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News of the Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

New Bern, North Carolina



From the President

Greetings from Florida! We are camping in our teardrop trailer on the beach. I will be back with you in March! See you then!

—Sandy Drechsler



From the Vice President

To all my Quilting Sisters,

I would like to thank all of you so much for your kind and welcoming comments to me as I have accepted this new position of Vice President. I will do my best to supply new thoughts and energy and uphold new and old programs. I also hope you will come to my rescue when needed.

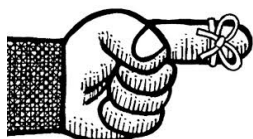
Thank you,
Holly Pace

Duffy Gallery Quilt Exhibit Continues Until March 27

North Carolina History Center, 529 S. Front St., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Monday-Friday and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. At this time masks are required inside the building.

Thank you to all the Guild members who entered their quilts. It's a beautiful exhibit!

Please note the quilt pick-up date is Monday, April 4, between 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Don't forget! **New Monthly Sewing Day** at Sewing on the River begins Feb. 24...see page 8 for details!

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 Spring Retreat: Kathy Farrar/Sandy
Drechsler

2022 Fall Retreat: Sandy Smith/Jeanne Batten

2022 Winter Retreat: Sue Kleeman/Ruth Powers

2021-22 Raffle Quilt Construction: Sally Cornford

2021-2022 Raffle Quilt Sales: Evelyn Bernhardt/
Kathy Farrar/Mary Yanchok

2022 Quilt Show: Jan Penner/Carolyn Hansen

New Member Mentoring

New members and mentors please save the date, Saturday, April 2, for the New Member Tea. Invitations will be mailed in March.

Thank you to all the kind volunteers who signed up to help with the tea. We will need to be at the church kitchen at 11 a.m. on April 2nd to prepare sandwiches and set up for the tea. If anyone can loan us two-tiered serving trays and teapots it would be appreciated.

We will have a brief meeting after the Business Meeting on March 10 for all volunteers helping to prepare the food for the tea.

Thank you again!

—Carolyn Hansen, Committee Chair, New Member Mentoring.



New Member Tea

April 2, 2022

1-3 p.m.

*Family Life Center,
Tabernacle Baptist
Church*

Block of the Month

Winners of the Blocks Of the Month:

January: Emily Lewandowski

February: Holly Pace

Congratulations ladies!
And now we all are looking forward to see what wonderful creations you have come up with these blocks. Also thanks so much for participating in this monthly activity.

—Chantal Huestis & Lilly Lucier

*Pictured is a beautiful
stretcher quilt made by
Jenny Nebe from blocks
she won in the 2021 red-
white-blue BOMs!*



Welcome New Members!



Leslie Sink

6004 Brigs Court, New Bern
252-259-7614
lesliesink35@gmail.com
*Leslie was introduced to the guild
by Linda Tobacco.*

Nancy Houyoux

322 Plantation Dr., New Bern
484-686-2492
nhouyoux233@gmail.com
*Nancy was introduced to the guild
by Chantal Huestis.*

We have a returning member!

Some of you might remember
Joyce Snader.
2692 Ten Mile Fork Rd., Trenton
252-671-9711
srsjoyce@gmail.com
Welcome back, Joyce!



2022 Membership Directories

The 2022 Directories have been mailed out. If you have not received one let me know. If there are any corrections please let me know that too.

One email correction: Rae Gee should be @gmail.com not @hotmail.com. **Please make the correction in your directory.** Thank you.

—Diana Rezab

THE *Member* SPOTLIGHT

By Cathy Cox

Evelyn Bernhardt

Looking for a matchmaker? Our TRQG member, Evelyn Bernhardt, brought together 41 loving couples when she worked for the Together Dating Service! She is also a certified diamondologist. So, if you need to separate the gems from the paste, she's your expert. Evelyn managed two jewelry stores in her past life, BQ (Before Quilts).

"Jump in the deep end" should be Evelyn's motto. Since joining the TRQG in 2014, she chaired the 2020 "Out of the Blue" raffle quilt committee. She learned so much that she was inspired to chair the raffle quilt ticket sales, the holiday luncheon and new member mentorship committees. Her sunny personality and welcoming smile often greet us at the church entrance before our meetings. Her Door Belles committee keeps us safe and helps us recognize our growing membership. (Sign up for a turn at the door!)



Evelyn began sewing maternity clothes when pregnant with her two sons and progressed to stuffed toys. She made her first quilt in 2013 and immediately fell in love with quilting and the TRQG. She also enjoys cross-stitching, glass etching, jewelry making, painting and embroidery.

Evelyn grew up in Pennsylvania and was raised on a 6.5-acre farm with seven siblings. She was the baby girl of her family, spoiled by her older brothers. She describes herself as "a dreamer and free spirit." She moved to Atlantic Beach in 2001. She met her husband on Match.com and they married and moved to New Bern in 2008.

Evelyn is a role model for membership in that she sincerely loves her quilt sisters and brother and acknowledges that the more she participates, the more she finds to enjoy about us!

Janet Olsen

Her college graduation mortar board read, "You can teach an old dog new tricks" when new member Janet Olsen completed a B.S. in Psychology at age 57. At first her classmates thought she was the professor. She later became very popular when they learned she was an ace at editing their term papers.



Let's be honest...we all envy her gorgeous curls! But what's beneath them is even more enchanting. Janet Olsen is a success at the one thing we all aspire to: the realization of a happy family. She and her husband of 40 years met in Germany where Ed was serving in the Army. They raised three wonderful children: a son who is a sixth-grade math teacher in Colorado, a daughter who is a neonatal nurse practitioner in Maryland, and the youngest daughter, a nurse anesthetist assigned with our military in Korea. The Olsens are blessed with eight grandchildren and two labradoodles. They are a military family who has served our country well. Son, husband and daughter-in-law all attended West Point. Even the exotic assignments to Afghanistan and the Netherlands do not outshine what Janet considers her crowning achievement, that of raising a close-knit family who all love each other.

In addition to homemaking and volunteering, Janet worked for Viking sewing, acted as coordinator of religious education in the Netherlands and was director of human resources for a medical device corporation.

Janet always loved bears. As a matter of fact, the first quilt she made was an appliqued bear. When she and her husband looked for a place to retire and found New Bern with all our bear mascots, they knew this was the place to make their home.

Janet loves antiques with her husband and is an avid reader and crafter. TRQG is the first quilting guild Janet has ever joined. We welcome her with open arms and hearts to our Twin Rivers family!

Next Community Service Workshop is March 17

We will not have a community service workshop in February, but mark your calendars to join us on March 17!

Many of you made coasters for the Empty Bowls community fundraiser on Feb. 24. Thank you for participating! Happy quilting.

—Pat Phillips & Alvina Diello

Pictured are some projects from our Jan. 27 Community Service Workshop.



Nursing Home Report

At the Feb. 10 meeting I received the following: **Lap Quilts:** Kay Amend (1), Jenny Nebe (4). **Adult Bibs/Aprons:** Kay Amend (2), June Dale and Mary Ann Coxson (6). *Thank you and nice to see you all.*

I also received 16 men's shirt-style adult bibs that members made at the community sewing day on Jan. 27. A beautiful lap quilt was also made and donated for a nursing home. Many members attended this day of sewing and learning some new ways to put a quilt together using fabric spray basting by Alvina. All for our community. Thank you for supporting our senior citizens.

Keep on stitching. Love 'n Hugs,
—Jan Penner

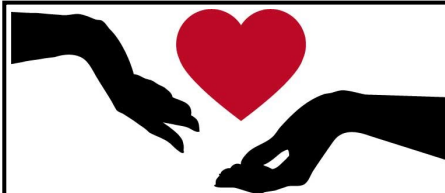
Children's Quilts

Last month I received 7 quilts, but I haven't delivered them yet.

This month was a super month as I received 18 quilts from the following: Evelyn Bernhardt 1, Kay Amend 1, Jenny Nebe 9, Mary Ann Coxson 5, Suzie Hardy 1, and Alvina Diello 1.

Thank you all.

—Lorraine Wocell



Community Relief & Coastal Women's Shelter

Many thanks for your continued support of the Coastal Women's Shelter. They appreciate all dona-

tions from their list on their website but would like to **focus on paper products at this time**, so watch for sales! Items can be delivered to their office at 1333 South Glenburnie Rd. (please identify that you are with TRQG) or brought to our business meeting. The little buckets for monetary donations will be passed as usual at the coming business meeting. Please keep the needs of these families in your thoughts and prayers. — Nancy Hausman

Sunshine Report

Get Well: A card was sent to Jan Ogonowski, our member who lives in Michigan, who had knee surgery.

Keep healthy ladies, it is nice when only one card is sent out!

— Kay Amend





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for 8 Months only \$32 a month
Saturdays 2-5 pm



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Alamance Piecemakers
Quilt Guild &
Burlington Carousel Quilt Guild
Elon, NC

**"Art Feeds the Soul"
Quilt Show**

Wednesday-Saturday, March 9-12

10 a.m.-7 p.m. Wed.-Fri.; 10 a.m.-
4 p.m. Sat.

Elon Community Church
271 N. Williamson Avenue, Elon
Park by the playground at the church.

Free admission; you are invited to
donate a food item for the Alamance
County food pantry.

Website: [www.tinyurl.com/
AlamanceShow2022](http://www.tinyurl.com/AlamanceShow2022)

**Palmetto Quilt Guild of
Hilton Head Island**

QUILT FESTIVAL

Friday-Sunday, March 25-27

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri.-Sat.;
10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Sun.

Hilton Head Beach & Tennis
Ballroom
40 Folly Field Road
Hilton Head Island, SC

Admission -\$10 for single day;
\$15 for multi-day; 18 and under
are free.

Website: [www.palmettoquilt-
guild.org/Quilt-Festivals](http://www.palmettoquilt-guild.org/Quilt-Festivals)

The Heart of the Triad
Quilt Guild
Kernersville, NC

Quilt Show
"TOGETHER AGAIN"

Friday & Saturday, April 8-9
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Winston-Salem Fairgrounds,
Neil Bolton Home & Garden Bldg
(Enter Gate 9 on 27th St).
Admission-\$6
Free Parking

Our website is www.hottqg.com.



BEE by the RIVER! 2022 Quilt Show

October 21 & 22, 2022

**Committee meetings follow the monthly board meeting
(next is March 3).**

Multiple committees are busy planning their needs for the October show. The Facilities Committee has measured and plotted the layout at the newly renovated New Bern Riverfront Convention Center. The building is beautiful and our show will make it spectacular.

There have been a few committee changes.

- ♥ Carolyn Hansen has joined me as co-chair. Thank you for stepping up to assist me.
- ♥ Ed Dzioba is Chair for Publicity. Jody Henning needed to step down for personal reasons.
- ♥ Quilts Returned Chair—Marty Dzioba.
- ♥ Show Demonstrations—Alvina Diello
- ♥ Show Judge—Elizabeth Pauley-Teletski

Mary Quay wants members to be making items for the Boutique. Mary is looking for ideas for a future workshop.

Twice Around Treasures has a list of items needed and a do not want list. No magazines and books only 15 years or younger (see article on page 7).

Ultimate Raffle -- Holly Pace is looking for people to sign up for donations.

Laura Miller is hoping members are planning their Challenge Quilt.

The excitement is building for "Connected by Thread" the theme for TRQG Show. Get ready, be creative, keep on sewing, most of all have fun!

—Jan Penner

Quilts for Sale Booth

Hi Quilters!

Guess what time it is? It's time to go through your closets, under your beds, in your attics, in your drawers to **clean out all of the quilts you no longer want or need and get them ready to sell in the Quilts for Sale Booth** at our 2022 Connected by Thread Quilt Show at the end of October 2022.

This request may seem early, but the show will be here in no time, so I want you all to be thinking about the quilts you would like to sell and putting them aside. I will be sending out the rules and consignment form in a future email. Please don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions!

Happy quilting!

—Karen Hallquist
Quilts for Sale Booth Chair,
kwhallq@gmail

Quilt Show Boutique

Please continue making items for our Quilt Show Boutique. Make the type of items you yourself would be interested in purchasing if you were at a show. We're looking for new ideas, so if you have something you think would be a good seller in the boutique, let us know! Thank you!

—Mary Quay



Twice Around Treasures at the Quilt Show

It is that time again when we begin the frenzy of activities for the upcoming show. It has been longer than usual since the last show. Twice Around Treasures is a large part of profits from the show and a

“first stop” for many of our devoted attendees.

So we would like to take this opportunity to alert you of some changes, and remind you of the guidelines set forth to make this an efficient, profitable, and fun experience for those donating, preparing, and purchasing treasures donated by our generous members. There is an indescribable thrill sharing our passion with others, whether they are newbies or veterans of the art of quilting.

Acceptable items:

- 100% cotton fabric
- Quilting notions such as rulers

Based on recorded experiences of past chair ladies, **please do not donate:**

- Poly blend, upholstery, or apparel fabric
- Magazines
- Sewing machines
- Quilt frames
- Craft supplies (one would think that this would be a great outlet and source for crazy quilt supplies, but historic sales have disproved this theory). We have found that buttons are an exception to the rule.
- Books *more than 15 years old* (this seems like a short time, however the internet, web sites, Pinterest), in addition to the technologies of quilting tools and accessories, has had a tremendous impact on how and what we quilt). *Newer books will be accepted after 4 p.m. during the Wednesday setup.*

Please note that once an item is donated it is out of your control. Items donated outside of the established guidelines will be re-donated/dispersed at the discretion of the TAT committee.

Questions? Contact Chris Youngs.

2022 Challenge Quilt Reminder

Guidelines for our 2022 challenge quilt were given out September 2021. A reminder was given at February business meeting. Complete rules are posted on the TRQG website under the “forms” section.

Only two people admitted to have started theirs. Remember, four ribbons will be awarded this category at the quilt show. After Sally Rowe’s presentation at our February meeting (photo below), members should be inspired to make a small memory quilt!



Highlights of 2022 Challenge Quilt Rules

For complete rules, go to the “Forms” section on the TRQG website.

Theme: Memories...Connected by Thread. Create a quilt connected to one of your memories.

Size: Outside dimensions a minimum of 100 inches total and a maximum of 144 inches. No tote bags, vests, etc.

Construction: You may use any method to construct your quilt – piecing, paper piecing, applique, etc. All entries must be quilted and completely finished.

Embellishments: Each quilt must contain at least three types of embellishment.

Colors: The front of the quilt must include three colors determined by your initials. These do not have to be the dominant colors, but you will be asked to identify what your colors are and where they are used in your project. We encourage “creative license” in identifying your “initial” colors!

Questions? Contact Laura Miller.

NEW!
Monthly Sewing Day at
Sewing on the River!
Fourth Thursday of Each Month
Starts Feb. 24, 10 a.m.

Bring whatever project you'd like to work on!

Also, in February, the Quilt Show Boutique Committee will share patterns for tote bags you can make for the Boutique!

On March 24, Laura Miller will demo her pattern to make a beach towel tote.

TRQG received a thank you card from the FILLING STATION in Pol-



locksville thanking us for our donations to the Food Pantry at Christmas 2021. "You have brought Hope, Love and Joy to many residents in Jones County."

HELEN KELLEY'S SECOND LAW FOR QUILTERS

If you use up your favorite fabric today, it will be exactly what you will need to finish tomorrow's project.

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

Let's face it...I put
"made with love"

on my quilt labels because
 "made with cussing, wine, three
 trips to the quilt shop and way too
 much money"
 won't fit on a cute little label.

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.



National Quilting Month!

ADDITIONAL DATES

Oct. 19-Oct. 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 |
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| 27 Feb  TRQG Exhibit at Duffy Gallery through March 27 | 28 Feb | 1 | 2 | 3 9:30 Stitch & Chat 9:30 Board Meeting @ church, followed by Quilt Show mtg | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 10:00 Guild Business Meeting @ church, followed by meeting for Spring Tea volunteers | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17  9:30 Community Service Workshop @ church | 18 | 19  National Quilting Day |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 9:30 Stitch & Chat 10:00 Group Sew @ Sewing on the River | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Spring Retreat | 28 Spring Retreat | 29 Spring Retreat | 30 Spring Retreat | 31 Spring Retreat 9:30 Stitch & Chat | 1 April Spring Retreat | 2 April New Member Tea  |
| 3 April | 4 April | 5 April | 6 April | 7 April 9:30 Stitch & Chat 9:30 Board Meeting @ Church, followed by Quilt Show mtg | 8 April | 9 April |