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



2022 – President's Year in Review

First, all Board and Business Meetings in 2022 **were conducted in person** – yeah!

- 2022 “Bee by the River” (Connected by Thread) Quilt Show was TRQG’s **major focus all year!** And the show was a fantastic success!! **A big THANK YOU to all involved.**
- Sew Days continued at Sewing on the River on the fourth Thursday of the month – frequently to make items for the 2022 Quilt Show Boutique.
- TRQG members continued to donate Christmas money as well as requested items throughout the year for the Coastal Women’s Shelter. Karen Hallquist and Suzie Hardy are donating quilts to be added to the gifts purchased for two families.

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A Big Thanks to Our Outgoing President & Secretary

Thanks to guild **president Sandy Drechsler and secretary Laura Miller** for their leadership and service in 2021-2022. They worked through significant challenges to keep TRQG active at the start of 2021, while we were still facing restrictions from the Covid-19 virus. Board meetings took place in person, but the entire guild could not yet meet. You might remember the first Facebook Live meetings in in early 2021, when the technology was new to many of us! As meetings could finally resume in person, our leadership worked to rebuild committees and get the activities back on track. Thank you, Sandy and Laura, for all your work!



*See page 3 for information
about the
Christmas luncheon!*

2022 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- President: Sandy Drechsler
Vice President/Programs: Open
Treasurer: Jackie Harrison
Secretary: Laura Miller
Block of the Month: Chantal Huestis/Lilly Lucier
Charity Quilts:
 - Children—Lorraine Wocel
 - Military — Mary Daugherty/Jeanne Batten
 - Nursing Home — Jan PennerCommunications:
 - Newsletter—Paula Gramley
 - Technology/Website/Facebook — Karen HallquistCommunity Education: Sandy Drechsler
Community Relief Fund: Executive Committee
 - Coastal Woman’s Shelter — Nancy HausmanCommunity Service: Alvina Diello/Pat Philips
Door Monitoring: Evelyn Bernhardt
Library: Claudia Moran/Gail Dorman
Member at Large/Founding Member: Helen Williams
Member Outreach: Cathy Cox/Sandy Drechsler
Membership: Diana Rezab
New Member Mentoring: Carolyn Hansen
Sunshine: Kay Amend
2022 New Member Tea: Carolyn Hansen
2022 Christmas Luncheon: Evelyn Bernhardt/
Kathy Farrar
2022 Fall Retreat: Sandy Smith/Jeanne Batten
2023 Winter Retreat: Sue Kleeman/Ed Dzioba
2023 Spring Retreat: Kathy Farrar/Sandy Drechsler
2021-22 Raffle Quilt Construction: Sally Cornford
2021-2022 Raffle Quilt Sales: Evelyn Bernhardt/
Kathy Farrar
2022 Quilt Show: Jan Penner/Carolyn Hansen/ Ed Dzioba

From the President (continued)

- Sally Rowe, TRQG member, presented a well-received lecture on “How Quilting is Evolving”.
- TRQG Membership Directory (copy and format) was updated by Diana Rezab and a “team.”
- Members made coasters and participated in Empty Bowls once again.
- Carolyn Hansen “soaked” all the TRQG cuttings mats to help preserve them.
- Shelving was purchased for the shed to organize quilt show poles, chains, hooks, signs etc.
- A stepladder was purchased for the shed so that the top shelves can be reached safely.
- Chantal Huestis agreed to do BOM and present it at the monthly business meetings once again. The Board voted to make BOM free to all members.
- Member Outreach group continued contacting members in need, receiving excellent feedback.
- Show and tell continued to be an enjoyable and educational part of the business meetings.
- New Member Tea was held in April and enjoyed by all who attended!
- Members displayed quilts at the Duffy Center in January, February, and March.
- June’s business meeting was held at Glenburnie Park with a potluck.
- Numerous members designed and made a challenge quilt for the quilt show.
- Members made dresses for Tabernacle Church’s Operation Christmas Child program.
- Chris Gillespie and Mary O’Neil collected quilts for Ukraine.
- The Newsletter and Website Chairs continued to expand communication to ensure members are constantly in the know.
- Members made and presented a signature quilt to Mr. Ken Bell, who announced his plans to retire from the church staff. Mr. Ken and his wife attended the August Business Meeting and **“as you were born”** quite grateful.
- The August business meeting began with a well-received continental breakfast!
- Kathy Farrar agreed to chair the 2023 Nominating Committee.
- The Board agreed to sign the contract for Annette Ornelas to lecture and teach at the April 2023 business meeting.
- Pat Kruger was working with My Sister’s House (a nonprofit of Tried by Fire Inc.), due to open in late 2022, and asked members to donate eight twin-sized quilts for newly released female prisoners. Mission accomplished!
- In August, Diana Rezab announced that **AFTER 17 YEARS** she was resigning as Membership Chair, effective January 2023! She will work with the new chair and do the 2023 directory as her last duty. Janet Olsen agreed to take the chair position and work with Diana for the remainder of the year.
- Claudia Moran established a pattern library as part of TRQG book library.
- Our own Pat Mayo won Carolina Pine Needles, Jacksonville, raffle quilt.
- TRQG President/Vice President continued to participate in the Eastern North Carolina Summit Group. Plans are in process for an informal combined quilt shop road trip in April 2023 and a trip through a tour agency to the Houston Show in November 2023. All interested members are encouraged to sign up now.
- Alvina Diello and Pat Phillips announced that after **MANY YEARS** they are retiring from leading Community Service. Lilly Lucier will take over as chair.
- Members participated in three guild sponsored retreats in January, March, and October 2022.
- 2022 Christmas luncheon will be held at the New Bern Country Club again this year, thanks to Alvina Diello’s sponsorship.
- A BIG thanks to all the members who stood by me through thick and thin over the past two years! This is an amazing group. It’s been a pleasure being your vice president 2018-2019 and president 2021-2022. I’m looking forward now to turning my chair around and facing the other way!



—Sandy

Christmas Luncheon is 11 a.m. on Dec. 15

If you reserved your spot for the Christmas luncheon on Dec. 15, plan to arrive at the New Bern Country Club at 11 a.m. to enjoy the festivities.

The following activities are totally optional...join in as you wish.

- Bring a wrapped 12.5-inch Christmas block for a block exchange (the finished block size would be 12 inches). Use a Christmas theme.
- Bring a wrapped gift for a fun gift exchange. The gift can be homemade or bought; dollar value of not more than \$20.
- Contribute non-perishable food items for the food pantry.
- Items being collected for Coastal Woman's Shelter include paper products, sleepwear and underwear of all sizes. **See Nancy's information below.**



Coastal Women's Shelter

Christmas is just around the corner and it is time to consider adding one more gift to your shopping list, bringing it to our Christmas luncheon where the gifts will be gathered and taken to the CWS office.

In addition to supporting two deserving families referred to CWA by local agencies, our membership usually donates a specific requested item. This year the staff could not name just one need, so you are invited to visit their website to learn more: www.coastalwomensshelter.org. The "Donations" tab on the website provides specific information about needs and how/where to donate.

Their greatest need at this time is paper products, but sleepwear and underwear of all sizes are greatly appreciated for distribution throughout the year.

The January newsletter will provide information on the families selected for our Holiday Shopping Spree. **Please let me know if you are interested in being a shopper. It is a lot of fun, and the gifts are requested to be donated around December 1st.** Special thanks to Karen Hallquist and Suzie Hardy who donated quilts to our families. We have much to be thankful for and we thank you for sharing every month. —Nancy Hausman (252-617-6041)



Sunshine Report

Sympathy cards were sent to:

- Mary Hutchinson, whose husband passed away
- Mary Beth Seidenfield, who also lost her husband.

Get well cards went to:

- Rolayne Schwendy, who is recovering from foot surgery
- Evelyn Bernhardt, who is dealing with arthritis and neck/back problems
- Jan Penner, recovering from shingles
- Joan Fiala, who has a respiratory infection
- Chris Youngs, recovering from Covid.

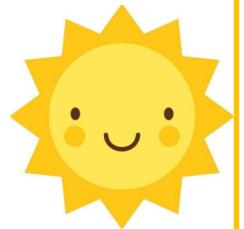
Thinking of you:

- Jan Penner, still healing from shingles.

I will be away for a month and my co-chair, Evelyn Bernhardt (252-725-0273) will

take calls for Sunshine cards to go out. Please contact her if you know someone from the guild who is facing a difficult time. Thank you.

To all my quilt sisters and brother, I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a very happy, healthy New Year. Love, Kay Amend



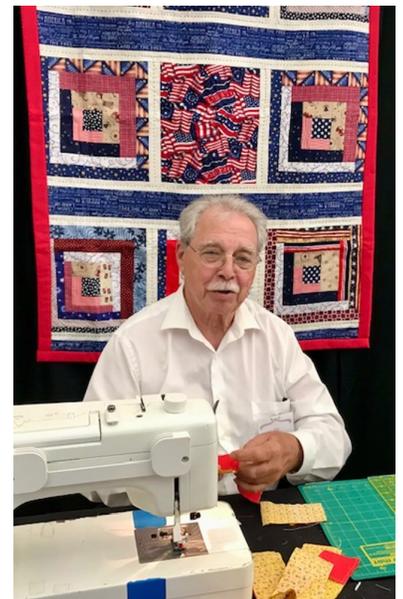


BEE by the RIVER! 2022 Quilt Show

From Jan Penner, Chair

I am so happy and thankful that our quilt show was a success. Everyone pulled together and helped each other. Everything looked beautiful and our guild members made me proud and happy. I cannot wait until I am healthy again. I look forward to joining you and having fun! Love 'n Hugs! —Jan

A Few Scenes from the Quilt Show



The beautiful raffle baskets drew the interest of many attendees! Our show judge, Beth Pauley Teletski (left), enjoyed purchasing tickets.



Member
THE SPOTLIGHT
By Cathy Cox

Sandy Drechsler

At our monthly Guild meetings, we see our outgoing president as the strong and capable leader we have come to depend on for the past four years, as she served first as our vice president and then our president. Before she joins us in the peanut gallery, let's learn more about her.



Her romance with her husband, Bill, could be a "made-for-TV movie." They met as freshman in college in 1964 and became friends. As a

matter of fact, he bought her first beer when she came of age. They lost touch over the years and fell in love 45 years later.

Sandy joined the Twin Rivers Quilters Guild in 2013 after meeting one of our members on a Star Clipper Cruise. But she had been sewing since the age of 8

and won a blue ribbon at the state fair through displaying her 4-H projects. She made her own clothes and those of her two daughters when they were little. She began building a fabric stash in the 80s when her sister-in-law worked in a quilting store.

Sandy returned to Ohio State in 1976, drove 65 miles each day to class and finished two years of instruction in just four quarters, earning a master's degree in speech and language therapy. All of this while raising her two daughters. She spent subsequent years in Pittsburgh where she worked with children and rehabilitating stroke and head injury patients. She later directed a brain injury program in San Diego and did rehab consulting out of Salt Lake City before becoming the vice president in charge of rehab services for a facility with 75 nursing homes. After the corporate world, she and one daughter dabbled in entrepreneurship by owning two ice cream parlors in and around Erie, Pennsylvania.

Sandy loves our guild, especially the comradery and friendships she has developed. The very best thing about our guild, says Sandy, is "No matter what you ask, members are at your shoulder with support and ideas to make it happen." She feels she has learned immensely from her experiences working with our guild. She also has gained acceptance of herself as a quilter and is looking forward to having more time to spend quilting.

Madame President, we thank you for your devotion and service to our guild and wish you only happy quilting, straight seams and perfect points in your future with us.

Mark Your Calendar for April Workshop with Annette Ornelas

TRQG will host quilting teacher Annette Ornelas in April 2023. She will do a lecture at the business meeting (no charge) and teach a half-day class (\$10/person) on April 13. She will then teach a different full-day class (\$20/person) on April 14. Information on the specific classes will be announced in 2023 by the new TRQG vice president and Program Team.

Annette is from Fayetteville and owns Southwind Designs. Her website is www.southwindquilts.com and she is also on Facebook.



Library Corner

Three new books were added to the library this month. *Fiber Art Montage* (a book that brought a broad smile to Pat Boni's face) is about quilting, embroidery and painting on quilts.

Sew Embellished features miniatures and their embellishments. *Flying Geese & More* is a collection of 150 different blocks that can be created using flying geese. In addition, we collected the unsold patterns from *Twice Around Treasures*, attempted to sort out those with outdated techniques, and have added the remainder to the library. No need to sign these out, just take them home, create something beautiful and return the pattern when you are done. If you have patterns at home that are sitting in a box, dust them off and go ahead and add them to the library. There are stickers there to add to the pattern stating to return them to the library when done.



The "library" is located in the back of our meeting room in the far right side rolling cabinet. Books in the library are alleged to be in alphabetic order by book title. There is a list on the door of the cabinet sorted by subject matter. It is probably the most useful. Looking for patterns of cats? Look under piecing then cats, or applique then cats. Find the book, put your name and date on the card in the back of the book and file it by book title in the file box.

— Claudia Moran



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Children's Quilts

During the summer months I received 40 quilts and displayed some of them on the community service table at the quilt show. After the show I delivered 14 quilts to Coastal Women's shelter, 13 quilts to Hope Family resource center, and 13 quilts to Promise Place.

This week I received 11 amazing quilts from the following: Jenny Nebe 1, Kay Amend 3, Ruth Powers 4, Sally Cornford 1, Mary Ann Coxson 1 and June Dale 1. Jenny Nebe gave me 2 pillowcases.

Thank you all. —Lorraine Wocel

The Nursing Home Report will be updated in the next issue of the newsletter.

Military Quilts

We are collecting quilts for our injured/ill overseas service members who are being treated in Germany. The USO distributes our quilts, which they use when transporting these men and women home. The flights from overseas do not have normal heating and our quilts help insulate them if they have to lay on a stretcher during the flight. The USO requests **quilts no larger than 40 x 60 inches** to fit those stretchers.

The quilts do not have to have a patriotic theme. Any theme/colors are appreciated! We received a few pictures of service members who received our quilts. I know you will be happy to know they have arrived. ***We have to avoid showing their faces, but be assured that they were smiling to have a gift from home presented to them.*** As you plan your projects for 2023, please include a stretcher quilt. Although at this time we are not directly engaged in battle, we still have many members of our armed services overseas and in harm's way.

Also, keep making the "hearts" of love and getting them to Jeanne Batten. She will take them to the VA Nursing Facility in Kinston for Valentine's Day celebrations.

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and blessings to all in the New Year!

—Mary Daugherty & Jeanne Batten





New Member Mentoring

Welcome to all our incoming members! It was nice to meet you at the Business Meeting on Nov. 17.

- We are a very busy quilt guild so it can be a little confusing at first. The best way to keep informed is by looking at the newsletter on the website that comes out monthly (except in December and July). The monthly calendar has all of upcoming events. Another way to keep up with all events is to attend the business meetings on the second Thursday of the month (except December, when we have the Christmas luncheon, and July).
- In February our new directory comes out with updated contact information on all members of the TRQG (Twin Rivers Quilt Guild). All members will receive one. The directory has a lot of great information in it.
- A very special event in the spring is our New Member Tea. I will announce the date in January. All new members are invited to attend, and the new members from last year graduate. They can now help with the tea the following year. We have great fun and fellowship.
- Lastly, I will try to assign each new member to a mentor. I will be asking for volunteers, usually members that have been TRQG members for a few years. Until then, I am available to you for any questions you may have. Welcome aboard!

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

—Carolyn Hansen, New Member Mentoring Chair. Email: carolynproudgma@gmail.com

Block of the Month

Becky Barnes won the block of the month on Nov. 17.

The next block of the month, Rainbow Fish, was given out on Thursday at the business meeting. It is due for the January business meeting.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

—Chantal Huestis



Romancing Eastern North Carolina Shop Hop

Feb. 7-11

Shops open Tuesday-Friday,
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Passports are available now;
visit any of these six shops to
learn more.

New Bern: Sewing Solutions, New
Bern Fabric Center & Sewing on
the River

Greenville: Sewing Creations

Jacksonville: All About Quilting &
Quilt Lizzy

Charlotte Quilters' Guild Carolina Lily Quilt Show

March 3 - 4, 2023 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.)

Union Co Agricultural Center, 3230 Presson Rd., Monroe, NC

Admission \$8, Free Parking

Vendors listed on our website: www.charlottequiltersguild.org

Quilters by the Sea: 40 Years of Sharing Kindness

Special Guest Susan Brubaker Knapp will present "The Artist in You."

Saturday, March 25, 2023, Wilmington, NC

Tickets are \$20; lunch will be served. Registration deadline is March 10.

See the website quiltersbytheseaguild.org or Facebook page Quilters by the Sea Guild for more information. There will also be two workshops led by Susan Brubaker Knapp of March 24 and March 26; see the website or Facebook for more information.

November Show & Tell



NOTE: Jenny did not make quite ALL these quilts; she's also a great helper for displaying other's work!





FOUND...and LOST

This lovely fabric fell out of a pillowcase at the quilt show and no one knows where it lives. Is it yours? Contact Paula Gramley if you lost this fabric (217-737-2980).



HELEN KELLEY'S ELEVENTH & TWELFTH LAWS FOR QUILTERS

11th Law: A lost quilting needle is a misery in the foot.

12th Law: The joy of each day is directly proportionate to the hours spent in quilting.

—From *Every Quilt Tells a Story: A Quilter's Stash of Wit and Wisdom*, by Helen Kelley



Thanks for Finishing the Quilts!

Quilt tops that were left from the Quilts for Sale booth of the quilt show were shown at the Nov. 17 meeting. Various members claimed them to take home and finish, and to be returned in the future as charity quilts. Thanks to all who are helping with this!

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.



ADDITIONAL DATES

- Mar. 19-24, Spring Retreat
- April 13: Half-Day Workshop by Annette Ornelas
- April 14: Full-Day Workshop

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
27 Nov	28 Nov	29 Nov	30 Nov	1 Dec 9:30 Stitch & Chat	2 Dec	3 Dec Greenville Day of Sharing
4 Dec	5 Dec	6 Dec	7 Dec	8 Dec 9:30 Stitch & Chat 9:30 BOARD MEETING FOR BUDGET NO BUSINESS MEETING	9 Dec	10 Dec
11 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec	14 Dec	15 Dec HOLIDAY LUNCH 11 a.m. NB Country Club 	16 Dec	17 Dec
18 Dec	19 Dec	20 Dec	21 Dec	22 Dec 9:30 Stitch & Chat	23 Dec	24 Dec 
	26 Dec	27 Dec	28 Dec	29 Dec 9:30 Stitch & Chat	30	31
	2 Jan	3 Jan	4 Jan	5 Jan 9:30 Board Meeting 9:30 Stitch & Chat	6 Jan	7 Jan
8 Jan	9 Jan	10 Jan	11 Jan	12 Jan 10:00 Business Meeting	13 Jan	14 Jan
15 Jan Winter Retreat	16 Jan Winter Retreat	17 Jan Winter Retreat	18 Jan Winter Retreat	19 Jan 9:30 Stitch & Chat Winter Retreat	20 Jan Winter Retreat	21 Jan
22 Jan	23 Jan	24 Jan	25 Jan	26 Jan 9:30 Stitch & Chat	27 Jan	28 Jan
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