

# Quilters' will



April 2026

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## News of the Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

New Bern, North Carolina



### From the President

Here we are in April...a month of renewal, hope and growth. I love these thoughts and hope to incorporate them in my life every chance I get. My mind is wondering how we can make them a part of our Guild experience also. There are the renewal of friendships, along with making new ones; the hope of serving our community; and growth that comes with sharing our knowledge with others. We all benefit when we work together. With that said, **I would like to put out a special request for someone to volunteer to help with leading the Community Service sewing projects.** Please get in touch with Mary Quay or me if you can help. Mary also has kits for projects you can take home to work on.

Since our last newsletter we had our spring retreat, which was a big success as usual. Lots of food, fun and sewing. Thanks to Kathy Farrar and Sandy Drechsler for the time and hard work you put in to making this a great time for us all. We also had our quilts returned from the exhibit at the Duffy Center. It was a great show, and I hope you all got to see it. Thanks to Lu Anne Tridico and everyone who contributed to this event.

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### Picnic

**May 14 Meeting  
Glenburnie Park  
See page 4 for  
information!**

We had a great meeting Thursday, I love seeing you all. I know I don't get to talk to everyone, but please know how happy I am that you are there! Sheets were out for class sign ups, the May picnic reminder, our new directory, block of the month and of course the final

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### 2026 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President: Fran Rice

Vice President/Programs: Laure Manette

Treasurer: Claudia Moran

Secretary: Chris Youngs

Block of the Month: Susan Faith & Chris Youngs

Community Quilts:

- Children—Lorraine Wocel
- Military — Mary Daugherty/Jackie Harrison
- My Sister's House — Pat Kruger
- Nursing Home — Nancy Houyoux

Community Relief Fund: Executive Committee

- Coastal Center for Hope & Healing — Nancy Hausman

Community Service: Mary Quay

Day of Sharing: Laure Manette

Door Monitoring: Sandra Egolf

Duffy Exhibit: Lu Anne Tridico

Library: Claudia Moran/Gail Dorman

Membership & Member Spotlight: Lynnet Keeley

Member Outreach: Cathy Cox

New Member Mentoring & New Member Tea:  
Carolyn Hansen

Newsletter: Paula Gramley

Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales: Mary Daugherty

Quilt Show: Janet Olsen

Sunshine: Kay Amend/Evelyn Bernhardt

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

*President's Message (cont. from page 1)*

countdown to our Day of Sharing. It's getting very close and Laure and many members have been working hard to make this a great event. I hope you'll be there!

We also had a great speaker, Roxanne Lessa from Raleigh, who discussed art quilting and the use of various materials. The samples of her work were amazing! Friday, she led a class that taught the basics of landscape quilting and touched on thread painting. All who attended enjoyed her class.

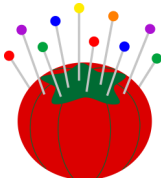
**Before I sign off, I would like to give a very big welcome to all our new members.** I'm hoping to see you at Stitch 'n Chats, meetings, our Day of Sharing on April 25, the annual picnic on May 14, and the New Member Tea on May 23. Please don't be shy, jump on in, we're glad you're here.

I hope I didn't forget to thank someone...all who chair committees and volunteer, donate quilts and time, those who smile and welcome a new member or a member who returns after being absent for a while. There are many ways to contribute and I thank you all!

Hugs and Stitches,

*Fran*

### Program News from the Vice President



Thank you to everyone who came to listen to quilter Roxanne Lessa at our April business meeting and attend her workshop. I hope you have all been inspired and have learned some new techniques that you can use in your quilting.

Now our attention turns to our **Day of Sharing on April 25—see information on page 3!** We have so much amazing talent in our Guild and I can't wait to see that talent on display.

**Fran's Prairie Point Mat class** is scheduled for May 28. Please read Fran's instructions for this class.

Happy quilting everyone!  
--Laure Manette

### Prairie Point Mat Class Thursday, May 28, 9:30 a.m. at the Church

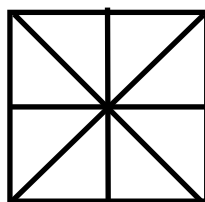
#### SUPPLIES

**Octagon: 4 different Fabrics**

**Square: 5 Different Fabrics**

- One 15-inch square piece of muslin or lightweight foundation fabric, marked as shown above
- One 15-inch square of backing fabric
- One 15-inch square of batting or fleece, or Insulbrite if you are using it for hot items
- Five 5-inch squares of fabric 1
- Eight 6-inch squares of fabric 2
- Eight 7-inch squares of fabric 3
- Eight 8-inch squares of fabric 4
- Four 9-inch squares of fabric 5 if you are making the square version
- Sewing machine & general sewing supplies
- Glue stick/basting stick
- You may want your walking foot and a quilting needle

**\*You may want to bring extra fabric ( in case, heaven forbid, we make a mistake )\***



## DAY OF SHARING is APRIL 26

Our Day of Sharing is approaching quickly. Hopefully everyone is putting the finishing touches on table decorations and the quilts they plan to show at Show and Tell.

### SETTING UP

We will be setting up for the Day of Sharing on **Friday, April 25 from 10a.m. to noon**. We are awarding prizes for the best-decorated tables. Judging will take place after that time and the winners will be announced during the Day of Sharing.

### FOR THOSE BRINGING FOOD

If you have volunteered to bring food items to the Day of Sharing, please bring them to the kitchen window **NO LATER THAN 8:45 AM.** If you are bringing a dish you would like to have returned to you, **please put your name on a piece of masking tape and attach it to the BOTTOM of the dish.**


**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT NO ONE IS ALLOWED IN THE KITCHEN.**

Please do not arrive to the Day of Sharing before 9:00 a.m. This will give our kitchen staff time to set up for breakfast.

Don't forget to bring one Show-and-Tell item! Put the name of your quilt and your name on an index card. *This would be a great time to show off your quilt from our black/white/one other color challenge if you don't have another quilt to show.*

**If you have any questions or concerns about the Day of Sharing, please do not hesitate to contact me.**  
—Laure Manette

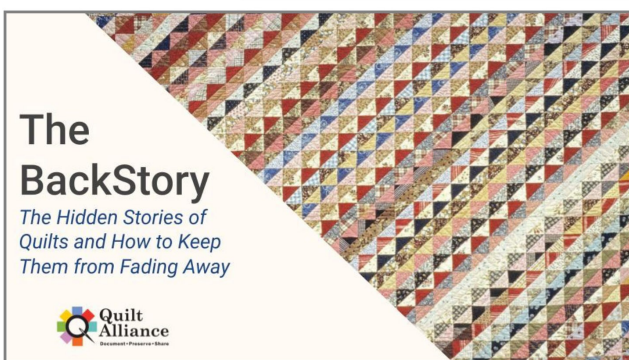
Those who quilt are funnier, better looking, and more charming than those who don't, according to a study we just made up.  
Pass it on!



# Quilting through the Holidays


Join the Twin Rivers Quilters Guild's  
**Day of Sharing**  
Saturday, April 25, 2026  
9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Tabernacle Baptist Church, Family Life Center (enter at the rear of building)  
616 Broad Street, New Bern  
Cost: \$15 /person; RSVP Deadline is March 25, 2026  
A light breakfast and lunch will be served.



**The BackStory**  
*The Hidden Stories of Quilts and How to Keep Them from Fading Away*

Guest Speaker: Amy Milne  
The Quilt Alliance of Asheville  
Amy will show our guilds how to document and preserve quilt stories and share them in our communities.



**Quilt Alliance**  
Document • Preserve • Share

**Show & Tell:** Please bring an index card with a description of your quilt. Include the name of the quilt maker and the quilter and the name of the pattern. One quilt per person, please.

**Raffle Quilts:** Each guild is invited to bring a raffle quilt and sell tickets. Please let us know if you will be bringing a raffle quilt by checking the box on the sign-up sheet.



## TRQG Annual Picnic Meeting

May 14, 9:30 a.m.  
(meeting starts at 10)

**Picnic** Glenburnie Park, Lion's Pavilion  
340 Glenburnie Park Rd, New Bern

PROVIDED: Water, paper goods and dessert.

- You may bring a dish to share; contact Fran Rice if you did not already sign up.
- Wear comfortable shoes and bug spray. Bring a chair to sit in (the only seating is benches at picnic tables).
- Please limit your show & tell items to one or two.
- Donations of indoor/outdoor summer activities or toys will be collected for the Center for Hope and Healing.

## Be a Mentor!

First a warm welcome to all our new members, and a big thank you to the members who have volunteered to serve as a mentor to a new member.

**What does a mentor do?** Because our quilt guild is so large and very active, we do not want new members to miss out on any activities throughout their first year. We also want them to feel comfortable with such a large group. This is where a mentor helps! We try to give each new member a mentor who volunteers to serve as a support and contact to help explain the many activities and special events that take place throughout the year.

**There are no specific requirements to serve as a mentor.** You don't have to have any special skills or be a super quilter. Just volunteer and contact the new member that you are assigned to assist. See what their needs are, answer questions, greet them at meetings, and invite them to attend events on the calendar and meet others. Just be a friend, help them feel welcome, and mostly have fun!

If you can volunteer to be a mentor, please contact Carolyn Hansen.



## New Member Tea

Saturday, May 23,

Noon-3 p.m.

Tabernacle Church Family  
Life Center Auditorium

Park behind the church and enter through the rear portico.

All new members from 2025-26 and their mentors will be receiving an invitation by the end of April to the new member tea on May 23.

Bring a tea cup with a story to tell. We will have extra tea cups available if you do not have one. We will have a contest for the most original spring hat if you wish to participate.

There will be lots of tea sandwiches, desserts, fruits, and, of course, tea!

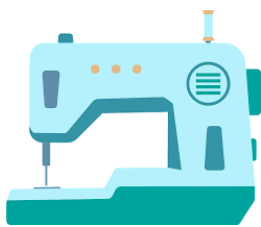
This is a fun event and we will match you up with your mentor. If this is your second year as a new member, you will be graduating and will receive a pin.

I hope you will all be able to attend. Please RSVP to me after you receive your invitation so I can plan the food. If you have any questions, please contact me.

—Carolyn Hansen, Chairperson, New Member Mentoring/  
Spring Tea, 252-675-8994

## Next Dates for Community Sewing Projects

**New Chair Needed for Community Sewing. Please contact Fran Rice or Mary Quay if you can lead this initiative.**



**April 16: We are asking everyone to sew red, white and blue pillowcases** to donate, to kids, or to our military to celebrate the 250th anniversary of America. Make some at home if you cannot join us.

**May 21: Due to a personal conflict, Mary is unable to host the community sewing day of pillowcase dresses at the church.** Mary will have kits/instructions at the May meeting for you to make pillowcase dresses at home. **Or, if you are available to volunteer to organize this sewing workshop on May 21, contact Mary.** The pillowcase dresses are contributed to the Operation Shoe Box project for Tabernacle Baptist Church. Questions about the dresses can be directed to Mary Quay (714-330-7638) or Chantal Huestis (252-626-0302).

## Coastal Center for Help and Healing



Summer is fast approaching and school will be out, giving lots of "free" time to children of all ages. In an effort to help parents and children fill that time, **WE ASK THAT YOU DONATE TOYS/GAMES FOR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AT OUR MAY PICNIC.** Please place them in the blue wagon. A red bucket will also be available for members to make a monetary donation. CCHH thanks you for your continued support. Questions? Contact Nancy Nausman, 617-6041.



## Pillows for Humane Society

Eleven kitty and small-dog pillows were made and delivered to the Colonial Capital Humane Society in April 2026. Thanks to everyone who made pillows and donated their scrap fabric for stuffing the pillows.  
—Jackie Harrison

## Children's Quilts

This week I received 4 quilts from the following: Kay Amend 1, Susan Faith 1, Barbara Scavuzzo 1 and Suzie Tibbetts 1. Please keep making these children's quilts. Even though we are going into summer the children will be going into air conditioning and will need a warm quilt.



Thank you, Lorraine Wocel

## Nursing Home Quilts

There were many happy faces as I delivered quilts to nursing homes. Today provided plenty more treasures that will be given away:

QUILTS: Becky Barnes 2; Evelyn Bernhardt 1

CLOTHING PROTECTORS: Mary Quay 12; Marsha McConnell 3; Jan Penner 2

FIDGET QUILTS: Marsha McConnell 2

GLASSES CASES: Crystal Kuchera 1; Jan Penner 27; Mary Quay with help from the retreat 16

—Nancy Houyoux



Kathy McBride	1
Chantal Huestis	2
Susan Faith	2
Debra Murnane	4
Sandy Smith	6
Karen Hallquist	12
Pat Fitzpatrick	15
Jan Penner	18
Teresa Holloway	18
Gail Whitford	18
Suzie Tibbetts	24
Julia Burke	26

# In the Spotlight

By Lynnet Keeley

For this month's Member Spotlight, I sat down with the lovely Cecilia Davoren. She is a new member to us, in large part thanks to our own Katherine Haleen!

Cecilia's parents were both born and raised in Mexico, as was she and her three siblings. Her parents' have quite the love story: Cecilia's mother was born into a position in "society" in which she was expected to marry someone of equal class; however, she met and fell in love with Cecilia's father, who came from a very humble fishing family. Despite efforts by her mother's family (including moving her away for three years!) Cecilia's parents proved their love and devotion to one another and they married, going onto have four children.

As a young woman in Mexico, Cecilia went to school for her teaching certificate and spent several years teaching at the same school she attended as a child. She gave birth to a son and with the support of her parents was teaching, raising her son and travelling; having no intentions of settling down to be married. But, just when you think you have made a good plan for yourself, life happens. She met her now husband online while chatting with other online friends from around the world. Eventually he came to Mexico to meet Cecilia



and her family, and she fell in love. They married in Mexico and began plans for Cecilia and her son to immigrate to the US.

Once settled here, she took a teaching job but did not find it to be a positive experience. She took classes to earn her master's degree in Contract Administration and worked at her first company for five years. Upon learning that there was an opening at her husband's organization she applied there. After several years and promotions, she ended up as the manager. But Cecilia is a rolling stone and her love

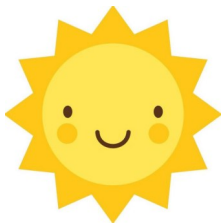
for learning and creating led her to develop her own homemade soap store, which grew into making balms, lotions, etc. She earned certifications in aromatherapy so that she could create the recipes for all of her homemade body products. Her husband's daughter-in-law joined the business, and when it was time for Cecilia to move onto the next phase of learning she was able to turn the business over to her.

Cecilia and her husband raised a blended family that includes Cecilia's son, her husband's son and daughter, a close friend of Cecilia's son from high school, and Cecilia's niece.

Cecilia has been a seamstress for most of her adult life. She has sewn for her family and also sews Halloween costumes, historical costumes, you name it! Upon selling the soap business and moving to North Carolina, Cecilia took up quilting. Now, she is taking classes to learn how to hand dye fabric from natural resources. She says "learning is my drug," and from our visit, I can see that. It seems that creativity is as well.

Welcome, Cecilia!

## Sunshine



This is the first time in years that I didn't receive any notices of sickness, etc. Keep healthy, guild members!

If you know of a guild member who is ill or facing a challenging time, please contact Kay Amend or Evelyn Bernhardt so we can send a card. Please note that Kay will be traveling during May, so Evelyn will be the contact.

## Announcing the 2027 Quilt Show Challenge!

Our 2027 quilt show is just 12 months away!

The theme of the show is **Binding Friendships**, and that's also the theme of the **2027 Challenge Quilt Category**. This category is open only to TRQG members.



### 2027 QUILT SHOW CHALLENGE - BINDING FRIENDSHIPS

1. The perimeter of the finished quilt can be **no larger than 120 inches**. It does NOT have to be square or rectangular.
2. The body of the quilt should be **something that symbolizes friendship or reflects what friendship means to you**.
3. **Anything can be used for the binding EXCEPT a standard binding**. Examples of acceptable bindings include, but are not limited to, flanges, scallops, curves, a knife-edge finish, or prairie points.
4. You can find great examples of different bindings in our library and in online tutorials. If you have questions about whether your binding qualifies, contact Chris Babich or Sharon Rhoton and we will make a determination.



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Fayetteville, NC 28311  
(910) 630-3912 Mon-Sat 9 am-5 pm  
<https://www.lovingstitches.net>**

### April Is Serger Month at Loving Stitches!



All Bernina & bernette Sergers will be on SALE! Serger cabinets available too. Join us for our special Free Serger Make & Take Event April 19th or 21st, 10am-2pm. Please register in advance. You will love what you can do with a Serger with our help.

### **Kimberbell Patriotic Quilt Event April 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th!**

Make this 20"x60" ladder quilt. Bring you embroidery machine with a hoop of at least 5"x7".  
Embellishment kit available. Call to sign up today!



Check Out Our BIG, Beautiful Newsletter for April, May & June at our website or pick one up at our store. See all the great classes, events & sales we have planned for you!

**BERNINA**  
made to create


## **An Invitation from Rolayne Schwendy: Textiles at Oriental History Museum**

Our Oriental History Museum on the main street has a new exhibit up, STITCHES IN TIME, through May 30. We have samples of most every kind of needlework- hucking, embroidery, counted cross stitch, tating, knitting, crochet, and of course quilting. There is a large display of sewing boxes, birds, a chatelaine, old notions, silver thimbles and needle holders. Old and newer quilts, some for sale, hanky baby bonnets, a Singer Featherweight and a hand-crank Davis sewing machine. A family quilt of mine is on display, Bertha Hill completed it at age 15 after the Civil War, and died the next year of diphtheria. It was hung in one of our quilt shows featuring antique quilts about 12 years ago.

**Hours are 11:00-3:00 on Fridays and 1:00-4:00 on Saturdays. There are many nice places to consume nutrients in Oriental as well!**



**Spring Exhibit**  
**Stitches In Time ~ Quilts,  
Needlework & Notions**  
**March - May 2026**  
**Opening Reception & Sale  
Saturday, March 7, 2026 1-4pm**



**Come enjoy the different styles of handwork and quilting techniques and the special history of quilts in Oriental. View some beautiful vintage handmade pieces, in addition to antique sewing machines and sewing baskets. There are quilts, handwork and books for sale also, cash and checks only please. The exhibit & sale will run through May.**

**Open Fridays 11:00am-3:00pm, Saturdays 1:00pm-4:00pm**  
**Admission is always free, donations graciously accepted. Memberships are available!**

**802 Broad Street, Oriental, NC**  
**A 501(c)(3) Community Based Nonprofit Organization**



In April the guild enjoyed guest presenter Roxanne Lessa, a professional quilter from Raleigh who showed us how to use a wide range of materials in art quilts. The next day a smaller group had opportunity to learn in class how to transfer a photo image into fabric art.



## 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 already at the meeting or Sandra Egolf to get someone to open the door.



### Additional Dates

- April 16—Community Sewing, red/white/blue pillowcases
- April 24—10 a.m.-noon, setup tables for DOS
- April 25 — TRQG Day of Sharing
- May 14—10 a.m., Picnic Business Meeting at Glenburnie Park
- May 23—New Member Tea, noon-3 p.m.
- May 28—Prairie Point Mat class with Fran
- June 21-27—Church Vacation Bible School, no TRQG activities at church
- NO BOARD MTG OR BUSINESS MTG IN JULY!
- Dec. 9—Holiday Luncheon
- MARK YOU CALENDAR! April 2027—TRQG Quilt Show

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Apr. 12	Apr. 13	Apr. 14	Apr. 15	Apr. 16 9:30 Stitch & Chat Community Sewing: red/white/blue pillowcases	Apr. 17	
Apr. 19	Apr. 20	Apr. 21	Apr. 22	Apr. 23 9:30 Stitch & Chat	Apr. 24 10-noon TABLE SET-UP for our DOS	April 25 DAY OF SHARING! 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Apr. 26	Apr. 27	Apr. 28	Apr. 29	Apr. 30 9:30 Stitch & Chat	May 1	
May 3 <i>Happy Mothers Day</i>	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7 9:30 BOARD MTG Stitch & Chat 10:45 Quilt Show Mtg	May 8	
May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14 <u>PICNIC Business Mtg, 9:30 a.m.</u> Glenburnie Park  Picnic	May 15	May 16
May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21 9:30 Stitch & Chat	May 22 	May 23 NEW MEMBER TEA Noon-3
May 24	 Memorial Day	May 26	May 27	May 28 9:30 Stitch & Chat Prairie Point Mat Class with Fran	May 29	May 30
May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4 9:30 Board Mtg Stitch & Chat 10:45 Quilt Show Mtg	June 5	June 6
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JUNE 21-27	Vacation Bible School at Tabernacle Baptist Church, NO TRQG ACTIVITIES					