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



From the President

October 12, 2023

The attendance for October 12, 2023 was 58, including one guest. Our guild keeps growing with new members attending. Members continue to make visitors and guests feel welcome. Our monthly business meeting is for bringing in your contributions of children's quilts, nursing home quilts, clothing protectors, and fidget quilts, as well as military quilts and twin bed quilts for My Sisters House. During the meeting we also have a monthly block of the month, with those participating being part of a drawing to win the blocks.

We are saddened by the news that Sewing on the River quilt shop will be closing soon. Our members will miss having classes there. The owner, Becky, donated a Sizzix die cutting system to the guild and we thank her, and thank Becky, Virginia, Laura and Bill for their work at this great shop. It was always fun to shop and see new products and beautiful fabrics, and even more important, the kindness and friendly atmosphere. Blessings from Twin Rivers Quilters Guild.

Claudia Moran purchased four new books for the guild library that will be available in November. Remember to look in the cabinet and see what's there. Need new ideas? Try some reading.

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Important Dates Duffy Gallery Exhibit

Entry Deadline: November 9, 2023

Quilt drop off: January 11, 2024

Exhibit will run January 20 through
March 17, 2024

Quilt pickup: Monday March 25, 2024

See more information on page 3.

Important
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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 Education: **OPEN**

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

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Day of Sharing on Oct. 14 was wonderful! Thank you all for helping make this day happen. Thank you, Annette Ornelas, for bringing all your beautiful quilts, large and small. Your techniques and creative patterns are amazing.

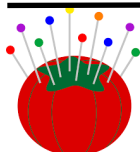
October brings our Fall Retreat! Sunday the 22nd is finally getting closer. I am so looking forward to relaxing, sewing, and having fun. Is it 4 o'clock? See you at the beach!

December 15 is our Christmas Luncheon at New Bern Country Club. Please read through the newsletter and calendar for more information.

Love 'n Hugs,
Jan Penner

November Birthdays

3 Ann Albee
7 Katherine Haleen
9 Sandy Drechsler
10 Kathy Farrar
12 Nancy Hausman
14 Marty Dzioba
24 Mary McCutcheon
24 Holly Pace
30 Barbara Scavuzzo



Update from Vice President Carolyn Hansen

Happy Fall to all members! November and December we will not have any workshops scheduled on the fourth Thursday due to the holidays.

The next workshop is Jan. 26, 2024. We will be making a cute pillow with a zipper and will learn a simple method for applying a zipper with a placket on the back of a pillow. Karen Dodd is our teacher, and the class will be held at Tabernacle Church. I will have the sign up sheet and supply list at the November meeting.



Our February 22 workshop will be a Hexagon Class, taught by Emily Lewandowski. She will demonstrate the reversible method of making a hexagon quilt. Save all your pieces of batting!

Your ideas are needed! Please let me know if you have an idea for a workshop you'd like to have in 2024 and I will see if someone can teach it. I am looking forward to arranging some fun quilting classes for us all to enjoy in the coming year.

—Carolyn Hansen

Great Results for Community Service Sewing

During September's community service sewing we made fidget quilts. We had **32 fidget quilts** turned in finished, and I thought that was a great turnout! Thank you, girls, for all your help and all your work. — Lily Lucier

FYI...The port pillows and seat belt wraps you make are appreciated! A woman I know was recently talking about her surgery that included an ostomy bag. She received a seat belt wrap from the hospital. She said it was so very helpful, and said, "I don't know who made it, but it was beautifully sewn!" I told her that TRQG made such items for the hospital. She thought it was great!

—Paula Gramley



New Member Mentoring

Welcome to all the new members! I will be contacting all of the most recent members to welcome you and give you the contact information for your Mentor. In January I will secure the date for the New Member Spring Tea. All new members and mentors will be invited. More information will be provided at the January Business Meeting.

If you can serve as a mentor, or if you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact me.
—Carolyn Hansen, Chairperson, New Member Mentoring

Duffy Gallery Quilt Exhibit

Every two years the North Carolina History Center in New Bern invites our guild to submit 50-60 quilts (miniature to full size) for exhibition in the Duffy Gallery. This takes place sometime in the first quarter of the year. Our next exhibit opportunity is early 2024. The quilts are not judged but are for exhibit only.

Entry Form Deadline: Nov. 9, 2023
Quilts will be turned in on Jan. 11, 2024
Exhibit runs Jan. 20-March 17, 2024
Quilt pickup: March 25, 2024

Entrance forms and instructions are now available on our website. Look under the "FORMS" tab.

All quilts are collected, photographed, insured, hung in a secured room and taken down by Tryon Palace staff. It is a lovely exhibition space and great opportunity to share what we do with the community. Questions? Contact Lu Anne Tridico.

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.



Charity Quilts

Children's Quilts

This week I received 3 beautiful quilts from the following: June Dale 2, and Barbara Scavuzzo 1.

Thank you! —Lorraine Wocel

October Nursing Home Report

Six nursing homes received items after the September meeting with Rolayne Schwendy delivering items after our Oct. 12 meeting. Lily's community service class handed in 18 fidget quilts and Becky Barnes made four. Lap quilts were made by Carolyn (1) and Becky Barnes (1). Jackie Harrison's sister handed in 15 adult clothing protectors, and an unknown person handed in nine adult men's clothing protectors.

Thank you for your contributions. November will be the last time we collect for this year since we do not have a meeting in December. Thank you for making things for some of the most fragile residents of our counties. They are greatly appreciated.

— Becky Barnes

Military Quilts

Thank you to Sandra Egoff and Jackie Harrison for help in identifying and boxing up a large package of stretcher quilts for the USO in Germany. Twenty quilts were sent out on Wednesday, Oct. 12, and they should arrive in plenty of time for the holidays. Thank you to Dorothy Nagarian for a quilt donation this month.

I've also made arrangements for six quilts to be donated to veterans through local nursing facilities and will give them to Becky Barnes for distribution. The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) has also expressed interest in donated quilts. I will arrange to donate a few in the next few weeks.

—Mary Daugherty

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.

Quilts of other sizes will be donated to veterans elsewhere.



Sunshine Report

Good news! No cards were sent last month...people were healthy and getting along well with life.

However, when you hear of a member who is sick, down in the dumps, or has a death in the family, please call or text me. Thank you. —Kay Amend

I hear it takes a long time to finish a quilt you're not working on....



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Claudia Dinnell Returns!

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ALL CAROLINAS SHOP HOP

Plan to visit us! Free prizes & coupons!

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Block of the Month

The ghost block of the month for October was won by Susan Faith.

We handed out the pattern for a Christmas tree BOM to be returned at the November business meeting.

Congratulations on each and everyone one of you who have made the 2023 Blocks of the Month a big succès.

—Lily Lucier and Chantal Huestis





Show
& Tell





Day of Sharing

 Cheers to
40 Years!

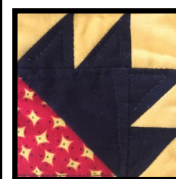
Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

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.

November



ADDITIONAL DATES

- Friday, Dec. 15: Christmas Luncheon
- Jan. 11: Drop quilts for Duffy Gallery Exhibit
- Jan. 14-19: Winter Retreat
- January 20-March 17: TRQG Exhibit at the Duffy Center
- March 17-22: Spring Retreat
- LOOKING AHEAD: April 11-12, 2025—Quilt Show

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Oct. 22 FALL RETREAT	Oct. 23 FALL RETREAT	Oct. 24 FALL RETREAT	Oct. 25 FALL RETREAT	Oct. 26 FALL RETREAT 9:30 Community Service Sewing Stitch & Chat	Oct. 27 FALL RETREAT	Oct. 28
Oct. 29	Oct. 30	Oct. 31 	Nov. 1	2 9:30 Board Meeting 9:30 Stitch & Chat	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 DEADLINE for Duffy Gallery entry 10:00 Business Meeting	10	11 
12	13	14	15	16 9:30 Stitch & Chat	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 9:30 Stitch & Chat	Dec. 1	Dec. 2
Dec. 3	Dec. 4	Dec. 5	Dec. 6	Dec. 7 Stitch & Chat	Dec. 8	Dec. 9
Dec. 10	Dec. 11	Dec. 12	Dec. 13	Dec. 14 9:30 Stitch & Chat	Dec. 15 Christmas Party, 11:30 am 	Dec. 16