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## News of the Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

New Bern, North Carolina



### From the President

Unfortunately, rain, cold and picnics just don't go together! It's sure nice to be flexible and have a wonderful church to use when the weather doesn't cooperate. Our "Business Meeting Potluck" now will take place at our June 9 Business Meeting. Same place – Glenburnie Park, Lions Shelter; same guidelines – bring a potluck to share, your drink of preference (there will be bottled water) and a lawn chair. AND please don't forget to bring the SUN!!

Thanks for understanding that "Show and Tell" will be limited to one item per member until after the Quilt Show. Speaking of the Quilt Show, it was wonderful listening to all the work that's being done by the Quilt Show Chairs and their teams. And don't forget, Cathy Cox has jobs for all of us!! I know I have said this many times, TRQG Quilt Show is the best – very rewarding and a lot of fun. Don't miss out!

Paula Gramley and I are the "Program Book Committee" for the Quilt Show. If you either helped getting one of the ads in our last program book or you know a business that would like to advertise this year, please let me know and I will get you all the

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**See you at Glenburnie Park, Lion's Shelter  
10 a.m. on June 9  
Potluck Business Meeting**

### Bring:

- Dish to share
- Lawn chair
- Your drink of choice. Water will be available.
- Show-and-Tell (please limit to 1 item)



### 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: Claudia Moran/Gail Dorman

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 Fall Retreat: Sandy Smith/Jeanne Batten

2023 Winter Retreat: Sue Kleeman/Ruth Powers

2023 Spring Retreat: Kathy Farrar/Sandy Drechsler

2021-22 Raffle Quilt Construction: Sally Cornford

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

2022 Quilt Show: Jan Penner/Carolyn Hansen/ Ed Dzioba

### ***From the President (continued from page 1)***

information you need to get the process started. I will take over once you have identified a business that wants to purchase an ad. A full-page ad is \$125.

FYI – Kathy Farrar is chairing the “Nominating” Committee and will be seeking members to help her. You say it’s a little early to think about 2023-2024 officers, *but* there’s lots of “stuff” going on the remainder of this year and my moto is “it’s never too early to get organized and prepared.” If Kathy comes at you with a big smile – don’t run, just listen.

I had announced at our April meetings that several

TRQG members had agreed to help Sewing on the River with their “Teach Kids to Sew” class this summer. Becky at SOTR has decided to postpone that class until next summer. That project will be part of our recently formed Community Education Committee. I am the Chair of that committee and have several committee members. Much more to follow in January 2023.

Unfortunately, I will miss our picnic in June. I can’t miss seeing my granddaughter graduate from high school or miss out in all the great week-long celebrations!

—Sandy Drechsler



### **Mary O'Neill**

“When you are completely focused on your quilting and the world falls away, leaving you in that serene space...” This is what TRQG member, Mary O'Neill, loves best about quilting. If you have seen her quilts in person, you have admired her blending of beautiful, bright colors with something unexpected. She loves making scrappy quilts and tee-shirt quilts for family and friends. Mary feels an emotional connection to those for whom she creates the tee-shirts quilts. She said she gains a sense of the person’s history, while giving them in return, a picture of their own legacy and a sense of comfort.

Mary has fond memories of her grandmother teaching her to hand sew. She sewed her first project to her pants! Maybe that’s why she hates hand sewing now. Mary’s next adventure in sewing came as a young married, mother-to-be. Her mother-in-law got her a job at a dress shop sewing dresses. It wasn’t until her 40s that a friend influenced her to take quilting classes. She traveled with her friend, who represented a long-arm quilting company, and demonstrated the machine. After Mary’s husband passed away, she began to quilt in earnest.

Mary moved to New Bern in 2007 from New York where she had a 24-year career with the New York

State Police. Mary was a Communications Specialist who went from dispatch to computer training. Her husband also served as an officer of NYSP for 37 years. Mary has two sons living nearby, one of whom is a general contractor who built her dream home. She has three grandchildren.



As an active member of the Coastal Photography Club, Mary goes to nursing homes and takes portraits of the residents to share with their families. In addition, she covers the MS Bike Ride and the Mumfest. She enjoys taking candid photos of people and macro photography of nature.

A world traveler, Mary has explored Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Anguilla, Italy, and China. She is hoping to return to Europe in the future. Speaking of travel, her favorite Guild activity is attending our retreats. Mary enjoys the camaraderie and exposure to the art work of others. There she has the time to get to know other members on a more personal level while learning and sharing techniques.

Look for Mary’s entries on display at our Quilt Show in October. They are happy and guaranteed to make you smile.



## **BEE by the RIVER! 2022 Quilt Show**

**October 21 & 22, 2022**

Just five months until Showtime! Committees are busy planning their needs and wants. All guild members should be willing to help.

**Volunteer sign up sheets** were available at the May 12 meeting. Choose the area you are interested in with the time slots you are

available. If you have questions about signing up, contact **Cathy Cox**.

**Twice Around Treasures** are off to a great start. Yards and yards of fabric all measured and lots of batiks too. Shopping will be fun! Bring your cotton fabric, rulers, rotary cutters or other items you wish to donate to **Chris Youngs or Ruth Powers**.

**Boutique Items** are needed for sale. Quilted bags, table runners, placemats, wall hangings to name a few. Contact **Mary Quay or Jeanne Batten** to see how you can help them make the Boutique successful.

**Mary Daugherty** and her group of helpers will be creating the **show ribbons** utilizing "Connected by Thread" theme. **Meet on June 2 at 11:30 in the small meeting room in the church basement.**

**The Ultimate Raffle** sign up sheet with some suggestions and choices was at the meeting. A few basket ideas were shown with additional volunteers stepping up to work together. This is such an important part of who we are as a Guild, pulling together to ensure success, fun and working together for the benefit of others. Contact **Holly Pace** with questions or to sign up to help with a basket!

**Program Chairs** are busy securing advertising ads for the Quilt Show program book, full page black-and-white ads. If you have a contact for an ad see **Sandy Drechsler or Paula Gramley**.

**Demonstrations** during the show days are needed. **Alvina Diello** is who to contact if you would like to fill a need. Claudia Moran will be demonstrating how to make clothing protectors from men's shirts.

Keep working on your show quilts and **fill out the registration forms on our website**.

Questions? Contact **Lu Anne Tridico**.

The excitement is building!

Love 'n Hugs,

Jan Penner

**ALL SHOW ENTRY FORMS  
ARE DUE SEPT. 8 BY MAIL  
TO LU ANN TRIDICO.  
See website for forms.**



Cathy Cox is organizing the many volunteer positions needed to make our quilt show a success in October. Whether you can stand and walk for a shift or prefer to sit down, there's a job for you! You can walk the aisles to talk to visitors, help in the Boutique, Twice Around Treasures or reception desk. Ticket sellers are needed for ultimate raffle baskets and the raffle quilt. There are other areas also needing volunteers! Sign up NOW.

**According to Cathy,**  
*"It's almost the most fun you can have with your clothes on!"*

### **Two Forms to Complete for Challenge Quilts**

We hope to have lots of entries in the "Memories...Connected by Thread" challenge quilts. Please note that you'll need to complete two quilt entry forms.

- First, complete the standard show form for all quilts and submit it by Sept. 8. The form includes the name of your quilt and a 25-word description. This is the information that will be displayed with your entry.
- On the website under Quilt Show/Challenge Quilt there is an additional form. Bring it with you when you turn your quilt in on Oct. 17. It provides more information about your project to make sure it meets the challenge requirements.





## Children's Quilts

Between the months of March and April I received 31 quilts, I have distributed them as follows :Promise Place 10, Coastal Woman's shelter 10, Hope Family Resource center 11.

This month was very good also, as I received 9 quilts from the following: Mary Quay 1, Paula Paganucci 1, Karen Hallquist 2, June Dale 1, Kay Ament 1, and Lilly Lucier 3.

I still collect pull tabs (from aluminum cans) for the Ronald McDonald Home in Greenville. They turn the tabs into cash, which is then used to offset some of expenses of the families staying there while they have a child in the hospital.

Thank you, Lorraine Wocel

## Nursing Home Quilts

May 12, 2022: Today was a great day. The weather may have changed our meeting place, but did not dampen our spirit. The room was alive with chatter and friends catching up and filling the donation table with their creations.

I received lap quilts from the following: Chantal Huestis (1), Mary Quay (1), Paula Paganucci (3), Jenny Nebe (4), and Lilly Lucier (5). Clothing protectors (2) from Chantal. Jenny completed 51 feeding cloths also known as (burp cloths). While talking to an administrator at a facility and asking if they could use these items, she immediately said they would be great feeding cloths. So that is the name of these new items. The fabrics donated were mostly juvenile but was not important - usefulness was. I will be adding these to my deliveries next week.

Thank you all for being so generous with your time and being creative. I will have my donation container at our Picnic Business Meeting in June.

Love 'n Hugs, Jan Penner

## Kitty Pillows

The following were delivered to the Craven Counter Animal Services:

Six kitty pillows made by Jenny Nebe and 10 kitty pillows made by Jackie Harrison.

## Community Relief & Coastal Women's Shelter



**JUNE COLLECTION:** We are collecting summer activity items for children living at the Women's Shelter. **Please help them stay entertained with games, balls, bubbles, activity books, and anything that will spark their creativity over the summer months.**

Many thanks. — Nancy Hausman

## Sunshine Report

*Thinking of You cards were sent to:*

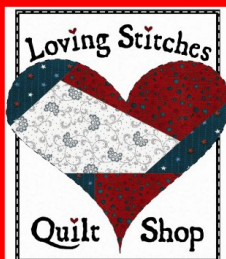
- Betty Williams, for prayers after surgery



*Get well and Encouragement cards were sent to:*

- Betty Williams and her husband, Kip
- Sandy Smith, who has pneumonia
- Gail Banks, who had back surgery

*If you know of a TRQG member facing a difficult time, please contact Kay Amend to send them a card*



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### May is Bernina Trade-In Month!

Upgrade your B820 or B750 for a new B770 QE Plus, with free gifts!  
Upgrade your B780, B820 or B830 for a new B790 Plus or B880 Plus, with free gifts!

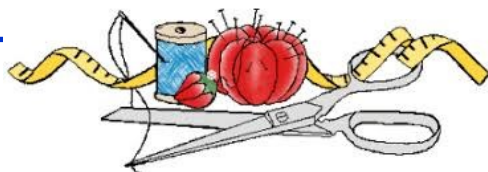
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### BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Carolyn Hanson, who won the block of the month at the May meeting.

The next BOM, Chinese Lantern, will be collected at the SEPTEMBER meeting. (This block is paper pieced; please leave the paper on the block when you turn it in). **There will be no BOM during the summer months.**



### In Search of Information: Antique Thimbles

Do you know anything about antique thimbles? Karen Dodd inherited several and she would like to find out more about them. Please contact Karen if you have any information that might help.



### HELEN KELLEY'S FIFTH LAW FOR QUILTERS

**When a bad seam is sewn a second time, it will always be worse than the first.**

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



LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF

## QUILTS FOR UKRAINE

**NOTE: Final contributions from TRQG members will be collected at the June 9 meeting. Follow these guidelines. Cash contributions toward shipping will also be collected. Questions? Contact Mary O'Neill.**



# MISSION QUILTS

### SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- LWR Mission Quilts should measure approximately 60" x 80". This size best serves adult recipients and children as they grow older. **Please donate only 60" x 80" quilts.**
- The ultimate purpose of a quilt is to provide warmth, so please choose your fabrics and filler accordingly. Even in warmer climates, temperatures can drop dramatically at night, requiring a quilt with sufficient filler. For tips on finding affordable filler for quilts, visit [lwr.org/quilts](http://lwr.org/quilts) and click on Get Quilt Filler Tips.
- Quilt tops and bottoms can be made from whole pieces of fabric or any type of patchwork pattern or smaller squares. Twelve 21" or forty-eight 11" squares sewn together using a 1/2" seam allowance make a 60" X 80" top.
- Keeping in mind that LWR quilts will be washed frequently and used for many purposes, we recommend sturdy, washable fabrics such as cotton, cotton blends, twill, corduroy, polyester knits, and donated upholstery and drapery samples (no sheers or fiberglass). Please ensure that there are no stains or holes before using fabrics in a quilt.
- Crochet cord or embroidery floss is easier and sturdier for tying. You may use yarn, but pay attention to the quality to ensure a sturdy quilt. Ties should be no more than 8" to 10" apart.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your congregation's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

### HOW TO MAKE AN LWR MISSION QUILT IN THREE EASY STEPS

1. Place a piece of fabric measuring 64" x 84" right side down on the table, followed by a filler measuring 60" x 80", and then another piece of fabric, also measuring 60" x 80", right side up on top of the filler.
2. Tie the layers together using crochet or similar cord, or machine-quilt them together.
3. Bring the edges of the 64" x 84" piece over the top, pin and machine-stitch the edge, using a zigzag stitch if possible.



### HOW TO PACK YOUR MISSION QUILTS

- Fold or roll quilts and pack securely in sturdy boxes. (Apple or egg boxes from the grocery store are great!)
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box or use the [Quilt & Kit Tracker](#) to label your boxes.





## FROM THE MAY 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 or Evelyn Bernhardt (252-725-0273) to get someone to open the door.



### ADDITIONAL DATES

- NO JULY BOARD MTG OR BUSINESS MTG
- Sept. 8, ALL SHOW ENTRY FORMS DUE to Lu Ann Tridico
- Oct. 17, Turn in Show Entries
- Oct. 19-20, Quilt Show Setup
- Oct. 21-22, Quilt Show!
- Oct. 30-Nov. 4, Fall Retreat
- Dec. 15, Christmas Luncheon
- Jan. 15-20, 2023, Winter Retreat
- Mar. 19-24, 2023, Spring Retreat

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
29	30 memorial ★ DAY 	31	1	2 9:30 Stitch & Chat 9:30 Board Meeting @ Church, followed by Quilt Show mtg 11:30 Show Ribbon Committee, small mtg room in church basement	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 POTLUCK PICNIC 10 a.m. Glenburnie Park 	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 <b>Church VBS, NO STITCH &amp; CHAT</b>	17	18
19 FATHER'S DAY 	20	21	22	23 9:30 Stitch & Chat 10:00 Group Sew @ Sewing on the River	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 9:30 Stitch & Chat 9:30 Community Service Project, tool pouch	1 July	2 July
3 July	4 July 	5 July	6 July	7 July 9:30 Stitch & Chat <b>NO BOARD MEETING OR BUSINESS MEETING IN JULY</b>	8 July	9 July