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



### From the President

It was wonderful having so many "Weather-Hearty" Quilters at our June 10 business meeting at the Glenburnie Park Shelter! Luckily, the pouring rain stopped for the meeting! To me, meetings in the park are very engaging and social – maybe we could look at changing the layout of our Business meetings at the church. Suggestions are welcomed!

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### From the VP's Craft Room

I am excited that we can have classes again. At our first 2021 class we will have Sue Kleeman teach bindings and Laura Miller will show her flange binding technique on June 24. Join us at Sewing on the River at 10 a.m. Sue will send out or post a supply list. ***I have six committed to attend but would like more.*** Please call, e-mail or text me 303-520-1006 if you would like to attend.

Then on July 22, again at Sewing on the River, Pat Boni will do a class on Color Play. This was taught a couple years ago but I know there are lots of us that missed that class, which had great reviews. Contact me to sign up now!

I will let you know next month about the August class.

### 2021 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Sunshine: Kay Amend

2021 Spring Retreat: Kathy Farrar/Sandy  
Drechsler

2021 Fall Retreat: Sandy Smith/Jeanne Batten

2021 Christmas Luncheon: Pat Boni/Mary Phelps

2021 Day of Sharing: Mary Quay

2021-22 Raffle Quilt Construction: Sally Cornford

2021 Raffle Quilt Sales: Mary Yanchok

2022 Quilt Show: Jan Penner

## Two New Members!



### **Gini Breaton**

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River Bend, NC 28562  
635-2719  
chalkdust60@suddenlink.net  
Gini is a returning member. At one time she was president of the guild from 2007-2008. Gini enjoyed doing needlepoint for a while but is back to quilting and loving it. She has agreed to take on the role of Librarian. Welcome back, Gini!

### **Janet Olsen**

3902 Sienna Trail  
New Bern, NC, 28562  
703-587-5830  
janet.olsen@gmail.com  
Janet and her husband Ed moved to New Bern in 2020. Her first quilt was an applique for a baby 39 years ago. She returned to regular quilting in 2015. She enjoys machine embroidery and reading.

### **From the President (continued)**

Thanks to Paula Gramley for managing the BOM drawing and collection (for charity quilts) at the meeting. Congratulations to the winners – me being one of them! Also, thanks to the members who brought quilts for the “Old” Family Quilts Show and Tell. The fabrics and patterns were interesting as were the stories behind the quilts. We all learned the importance of labels! Sadly, none of the “old” quilts had labels.

My FYI's and reminders:

- Be sure to check out TRQG **new** Website! I've enjoyed the “Resource” section. Member recommendations are appreciated – just email them to Karen Hallquist.
- Be sure to read the entire June Newsletter. Committee Chairs have a lot of important updates for Members who were unable to attend the Business Meeting.
- Lily Lucier informed us that our “Member at Large” Helen Williams has been discharged from the hospital. Helen loves cards and the funnier the better!
- As in the past, there are no Board or Business meetings in July. Stitch and Chat (and other events) will be held **every** Thursday in July. Come see what your fellow quilters are doing! Join in!
- Laura Miller continues to make adult bib patterns. If you are unable to attend a meeting to get a pattern and want to make bibs let Laura or me know and we will get one mailed to you.
- Our August 12 Business Meeting will be held in the church. We are back to normal!



My husband and I are leaving at the end of June for a six-week trip to Michigan and the UP in our TAB trailer, so you won't be seeing me in July.

See you in August!

Sandy Drechsler





## Sunshine Report

Cards were sent to Linda Bory, Dorothy Najarian and Helen Williams, who were all in the hospital.

Thinking-of-you cards were sent to Geri Reid, whose husband was not well, and to Linda Bory, who has continued medical problems.

We sent a card of sympathy to CarolinaEast Health System on the loss of their employee Megan McGarvey.

I will be away in coming month. If you know of someone that needs a card, please contact Evelyn Bernhardt at 633-4545. Thank you! —Kay Amend



This photo, submitted by Kay Amend, was taken in 2003 or 2004. Helen Williams, Member-at-Large/Founding Member, is pictured in the back row (sixth from the left) with other guild members. Helen is back at Brookdale Assisted Living (1336 S. Glenburnie Rd., New Bern NC 28562, Room 106). If you plan to visit her, call for an appointment first. Sending her a **funny card** would please her and make her smile!



## 2022 Duffy Gallery Exhibit

Every two years The North Carolina History Center in New Bern invites our guild to submit 50 to 60 miniature to full-size quilts for exhibition in the Duffy Gallery sometime in the first quarter of that year. The quilts are not judged but are for exhibit only.

**Application forms will be available in August/September to be completed and turned in before**

**Thanksgiving.** Quilts are not collected until the week before the exhibit opens. All quilts are collected, photographed, insured, hung in a secured room and taken down by Tryon Palace staff. Stay tuned for final dates and instructions and until then . . . **HAPPY QUILTING!**

—Lu Anne Tridico

## Community Service Project: Coasters for Empty Bowls



We are asking everyone to make coasters for Empty Bowls charity in February. Please make sets of six coasters and wrap a bow around them. Many patterns for coasters can be found online, such as Easy Wine Glass Coasters by Cindy Bee, which is a YouTube video on how to make round coaster. If you Google free coaster pattern, you will get several websites for patterns and ideas. Whatever kind of coasters you choose to make is okay. It only takes about 20-30 minutes or less to put these together. Have fun and thanks for your support!

—Pat Phillips & Alvina Diello

## Update for Day of Sharing: October 30, 2021

Our first committee meeting took place on May 20. The next meeting will be Aug. 19 at 9:30 during Stitch and Chat.

I know everyone is excited to have guest speaker Mary Kerr, who will discuss "Vintage Twist."

I am still looking for a few volunteers to take a table to decorate and do an opportunity basket. Please let me know if you can assist! If you have any questions, contact me at 714-330-7638.

—Mary Quay

## Boutique Items for 2022 Quilt Show

Attention all sewers! We need items for the boutique for our quilt show in October 2022. We will be sharing ideas at Stitch and Chat throughout July. Anyone who has ideas please bring them to share.

Thank you! —Mary Quay



## Quilt Show Ribbon Committee is Underway

Thank you to those who signed up for this committee at the June meeting. I have picked up the materials and instructions from Marisue Shannon. She did a wonderful job for so long!

Watch for updates in the fall for meeting information! If anyone is interested in joining this committee, contact Mary Daugherty.

SHHHHHH ....

Don't tell my husband  
I planned this year's  
vacation around the  
fabric stores I want  
to visit.



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## What Makes a Great Quilt Label?

As evidenced by the family quilts shared at our June meeting, many quilters are not very good at including a quilt label, much less one that has good information on it.

How about you? Do you put labels on your quilts? Do you want to improve the labels you make?

*We're compiling a list of tips and suggestions for making quilt labels for an article for our August newsletter.* Give some thought to the questions below and contribute your ideas for making meaningful quilt labels!

1. What is the minimum information that should be included on a quilt label?
2. What information do you wish you had about older quilts you own?
3. What suggestions do you have for making a label —methods, tools, etc.?
4. How do you adhere a label?

Please email your information to newsletter editor Paula Gramley by Aug. 7: [cuppatea\\_8@msn.com](mailto:cuppatea_8@msn.com).



## Original Sewing & Quilt Expo

Raleigh NC

August 5, 6 & 7

Raleigh Convention Center

If interested in car pooling to the EXPO, call or email Pat Boni, who will be coordinating a trip.



## Use Pool Noodles to Sandwich Your Quilt

I really have to credit Sue Marra for this tip. She demonstrated this method at Stich and Chat for Pat Kruger. I had never heard of putting a quilt sandwich together with three pool noodles. You can then either pin baste or spray baste the sandwich together. You need three noodles for a small quilt or six noodles for a large quilt. Use a piece of dowel, rolled up newspaper or something similar to attach two noodles together to make a long noodle for a large quilt. A large diameter noodle is preferred to the smaller size, but both will work.

Lay your quilt sandwich out like you normally would on a flat surface, with the backing face down (all wrinkles ironed out before starting). Secondly, layer your batting. Finally add your quilt top (face up) smoothing out all wrinkles as you build your sandwich.

Center one noodle at either end or side of the quilt sandwich (the smaller end would be best). Roll up the quilt top to the top of the noodle round and place a straight pin to secure. Then place straight pins along the edge, securing the quilt top to the noodle. Roll the rest of the quilt top onto the noodle, smoothing out wrinkles as you go. Do the same with the batting on the second noodle and then the backing on the third noodle.

Now you have three separate noodles containing your quilt top, your batting, and your backing. Place your backing down first, roll out a small length (18-24" approximately), and smooth. Place your batting down and position it the way you want it on the backing. Roll it out, nesting against the backing noodle, and smooth as you go. Then place your quilt top noodle and position it the way you want. Roll it out, nesting against the batting noodle. Smooth again to ensure there are no wrinkles. Now you're ready to start pin basting or spray basting.

If you would like to try this method, I recommend you Google "pool noodle quilt sandwich." There are several YouTube videos demonstrating this method. Most demonstrate pin basting but keep looking and you'll find spray basting. I think I might try this method. Sue says she's never had a problem with wrinkles in her quilt using this method.

—Submitted by Geri Reid



TRQG received two quilting frames for us to sell to raise funds for the guild. Prices suggested are in line with these items on eBay.

**Please contact Laura Miller by email or phone if you are interested in either frame.**

The GRACE Company Hoop Hand Quilting Frame. Includes an adjustable light. It is in good working condition. Asking \$70 OBO



Sew-Rite Magik Quilt Frame – Model QT2747. It's made of adjustable PVC pipe and is easy to assemble, disassemble and store. It's 47" long, 27" wide and 29" high. Asking \$50 OBO.



## Community Relief & Coastal Women's Shelter

The staff of Coastal Women's Shelter send their warmest thanks for all the activities you donated to keep the children engaged this summer. It was such a nice variety. Since our next meeting is in August, **please watch for sales on school supplies for students learning online and in the classroom.** These items will be collected in both August and September. Thank you for your continued support. Questions? Call me at 252-617-6041. — Nancy Hausman





# THE *Member* SPOTLIGHT

By Geri Reid

## STEPHANIE SEYMORE

Stephanie was a US Coast Guard wife for 18 years and moved here from Kodiak, Alaska in 2003. Her husband had been diagnosed with brain cancer and it was his decision to have her, and their three children close to her parents.



A small quilt shop had opened in Kodiak (population 6,000). As a lark, Stephanie got together with a girlfriend and went to the shop once a week. Her first quilt, a Blooming Nine Patch, won best large quilt. That girlfriend now lives in Georgia, and they formed a business two years ago making more than 100 memory quilts. Stephanie does the tops, and her friend does the long arm quilting. Fifty percent have been T-shirt quilts and the other half from clothes of the person being remembered. She normally has two or three quilt tops in the works at all times.

Stephanie has a dedicated sewing room with two tables holding her Juki, her new Bernina Quilters Edition sewing machine, and a T-shirt press. Over time Stephanie has gone to using more original designs, sometimes using the 2", 2 1/2" squares and strips she seems to have an overabundance of. She enjoys creating and seeing how her vision comes together. One of her quilts became a king-size quilt for her bed using thousands of squares in a postage-stamp type design. She also made a lap quilt (using a couple of thousand squares) for a friend undergoing chemo; it was composed of different 2-inch squares for an I-spy game: Santa, bumblebee, monkey, etc. She then included a chart for the friend for how many of the different items to find.

Stephanie has been married to her current husband for 15 years. Together they have seven children (six boys and one girl). She enjoys scrap booking, hiking and spending time with her five grandchildren.

## LYNN PECK COLLINS

Lynn's family sewed and taught her to sew. Upon retirement, she wanted something to occupy her time. After accompanying a friend to Lynn's first quilt shop, she purchased a Viking, thus beginning her quilting career. She attended the 2006 TRQG Quilt Show at the Knights of Columbus and joined TRQG at the first business meeting after moving here in July 2007.

Lynn's dedicated sewing room houses four sewing machines (two Juki's and two Vikings). Her sewing table accommodates three of the machines via acrylic inserts. She removes an insert, lifts out the current machine, inserts the one she wants to use, replaces the insert and is sewing. Lynn says her cup runneth over with spools of thread used in her projects.

She participates actively in TRQG quilt shows: twice as quilt show chair, the publicity chair, and three times as judging chair. She co-chaired Block of the Month for several years. Her favorite traditional block is a Lemoyne Star. Lynn has numerous best of show



awards: Crystal Coast Guild 2009, 2011, 2015, and 2017; TRQG 2010, 2014, and 2016; Pigeon Forge Mountain Quilt Fest 2017; and World Quilt Show Florida 2011. Her quilts have been juried into the shows at Paducah, Grand Rapids, Mid-Atlantic and Houston.

Lynn enjoys problem solving. When inspired by an artist or quilter she attempts to capture her inspiration in a quilt. She has attended many professional classes and tries to put her book knowledge into practice, never timid about trying a new technique. On Facebook, she recently completed a four-month class with Bethanne Nemesh.

Lynn holds a Master of Arts Degree in music performance. She played the bassoon professionally with the U.S. Army Field Band in Washington, DC, retiring as a Master Sergeant. She currently plays the flute and golfs.



## New Ideas for Walking Foot Quilting

By Geri Reid

Are you still hesitant to try free motion quilting but are tired of doing straight-line or wavy quilting with your walking foot? Check out these books are in our TRQG library.

- ***Foolproof Machine Quilting*** by Mary Mashuta may be your answer. Mary demonstrates making templates out of folded paper or geometric shapes. The shapes are then transferred to freezer paper or studier shelf contact paper before sewing around the shapes with her walking foot.
- ***Foolproof Walking-Foot Quilting Design*** by Mary Mashuta goes into more detail and includes lots of designs for your walking foot. She also includes a system of clocks to depict how much time it would take to quilt a particular design.
- ***Beautiful Quilt as You Go*** by Keryn Emmerson has loads of quilting designs that could be done with your walking foot to build and quilt individual blocks before they are sewn together to make a larger quilt. Quilting individual blocks with your walking foot would be much easier than quilting a large quilt with your walking foot because of the ease of changing directions for your more complex designs.



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## Charity Quilts



### Military Quilts

Thank you to Cathy Cox for picking up military quilts in May. And thank you to donors Pat Boni and June Dale for the lovely quilts! We are available to pick up military quilts or meet you during the summer months if you have them. Just let one of us know!

— Mary Daugherty and Mary Phelps

### Children's Quilts

This month I only received four quilts from the following: Jan Penner 2, June Dale 1 and Karen Dodd 1, that she delivered herself.

If anyone needs labels, please email me and I will send them out. Thanks.

— Lorraine Wocel

### Nursing Home Quilts

I received the following donations for nursing homes:

- Lap quilts: Mary Quay (five) and Sharon Rhoton (one).
- Fidget quilts: Emily Lewandowski (five) and Mary Quay (two).
- Adult bibs: Jackie Harrison (12), Laura Miller (two), and Alvina Diello (one). Two bibs have been loaned to members to use as patterns. Happily, more will be made and given to nursing homes, hospice, and shut ins.

Thank you for your generosity and beautiful gifts for our community. Please keep sewing and stay healthy and happy. Attached are pictures of just a few of the recent donations.

Love 'n hugs,  
Jan Penner





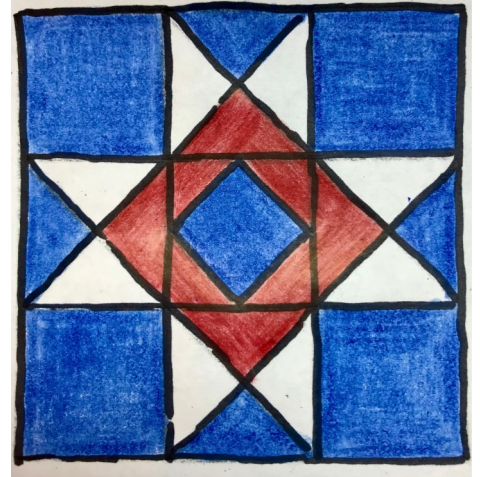
## RED, WHITE & BLUE Block of the Month: Lily Star Block

This is our third month of blocks in any combination of red, white and blue fabric. All will be 12-inch finished blocks (12.5 inches unfinished).

This month's block is Lily Star, a variation of the Ohio Star block. We are again using the directions from the Patchwork Square website ([www.patchworksquare.com](http://www.patchworksquare.com)). The directions for this block are at <https://www.patchworksquare.com/mf/lily-star-quilt-block.pdf>. Select the 12-inch block directions (12.5 inches unfinished).

### Guidelines:

- Use any combination of red, white and blue.
- We suggest you make either two or three of the blocks.
- One will be collected for a drawing for all participants to win that group of blocks.
- One block will be collected as material for future charity quilts for children or nursing homes.
- If you make a third block, keep it for your sampler quilt!



### RED, WHITE & BLUE BOMs will be collected at the AUGUST MEETING.

- We will collect two of the blocks.
- One set of the blocks for each pattern will be raffled to participants who made that block.
- The other collected blocks will be used for charity quilts.
- If you made a third block, please keep it for your personal use.

## Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

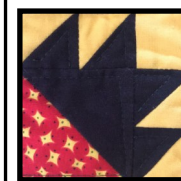
Regular meetings are held at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 616 Broad Street in New Bern.

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

**JULY: No board meeting or business meeting, Stitch & Chat will meet**

Aug. 5, 9:30 Board Meeting;  
Stitch & Chat

Aug. 12, 10:00 Business Meeting

Aug. 19 Stitch & Chat

Aug. 26 Stitch & Chat

Sept. 2 Board Meeting

# Mark Your Calendar:

Oct. 17-22 Fall Retreat

Oct. 30 Day of Sharing hosted by  
TRQG

Dec.16 Christmas Luncheon

Jan. 16-21, 2022 Winter Retreat

Mar. 27-Apr.1, 2022, Spring  
Retreat

Oct. 21-22, 2022, Quilt Show

Oct. 30-Nov. 4, 2022 Fall Retreat

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
20 June	21 June	22 June	23 June	24 June 9:30 Stitch & Chat 10:00 Binding Class at Sewing on the River; <u>contact Jenny Nebe to register</u>	25 June	26 June
27 June	28 June	29 June	30 June	1 July <b>NO JULY BOARD MEETING</b> 9:30 Stitch & Chat	2 July	3 July
4 July	5 July	6 July	7 July	8 July <b>NO JULY BUSINESS MEETING</b> 9:30 Stitch & Chat	9 July	10 July
11 July	12 July	13 July	14 July	15 July 9:30 Stitch & Chat	16 July	17 July
18 July	19 July	20 July	21 July	22 July 9:30 Stitch & Chat 10:00 "Color Play" class at Sewing on the River; <u>contact Jenny Nebe to register</u>	23 July	24 July
25 July	26 July	27 July	28 July	29 July 9:30 Stitch & Chat	30 July	31 July
1 Aug	2 Aug	3 Aug	4 Aug	5 Aug 9:30 Board Meeting 9:30 Stitch & Chat <i>Raleigh Quilt Expo</i>	6 Aug <i>Raleigh Quilt Expo</i>	7 Aug <i>Raleigh Quilt Expo</i>
8 Aug	9 Aug	10 Aug	11 Aug	12 Aug 10:00 Business Meeting @ the church	13 Aug	14 Aug
15 Aug	16 Aug	17 Aug	18 Aug	19 Aug 9:30 Stitch & Chat	20 Aug	21 Aug
22 Aug	23 Aug	24 Aug	25 Aug	26 Aug 9:30 Stitch & Chat	27 Aug	28 Aug
29 Aug	30 Aug	31 Aug	1 Sept	2 Sept 9:30 Board Meeting	3 Sept	4 Sept