

Quilters' will



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News of the Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

New Bern, North Carolina



From the President

February may be the shortest month, but it's packed with warmth, creativity, and just a little bit of sparkle – especially when quilts are involved. With Valentine's Day in the air, it's the perfect time to celebrate Love: Love of Fabric, Love for Stitching, and Love for Friends who understand why one more fat quarter is absolutely necessary!

February is also a reminder that our guild itself is a kind of quilt: each member brings their own style, skills and personality. Together we create something warmer and stronger than we could alone. From sharing tips and patterns to laughing over tangled thread (and a lot of other things), these are the moments that make our time together special.

It was great to visit the winter retreat members last month and join them for ice cream down at the beach. The projects they were working on once again show the talent and creativity that is such a part of this guild. I'm sure we will see some of them at show and tell...I can't wait. We are so grateful to Sue and Ed, along with all the members who volunteer to coordinate our retreats. It's truly a labor of love.

The February business meeting was another success because of your participation. We had a full house filled with signup sheets, giveaways, show and tell, UFO's, donations and many other activities.

We also had a special introduction by Tori Smith and Marty Kaminski representing Quits of Valor. A quilt was awarded to member Ed Dzioba. It was a lovely tribute, and all were touched by Tori's and Marty's presentation.

We have more classes and activities coming up so don't forget to read the entire newsletter and maybe print out the calendar and schedules to have them on hand. Before you know it, we'll

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

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- Coastal Center for Hope & Healing — Nancy Hausman

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Quilt Show: Janet Olsen

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2026 Winter Retreat: Sue Kleeman/Ed Dzioba

2026 Spring Retreat: Kathy Farrar/Sandy
Drechsler

2026 Fall Retreat: Sandy Smith/Katherine Haleen

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President's Message (cont. from page 1)

be at the spring retreat and getting ready for our April Day of Sharing, VERY EXCITING!

So, thank you for showing up, stitching along and making this guild such a joy to be part of. I can't wait to see what you're working on this month.

Hugs and Stitches,

Fran

February

Carol Larimer	2/2
Sally Cornford	2/5
Marty Kaminski	2/5
Suzanne Kilroy	2/14
Pam Bonina	2/20
Linda Drabeck	2/21



Program News from the Vice President

I hope everyone has enjoyed the wonderful February weather we have been having. It was great to have a few days to stay inside and sew without interruptions. I sure was grateful for my quilts when the windchills went to single digits.

Quilting With Rulers (Domestic Rulerwork) Class:

On March 26, Loving Stitches is coming to teach a class on quilting with rulers on your domestic machine. I want to clear up some confusion.

- **The cost of the class is \$30.**
- It will be held at the **Marriott Springhill Suites at 300 Hotel Dr.** This is the hotel next to Sake. The class will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be a half-hour break for lunch, **so you will need to bring a bag lunch.**
- **You will also need to purchase a ruler from Loving Stitches for an additional \$30.** You will pay this to Loving Stitches at the time of the class. **You need to know if you have a high shank or low shank machine.** The rulers are different for high and low shank. We need to let Loving Stitches know how many of each type of ruler they need to bring.
- You will also need to have a **RULER FOOT** for your machine. This is NOT the same as a free motion quilting foot, so please check what your machine requires. If you need to purchase a RULER FOOT, and you have a BERNINA machine, you can purchase a foot from Loving Stitches. The foot is also available at the New Bern Fabric Center and will be 20% off during the month of February.

If you have any questions about this class, please let me know.

Coming in April: GUEST SPEAKER AND WORKSHOP

Roxanne Lesser will be our guest speaker at the April 9 Business Meeting. Roxanne is a textile artist who started quilting in 1998. In 2004 her focus turned to "art quilting." She considers fabric, paint and thread to be her tools and even dyes her own fabric.

She will be giving a lecture entitled **USING SHINY, FLUFFY, SHEER & WEIRD MATERIALS IN YOUR ART QUILTS.** **You may view some of her work on her website: roxanelessa.com.** Roxanne will also have some of her dyed fabric and other items for sale at the meeting.

On **Friday, April 10**, Roxanne will give a **workshop** entitled **PHOTO-PATTERN-QUILT.** She will show us how to turn photos into quilts. **You will have a choice of 3 different photos to work with: Seascape, Hibiscus and City Sunset.**

The fee for this class is \$30. This is a six-hour class and will take place at the Marriott Spring Hill Suites at 300 Hotel Dr.

See the supply list for this class on page 3.

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Supplies to Bring for PHOTO-PATTERN-QUILT Class

Basic Sewing Supplies:

- Sewing machine in good working order with darning/free motion foot and assortment of needle sizes.
- Good range colors of cotton or polyester threads
- Neutral bobbin thread 50-60 wt.
- Rotary cutter, small mat
- Small sharp scissors, pins

Pattern Making Supplies:

- Freezer Paper
- 1 Teflon sheet or parchment paper
- 1 package of white Misty Fuse fusible web or Wonder Under
- Ball point pen, pencil
- Fat black Sharpie marker

Fabrics:

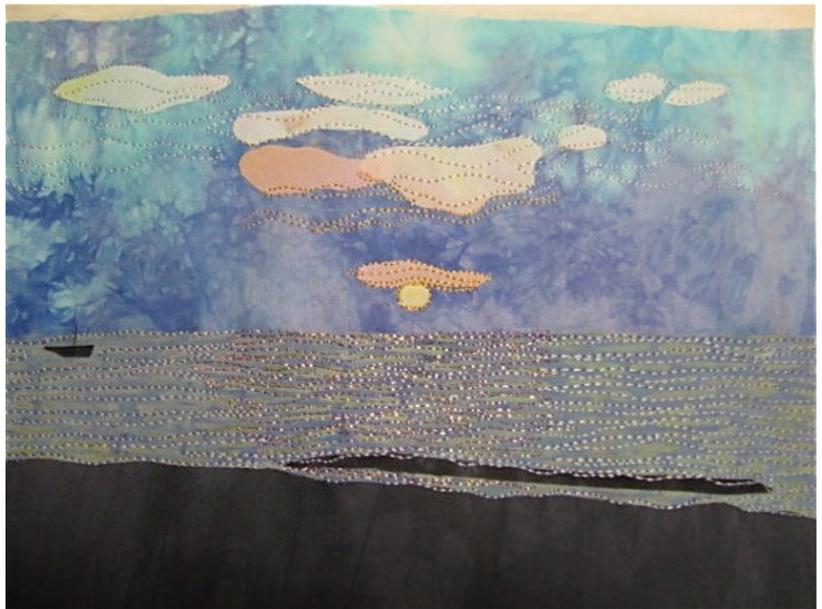
- ½ yard of cheap thin muslin

For your artwork fabric, use various batiks or small prints or hand dyed fabric based on the photo you will be doing.

- **Hibiscus:** red/orange 1/8 yd and fat quarter of greenish background
- **Seascape:** blue for sky, deeper blue for water, small yellow for sun, pale pink scraps, dark grey for foreground
- **Cityscape:** brilliant orange for sky, yellow for sun, dark brown/black
- Piece of batting, ¼ yd is plenty
- Backing fabric

Roxanne will have additional patterns available for purchase for \$5.

Photo-Pattern-Quilt!



PROVE TO ME YOU HAVE READ THIS NEWSLETTER by completing the following sentence and emailing or telling it to me:

I would be a great quilter if only _____.
(You can use as many words as you like)

Happy Quilting everyone! — Laure Manette

OUR DAY OF SHARING is APRIL 25!

Our Day of Sharing is now **just two months away**. By now you should be putting the finishing touches on your table decorations. I am still collecting door prizes, which can be given to me at any time.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the March meeting for volunteers to work during the Day of Sharing and a sign-up sheet to bring food items.

Please remember that if you are decorating a table, providing food or door prizes, or volunteering to work, your admission to the Day of Sharing is free; otherwise there will be a \$15 charge. — Laure Manette



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

Quilt Alliance
Document • Preserve • Share

Guest Speaker: Amy Milne
The Quilt Alliance of Asheville

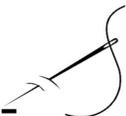
Amy will show our guilds how to document and preserve quilt stories and share them in our communities.



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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.





Quilt of Valor Presented to Ed Dzioba

At our February meeting, our quilting brother Ed Dzioba received a Quilt of Valor that was pieced by members of our guild. Tori Smith and Marty Kaminiski, representing Quilts of Valor, made the presentation. Thanks to all who involved who helped with this special recognition.



Community Sewing: Upcoming Dates

Thank you each of you who sewed a pillowcase for the elderly this past Christmas. It was greatly appreciated by all the nursing home residents.

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY SEWING

- **Feb. 19:** Clothing protectors. There are patterns in the notebook in closet. If you have time and fabric, please go ahead and cut out a few at home and bring them along. Chantal Huestis reports that *in addition to clothing protectors there are also requests for fidget quilts and tote bags*. Anything you can work on at Community Sewing Day or at home will be appreciated. See Chantal if you have any questions.
- **March 26:** Eyeglass cases
- **April 16:** Red, white and blue pillowcases
- **May 21:** Pillowcase dresses for little girls to assist Tabernacle Church's sewing for Operation Christmas Child boxes. Kits will be available.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK. Thank you everyone for sewing for our community.

Questions? Contact Mary Quay at 714-330-7638 or reach out to Chantal.

RAFFLE QUILT TICKET SALES

Please remember to pick up raffle quilt tickets at the next business meeting.

We also need people to sign up to sell tickets at the Farmers Market. We need two people for the morning shift and two for the afternoon. The market is a wonderful place to meet new people and help the guild at the same time. A signup sheet will be available at the next business meeting. We will begin setting up at the market in April after Easter.

Questions? Contact Mary Daugherty.

A large part of making those quilt pieces fit better is to stare at them like this.... Right before you get the seam ripper!



Normal's Quilt Studio



Sunshine

Get well cards and thinking-of-you cards went to Alvina Diello during her recent hospitalization, and her recovery at home. Cathy Cox reported that she is doing well but needs rest. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

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.



Quilted Creations of Americana by the Twin Rivers Quilters Guild

Duffy Exhibition Gallery at the
North Carolina History Center
Continues through March 22, 2026

Entry to the Duffy Gallery is free. You do not have to pay the admission to the museum if you are only going to the Gallery; take your friends and family!

Quilt pickup is Monday, March 22, noon to 2 p.m. Bring your quilt entry paperwork with you for the pickup.



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A machine embroidery mastery course! Bring your friends & have a fun time. Call to sign up today.

Build Your Skills Sewing Class

Mondays 1:30-4:30 February 2, 9, 16, 23.
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lots of great quilting information!



In the Spotlight

By Lynnet Keeley



For this month's Membership Spotlight (and as Membership Chair, my first article!) I would like to introduce you to David Hoagland, one of our many new members.

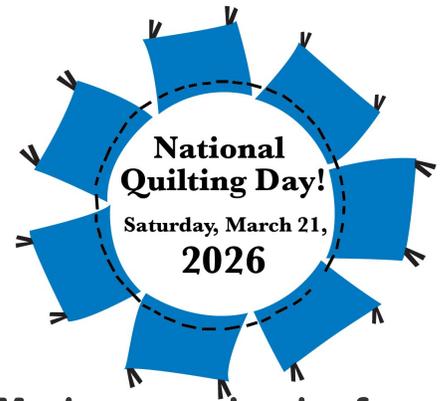
David is one of five children; he has two sisters, a stepsister and a stepbrother. His mom and dad were both in the Air Force, both working on jet engines. Dad took more of the "mechanical" focus, and mom was more the "computer" focus. After his parents' divorce and dad's retirement

to Chewelah, Washington, David spent many summers visiting his dad, who instilled in him the value of learning to do things. David reports that they did a lot of work on his dad's house; work they could have paid someone else to do but his dad's attitude was, "I'd rather save the money and do it right myself."

David's mom, Trish Deardorff, further nurtured that creative learning and taught David about quilting. She has been a longtime quilter herself and is a TRQG returning member. He took that spark and ran with it, completing his first quilt with enthusiasm. We chatted about his most recent completed project as well as the next one up—"Skulliver." The creative gene does not stop there either. David reports that his oldest sister is "a phenomenal quilter," and his middle sister crochets and enjoys other craft projects as well.

David's drive and yearning to learn has led him down many paths. He has learned to crochet, and knit, and even has a knitting machine. He has taught himself cake decorating, he has installed flooring for a number of years, and has experience building furniture and with most aspects of home building/maintenance. In fact, I just hired him myself to complete a small caulking project and I must say he was quick, clean and efficient!

As for his future with the guild, David says he is open to anything! He does have a fulltime job but he is looking forward to being a part of our group and sharing in the creativity that is Twin Rivers Quilters Guild. Welcome David!



Mark your calendar for the third Saturday in March!

The Quilt Alliance (which we are a member of and who will be here for our Day of Sharing on April 25) and the National Quilt Museum are proud to be the coordinators of this special day!

Label and Share: Two great activities for National Quilting Day 2026

Go to quiltalliance.org/nationalquiltingday for more information! You are encouraged to:

- (1) Label a quilt
- (2) Hang a quilt in a window or doorway of you home to show your neighborhood

Additional ideas and information are on the website. Remember that because our guild is a member, you can join this year as well! You have the option to become QA Affiliate Members for one year (must join while the group membership is active). Affiliate members enjoy the same benefits as QA individual members but will save \$35 on any level of membership (Friendship, Album, Sunburst and Signature).

There is a coupon code just for our group and your members can register themselves online at: <https://quiltalliance.app.neoncrm.com/forms/membership-form>. Our discount code is: TRQG member.



Community Quilts

Children's Quilts

On January 29 I delivered 7 quilts to Hope family resource center.

From this week's meeting I received 7 quilts from the following: Barbara Scavuzzo 1, Evelyn Bernhardt 2, Suzie Tibbetts 1, Karen Dodd 1, and Mary O'Neill 2.

Military Quilts

Thank you for your continued donations. We appreciate the time and effort you put into these quilts. They do not have to be patriotic colors. Those which go overseas to the military hospital should be 40 inches by 60 inches, in order to be used on the stretchers flying the wounded home. Quilts of any other sizes will be locally donated through veterans' organizations. Questions? Contact Mary Daugherty.



Coastal Center for Hope and Healing

We will again be collecting summer toys/activities for children at our May meeting, and school supplies in August.

Nursing Home Quilts & More

Many of you were working on needs of our community for nursing homes but also special events. So many members came up to me with your treasures, but I did not get them all written down on the Nursing Home sign in sheet. Here's what I have.

Quilts: Becky Barnes (1), Barbara Scavuzzo (1), Suzie Tibbitts (3).

Fidget Blankets: Carolyn Hansen (1), Crystal Kuchera (1), Becky Barnes (5).

RCS Bags: One from an unknown person, and 10 made by Emily Lewandowski from her husband's donated jeans!

Empty Bowls Mug Rugs: 57. I'm sorry that I don't have the list of everyone who contributed the treasures for Empty Bowls, which supports Religious Community Services and the Craven Arts Council, but thanks to ALL OF YOU!

—Nancy Houyoux





Check Out the Library! New Books!

Our librarian, Claudia Moran, shared a list (below) of the 13 newest quilting books in our guild library. **Did you know that we have about 300 books available for you to check out?**

Books are organized by topic. There is a complete list of the books on our website at www.twinriversquiltersguild.com/library (or from the home page click on “Committees” and go to “Library.”) You can look through the list at home, or come explore the library shelves when you are at Stitch & Chat. The books are in the right-hand metal cabinet in our meeting room. You can check books out by signing the card in the back of the book and filing the card in the file box. Please return them when you are done. Quilting techniques have changed over time. We try to assure that the books are up to date with modern techniques and fun, new ideas.

- Trip Around the World Quilts
Blanche & Helen Young
Strip Piecing
- An Encyclopedia of Crazy Quilt Stitches and Motifs
Linda Causee
- The Art of Landscape Quilting
Nancy Zieman & Natalie Sewell
- Sashiko Made Simple
Bernina Books
- Thread Painting A Garden Quilt
Joyce Hughes
- The Ultimate Sashiko Sourcebook
Susan Briscoe
- Foolproof Crazy Quilting
Jennifer Clouston
- Add-A-Line Continued More Continuous Quilting Patterns
Janie Donaldson
- Ultimate Beginners Guide to Free-Motion Quilting
Sherilyn Mortensen
- Boro & Sashiko Harmonious Imperfection
Shannon & Jason Mullett-Bowlsby
- No Sewing Until You Quilt it
Ann Holmes
Applique technique
- Curves without Piecing
Annette Ornelas
- Helen's Mix and Match Quilting Patterns
Helen Squire
Free Motion Quilting Designs



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Rolayne Schwendy, who won the January BOM.

The new block challenge features an entwined heart.



*Whenever I see chocolate, I
hear two voices in my head.
The first one says, “Eat the
chocolate!” The other one
says, “You heard her!
Eat the chocolate!”*



Show & Tell









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

- Feb. 19—Community sewing, clothing protectors
- Feb. 26—Patchwork jacket workshop with Rolayne Schwendy
- Mar. 15-20—Spring Retreat
- Mar. 26—Rulerwork Workshop
- Mar. 26—Community Sewing, eyeglass cases
- Mar. 28—DOS, Crystal Coast/Croatan Guilds
- April 10— Photo pattern workshop
- April 16—Community Sewing, red/white/blue pillowcases
- April 25 — TRQG Day of Sharing
- May picnic, details TBA
- May New Member Tea, details TBA
- May 21—Community Sewing, pillow-case dresses for little girls
- MARK YOU CALENDAR! April 2027—TRQG Quilt Show

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Feb. 15	Feb. 16	Feb. 17	Feb. 18	Feb. 19 9:30 Stitch & Chat Community Sewing: Clothing protectors	Feb. 20	Feb. 21
Feb. 22	Feb. 23	Feb. 24	Feb. 25	Feb. 26 9:30 Stitch & Chat QUILTED JACKET WORKSHOP with Rolayne Schwendy	Feb. 27	Feb. 28
Mar. 1	Mar. 2	Mar. 3	Mar. 4	Mar. 5 9:30 BOARD MTG Stitch & Chat 10:42 Quilt Show Mtg	Mar. 6	Mar. 7
Mar. 8	Mar. 9	Mar. 10	Mar. 11	Mar. 12 10:00 BUSINESS MTG	Mar. 13	Mar. 14
Mar. 15	Mar. 16	Mar. 17	Mar. 18	Mar. 19 9:30 Stitch & Chat	Mar. 20	Mar. 21 National Quilting Day!
SPRING RETREAT						
Mar. 22 Last Day of Exhibit at the Duffy Gallery	Mar. 23 QUILT PICKUP @ DUFFY GALLERY NOON-2 PM	Mar. 24	Mar. 25	Mar. 26 RULERWORK WORKSHOP, registration required 9:30 Stitch & Chat Community Sewing: eyeglass cases	Mar. 27	Mar. 28 Day of Sharing, On the Rocks in Morehead City
Mar. 28	Mar. 29	Mar. 30	Apr. 1 Happy April Fool Day	Apr. 2 9:30 BOARD MTG Stitch & Chat 10:42 Quilt Show Mtg	Apr. 3	Apr. 4
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