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News of the Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

New Bern, North Carolina



From the President

Hello TRQG! I hope everyone is doing **well** (inside joke for Sue!) and that you were able to be a part of our *second* Facebook Live Business

Meeting on Thursday, February 11. It was great to have so many members participating with us at the Church during taping. We had lots of laughs and it felt **good!** There was room for even a few more Members, so remember, just let me know if you want to attend so we don't go over our quota of 25.

Is it obvious yet that we are moving from Business Meetings full of reporting **to** meetings jam-packed with "Fellowship, Fun and Quilting Information?" Please say "Yes!" Because the Board has been working hard to "shake things up." The November survey results told us that's what our members want. Like I said during the meeting Thursday, we need input from all of you too. Changing the Business Meeting structure is a "family" affair! All suggestions, are welcomed and will be considered.

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2021 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President: Sandy Drechsler

Vice President/Programs: Jenny Nebe

Treasurer: Jackie Harrison

Secretary: Laura Miller

Block of the Month: Ed Dzobia

Charity Quilts:

- Children—Lorraine Wocel
- Military — Mary Daughtery
- Nursing Home — Jan Penner
- Kitty Pillows — Ruth Powers

Communications:

- Newsletter—Paula Gramley
- Technology/Website/Facebook — Karen Hallquist

Community Education: Sandy Drechsler

Community Relief Fund: Nancy Hausman

- Coastal Woman's Shelter — Nancy Hausman

Community Service: Alvina Diello/Pat Philips

Door Monitoring: Evelyn Bernhardt

Library: Geri Reid

Member at Large/Founding Member: Helen Williams

Member Spotlight: Geri Reid

Membership: Diana Rezab

New Member Mentoring: Cathy Cox

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: **OPEN**

2022 Quilt Show: Gail Banks

New Member Mentorship

All new members and mentors are invited to an important meeting on **Feb. 25 at 10 a.m.** at the home of Cathy Cox (216 Forest Oak Dr., New Bern). If you are new to TRQG in the past two years and have not yet 'graduated' in our pin ceremony **PLEASE** attend. Find out what is in store for you this year. Committee Chairs will drop in to explain the work of their teams. All mentors should be present to meet with your new member. If you would like to be a mentor, please join us for coffee and goodies. Masks, social distancing and proper prophylactic practices will make sure we have fun safely!



Vice President's Message

We are off to a running start. I was able to meet with the program team after the February meeting and we made a few decisions and started a list of class topics.

We are a cross section of the membership but I would like to invite anyone who has a suggestion for a class or has a class they are willing to deliver to please contact me. The classes are always on the fourth Thursday at Sewing on the River at 10 a.m.

Those in attendance were at our February meeting were Carolyn Hansen, Sue Kleeman, Laura Miller, Geri Reid, Sandy Drechsler and Linda Sullivan.

New Classes

Geri Reid has agreed to deliver a class on machine English paper piecing on April 22. Due

to COVID 19 gathering restrictions we are temporarily limited to six participants. The first six to contact me to enroll will be able to attend the class. We will attempt to run the class on Facebook live also.

Other classes I hope to schedule are:

- Mary Ann DeRossett – clothesline baskets
- Pat Boni – color play
- Sue Kleeman – binding
- Sue Marra or Sue Kleeman – needle-turned applique

I need more ideas and volunteers for future classes! Please let me know your ideas!

— Jenny Nebe

From the President (continued)

Just a few (three!) reminders. **First**, we will be putting notices of all outside events in the Newsletter and on the Website as we receive them. If you are aware of an event please email me the information and I will make sure it gets communicated. **Second**, the March Facebook Live Business Meeting will focus on “Show and Tell.” The Board is “shaking up” this event too! If you want to participate, I need to know ASAP – so call or email me. Members will be asked to fill out a card with information about the Quilt and the process (the “TELL!”). The information card will be read as the Member “SHOWS” their quilt. Also, we plan to make plenty of time for questioning so it’s a learning experience for all. **Lastly**, April will be a debate type program – the pros/cons, likes/dislikes of quilting systems and techniques. If there is a topic you would like to have discussed, send me an email and we will do our best to address it. TRQG has so many creative and talented members that someone will have all the answers! So, ask away!

Like all of you, I want to get back to having our big open meetings at the Church. Even if we are lucky enough to get back to the Church soon, I still think we should have a picnic in the park for the May Business Meeting. What do you think?

See you in March when all the flowers will be starting to bloom!

—Sandy Drechsler

**Join us for the next Facebook Live Meeting!
Thursday, March 11 at 10 a.m.**

You can join through your Facebook account, or go to the guild website at www.twinriversquiltersguild.com and click on the Facebook link.

Spring Retreat: March 28-April 2

Registration is now open for the retreat at The Islander Motel on Emerald Isle. A non-refundable **\$20 cash deposit** is required which will cover the cost of three meals and any supplies we will need. Rooms are available @\$89 per night and can be booked now. Yes, rooms can be shared. This room rate is valid for reservations made *through Feb. 28*. If you want to join us, let Sandy Drechsler or me know and we will add you to the list. It will be a wonderful time for all.

Islander phone number: 252-354-3464.

—Kathy Farrar



THE Member SPOTLIGHT

By Geri Reid

DONNA M. CLARK

Donna Clark had never sewed a stitch in her life before she started her first quilt 22 years ago in Chester, Maine (outside of Portland). But she has family members that sewed all the time, one a professional tailor. She joined them at their meetings (somewhat like our Stitch & Chat) and they guided her through her first quilt. She gained additional basic skills by attending adult education quilting classes. She has made many quilts and has recorded them in a journal with pictures, comments, and information about the recipient. Most of her quilts have gone to family or friends, with just a few she's kept for herself.

Donna joined the our guild in December 2020 and attended the Christmas luncheon, a couple of business meetings, and a Stitch & Chat. Sandy Drechsler is her mentor and Donna has volunteered



to be the library co-chair. She is interested in Amish-style quilts, wool wall hangings, and doll quilts. Donna spends the summer at her summer home in Maine. Traditional

blocks are her specialty but she is now investigating innovative traditional blocks and incorporating primitive or country fabrics. Except for the quilting (completed by her niece in Maine, who is a longarmer), Donna does everything herself, including occasionally custom dying her fabric. Because Donna's Singer sewing machine is portable, she can sew anywhere. Currently she is working on a Civil War themed "Underground Railway" quilt in her Fairfield Harbour home, as evident by the reproduction fabrics strewn across the sunroom's floor.

SUSAN (SUE) MARRA

Twenty-five years ago, Sue received Sun Bonnet Sue squares and decided to finish the quilt for her kindergartener daughter. She joined the local guild in West Bloomfield, Michigan. They taught/instructed/led her through the steps to construct the quilt.



Sue has been a member of our TRQG for 18 years since moving here 19 years ago. For the last 10-12 years, Sue has

concentrated on her original applique designs. She has polished and refined her skills and became the first quilter to be awarded the Living Treasures Award for North Carolina. This award is issued for craft art once a year, and never before has a quilter earned this award. UNC Wilmington commissioned her to do a pelican quilt for their Pelican Room. Sue has designed quilts that won top honors in many quilt shows. Her hand-turned applique has been featured on numerous TRQG raffle quilts. She is one of a dying breed: no machine touches her quilts/wall hangings, which are all original designs and hand quilted. You can oftentimes see Sue at our Stitch & Chat, hand quilting on her current quilt project or just doodling. Not on paper, like the rest of us doodle, but on fabric with needle and thread. Sue gives some of them away but for the most part she keeps them for herself.

Sue's current inspiration comes from the wall hanging at Ocracoke's Eduardo's Taco Stand, which depicts Mexico's "Day of the Dead." As a result, she has created two wall hangings, "Man" (finished) and "Woman" (in progress). Paint stencils also inspire Sue in her floral designs. She does everything herself from start to finish concerning her quilts and wall hangings: creating the design, picking the fabrics, and making the various templates, before she even starts cutting fabric. She ends the process by hand quilting on a 14-inch hoop in her sewing room.

Website/Facebook/Technology Committee

Karen Hallquist is now serving as chair of the technology-related communications (TRQG website and Facebook), assisted by Lynn Peck-Collins. Please let them know if you have any questions.

Newsletter

If you have any questions about the Quill newsletter, please contact Paula Gramley (217-737-2980 or cuppatea_8@msn.com).

Membership

We are so pleased to welcome a new member to our guild!

Ruth Hill

P.O. Box 9, Bridgeton, NC, 28519
bunkerhill@mindspring.com.



Ruth moved to our area from Georgia. She is a hand quilter and also enjoys scrapbooking and needlework. She is

a retired Navy nurse. Ruth was introduced to the guild by Claudia Hughes.

The 2021 Directories have been mailed out. If you have not received one, please let me know. Also, if you feel you are not getting any emails let me know. I cannot fix it if I don't know about it.

- Please correct Suzie Hardy's mailing address in your 2021 directory. It should read 702 Hwy 93 S, Salmon, ID 83467.

— Membership Chair Diana Rezab, drezab@yahoo.com, 617-3819



Are you frustrated or giving up trying to find a book in the guild library? I have

decided to try something different and hope to receive your feedback or suggestions as to what's working or not working. What would you like to see in the library (specific author or title)? Inventory and re-organization are currently in progress.

- The library listing on the website and on the bookcase door will be by "title."
- The books will be organized by "author."
- The checkout and return will be the same, except the returned books, DVDs and other items will be placed in the plastic bin marked "returns." *Do not file the item being returned in the bookcase, put it in the plastic bin.*
- We will be also looking for overdue items. Because of COVID 19, we will not consider an item overdue unless it has been checked out since Jan 2020. Initial contact will be by phone or email.

In the future, this space will be used to review books, DVDs, specific books for different skills, etc. I have ordered two new DVD's: *Translate Photos Into Fabric Art* and *English Paper Piecing by Machine*. They will be reviewed in the next newsletter.

— Geri Reid, Library Chair

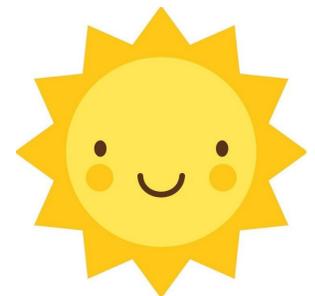


Sunshine Report

We offer our sympathy to Mary Quay on the passing of her father.

A get-well card was sent to TRQG member Sally Cornford, who is recovering from a shoulder injury.

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





Do you have problems with breaking threads on your sewing machine?

You've tried everything but nothing seems to work. Do you know the difference between cross-wound and stacked threads? How you position your thread onto your sewing machine is important and can make a difference to your sewing experience.

Sewing thread can be wound onto spools in two different methods.

1. Stacked Thread is wound onto the spool horizontally; the thread is parallel to the spool. Generally stacked thread should be placed on a **vertical** spool pin on the sewing machine. The thread should leave the spool at a **RIGHT** angle, in line with the direction of the wound thread. This will stop the thread catching on the grooves at the end of the spool. Positioning a stacked thread on a horizontal spool pin will cause the thread to catch on the end of the spool pin, causing tension problems on the sewing machine as the thread becomes tight, potentially snapping, or twisting.

2. Cross-Wound Thread is wound onto the spool in a zigzag design so that the thread forms an X up and down the spool. Small spools of thread should be loaded on the horizontal spindle on your machine. Cone spools should be loaded on a stand alone thread holder that unwinds the thread from a hook on top of the holder before it is threaded into the machine.

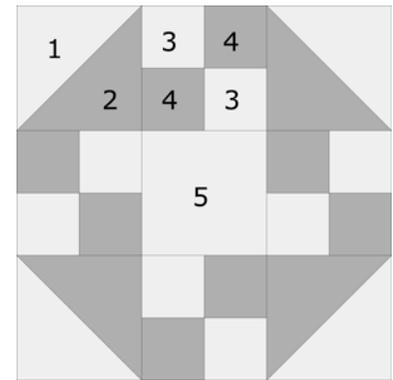
Note: Always thread metallic or specialty threads vertically to prevent twisting of the thread.

Submitted by Geri Reid

Black, White & Bright!

March Block of the Month

Continuing the theme of Black, White & Bright from February, our March BOM is the **Prairie Queen block**. You'll find the directions for this block at the **Generations Quilt Patterns website**: www.generations-quilt-patterns.com/prairie-queen-quilt-block.html



Use the directions to make the 9 inch block size (9.5 inches unfinished). The instructions show this as a two-fabric block, but you can certainly use more than two fabrics. Guidelines:

- Use any combination of black, white and one or more bright fabrics.
- We suggest you make either two or three of the blocks.
- Once we can resume meetings in person, we will collect two of your 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 yourself for a sampler

EYE TEST



If you see this watermelon

Red - You're Normal

Green - You're a Bit Odd

Blue - You Need To Buy More Fabric

Charity Quilts



Children's Quilts

Ten quilts were turned in on Feb. 11 by those attending the business meeting at the church. Thanks very much to Emily Lowandowski (six quilts), Sue Kleeman (three

quilts) and Jan Penner (one quilt).

—Lorraine Wocel

Christmas is Coming...



Believe it or not, planning is underway for the 2021 Christmas luncheon, and more volunteers are

needed! This committee is led by Pat Boni and Mary Phelps. ***If you can assist, please contact Pat at (910)330-3143.***

Kitty Pillows

Thank you to Jan Penner for her very generous donation of 14 pillows taken to the Craven County Humane Society in the past month. Just a reminder, if you deliver the pillows yourself (since I'm not at meetings yet), please email me to let me know how many pillow you gave. Thank you.

—Ruth Powers

Donation Quilt Sizes

- Lap Quilts: 40x40 inches, cotton fabric
- Military Stretcher Quilts: 40x60 inches, cotton fabric
- Nursing Home Fidget Quilts: 20x25 inches



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 Evelyn Bernhardt on her phone to get someone to open the door (252-725-0273).

2021 Committees: Volunteers Needed

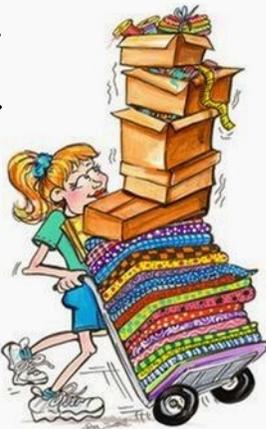


COMMITTEE	CHAIR	BUDDY
Block of the Month	Ed Dzubia	NEED
Charity Quilts		
Children	Lorraine Wocel	NEED
Military	Mary Daughtery	NEED
Nursing Home	Jan Penner	Marie Garber, Linda Sullivan, Chris Youngs
Kitty Pillows	Ruth Powers	NEED
Communications		
Newsletter	Paula Gramley	Lynn Peck-Collins, Karen Hallquist
Technology /Website/Facebook	Karen Hallquist	Lynn Peck-Collins
Community Education	Sandy Drechsler	Carolyn Hansen, Cathy Cox, Karen Hallquist
Community Relief Fund	Nancy Hausman	Officers/Executive Team
Coastal Woman's Shelter	Nancy Hausman	Treasurer/Team gets together at Christmas
Community Service Projects	Alvina Diello/Pat Phelps	NEED
Door Monitoring	Evelyn Bernhardt	Holly Pace
Library	Geri Reid	Donna Clark
Member at Large/Founding Member	Helen Williams	
Membership	Diana Rezab	Sue Marra
Member Spotlight	Geri Reid	NEED
New Member Mentoring	Cathy Cox	Carolyn Hansen
Programs	Jenny Nebe	Program Team
Sunshine	Kay Amend	Evelyn Bernhardt
2021 Spring Retreat	Kathy Farrar	Sandy Drechsler
2021 Fall Retreat	Sandy Smith	Jeanne Batten
2021 Day of Sharing (Oct. 23)	Mary Quay	Team to be selected
2021 Christmas Luncheon	Pat Boni	Mary Phelps
2021 Raffle Quilt Construction	Sally Cornford	Laura Miller, Jenny Nebe, Sue Kleeman, Dorothy Najarian, Evelyn Bernhardt, Lily Lucier, Vicki Shetter
2021 Raffle Quilt Sales	NEED	Need
2022 Quilt Show	Gail Banks	Team to be selected

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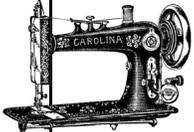
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It's National Quilting Month!



ADDITIONAL DATES

- Feb. 25, New Member "Bee Together Coffee," contact Cathy Cox
- Apr. 1, 9:30 Stitch & Chat
- Apr. 8, 9:30 Board Meeting (*date moved due to retreat*); Stitch & Chat
- Apr. 15, 10:00, Business Meeting (*date moved due to retreat*)
- April 22, Stitch & Chat
- April 22, Class at Sewing on the River (contact Jenny Nebe)
- April 29, Stitch & Chat
- May 6, Board Meeting, Stitch & Chat
- May 13, Business Meeting
- May 20, Stitch & Chat
- May 27, Stitch & Chat

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 <i>National Peanut Butter Lover's Day</i>	2	3	4 9:30 Board Meeting @ Church 9:30 Stitch & Chat	5	6 <i>National Oreo Cookie Day</i>
7	8	9 <i>National Barbie Day</i>	10	11 10:00 Facebook Live Business Meeting	12 <i>National Girl Scout Day</i>	13
14 <i>National Learn About Butterflies Day</i>	15	16	17 	18 9:30 Stitch & Chat	19	20 <i>National Quilting Day!</i> 
21 <i>National Common Courtesy Day</i>	22	23	24	25 9:30 Stitch & Chat	26	27
28 Spring Retreat <i>Passover Begins</i>	29 Spring Retreat	30 Spring Retreat	31 Spring Retreat	1 April Spring Retreat <i>Due to retreat, the Board meeting is moved to April 8.</i> 9:30 Stitch & Chat <i>April Fools Day</i>	2 April Spring Retreat <i>Good Friday</i>	3 April