



March 2024

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



### From the President

Presidents Report for March 14, 2024

The March Business Meeting had 54 members attending. Tables were crowded with sign-up sheets for community service days, volunteering to sell raffle tickets on Saturdays at the farmers market, and door monitor opportunities for Stitch & Chat and business meetings. Other tables were available for picking up your new guild membership book and the block of the month turn-in and receiving the next block. There are lots of ways to help your guild.

The March Birthday gift winner was Pat Kruger! Pat received birthday wishes and reached the wonderful age of 94! You are our "Platinum Queen." Pat won a beautiful jelly roll. Thank you to Kay Amend for providing the monthly gifts. Happy March birthday to all!

Spring retreat begins Sunday, March 17. Attendees will be seeing a lot of green. Happy St. Patrick's Day, everyone! Thirty three members have signed up for sewing, learning new ideas, eating, starting new projects or finishing up ones from your last retreat. Walks on the beach help refresh your legs from sitting too long as well as renew your friendship with nature. But pay attention or the waves will come say hello. Love the shin and knee surprises when walking and gabbing to your pals not realizing how long you walked and the tide is a little closer. Make some fun memories!

Reminder for those at retreat and others who have quilts at the Duffy Center. Pick up is Monday March 25, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Please read through this newsletter for committee reports and other information as well as dates on the calendar. **The May 9 business meeting will be a pot-luck picnic** at the Lions Pavillion at Glenburnie Park on S. Glenburnie. More information next month.

Remember our members who are ill by sending a cheerful note, let them know they are not forgotten. Stay well and see you soon.

Love 'n Hugs, Jan Penner

### 2024 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President: Jan Penner

Vice President/Programs: Carolyn Hansen

Treasurer: Jackie Harrison

Secretary: Margaret Puotinen

Block of the Month: Chantal Huestis/Lilly Lucier

Charity Quilts:

- Children—Lorraine Wocel
- Military — Mary Daugherty/Jackie Harrison
- My Sister's House — Pat Kruger/Barbara Scavuzzo
- Nursing Home — Becky Barnes/Ruby Scheer/Pat Mayo/Rolayne Schwendy

Communications:

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

Community Relief Fund: Executive Committee

- Coastal Woman's Shelter — Nancy Hausman

Community Service: Lilly Lucier, Mary Quay

Day of Sharing Oct. 5, 2024: Open

Duffy Gallery Exhibit: Lu Anne Tridico

Library: Claudia Moran/Gail Dorman

Member Outreach: Nancy Houyoux

Membership & Member Spotlight: Janet Olsen

New Member Mentoring: Carolyn Hansen

Sunshine: Kay Amend/Evelyn Bernhardt

2024 New Member Tea: Carolyn Hansen

2024 Winter Retreat: Sue Kleeman/Ed Dzioba

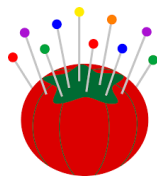
2024 Spring Retreat: Kathy Farrar/Sandy Drechsler

2024 Fall Retreat: Sandy Smith/Katherine Haleen

2024 Christmas Lunch: Kathy Farrar & team

## Program News from the Vice President

Hello to all members, from the Vice President/ Programs Chair. Here's what's coming up!



- **March 28: Paper Piecing Class** at Tabernacle Church, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., taught by Sue Kleeman and Claudia Moran. Along with the usual sewing machine and related supplies, bring fabric in red, brown, white and green. We will be paper piecing an apple. You need to sign up with me for this class. If you cannot make it to the class, please text me, as this is a very large class. This class is free for TRQG members.
- **April 25: Fast and Easy Donation Quilts.** Becky Barnes is teaching. You will need three compatible fabrics, a half yard of each fabric. The sign-up sheet will be at April business meeting, as well as a supply list. The class will be at Tabernacle Church.

*A special thank you to all our members who have stepped up to teach a workshop as part of our ongoing programs.*

**Program  
Committee Meeting**  
9 a.m. on April 4,  
just prior to the  
Board Meeting

### Professional Instructor Coming in November

We have instructor Barbara Cline scheduled to lecture and teach on Nov. 14, & 15. You can find out more about her on her website [www.delightfulpiecing.com](http://www.delightfulpiecing.com). She is the author of six books and teaches at Paducah.

Sign-up sheets will be available in June at the Business Meeting. I hope to have more information regarding what specific classes she will be teaching.

**Round Robin 2024:** Some have expressed interest in having a round robin again this year. **Please contact me if you are interested in starting a group.**

**UFO Challenge:** The UFO challenge is going great! Thank you Janet Olsen for organizing this. It is nice to see people motivated to complete their UFO's and bring them at Show & Tell.

Hope you all enjoy this beautiful spring weather. See you at the next meeting! — Carolyn Hansen

## March Birthdays

1. Rae Gee
1. Linda Sullivan
4. Karen Dodd
6. Adah Walker
11. Mary Yanchok
24. Chris Babich
26. Joan Fiala
26. Brenda Parrish
30. June Dale
31. Rolayne Schwendy



## March, April & May Community Sewing Days

Lilly Lucier has the following community sewing days set up! Bring your sewing machines and basic sewing supplies and join the fun!

**March 21: Walker Bags for Nursing Homes.** Bring fabric for the front; fabric for the back and drawstrings will be supplied.

**April 18: Small drawstring bags for Operation Shoebox collections**

**NOTE: Mary Quay is collecting 8-inch squares of BOY FABRIC to use for the drawstring bags.** Please bring to the April business meeting. Questions? Contact Mary at 714-330-7638 or [marypq@yahoo.com](mailto:marypq@yahoo.com).

**May 16: Fidget Quilts.** Bring your sewing machines and fidget supplies; if you do not have items for a fidget quilt, there are supplies in the storage cabinets.

**All I want to do is eat chocolate,**

**Wear pajamas,**

**And work on quilting projects.**

**Is that too much to ask?**

## New Member Tea is April 13

Welcome to all new members and mentors. In the next week you will be getting an invitation to the New Member Spring Tea! I'm looking forward to getting to know all of the new members! — Carolyn Hansen



*Saturday, April 13  
12:30-3:30 p.m.  
Tabernacle Church  
Family Life Center  
Please bring a teacup  
with a story to tell.  
Also, wear a spring hat,  
you could win a prize!*



## Library Corner

**We have two new additions to the library this month.**

*Poakalani Hawaiian Quilt Cushion Patterns and Designs*, by Poakalani and John Serrao

*The Blue and the Gray: Quilt Patterns Using Civil War Fabrics* by Mary Etherington and Connie Tesena.

## Sunshine Report



Get well cards were sent to:

- Geri Reid, who was in the hospital for surgery
- Holly Pace, who had Covid,
- Bill Lindquist, husband of Terry Lindquist, who had surgery

Encouragement/Thinking of You cards were sent to:

- Rosemary Orner, who has been diagnosed with cancer and is receiving treatment in Maryland
- Soo Klein, who is the caretaker for her mother

*Please contact Kay Amend if you know that any of our members are ill or need encouragement.*

## New Members March 2024

**VERONICA CLARK:** Veronica's biography for us begins in Fayetteville, NC, where she was a nanny and a real estate agent. She began teaching herself how to quilt, but working full time left little time for her new hobby. She moved to Harrisonburg, VA, during the pandemic and was able to take classes at a local Mennonite quilt shop. Veronica loves all crafts, gardening and baking. This is her first time being a part of a guild – so let's make sure she finds out how rewarding it can be!

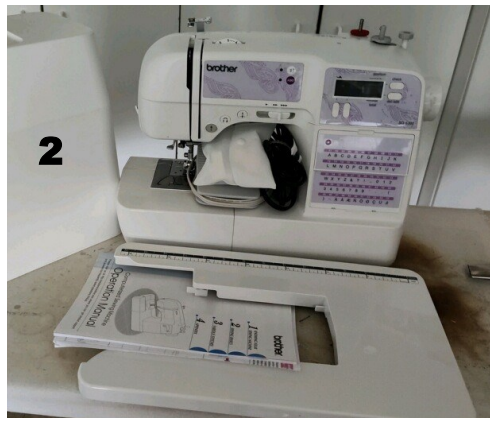
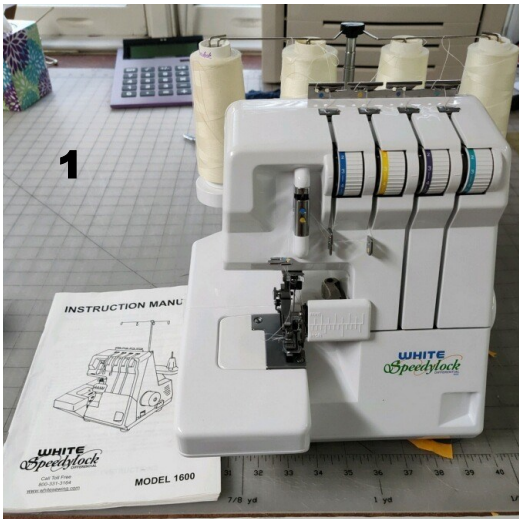


**SUZANNE KILROY:** Suzanne moved here from Port Orchard, Washington (west of Seattle, across Puget Sound). She has been quilting for several years, but not consistently. She also enjoys reading, needlepoint and cross-stitch. She once enjoyed gardening but has found that it is too hot and humid here for her! (Many of us share that with you, Suzanne).

**BETSY PERRI:** Betsy moved to New Bern two years ago from Orange County, New York. She has been sewing since she was a little girl and fell in love with quilting 15 years ago. She is mostly self-taught but has learned a lot since she moved here. Betsy also enjoys card stamping, scrap-booking and learning new crafts.

**BARBARA ZYRY:** Barbara moved here around five years ago from New Jersey. She now lives in Pollocksville with her daughter and family, along with dogs, guinea pigs, chickens and an assortment of outside cats. She has worked on quilted projects on and off for many years, but would like to get more serious. She would like to "make a dent" in the large collection of fabric and patterns that she has collected over the years. She is also looking forward to collaborating with 'kindred spirits' to share ideas and make new friends. She's looking forward to being a part of our guild.

AND WELCOME BACK MARY DAUGHERTY!



**FOR SALE**

Machines checked, cleaned and serviced by Lilly Lucier. All prices are firm; contact Lilly at 252-244-1988.

- 1. Serger \$75
- 2. Brother \$100
- 3. Viking Huskvarna H Class, E 10 \$100
- 4. Sears Kenmore \$100
- 5. 1949 Featherweight \$350
- 6. 1952 Featherweight \$500

**Opening at a Private Quilt Retreat**

A group of quilters from Greenville have an opening for one more person to join them on a quilting retreat at a cottage on Emerald Isle. One person had to drop out of their group of eight.

April 14-21; cost is \$250. Bring your own food for breakfast & lunch; take turns fixing supper. Tables and workspace downstairs, bedrooms are upstairs. Contact Laura Wiggins at 252-916-2577.

Salisbury-Rowan Quilters' Guild presents



Central Carolina Quilt Fair  
www.salisburyrowanquilters.net

May 3: 9 am-5 pm  
May 4: 9 am-4 pm

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1935 Jake Alexander Blvd.  
Salisbury, NC

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- 150+ quilts
- Door Prizes
- Vendor Mall
- Demonstrations
- Granny's Attic
- Give-a-ways
- Lunch available



Member  
**THE SPOTLIGHT**  
By Janet Olsen

## SUSAN FAITH: 2025 QUILT SHOW CHAIR

Susan grew up in New Hampshire in a craft-talented family. Her mother made her clothes and her dolls clothes. By the age of six, Susan had started making her Barbie's outfits. That grew into making her own outfits – to include Pendleton wool suits. She also worked with her father making laurel wreaths to sell at Christmas. Her parents also taught her how to tap the maple trees near their home to sell the sap to local syrup distributors.

Susan continued the tradition and made her daughter's clothes as well as making sure her Cabbage Patch dolls were the best dressed.

An aunt, who lived in Missouri, gave Susan her first quilt. It was completely done by hand. The quilting bug found another groupie. Susan's first attempt at quilting was a bear paw made with homespun fabrics. After moving to Florida, Susan was helping two nuns teach a group of women to make clothing. Susan soon had them also making quilts.



After deciding Florida was “too hot” the Faith family moved to New Bern in 2020. She joined her first quilt guild – TRQG. Next came her first retreat. She was definitely hooked. The TRQG Quilt Show in 2022 was also her first. She entered ten quilts. Nine of them won ribbons. The tenth one was sold before the show was over.

We have all been lucky enough to see her talents at our monthly show and tell. She also led the committee with Holly Pace and Lilly Lucier to make the 2025 raffle quilt. One of her favorite projects was the baby doll quilt she made a doll's bed as a fundraiser for the recently opened My Sister's House in New Bern.

As if all of this didn't keep her busy enough, she also enjoys gardening and hanging out with her two Miniature Pinschers (who serenaded me with their version of Happy Birthday!)

Now for my final question to Susan: Why did you volunteer to be the chair for our next quilt show. Her answer – “I broke my right arm, and it was too weak to pull my left hand down when I raised it.”

In all seriousness, she told me that she had so much fun at the previous show, she wanted to make sure we had

the next one. She also knows that there are a lot of experienced and talented people in our guild that will be willing to help.

### Plans are ramping up for the 2025 Quilt Show!

**If you've not already done so, mark April 11-12, 2025 on your calendar for the quilt show. Most of the committee chairs have volunteered and they will be starting to recruit their teams in the coming months. Watch for ways you can volunteer and get involved!**



### Children's Quilts

This week I received 17 quilts from the following: Jenny Nebe 7, Becky Barnes 1, Kay Amend 1, June Dale 1, Cathy Cox 1, Lilly Lucier 3, Karen Dodd 1 (with a bag) and Lorraine Wocel 2. I now have enough quilts to make a delivery. Thank you very much.

—Lorraine Wocel

REMINDER: Children's quilts are not limited by size, and you do not have to use children's fabrics. The quilts go to children ages infant through high school. You are welcome to use the fabric in the storage cabinets at the church for donation quilts. Questions? Contact Lorraine Wocel.

### Nursing Home Report

The Gardens of Trent memory care unit has been added to the organizations where we deliver contributions. This makes 14 nursing, assisted living and memory homes in Craven, Pamlico and Jones counties. You make a difference (in my estimate) to the more than 1000 people in these homes.

This month Chantal Heustis, Kay Amend, Mary O'Neill, Evelyn Barnhardt, Dorothy Najarian, and Becky Barnes all donated one quilt each. Jenny Nebe contributed two and Emily Lewandowski gave seven quilts. Eyeglass cases were made by Kay Amend (three) and Becky Barnes (11). Becky also made three men's clothing protectors and three fidget quilts.

Eight nursing homes received two lap quilts and five clothing protectors as well as some fidget quilts and walker bags. I will be giving out all the lap quilts to seven more nursing homes in March plus eight eyeglass cases. Our needs at the moment are clothing protectors and fidget quilts. I had a donation of 17 men's shirts for clothing protectors, and I am presently working on those. — Becky Barnes

### My Sister's House: "Where your past doesn't matter."

My Sister's House is currently housing two ladies. It is the only transitional home specifically for post-incarcerated women east of Raleigh and north of Wilmington. We should be happy and grateful to the city of New Bern and its citizens that they were so accepting of the opportunity that My Sister's House is able to provide a safe and loving home for these women to start a new life. — Pat Kruger



### Coastal Women's Shelter

Your generosity continues to amaze me! Thank you so much for your continued financial support. Spring is here and summer is just around the corner, so please watch for savings on items for summer fun for the children. Many fun items are available at this Easter time, so be sure to look for them. Toys, activity books, games, etc. will be collected at the May and June meetings. Enjoy the lovely weather coming our way! — Nancy Hausman

### Military Quilts

Thank you all for the continued support of our service members overseas. They do appreciate you thinking of them. We received two stretcher quilts, one from Dorothy Najarian and one from Jackie Harrison.

—Mary Daugherty & Jackie Harrison

### REMINDER: Soap and Shampoo Collection for RCS

If you travel, bring home the unopened soaps, shampoos and conditioners from your hotel room. Give them to Alvina Diello, who will deliver them to RCS (Religions Community Services) for use by those in need.



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<https://www.lovingstitches.net>**



Join our next BOM “Daydream Garden” quilt & classes starting March 9th & running once a month on Saturdays for 8 months. Measures 93”x101”.

### Bernina Longarm Demo Event March 9th

Come test drive all our Longarms in a fun, relaxing place with our expert longarm staff. Make & take a small quilt. Call to reserve your spot today!



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**Congratulations to Holly Pace, who won the 17 cute kitty blocks from February!**

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH

The new block of the month goes by many names. Often known as Rocky Road or Jacob’s Ladder, there are other names as well for this block. Return your blocks at the April meeting.



## March Show & Tell and UFOs











## Day of Sharing: Bee Our Guest

Presented by the Crystal Coast Quilters' Guild Croatan Quilters Guild

March 23, 2024

Doors open 9 a.m.; program begins at 10

On the Rocks Restaurant in Atlantic Beach; carpooling is recommended

Special Guest: Lynn Lancaster Gorges will speak about the history of a quilting bee and have a trunk show of antique quilts.

Cost is \$15 and includes continental breakfast, lunch and dessert.

Be sure to wear your guild nametag to be entered into a special drawing.

There will be Show & Tell, one item limit per person.



**"Follow Your Heart"**  
**2024 Quilt Show**

**May 17-18, 2024**  
Friday 9am-4pm  
Saturday 9am-3pm  
Winston-Salem Fairgrounds  
421 27th St. Gate 9 on 27th St

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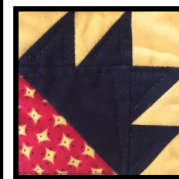
## Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

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. 23, Day of Sharing at Atlantic Beach
- May 9, PICNIC Business Meeting at Glenburnie Park, details TBA
- TRQG Day of Sharing, Oct. 5, 2024
- Nov. 14-15, Classes with instructor Barbara Cline
- LOOKING AHEAD: April 11-12, 2025—Quilt Show

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Mar. 24	Mar. 25 Duffy Center quilt pickup 9a.m.-noon	Mar. 26	Mar. 27	Mar. 28 9:30 Workshop: Paper Piecing Stitch & Chat	Mar. 29	Mar. 30
Mar. 31 	April 1  Happy April Fool's Day	2	3	4 9:00 Program Committee Meeting 9:30 Board Meeting, followed by 2025 Quilt Show Chair meeting Stitch & Chat	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 10:00 Business Meeting	12	13 New Member Tea 12:30 
14	15	16	17	18 9:30 Community Sewing, drawstring bags for Oper- ation Christmas Child 9:30 Stitch & Chat	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 9:30 Workshop: Simple Quilts 9:30 Stitch & Chat	26	27
28	29	30	May 1	May 2 9:00 Program Committee 9:30 Board Meeting, followed by 2025 Quilt Show Chair meeting Stitch & Chat	May 3	May 4
May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9 10:00 PICNIC Business Meeting, details TBA	May 10	May 11