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



Attention. Attention.

Twin Rivers Quilters Guild
voted *unanimously* in May 2021 to have a
Quilt Show Oct. 21-22, 2022.

The Show is **an ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK Event.**

Be aware – there are jobs (small and big) for ALL MEMBERS. Mark the week of Oct. 17th out on your calendar, stating that you will be working at and enjoying the 2022 “Bee by the River” TRQG Quilt Show. I guarantee we will have a wonderful time together. There’s a lot of work yet to be done and Oct. 17th will be here before we know it!

Based on our chaotic meeting Thursday, it’s evident that I need to “tweak” the Business Meeting agenda even more. I’ll do my part to keep things orderly and structured. I’m asking Members to do your part and **plan on longer business meetings until November.** A Quilt Show like TRQG’s doesn’t just happen! With that said, *please* give the Quilt Show presenters your full attention and the respect they deserve for their hard work and dedication. **ALL Guild Members need to be engaged in the whole process** for this Show to be a success. I know members enjoy going to lunch, so do I. For the next few months, please stay until the meeting is **OVER and adjourned!** Schedule your lunch out after 12:00 noon.

—Sandy Drechsler

See you at Glenburnie Park Shelter at 10 a.m. on May 12 for Potluck Business meeting. Bring:

- Dish to share
- Lawn chair
- Your drink of choice. Water will be available.
- No show-n-tell at the this meeting.



2022 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President: Sandy Drechsler
 Vice President/Programs: Holly Pace
 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 Penner

Communications:

- Newsletter—Paula Gramley
- Technology/Website/Facebook — Karen Hallquist

Community Education: Sandy Drechsler
 Community Relief Fund: Executive Committee

- Coastal Woman’s Shelter — Nancy Hausman

Community Service: Alvina Diello/Pat Philips
 Door Monitoring: Evelyn Bernhardt
 Library: Donna Clark/Claudia Moran
 Member at Large/Founding Member: Helen Williams
 Member Outreach: Cathy Cox/Sandy Drechsler
 Membership: Diana Rezab
 New Member Mentoring: Caroline Hansen
 Sunshine: Kay Amend
 2022 New Member Tea: Caroline Hansen
 2022 Christmas Luncheon: Evelyn Bernhardt/
 Kathy Farrar
 2022 Fall Retreat: Sandy Smith/Jeanne Batten
 2023 Winter Retreat: Sue Kleeman/Ruth Powers
 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



New Member Tea was Fun for All!

Our Spring Tea on April 2 was a great success. It was so nice to see all the new members that were able to attend, and their mentors. We missed the members who could not attend, but we hope you will be able to attend the Spring Tea next year! Thank you to our wonderful Volunteers! You all made it a success!

—Carolyn Hansen, New Member Mentoring

Reserve Your Spot for the Fall Retreat!

SAVE THE DATE: Oct. 30 - Nov. 4 at Emerald Isle

Sign up sheet will be at the May Potluck— \$30 is due when you sign up

If you have any questions please call:

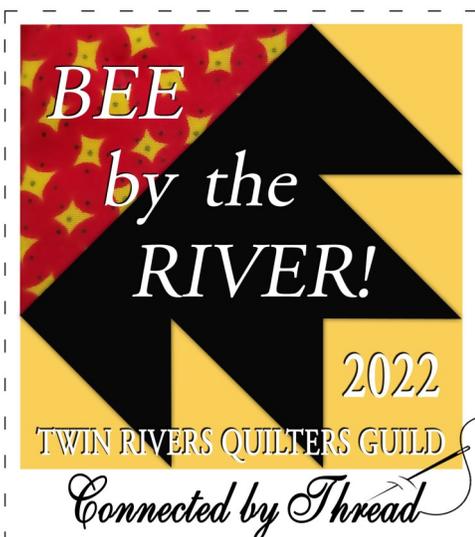
Sandy Smith (619-647-5515) or Jeanne Batten (252-617-7811).

May 26 Workshop Cancellation

The May 26 workshop scheduled for creating a toolbag using Alvina Diello's pattern has been cancelled.

Alvina will reschedule this workshop for a future date.





BEE by the RIVER! 2022 Quilt Show

October 21 & 22, 2022

Special dates to have on your calendar:

PLAN NOW FOR SHOW SETUP ON OCT. 19 & 20.

October will be a very busy but rewarding month for our guild. Committee members are busy planning and organizing their wants and needs and things are well underway.

- Save the Date cards are printed and ready for you to send or give out. **See Publicity Chair Ed Dzioba for cards.**
- Lynn Peck-Collins discussed the forms and procedures for entering quilts in the show at the April meeting.
- Your **completed entry forms must be in by midnight September 8** to Lu Anne Tridico. No exceptions!
- Be creative, have fun, and **make items for the Boutique or Ultimate Raffle Baskets.**
- When you clean or organize your sewing area remember your duplicates or fabric stash you know you won't get to or just don't want, bring your items to Chris Youngs or Ruth Powers for **Twice Around Treasures donations.**
- **Quilts for Sale will be accepting your items and the guild receives 15% of your asking/sold price.** Time to make money on a quilt you might not want, then go buy more fabric!

Teams Needed to Create Ultimate Raffle Baskets!

FYI – The ticket sales for the 2019 Quilt Show's **Ultimate Raffle** were a HUGE success and quite profitable for the guild in 2019. Therefore, **THE ULTIMATE RAFFLE is back by POPULAR DEMAND.**

We need teams of members to sign up to create a raffle basket. At our May meeting we'll have a list of basket ideas. If you don't see a theme you like, create one of your own! The sky's the limit! Get a team together and sign up in May.



Most importantly - keep working on your quilts to enter in the show. Thank you for helping to make this show great!

Jan Penner
Show Chair

APRIL SHOW & TELL



Sunshine Report



Thinking of You cards were sent to:

- Chris Babich, who had additional surgery
- Nancy Hausman, whose husband is in a nursing home
- Taffy Marron, who is in the hospital a second time

Get Well Cards went to:

- Taffy Marron, fell and in hospital
- Chris Babich, having PT in nursing home

Thank You Cards were sent to:

- Mr. Terry Moreland, who heard about TRQG on the internet and donated fabric that belonged to his late wife.
- Pat Williams' family, who donated Pat's fabric to TRQG.

A Sympathy Card went to:

- Ciel Von Oesen & her family on the passing of her husband.

If Sunshine cards are needed for the remainder of April, please call Evelyn Bernhardt at 725-0273, as Kay will be out of town.

You are Invited

Enter Your Quilts in the 2022 Smoky Mountains Quilters Show

The Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee is inviting you to showcase your quilts at the guild's 41st Quilt Show & Competition. The show is scheduled for Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6, 2022, at the Knoxville Expo Center in Tennessee. Deadline for entries is June 7, 2022. Please visit www.smokymtnquilters.com for more information on the competition and for entry forms.

Catawba Valley Quilters Guild presents *Stars Over The Valley Quilt Show*

October 21-22 at the Hickory Metro Center in Hickory, NC.

See www.catawbavalleyquiltersguild.com for more information



MORE APRIL SHOW & TELL





Children's Quilts

This month I received 27— that's **27**— quilts and 5 burp pads. The quilts that I usually receive are amazing, but this month they are super amazing. I have received from the following:

Emily Lewandowski 3, Claudia Moran 1, Christie Selken 3, Jan Penner 2, Alvina Diello 1, Jenny Nebe 6 and 5 burp pads, Karen Hallquist 5, Sandra Egolf 2, and Mary Quay 4.

I always appreciate the quilts that I receive, but this month the numbers are over the top. Thank you, thank you,

Lorraine Wocel

Military Quilts

We've collected a number of wonderful military quilts this year.

- February: Lilly Lucier (1); Jenny Nebe (1)
- March: Marty Dzioba (1); Lily Lucier (1).
- April: Laura Miller (1); Karen Schoch (1).
- And Mary Phelps collected and passed on to me quilts from Dorothy Najarian (2); Jenny Nebe (2); Pat Kruger (1); and Karen Dodd (1).

Thank you for your beautiful donations!

— Jeanne Batten

The Guild received the following thank you:

"Thank you for your Sponsorship of Empty Bowls 2022.

"More than 51 businesses, organizations and donors rallied to support this year's Empty Bowls events that benefit two very important causes in Craven County--Religious Community Services and Craven Arts Council & Gallery...More than \$44,000 gross income was achieved this year with minimal expenses. This Community benefit could not happen without the support of our Sponsors. We thank you so much for your participation."

—The 2022 Empty Bowls Committee

Thank You

Nursing Home Quilts

At the April meeting I received Lap Quilts from: Karen Dodd (1), Jenny Nebe (2), Emily Lewandowski (2), Dorothy Najarian (4), and Mary Quay (2). Chantal Heustis made 6 clothing protectors and Jenny Nebe made (4) burp cloths which I am sure the Nursing staff will find useful. Also 8 small Fidgets were anonymously donated. Thank you for keeping me busy with all your beautiful creations. I will be delivering next week. Hugs for helpers that saved me a couple of extra trips to my car.

Good Shepherd Home for the Aged at 603 West Street in New Bern was accidentally left off the list of places in the March newsletter where we make deliveries.

I will bring my collection container to the May picnic. Love 'n Hugs, Jan Penner

Community Relief & Coastal Women's Shelter



The school year is almost over and the children living at Coastal Women's Shelter will be anxious for fun activities to enjoy during the summer months. I will be collecting your donations at our May picnic and again in June.

Please help them stay entertained with games, balls, bubbles, activity books, and anything that will spark their creativity. Many thanks. — Nancy Hausman



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- 14 foot quilting table with Complete LED overhead light bar, 30" Gam-mill older model, lightly used \$2,000
- Sewing Cabinet with vintage signature machine, \$50
- Older Singer machine used as decoration (not working), \$25
- Tacsew machine with oil bath with Grace Carriage, little use \$400
- Sewing cabinet, Early American Style, \$30

These are all easy loads and are on ground level. Contact Mary Quay at 714-330-7638 by phone or text.

Advice from a 1949 Singer Sewing Machine Manual

If you've not seen this before, here's some...uh...“priceless” advice from 1949. Thanks to Karen Dodd for sharing this with us!

Prepare yourself mentally for sewing. Think about what you are going to do. Never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically. Good results are difficult when indifference dominates. Never try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or beds unmade.

When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so that your mind is free to enjoy your sewing. When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress. Keep a little bag of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals. Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on. If you are constantly fearful that a visitor might drop in or your husband will come home, and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing.



DON'T FORGET!
**Monthly Sewing Day at
Sewing on the River!**

**Fourth Thursday of Each Month
10 a.m.**

Bring whatever project you'd like to work on!

Let's get sewing!

**HELEN KELLEY'S FOURTH LAW
FOR QUILTERS**

**The quilt book you put in a safe
place for quick reference will be
lost forever**

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

Do You Soak Your Cutting Mats?

Some of our guild members make a habit of soaking their good cutting mats on a regular basis. Cutting mats, such as self-healing Olfa-type mats, benefit from moisture, which help the mat fill in and "repair" the path left by rotary cutters.

You can find information online with various suggestions for soaking mats. Some suggest 15 minutes, some several hours. Some add a bit of vinegar to the water, some do not. But almost everyone states that the mat should be soaked flat in a tub or something big enough to hold it without bending. Also, use tepid or cool water, never hot. And store your dried cutting mat flat in a space that does not get extreme heat.

You should try to vary the location of your cutting path so that you do not wear deep cuts or grooves into your mat over time, and remember that you can use both sides of your mat. A good cutting mat will last for years, but if yours has developed deep cuts that soaking does not help or if your markings are worn off, it may be time for a new mat. If you do get a new mat, many quilters cut up the usable parts of their old mat and put them to additional use.



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

Oct. 19-20, Quilt Show Setup
 Oct. 21-22, Quilt Show
 Oct. 30-Nov. 4, Fall Retreat
 Dec. 15, Christmas Luncheon



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 9:30 Stitch & Chat 9:30 Board Meeting @ Church, followed by Quilt Show mtg	6	7
8 Mother's Day 	9	10	11	12 POTLUCK PICNIC 10 a.m. Glenburnie Park 	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 9:30 Stitch & Chat	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 9:30 Stitch & Chat 10:00 Group Sew @ Sewing on the River	27	28
29	30 	31	1 June	2 June 9:30 Stitch & Chat 9:30 Board Meeting @ Church, followed by Quilt Show mtg	3 June	4 June
5 June	6 June	7 June	8 June	9 June 9:30 Stitch & Chat 10-12 Business Meeting	10 June	11 June