County Home Rd, Greenville NC



Our Speaker – Dr. Alice Arnold, ECU

Join us as Dr. Alice Arnold from East Carolina University shares her knowledge of Color Theory and Interpretation, helping us explore the ways color can transform our quilts and enhance our creative expression.

Our Day of Sharing challenge will be our placemat challenge. Placemats should be 17x14 and use your own interpretation of “Give Thanks Together” All placemats acquired will be donated to our “Meals on Wheels”.



\$15.00 per person



SCAN HERE

<https://tinyurl.com/GQGDOS2026>

This year, Day of Sharing (DOS) tickets will be available exclusively through our secure online registration website. During registration, you will be able to select your preferred meal at checkout. In addition to our standard meal, we are pleased to offer gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan options to accommodate a variety of dietary needs and preferences. If you or someone you know is not comfortable making an online payment, please consider buddying up with a friend or fellow quilter who is comfortable paying online. We want everyone to have the opportunity to join us for this special day!

Raffle Quilts Welcomed!



Show and Tell will be limited to 1 item per person.











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a quilt and
your room
doesn't look
like a tornado
came through...
did you really
even make a
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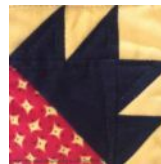
Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

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



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, Oct. 15

9:30 Community Sewing Day, bring cutting supplies, sewing machines not needed.

9:30 Stitch & Chat

Oct. 18-24: Fall Retreat

Thursday, Oct. 22, 9:30 Stitch & Chat

Thursday, Oct. 29, 9:30 Stitch & Chat

Thursday, Nov. 5, 9:30 Board Meeting

9:30 Stitch & Chat

10:30 Quilt Show Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 12, 10:00 Business Meeting

Saturday, Nov. 14, 9:30 Greenville Day of Sharing

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

Thursday, Dec. 10, 9:30 Stitch & Chat

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

No Stitch & Chat Dec. 24 and Jan. 31

Thursday, Jan. 28, 9-12 Binding Workshop



*Nah...October isn't
too soon to put your
tree up!*