



April 2025

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## News of the Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

New Bern, North Carolina



### From the President

Happy Spring! We sure have been busy since our last newsletter! We enjoyed an extremely fun retreat in March at our favorite destination at the beach on Emerald Isle. Kathy and Sandy made sure we had great food, fun and creative camaraderie. Everyone was very productive with new projects, UFO's and finishing up Quilt Show items. Thanks to everyone who attended for contributing to the good time.

March continued with last minute planning and lots of hard work getting ready for our 2025 Bee by the River Quilt Show. I can't say enough good things about the amazing work of the chair people and volunteers from our guild. Watching these members execute this event was a pleasure to see. Grace, patience, good humor and care is what I witnessed throughout the setup, show and breakdown. You should all be so proud, I know I am, being a part of this group is a blessing. We had over 1000 people come through those doors and everything I heard from these visitors was positive. Our booths, the vendors and the raffles were enjoyed by all. I hope you all were able to attend to see these gorgeous quilts!! At our business meeting many hands were raised in agreement to plan another show for April 2027. Time to start some new projects!

Our business meeting was filled with post-show energy: 58 members were in attendance with some new and welcome faces in the mix. Looking forward to getting to know you all. I hope to see you at our May 8 picnic business meeting at Glenburnie Park, it's a fun time.

Many fun things are coming up, so make sure you read through the newsletter and mark your calendars. Thank you ALL again for making this such a wonderful and welcoming guild.

Hugs and stitches, Fran



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### 2025 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President: Fran Rice

Vice President/Programs: Laure Manette

Treasurer: Evelyn Bernhardt

Secretary: Chris Youngs

Block of the Month: Lilly Lucier & Susan Faith

Charity 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

Library: Claudia Moran/Gail Dorman

Membership & Member Spotlight: Janet Olsen

Member Outreach: **OPEN**

New Member Mentoring & New Member Tea:  
Carolyn Hansen

Newsletter: Paula Gramley

Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales: Fran Rice

Quilt Show: Susan Faith

Sunshine: Kay Amend/Evelyn Bernhardt

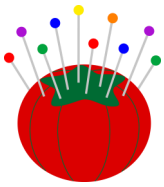
Website/Facebook — Fran Rice

2025 Winter Retreat: Sue Kleeman/Ed Dzioba

2025 Spring Retreat: Kathy Farrar/Sandy Drechsler

2025 Fall Retreat: Sandy Smith/Katherine Haleen

2025 Holiday Lunch: Kathy Farrar & team



## Program News from the Vice President

What a wonderful Quilt Show! I feel so privileged to be a part of this amazing guild! I am so impressed with how hard everyone worked to make it such a success. I heard nothing but good remarks from people who visited the show. I know I will move forward being inspired by the spirit of this guild and all the beautiful quilts that were in the show. I hope you all are inspired as well.

That being said, **it's time to plan future programs.**

**On May 29 at 9:30 a.m. I will be holding a planning meeting at the church. If you have ideas for programs, have a speaker you would like to invite, a workshop you think we should hold, a demonstration you would like to see, or just a great idea, please attend the Planning Meeting.**

### COMING UP

- On **May 22**, Jenny Nebe will be holding an **Attic Window Workshop**. If you have signed up for this workshop and cannot attend, please let Jenny or me know.
- On **June 12**, professional quilter **Pepper Cory** will be speaking at the Business Meeting. She will be discussing 4 Creative Explorations: scrap quilts, curved piecing, sashiko and crazy quilting. The Guild will then vote on which technique Pepper will do for a **follow-up workshop on Sept. 18**. Mark your calendar so you do not miss Pepper's presentation.
- **July 24**, Susan Faith will teach us how to make a **zippered cosmetic trinket bag**. More info will be given at the May picnic meeting.
- Looking ahead: On **Nov. 13** professional quilter **Lynn Christiansen** will be our guest speaker. Lynn is a quilt pattern designer and instructor and a certified instructor for Laura Heine Collage. She will be speaking on the use of ugly fabric. Lynn would like each of us to bring a piece of ugly fabric to her lecture, so don't throw that ugly fabric away yet!
- On **Sept. 20**, Carolina Pine Needles will be holding a Day of Sharing in Jacksonville. They will send more details soon, so mark your calendar.

Lots of opportunities for fun are being planned so stay tuned!

**NEXT TRQG DAY OF SHARING:** Planning for our next Day of Sharing is about to begin! More information will be presented at our picnic meeting in May. Don't miss it!

—Laure Manette



### April

Susan Faith	2
Chantal Huestis	2
Sandy Smith	6
Karen Hallquist	12
Eleanor Reilly	12
Pat Fitzpatrick	15
Jan Penner	18
Julia Burke	26

### NEW! Beginning Quilting Class

Sandra Egolf has volunteered to teach a beginning quilting class. She is busy arranging dates and facilities. **If you would like to be part of this class but did not sign up at the April 17 meeting, please email Laure Manette at [Lmanette59@gmail.com](mailto:Lmanette59@gmail.com).**

### May 22: Attic Window Supplies

- A panel that would look good if looking at it through a window (prefer 24" x 40")
- 3 fabrics for the sashing that coordinate in 3 shades of the same color. i.e. light, medium and dark gray solid or solid-ish. Black always looks good for the dark color, then just be sure you have a good contrast for the light and medium.
- 1 ½ yards light fabric (outer border)
- ½ yard medium fabric
- ¾ yard dark fabric (inner border)
- ¾ yard binding
- If your panel is larger than 24 x 40 please bring more of sashing and border fabrics.
- Sewing machine, rotary cutter, rulers, notions





## Please Welcome our Newest Members!

**Eleanor Reilly** moved from Fresh Meadows, NY to New Bern in June of 2024. She started quilting in 2014 at a library class. She has

since taught many quilting classes for the Evening Star Quilters' Guild in Mineola, NY. The classes were all on Zoom – and included window quilts, landscape quilts, and the Splendid Sampler Quilt. Her hobbies include embroidery, crocheting, and unpacking.

**Pat Fitzpatrick** joined us with her neighbor Denise Sandlin from Jacksonville. Katherine Haleen played a part in getting her to our guild. I will chat with her over the next month and find out a bit more about her.

**Denise Sandlin** joined us with her neighbor, Pat Fitzpatrick, from Jacksonville. I'm going to guess that Katherine Haleen played a part in getting her to our guild. I look forward to also talking with her to get better acquainted in the coming weeks.

**Kathleen Weeden** started quilting just after high school. She took a break and picked it back up in 2020. She purchased an embroidery machine, then an M-7 and an Amara 20 Longarm. She moved to New Bern in 2024 to be close to her son, his wife and their two girls. She will be officially retiring May 1, and looks forward to having more time to quilt and meet others that share this passion.

—By Janet Olsen, Membership Chair

## New Member Tea May 17



Noon to 3 p.m.

Tabernacle Baptist Church

(enter through the doors covered by the portico at  
the rear of the building,  
not the door for our guild meetings)

Invitations will be coming in the mail.

Wear a spring hat and  
bring a teacup and saucer.

**Volunteers are needed for food  
and setup. Contact Carolyn Hansen  
if you can help!**

## Don't Forget! May 8 Picnic Business Meeting

Glenburnie Park, Lion's Pavillion

340 Glenburnie Park Rd.

(Off Glenburnie Drive), New Bern

Come help set up 9:30 am



**Can you bring a sharable entrée?**

**Can you bring a sharable side dish?**

**Water, ice, paper goods/utensils and dessert  
will be provided.**

There will be a short meeting before lunch, as well as show & tell and UFOs. Please limit yourself to one item.

**Please bring:**

- Outdoor summer toys to donate to The Coastal Center for Health and Healing
- A chair and bug spray



## Community Sewing for April, May and June (some date changes from last newsletter)

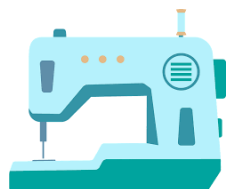
The next Community Sewing day is April 24. We will be making **sew-and-flip scrappy strip blocks**. Bring your scrap strips and either foundation paper you can remove OR light-weight fabric that stays in the quilt (I like to use light-weight muslin.) Extra paper will be available.

On May 15 we will be doing **quilt-as-you-go scrappy strip blocks**. You will need four 10-inch batting squares (use all the same batting content) and a variety of fabric strips.

On June 19, we will be making **pillowcases from Christmas fabric** to donate to retirement centers this coming Christmas. You will need Christmas fabric in one-yard pieces.

Questions? Contact Mary Quay at marypq@yahoo.com or call 714-330-7638.

For all these projects, bring your sewing machine, fabric and basic sewing supplies (rotary cutter, rulers, mat, notions).



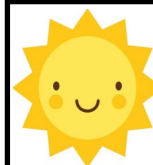
## Library Corner

## NEW IN THE LIBRARY!

- *Joyful Stitching* by Laura Wasilowski: Transform fabric with Improvisational Embroidery
- *Fabled Fusions* by Michelle May: Appliqued Wool Felt Folk Art projects
- *Picture Piecing* by Cynthia England: Creating Dramatic Pictorial Quilts
- *Jacobean Rhapsodies* by Patricia Campbell & Mimi Ayars: 28 Exquisite Applique Designs
- *Thimbleberries Guide for Weekend Quilters* by Lynette Jensen: Great-Looking, Time-Saving Quilt Designs
- *Sashiko Nihon* by Vogue: Traditional Japanese Quilt Designs
- *Colourwash Quilts* by Deirdre Amsden: How to Design and Create a Colourwash Quilt
- *Impressionist Quilts* by Gai Perry: Creating Quilts that Resemble Impressionist Paintings

Did you know that there are **about 300 quilting books in our library waiting for you to check them out?**

Go to our website and look under Committee/Library to find the list of topics. You'll find books about applique, borders, embellishments, landscape quilts, machine and hand quilting, and many piecing patterns for specific blocks and quilts. The library is stored in one of the large metal storage cabinets in our meeting room at the church. Take a look and find something new to explore! Questions? Contact Claudia Moran.



## Sunshine Report

**Get well cards were sent to:**

- Barbara Zyry, back surgery
- Joan Fiala, who was in hospital but is now home and doing well
- Jan Penner, wrist surgery
- Nancy Hausman, thyroid surgery

**Thinking of you:**

- Karen Dodd – Keep Karen in your prayers as she is undergoing heart valve surgery on April 21

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

## Thank You Quilt Show Ribbon Committee

We heard many positive comments on the ribbons at the Quilt Show. All that is due to the hard work and creativity of the ribbon committee. A huge thank you to: Barbara Scavuzzo, Jenny Nebe, Kathy Farrar, Brenda Parrish, Karen Schoch, Cathy Cox, Alvina Diello, Sandra Egolf, Chantal Huestis, Emily Lewandowski and Pat Krueger. And a special THANK YOU to Claudia Moran for all the suggestions and help in organizing and storing "stuff!" Without you, I would have been lost.  
—Mary Daugherty



# In the Spotlight

By Janet Olsen

## Membership Spotlight

The Quilt Show is over – but not forgotten. What a great job our Quilt Committee and our volunteers did!

For this edition of Spotlight I thought I would just flash the Spotlight on OUR Twin Rivers Quilt Guild member WINNERS.

**Congratulations to all!**

### Starting with “The Best of .....

**Best of Show – Bed Quilt:** Dorothy Najarian

**The Helen Williams Award** – Sharon Rhoton

**Best Stationary Machine Quilting** – Sue Kleeman

**Best Movable Machine Quilting** – Elfrieda Young

**Best Use of Embellishments** – M Joan Fiala

**Judges Choice** – Emily Lewandowski

**NACQJ’S Merit Award Ribbon** – Christine Gillespie

**Viewers’ Choice** – Christine Gillespie

### The rest of these members won ribbons in various categories:

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| • Kay Amend         | • Dorothy Najarian  |
| • Chris Babich      | • Jenny Nebe        |
| • Pam Bonina        | • Janet Olsen       |
| • June Dale         | • Mary O’Neill      |
| • Alvina Diello     | • Paula Paganucci   |
| • Marty Dzioba      | • Brenda Parrish    |
| • Susan Faith,      | • Lynn Peck-Collins |
| • Kathy Farrar      | • Margaret Puotinen |
| • M Joan Fiala      | • Mary Quay         |
| • Chris Gillespie   | • Geri Reid         |
| • Carolyn Hanson    | • Sharon Rhoton     |
| • Suzie Hardy       | • Francine Rice     |
| • Sue Kleeman       | • Sally Rowe        |
| • Emily Lewandowski | • Debra Samuel      |
| • Lilly Lucier      | • Barbara Scavuzzo  |
| • Laure Manette     | • Sandy Smith       |
| • Laura Miller      | • Betty Turner      |
| • Claudia Moran     | • Elfrieda Young    |

If you haven’t seen it yet, go to the **Twin Rivers Quilters Guild Facebook page** and check out the posts for April 10, 11 and 12. There’s a GREAT slide show of our show! Don’t miss it! And share it with friends and family that could not attend. Thanks to Fran Rice for a great presentation!



## My Sister's House: Where Your Past Doesn't Matter

A special thanks to Jenny Nebe for her donation of a beautiful quilt for My Sister's House.

**TOUR OF MY SISTER'S HOUSE  
MAY 29  
MEET AT THE CHURCH  
AT 9:30 A.M.**

We are still planning on a tour of the home MAY 29. I will have a signup sheet at the MAY picnic but if you still wish to go, be at the church at 9:30 and we will leave from there.

—Pat Kruger



**Community  
Quilts**

## Military Quilts Needed

Thank you to the following members for the quilt donations in April for our service members and veterans in need: Jenny Nebe, Adah Walker, Dorothy Najarian and Kay Amend. These quilts will be appreciated and loved.

Keep in mind military quilts we donate ***do not have to be a specific color, nor do they have to have patriotic themes.*** Any are welcome.

**BUT for those we send to the wounded service members recovering at the USO hospital in Germany they request the size be limited to 40 inches by 60 inches.** If you want your quilt to go to a wounded active duty service member it must be this size. Quilts in other sizes will be donated to our local DAV (Disabled American Veterans).

—Mary Daugherty & Jackie Harrison

## Nursing Home Quilts

The following items were received for nursing homes in March! Pat Kruger, 9 RCS food bags; Jackie Harrison, 5 clothing protectors and lap quilts; and quilts from Paula Paganucci (1), Chantal Huestis (1), Mary Ann Coxson (1 for a veteran); Karen Dodd (1 given to a hospice patient).

In April the following items were donated: Lap quilts were given by Becky Barnes (2), Jenny Nebe (4), Karen Dodd (1), and Helen Williams (1). Walker bags were given by Becky Barnes (4) and Mary Quay (1).

—Report submitted by Becky Barnes

## Children's Quilts

Now that the quilt show is over, we can slow down and take some time to work on community projects. I received 9 quilts, but I am having trouble matching them with an owner. I gave one to Mary for Military Quilts, but I am not sure who the owner was. The 9 I have are from: Karen Dodd 1, Susan Faith and Lilly Lucier 1, Jenny Nebe 3, Sharon Rhoton 2, Mystery 2.

Paula Paganucci was on the list, but it could have been the one I gave Mary. Sorry for the confusion.

Thank you all, Lorraine Wocel



**Coastal Center for Hope  
and Healing**

**WANTED: SUMMERTIME FUN ACTIVITIES** for children who may have had to leave their toys and other belongings behind if they were unexpectedly relocated. Please bring these donations of toys and games to the May picnic after which I will take them to the shelter. Thanks for putting smiles on faces during the summer months! Questions? Call me at 252-617-6041.

— Nancy Hausmann





### Block of the Month

The March BOM was green shamrocks, and the winner of the 15 blocks was Evelyn Bernhardt. She seemed tickled to get them (she said she's Irish!). Everyone did a very good job on these blocks!

The new BOM is appliqued birds. Bring your blocks to the picnic in May! Thank you. — Lilly Lucier



### UFOs & Show & Tell









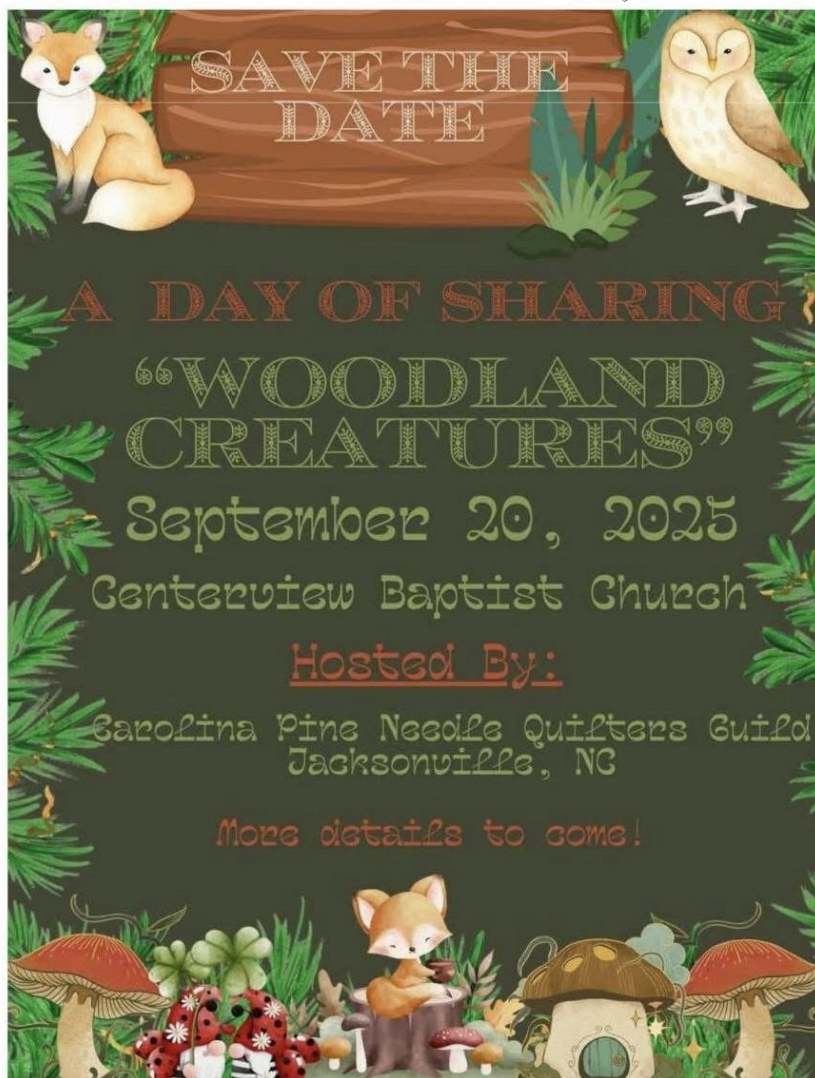








## UPCOMING DAY OF SHARING



## Original Sewing & Quilt EXPO

May 1, 2, 3, 2025

Raleigh Convention Center  
Raleigh, NC

Workshops \* Classes \* Displays  
Presentations \* Shopping

Info at [Sewingexpo.com](http://Sewingexpo.com)

## Quilting: A Tradition for All Ages

Wilkes County Quilters  
Quilt Show

Sept. 5, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sept. 6, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Admission \$5

Stone Family Center

613 Cherry St.

North Wilkesboro, NC

[Wilkesquilters.org](http://Wilkesquilters.org)

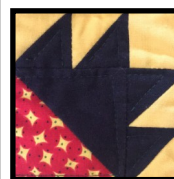
## Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

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

- June 12—Presentation by professional quilter Pepper Cory
- June 19—Community Sew, Christmas pillowcases
- June 23-30—Church closed for VBS, no TRQG programs
- July—No Board Meeting or Business Meeting
- July 24—Workshop on zippered trinket pouch
- Sept. 18— Pepper Cory teaches
- Sept. 20—Day of Sharing, Jacksonville
- Oct. 19-24—Fall Retreat
- Nov. 13—Presentation by quilter Lynn Christiansen-ugly fabric

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Apr. 20	Apr. 21	Apr. 22	Apr. 23	Apr. 24 9:30 Stitch & Chat 9:30 Community Sewing, Stitch & Flip Blocks	Apr. 25	Apr. 26
Apr. 27	Apr. 28	Apr. 29	Apr. 30	May 1 9:30 Stitch & Chat 9:30 Board Meeting, followed by Quilt Show Wrap-Up Meeting	May 2	May 3
May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8 PICNIC at Glenburnie Park (setup @ 9:30)	May 9	May 10
May 11 <i>HAPPY Mother's DAY</i> 	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15 9:30 Stitch & Chat 9:30 Community Sew, Stitch & Flip Blocks	May 16	May 17  New Member Tea @ Noon
May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22 9:30 Stitch & Chat 9:30 Attic Windows Workshop	May 23	May 24
May 25	May 26  MEMORIAL DAY	May 27	May 28	May 29 9:30 Program Planning meet- ing with Laure Manette 9:30 Stitch & Chat 9:30 Tour of My Sister's House	May 30	May 31
June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5 9:30 Board Meeting 9:30 Stitch & Chat	June 6	June 7