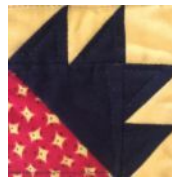


Quilter's Quill

News of the Twin Rivers Quilters Guild
September 2026



From the President

There once was a guild called Twin Rivers,
Its members as sharp as their scissors.
They donate the quilts
In a pile 'til it tilts,
'Cause tis true, it's a group full of givers!

I am always so impressed by this group's generosity! Another month of an amazing amount of donation quilts...thank you!

Happy September! It's *almost* sweater weather...but not quite. I think we are all looking forward to some cooler temperatures; I know I am! Meanwhile we keep busy with daily chores and hopefully some sewing.

Even though we had quite a few members still traveling this month, there was a nice turnout of 64 at our monthly membership meeting. I saw a few new faces and hope to see them again real soon. We had some beautiful quilts to see at show and tell (you can see for yourself at the end of this newsletter). Information was given and exchanged about various events that are coming up for the remainder of the year.

A VERY informative presentation was given by member Claudia Moran regarding the new online registration of your quilts for the quilt show. Claudia has been working tirelessly on getting this system up and running in time for our show registration dates. There's not a big enough thank you I can give her and her team for being so dedicated. If you were not at the meeting or still have questions, please keep up with newsletter issues, meetings or ask a member of the board where to go for help. **REMEMBER you CANNOT register your quilt for the show before OCTOBER 1, 2026!**

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2026 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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· Children: Lorraine Wocel

· Military: Mary Daugherty/Jackie Harrison

· My Sister's House: Pat Kruger

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2026 Winter Retreat: Sue Kleeman/Ed Dzioba

2026 Spring Retreat: Kathy Farrar/Sandy Drechsler

2026 Fall Retreat: Sandy Smith/Katherine Haleen

From the President (cont. from pg. 1)

With only two more Membership Meetings left for 2026. I feel things are winding down, but there are still many opportunities to be together. Coming up there are still classes, two Days of Sharing hosted by other guilds, many Stitch 'n Chats, our October Retreat and finally our Holiday Christmas Party! Hope to see you here, there and everywhere!

Hugs and Stitches, *Fran*



Please remember there will not be a Stitch & Chat on Sept. 24. The Thread Painting Workshop is taking place that day, only for members who registered and paid. Stitch & Chat will resume on Oct. 1.

Program News from the Vice President

I walked into Publix yesterday to be greeted with pumpkins. Hobby Lobby is filled with Christmas decorations. Summer is ending and the holidays are quickly approaching. As the year starts dwindling down, there are lots of opportunities for fun ahead.

Greenville Day of Sharing will be held on **Nov. 14** at the Pitt County Council on Aging at 4551 County Home Road, Greenville. Please see their ad in this newsletter for the details. **You must sign up and pay online.** They are offering a choice of regular, gluten free, vegan and vegetarian options for lunch. You will choose one option when you sign up. **See page 10 for information to sign up.**

Blocks With Buddies: Please remember your Blocks for Buddies quilts will be shown at the **Nov. 12 business meeting.**

Binding Workshop: Sue Kleeman will be teaching a **Binding Workshop on Jan 25. Please see the details on page 9.** We will have a sign-up sheet at the October and November business meetings.

Quilt Alliance: Twin Rivers Quilters Guild has once again joined the Quilt Alliance. **As members of the Guild, you too are invited to become a member (free to you).** Go to <https://quiltalliance.app.neoncrm.com/forms/membership-form>. The code is TRQGmember.

PROVE TO ME YOU HAVE READ THE NEWSLETTER: Your significant other comes to you, stamps their foot and says, "That's it! No more fabric! It's taking over the house." But you just have to make one more trip to the fabric shop. Tell me five creative places that you can hide your fabric.

Happy quilting, everyone!

Laure Manette



Shirley Baldwin	4
Geri Reid	9
Gale Dorman	10
Kim Durkee	17
Gale Lee	19
Dorothy Najarian	19
Becky Barnes	23
Terry Hansen	23

Block of the Month

Eighteen colorful pinwheel blocks were returned in September and Becky Barnes was the lucky winner! An autumn leaf block was handed out, to be returned in October.





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.

Community Sewing Day

There will be a community sewing day on **Oct. 15** at the church. We will be cutting out clothing protectors and walker bags. **Bring your cutting supplies. Sewing machines are not needed.** Questions? Call Mary Quay.

Nursing Home Quilts

Thank you for the generosity of your time and talent, enriching the lives of those residing in our 14 nursing homes.

QUILTS: Becky Barnes1, Mary Coxson 1, Sally Cornford 1, Laura Miller 1, Eleanor Reilly 1, Shirley Baldwin 2, Mary Patrice Quay 3, Becky Barnes and Theresa Holloway 4, Emily Lewandowski 8, Unknown 1.

CLOTHING PROTECTORS: Mary Patrice Quay 1

EYE GLASS CASES: Unknown 12, Nancy L Houyoux

Thank you for bringing smiles to those who receive these gifts. --Nancy Houyoux

Children's Quilts

At this week's meeting I received 10 quilts from the following: Mary Quay 6, Emily Lewandowski 1, Becky Barnes 1, Suzie Tibbetts 1, and one unknown.

Thank you all,

Lorraine Wocel

Military Quilts

Thank you to Emily Lewandowski for donating a stretcher quilt this month.

The local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) is very interested in receiving quilt donations from us. I will meet with them in the coming week to provide several lap-sized and larger quilts.

We are also still collecting quilts for the USO in Germany and local veterans groups. Please note that the USO prefers quilts sent to Europe to be no larger than 40" x 60" to accommodate medical equipment used by injured or ill service members. Quilts for other groups may be any size. While patriotic colors are welcome, they are not required.

-- Mary Daugherty

Raffle Quilt

We are back at the Farmers Market selling tickets for our raffle quilt! The signup sheet will be available at each business meeting through late March 2027. Thank you for your support so far—we have covered all slots for September and October. Please check your calendars and sign up for upcoming shifts in November, December, and beyond. Here is the current schedule for reference:

Sept 25: 7-11 a.m.: Mary O'Neill and Kay Amend ♥ 11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Cecilia Davoren and Sally Comfort

Oct 10: 7-11 a.m.: Sandra Egolf and Marsha McConnell ♥ 11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Dawn Jones and Cindy Shipley

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

Questions? Contact Mary Daugherty.

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In the Spotlight

By Lynnet Keeley

Lottie Wilds is the focus of this month's Spotlight column. Lottie is a fairly new member (just about a year now). She has lived a number of places. She began quilting as a child and remembers being just a little one helping her mother, grandmother and other ladies at quilting bees. Throughout her turbulent life, quilting has been the one steady focus. She said one year she completed 11 quilts. She particularly likes hand quilting.

Lottie's parents met while her father was visiting family in Oklahoma. He was a Marine during World War II, serving at Pearl Harbor and Iowa Jima. Lottie's mother was the first girl in her family to finish high school and have a job before getting married. They created quite a successful greenhouse business growing beautiful flowers. Sadly, Lottie's mom passed away when she was only 6 years old. She and her

younger sister ended up staying with various family members due to her dad working so much. By the time Lottie was 11 years old, her dad remarried. Although there was much to admire about her stepmom and her success as a business woman, things were very difficult at home.

However, Lottie was tenacious and persevered. Her parents paid for college, but the hardship of her upbringing left Lottie floundering. She moved into her own apartment and obtained a fulltime job. (If you're up for a crazy story, ask her about lending her room to a woman who ended up being on the FBI's most wanted list!)

Lottie married four times, and had a son during her second marriage and another during the third. She sought a way to plan for more stability for their future, and she joined the Navy. Lottie said she finally found true love from her fourth marriage, which has offered her 11 years of a beautiful and loving relationship. She is happy now to live life on her terms, knowing she has learned a lot and raised two wonderful sons, who she is very proud of.

Welcome Lottie! We are happy you are here.



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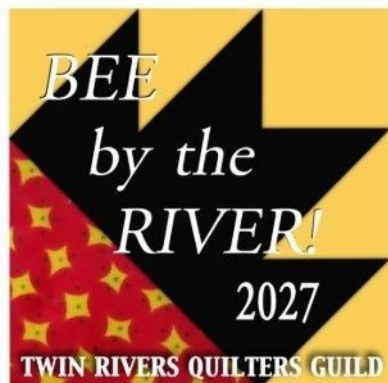
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September 25-27
Mebane, NC**

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Binding Friendships

Just Over 200 Days to the Quilt Show!

Boutique News

The Boutique is looking for unusual items. There will be more tables to fill than at the last show so please start sewing. April is going to be here soon!

A reminder that there will not be a holiday table. But there will be both a patriotic table and a senior table, along with sewing items, kitchen, household, kids, pets, purses and bags.

Questions? Contact Betty Turner

Ultimate Raffle Basket for the Quilt Show

Gather some friends and put together a themed basket for the quilt show!

Or, if you have something you would like to donate for the raffle but do not want to do a basket, get it to **Holly Pace** and she will get it into a basket. Here's some ideas...or come up with one! Once you decide a theme, check with Holly to make sure that someone else is not already doing that basket.

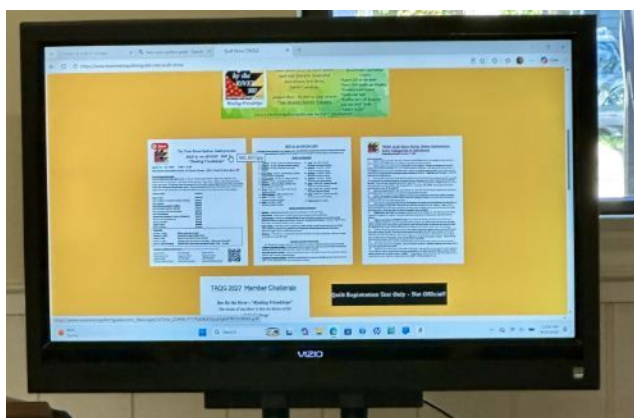
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| 1. Dog | 11. Italian theme |
| 2. Cat | 12. Baby |
| 3. Picnic | 13. Auto goodies |
| 4. Beach | 14. Kitchen |
| 5. Sewing | 15. Garden |
| 6. Coffee or tea | 16. Spa |
| 7. Dessert | 17. Beauty |
| 8. Golf for men | 18. Knitting |
| 9. Golf for women | 19. Candy |
| 10. Christmas | 20. Wine |

DEMONSTRATIONS at BEE by the RIVER! 2027

For the upcoming quilt show, there will be ongoing demonstrations upstairs in the convention center. Our visitors will be able to drop in, take a seat and enjoy as long as they like, choosing from which activity that piques their interest.

If you have a quilting technique that you would like to share for a couple hours or more, please contact Lynn Peck-Collins (410-302-2929) or lpeckcollins@gmail.com. Your technique can be with or without guest participation. For example, I will be demonstrating coloring pre-quilted designs using Derwent Ink Pencils, and guests can sit down and color, watch someone color or watch me create the quilted design. Shifts will be 10:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:00, each day. The room is large enough to accommodate three-four demos at a time. Depending on response, multiple shifts are an option. It is fun! Please contact me with any questions!

--Lynn Peck-Collins, Demonstrations Chair, BEE by the RIVER! 2027



Those attending the Sept. 10 meeting got a preview of the new online registration process for items for the quilt show. This will include quilt entries and quilts for sale. **You will be able to go online and enter your quilts starting Oct. 1.**

If you do not feel that you are computer-savvy enough to complete the registration yourself, there are TRQG members who are willing to help. Watch for more information about times you can get assistance. A huge thanks to Claudia Moran and those who have assisted in the work of creating this new system.

FALL RETREAT NEWS

We are super excited about Fall Retreat. There are a few retreat things you won't want to miss participating in this year. *Prizes are involved!

- **Halloween costume contest**
- **Christmas Doily Quilt: a scrappy quilt class with Terry Hanson (see information below)**
- **Fat quarter swap...With a twist.**

Here's what you need to know for the Fat Quarter Swap. To participate, you will need three things:

1. Four coordinating fat quarters
 2. One dollar
 3. A decorated bag to hide your four fat quarters in.
- The **twist** is we will vote with our \$1 for the most creatively decorated bag. The winner gets all the money AND has first choice of the FQ swap in choosing the fat quarter package.

What else is happening?

- Wednesday is our Ice Cream Social - bring your own \$\$ for a visit to the sweet shop down the road at noon.
- Every afternoon is a Bloody Mary Social and if you would like to donate olives, pickled okra, celery and or a bottle of Bloody Mary mix or vodka 🍷 that would be great also. But you are definitely not required to participate...and don't worry, we can also make it a virgin Bloody Mary.
- Bring a snack or snacks to share for the week. Sewing definitely causes the munchies.
- Also, we will have a give-away table for sewing whatnots you may want to share or pass on to other enthusiasts.

Most importantly, if you signed up for fall retreat make sure you have made your room reservations at the Islander Hotel ASAP. It's your responsibility to get your room accommodations for the week.

For all you new retreaters, here are suggestions on what to bring:

- Sewing machine, (don't forget your machine cords and foot pedals). Some bring their own sew steady or side tables; however a six-foot table is provided to sit and sew at.
- Your sewing supplies.

- Your sewing projects, of course.
- Some bring additional lighting for their table/machines, or their own sewing chair (a personal choice if you need it)
- A small table for your own iron. However we will have an ironing station with irons set up.
- Your favorite rulers (we suggest you put your name on everything). Again, there will be some rulers at cutting stations.
- Although we provide a power surge strip at each table, if you have one I suggest you bring it just in case we run short.

We will be providing dinner on Sunday to Wednesday nights only. All other meals you will be on your own. However, you are welcome to leftovers for lunch the following days.

Menu for the retreat is as follows.

* Sun: Baked potato bar and salad.

* Mon: Soup and sandwiches

* Tues: Ribs, baked beans, mac and cheese and cole slaw.

* Wed: Rotisserie and fried chicken, mashed potatoes, dressing, green beans.

There will be sign-up sheets to help with dinner setup and cleanup and we are going to reward the helpers' efforts with a prize drawing and lots and lots of hugs.

We can't wait. We're gonna' have good food, good friends, good fun, and of course some time to quilt!

See info on next page for what you need to cut and bring for fabric swap to make the Christmas Doily Quilt!



FOR THE FALL RETREAT: Supplies for Terry Hanson's Christmas Doily Quilt

See photo on previous page.

Size: 49" x 49". This beautiful holiday quilt can be a table topper, wall hanging, gift, or whatever you would like. The size can be modified...larger, rectangle shape, more borders, etc.

- We will be exchanging fabrics for this project. You need to bring your squares precut to the retreat. You will find that cutting yardage of fabric into individual squares it is faster than cutting individual squares out of dozens of different fabrics.
- You can use FQ, quarter yards, scraps, whatever you have, but you do need to use a minimum 6-7 different fabrics. The more fabrics you use, the prettier the quilt will be.
- Bring to the workshop to exchange:
- 252 (3") dark-to-medium squares of various Christmas fabrics.
- 64 (3") white and/or cream squares. Try to avoid additional color in these squares and keep them separate from the darker fabrics

You will also need the following. These will NOT be exchanged:

- 8 (3.5") dark-to-medium squares of various Christmas fabrics.
- 8 (3.5") white and/or cream squares, try to avoid color.
- 2 (3.5") dark-to-medium squares of various Christmas fabrics for outside corners (optional)
- Bring border fabric to go around the center. I cut mine 1.75" wide.
- If you are going to add another border, you can cut it any size you want.

At the workshop we will begin by exchanging precut squares promptly at 10 a.m. on Monday so come prepared and be on time! You will not have time to cut your fabric. You can exchange as many squares as you bring.

PS. Bring a plastic trash can or a large plastic bag that you can continually keep stirring and scrambling your squares as you sew them.

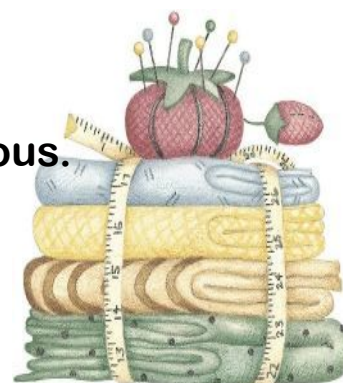
PPS. And bring a piece of paper and pencil that you can keep a tally of the squares you pick up to keep track of the number you have...that part will move very quickly!



I ordered my husband some fishing gear and fabric showed up instead.

Twice.

Very suspicious.



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.

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



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<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.

Show & Tell









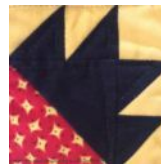
Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

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, Sept. 17

9:30 Stitch & Chat

Saturday, Sept. 19

Pamlico Quilters Guild Day of Sharing in Washington, doors open @ 9:30; programs starts @ 10:30

Thursday, Sept. 24

NO STITCH & CHAT

Thread painting class starts at 10:00 for those who registered

Thursday, Oct. 1

9:30 Stitch & Chat
9:30 Board Meeting
10:30 Quilt Show Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 8

10:00 Business Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 15

9:30 Community Sewing, cut out clothing protectors & walker bags. Bring cutting supplies; sewing machines not needed.
9:30 Stitch & Chat

Sunday, Oct. 18 – Friday, Oct. 23

Fall Retreat

Thursday, Oct. 22

9:30 Stitch & Chat

Thursday, Oct. 29

9:30 Stitch & Chat

Thursday, Nov. 5

9:30 Stitch & Chat
9:30 Board Meeting
10:30 Quilt Show Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 12

10:00 Business Meeting

Saturday, Nov. 14

Greenville Day of Sharing, 9:30

Thursday, Nov. 19

9:30 Stitch & Chat

Thursday, Nov. 26

Thanksgiving Day; no Stitch & Chat

Monday, Dec. 3

9:30 Stitch & Chat

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, Dec. 17

9:30 Stitch & Chat

No Stitch & Chat Dec. 24 and Jan. 31

Looking Ahead: Binding Workshop
Jan. 25