

# Quilters' will



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



## From the President

I hope everyone was able to join our March 11 Facebook Live Business Meeting and enjoyed the "Show and Tell" program. The Board designed our NEW Show and Tell form and were excited to participate once again in our membership's *number one* favorite event. How about Alvina Diello's (our March spotlighted "Seasoned" Member) FIRST quilt?! I can't imagine there are many quilters who tackle something like that first time around.

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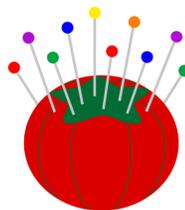
## Good Day from the VP

### On the Calendar: New April Class and Completion of 2020 Challenge Quilts

On April 22 Geri Reid will deliver a **new English paper piecing by machine class** at Sewing on the River, based on the new DVD in our TRQG library (see more in the Library Corner article). Space is limited for this class, so please let me know if you want to sign up.

**The quilt challenge from last year will wrap up at our May 13 meeting**, which will take place at

Glenburnie Park. Bring in the quilts you made since January 2020 that use the techniques taught in our 2020 workshops. If you did not attend the class but did complete a quilt in one of these categories, you are eligible to enter. To give everyone a chance, please do not bring quilts that have been in the closet for years. The goal was to get members busy and hopefully learning new techniques during the pandemic. Members present at the May meeting will then vote on the quilts by category. Prizes will be awarded!



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### 2021 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President: Sandy Drechsler  
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- Nursing Home — Jan Penner
- Kitty Pillows — Ruth Powers

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2021 Christmas Luncheon: Pat Boni/Mary Phelps  
2021 Day of Sharing: Mary Quay  
2021-22 Raffle Quilt Construction: Sally Cornford  
2021 Raffle Quilt Sales: Mary Yanchok  
2022 Quilt Show: Gail Banks

## **From the President (continued)**

Mary Yanchok (our March spotlighted “Newish” member) had an incident last week and was unable to attend the meeting. Mary was so disappointed because she was looking forward to showing her quilts! We will be sure to catch Mary later!

### **Future Business Meeting Programs**

- April – debate/discussion on quilting systems and techniques.
- May – Potluck and “Challenge Quilt” event at Glenburnie Park Lion’s Shelter (see the VP’s article for challenge quilt information).
- June – undetermined

A big thank you to our Board for doing an outstanding job of program planning and execution. It’s been fun! **BUT** we want more non-Board members involved - even if it’s behind the scenes! **Currently our biggest need is a May Potluck “Leader.”** This would be a great job for one of our NEWER members! I will be there to assist. Call me ASAP if you will lead the May Potluck. I’m sure we have someone out there who loves to plan parties!

Hopefully, by April we will be able to have even more members at the church for our Business Meeting. Don’t be surprised if you get a call to be a participant in our April program!

Lastly, the Board and I are working on adding lots of useful resources on the TRQG website.

**I am asking all members to email me any of your favorite:**

- **Online sites**
- **YouTube**
- **Email subscriptions**
- **“Can’t-live-without” quilting tools/resources.**

Let’s hope the beautiful days we had over the past weekend are here to stay!

—Sandy Drechsler

**If you missed the show-and-tell quilts at our March Facebook Live meeting, you can still see them by going to our Facebook page!**

## **Good Day from the VP (continued)**

We originally had 11 categories scheduled for 2020 but decided since only a few classes actually took place **we will have five categories of challenge quilts.**

- 1. Strip Piecing** – Based on Sue Kleeman’s January 2020 demonstration, presented January 2020. Requirements: one project using strip piecing and a brief written description of how the project meets the challenge.
- 2. Crazy Pieced Blocks** – Based on Laura Miller’s demonstration, presented January 2020. Requirements: one project using crazy pieced blocks with a written description of how the project meets the challenge.
- 3. Free Motion Quilting A & B** – Based on Lynn Peck-Collins’ workshop presented February 2020. Requirements: one free motion quilted project and a brief written description of how the project meets the challenge.
  - **3A** challenge is limited to BRAND NEW free motion quilters – those who were brave enough to jump in! This must be your FIRST free motion quilted item.
  - **3B** challenge is for ALL OTHER free motion quilters.
- 4. Leaders and Enders** – Based on Jeanne Batten’s demonstration presented March 2020. Requirements: one project made using leaders and enders and a brief written description of how the project meets the challenge.
- 5. Machine Applique** – Lily Lucier’s workshop on this topic had to be canceled but we are offering this as a final category. Requirements: one machine applied project and a brief written description of how the project meets the challenge.

So here is your reason to finish up what you have started this last year. Hopefully you are not like me and forgot about the challenge and donated most of what you have created. Good luck.

— Jenny Nebe

## Children's Quilts

On March 3 I delivered 7 quilts to Coastal Women's Shelter and 7 quilts to Hope Family Resource Center. This week I received 5 quilts from the following: Jan Penner 1, Kay Amend 1, Jenny Nebe 2, and Emily Lewandowski 1.

Thank you all, Lorraine Wocel

## Military Quilts

I missed the newsletter deadline last month, forgive me. I want to thank Mary Phelps for agreeing to be the alternate point of contact for military quilts! It is always good to have someone else, just in case.

Thank you, thank you to all who recently donated. Over the past year I may have missed a few names. Sue Royster, Karen Dodd and Ruth Powers have all donated quilts. This month I received donations from Pat Kruger, Lorraine Wocel and Alvina Diello.

Now for the not-so-good news: I attempted to mail a box of 19 stretcher quilts to Germany last week. The post office told me that they could not identify the APO address I had. I have sent several boxes to them at this address. We do not know if the unit has moved or the receiving department for the USO has moved. Pat Kruger gave me a name for someone else who deals with the USO. I have been in contact with her, and we are trying to resolve this issue.

In the meantime, I will also arrange a trip to the Kingston Veterans Home with another box of quilts, fidget quilts and bibs. I do not know if they are currently allowing visitors. The last time I was there I was only able to drop off the quilts. If anyone would like to join me in the delivery, please let me know.

Please keep making quilts and in time I hope to have an address to ship quilts to our service members overseas.

Thank you, and God bless America.  
—Mary Daugherty and Mary Phelps

## Charity Quilts



## Nursing Home Quilts

### February Donations

Lap quilts donations came from Sue Kleeman (four), Emily Lewandowski (three), Jenny Nebe (four), Laura Miller (one), and Linda Bory (one). Also, three crocheted lap blankets were donated by Emily Lewandowski. I delivered items on Feb. 25 to Good Shepherd, Croatan Village and Cherry Point Nursing Homes.

River Point is still not able to accept quilts due to Covid restrictions. *(Apologies that the February report did not get into the last newsletter.)*

### March Donations

Lap quilts were made by Lorraine Wocel (one), Laura Miller (one), Emily Lewandowski (one), Geri Reid (one), and Sandra Egolf (three). Laura Miller made seven adult clothing protectors with a large pocket. These will be well received.

Thank you for keeping busy and being so generous. Our senior citizens will be thrilled to receive such colorful and beautiful gifts. Join the fun of giving to others! Stay safe, be happy and follow safety measures so we can all be together again. I will collect your donations at the April business meeting at the church.

Love 'n Hugs,  
Jan Penner

## Kitty Pillows: Important Change

**PLEASE NOTE:** We found out that the Colonial Capital Humane Society will no longer be accepting pillows for use in the kitty shelter, but will be selling the pillows in their flea market, money from which goes to shelter expenses. If you still would like to make pillows for the shelter, just know that they are being sold. No shelter kitty will enjoy one of our pillows, unless, of course, one is sold for an adoptee! Have you considered adopting a kitty and keeping one of your pillows?

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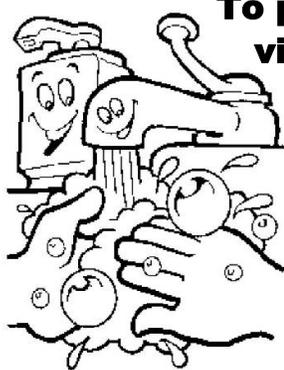
## Tips for Successful Community Quilt Donations

If you are making a quilt for our children's, military or nursing home donation programs, please follow the following important guidelines.

- Check your quilt carefully before turning it in for donation.
- Keep your pins at home, check twice to be nice!
- Are there any loose block seams?
- Is the binding sewn in all the way around? Don't forget to check the back binding as well.
- If a block or section of quilt has not been attached securely, your gift may be ruined for the recipient. Facilities launder items frequently. Children and seniors can hug and love their quilts roughly or tenderly. Make your gift a sturdy one that will be well used and loved.

### Add a TRQG Label

Be sure that a guild label with your name added is sewn on the back of your quilt. See Lorraine Wocel for labels. If you choose to make your own label be sure to add the guild's new address: Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild, 1822-6 S. Glenburnie Rd., PMB 233, New Bern, NC 28562. Do not use a business label on the quilt.



**To protect yourself from viruses and colds, wash your hands like you were stitching on WHITE fabric after eating DORITOS.**

## Kitty Pillows (continued)

These are the ladies who have donated pillows the past month: Jackie Harrison (five), Jenny Nebe (eight), Laura Miller (three), Linda Sullivan (four), and Karen Dodd (five). Thank you so much, ladies.

You can take your pillows to the flea market on Trent Road/Simmons Street on Fridays, and be sure to let me know how many you donated. Thank you.

--Ruth Powers

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# THE Member SPOTLIGHT

By Geri Reid

## MARY YANCHOK

Mary moved to Arapahoe from Warren, New Jersey in September 2019. Her neighbor, Chris Gillespie brought her to a meeting and she joined shortly thereafter. Mary has always sewed and done crafts. She retired 20 years ago, took up quilting, and joined her local guild. She owned many different sewing machines in her New Jersey home but sold or gave them all away when she moved here. Mary has a dedicated sewing room for her new Bernina for piecing.

Mary's quilts are hand quilted, which is a dying art. She has her own mother-in-law suite in her daughter and son-in-law's home. She mostly sews for herself and displays her quilts throughout her suite for her



own or visitor's enjoyment. Her specialty for many years were log cabin designs but her consummate passion since 2005 is back basting needle-turned applique. Back basting starts by tracing the design on the wrong side of your fabric and pinning your applique fabric in place on the front. She does a small run-

ning stitch with heavy quilting thread on the traced design. She then turns the quilt over to the front and trims the applique to a scant quarter inch. She clips and removes a small section of the running stitch, and continues in the traditional needle-turned applique with applique thread and stitches. Mary prefers back basting applique because the applique wants to turn under after removing the running stitch, no mess no fuss. Her work is meticulous, complex and beautiful. Mary and Sue Kleeman will be doing the applique on our 2022 Quilt Show Raffle Quilt.

She loves to cook (mainly Italian), making new friends, and books (mysteries). Mary joined a local book club and it has challenged her to try different genres: last month *Queens Gambit* and this month a Jane Austin historical fiction book.

## ALVINA DIELLO

Alvina moved to New Bern from Gaithersburg, Maryland in 1989 but grew up in upstate New York. She has sewn clothes all her life but took up quilting in 1994. Alvina decided to make a quilt after seeing a friend make a baby quilt. Her first quilt was a hand quilted king-size log cabin with machine applique in the center. Her friend told her to enter it in the New Bern Quilt Show of 1996.

On a whim she did. It won Viewer's Choice and a Blue Ribbon.



That was just the start of Alvina's quilting career. She has continued to win awards at our quilt shows. She's worn many hats in our guild: president, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor, and currently co-chair of community services. She does not limit her sewing to quilts but also makes lots of small projects, including coasters, pot holders, microwave cozies, bags and totes.

Alvina currently has three sewing machines: a Pfaff (for piecing), a Janome (for retreats), and a Juki (for free motion quilting). She has a dedicated organized sewing room in her FROG. It has so much fabric she could open up her own quilt shop. She usually uses patterns for her quilts but often modifies them. She makes six to eight quilts per year for herself, family, friends, military, and charity. After she finishes a quilt, she takes the leftovers bits and pieces and cuts them into five or two inch blocks or strips and organizes them into boxes ready for the next quilt. Alvina washes her fabric and blocks and starches the individual segments as she goes along.

You would think after reading all this that Alvina wouldn't have time for anything else. Wrong! She is an avid golfer. She golfs three times a week and has been club champion five times at the New Bern Golf and Country Club.





### DVD Review – *English Paper Piecing by Machine* by Karen M. Stone

This DVD is very instructive and easy to follow. If you have been afraid to try a particular block, this DVD is for you. The method used is slow, repetitive, and meticulous but the fantastic results are easy to obtain. It can be used for very complicated or simple blocks. The technique described has no inset seams or hand stitching – perfect points every time. You use stencils, fabric covered templates, straight pins and glue. The stencils and templates are made from posterboard. The final glue-basted block is machine applied. You will be able to use this technique after watching the video a minimum number of times and easily make a very seemingly complicated quilt. The Whig’s Defeat block used in the video consists of two blocks: one reminiscent of a NY Beauty and the second block has stems, flowers, and leaves appliqued on a background fabric. These complicated blocks are made very simple with the techniques described in the video. *I’ll be leading a class at Sewing on the River April 22. Class size is limited to six. No sewing machines are required. More details to come.*

**DVD Review - *Translate Photos to Fabric Art* by Leni Levenson Wiener.** This DVD is also very instructive and easy to follow. It is designed more for art quilts/wall hanging rather than a bed quilt. It covers everything from the type of photo that should be used, how to determine value, pick your fabrics, make your templates on freezer paper, etc. Finally, the art quilt is machine applied with a zig zag free motion around all the raw edges. She uses no stabilizer and dabs glue on with a toothpick to temporarily hold her pieces together. She also demonstrates a more complex art quilt from a photo, a boy and a girl in front of a tree. She demonstrates some thread painting for accents: eyes, eyebrows, mouth, etc. for portraits. When picking fabric or building your stash she urges non-representational fabrics; i.e., no trees, no leaves, no grass, etc. She also suggests to always have something unexpected in your art quilt. Now you’ll be buying lots of fat quarters instead of three yard batches to make a normal quilt.

— Geri Reid, Library Chair

## Membership

We have a new member!

**Jody Henning**

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**Please make two changes to your directory:**

- Suemarra731@gmail.com
- maryanchok@verizon.net.

—Diana Rezab, Membership Chair

**You know you're a quilter when you ask your kids if they want their sandwich cut in half-square triangles or quarter-square triangles.**



## New Member Mentorship



On Feb. 25 we had a meet and greet at Cathy Cox's home with 18 new members and mentors present. After introductions we discussed some of the activities the guild is involved with, such as the Day of Sharing and Raffle Quilt sales. New Member Mary Yanchok graciously agreed to chair the Raffle Ticket Sales. Several new members also agreed to help with the Day of Sharing. The New Member Tea is still planned for May 1, depending on Covid restrictions at the church. More information will be available in April. Thank you to Cathy Cox for her hospitality and delicious refreshments.

--Carolyn Hansen, Committee Co Chair

## Sunshine Report

Cards were sent to the following people from TRQG:

We offer our sympathy to Rolayne Schwendy, whose husband passed away.

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Eileen Hanson, one of our former members who passed away.

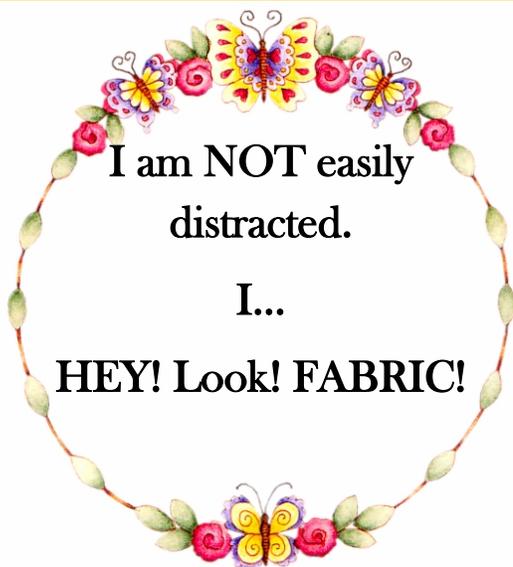
Get well cards were sent to:



- Linda Tobacco, who is recovering from Covid
- Winoa Prill, who had a knee replacement.
- Mary Yanchok, recovering from a fall.

A thinking-of-you card was sent to Becky Barnes, who has been taking care of her husband, who is ill.

*If you know of a TRQG member who is ill or who has suffered a loss, please contact Kay Amend.*



**Join us for the next Facebook Live Meeting!**

**Thursday, April 15 at 10 a.m. (date moved from second to third Thursday due to the quilt retreat.)**

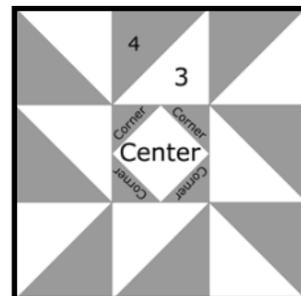
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**MAY 13 meeting, potluck and challenge quilt contest at Glenburnie Park Lion's Shelter! More details to come!**

## Black, White & Bright!

### April Block of the Month

Our Black, White & Bright blocks continue this month with **Indiana Puzzle**. You'll find the directions at the **Generations Quilt Patterns website**: [www.generations-quilt-patterns.com/indiana-puzzle-quilt-block](http://www.generations-quilt-patterns.com/indiana-puzzle-quilt-block).



This block is variation of Friendship Star. **Use the directions to make the 9 inch block size** (9.5 inches unfinished). The instructions show this as a two-fabric block, but you can use more than two fabrics. Directions are provided to make the center square-in-a-square with either traditional or paper piecing. Guidelines:

- Use any combination of black, white and bright fabrics.
- We suggest you make either two or three of the blocks.
- Once we can resume meetings in person, we will collect two of your blocks.
- One will be collected for a drawing for all participants to win that group of blocks.
- One block will be collected as material for future charity quilts for children or nursing homes.
- If you make a third block, keep it for your a sampler quilt!



## THREAD NETS

Not all thread spools have a method of fastening off the thread for storage. What do you do? You have this mass of tangled threads and no matter what you do, they're messy and tend to tangle. The possible answer is thread nets. I don't have a serger, but evidently sergers come with a couple of thread nets. Thread nets were originally designed to keep thread from puddling and getting hung up around the bottom of the spool. To use a thread net on your machine, just thread your machine as usual. The net is flexible and will keep the thread flowing evenly. They can also

be used to keep your loose threads on your spools from tangling, on silky/slippery threads, on metallic threads, and even over paper rolls of pantographs, or other items you want to keep from unrolling.

The thread net is a long tube of fine net. It can be purchased in various lengths and quantities. If you want to try it before expending a lot of money on something that you don't like or won't use, you can buy a small tube of garlic (three garlic bulbs in the net tube) at the grocery store. Cut the stabled ends off and you have a thread net. On a thread cone, cut to size and slip over the cone leaving the very top of the cone uncovered. This allows the thread to exit the cone from the top. Leave the thread net on when storing the cone and resolve the tangling problem. Use basically the same method for all your thread spools that don't have a way to fasten the loose thread to the spool when stored.

—Submitted by Geri Reid



## Community Relief & Coastal Women's Shelter

Please continue to keep these groups in your hearts and budget. Since the business meeting attendance is small, the red basket has not been passed around for your monetary donations. **Please start putting money aside - either cash or check - to place in the big red basket when we meet as a larger group in May at Glenburnie Park.** Also, checks made out to TRQG with a note for CRF or CWS can be mailed to our treasurer at any time. Thank you for your continued support!

—Nancy Hausman

## 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.

# April

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### ADDITIONAL DATES

May 1 (tentative depending on COVID restrictions), New Members Tea  
 May 6, Board Meeting, Stitch & Chat  
 May 13, Business Meeting at Glenburnie Park

May 20, Stitch & Chat  
 May 27, Stitch & Chat  
 June 3, Board Meeting, Stitch & Chat  
 June 17, Business Meeting (moved from June 10 due to church VBS).  
 June 24, Stitch & Chat

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>28 March</b> Spring Retreat Passover Begins	<b>29 March</b> Spring Retreat	<b>30 March</b> Spring Retreat	<b>31 March</b> Spring Retreat	<b>1</b> Spring Retreat 9:30 Stitch & Chat April Fool's Day	<b>2</b> Spring Retreat Good Friday	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 Board Meeting @ Church (date moved due to retreat) 9:30 Stitch & Chat	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> National Cinnamon Roll Day
<b>11</b> National Pet Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00 Business Meeting (date moved due to retreat)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> National Garlic Day	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30 Stitch & Chat 10:00 English Paper Piecing Class @ Sewing on the River (contact Jenny Nebe) Earth Day	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> National Tell a Story Day	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30 Stitch & Chat	<b>30</b> National Arbor Day	<b>1 May</b> Tentative: New Members Tea