

Piecemakers Quilt Guild



MEETING INFORMATION - REMEMBER YOUR NAMETAGS!!!

Next Meeting: March 4, 2015 - Lincoln County Senior Center - Room #319 - Social Time - 9:30am - Meeting - 10am!!

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Please no perfumed products!!

Minutes for February 4, 2015

Margaret Hamilton opened the meeting with prayer. Jean Quinn made a motion to accept the minutes of previous meeting as presented. Seconded by Dorothy Nathansohn. All approved.

Treasurer: Since Rob is away, Judy Perkins made a report.

Membership: Sandy reported 17 members are present and one visitor (Vickie Homesley).

Quilt Show: Linda Gunter advised that the next meeting will be Wednesday, February 25th, at 9:30 a.m.

Quilts on Wheels: Pam handed out bags with the makings for a baby quilt to members to take and work on at home (to be returned by April meeting). In March QOW will work on tote bags.

Pam said in 2014 that 28 quilts went to Pregnancy Center, 11 or 12 to dialysis and 12 to Amy's House. This year QOW will make quilts for the Pregnancy Center and dialysis. Amy's House will get tote bags.

Apple Festival: Sandy Bruce and Linda Gunter will handle for 2015 since Laurie is unable to do so.

Projects: Chris Blankenship presented the "Happiness Challenge" to members which is due at the September meeting and will be included in the quilt show.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vicki will present "Take It Up A Notch" every 4th Wednesday through September. Please let her know if you will attend since she doesn't want to show up if no one else comes.

Dates for Board Meetings: April 29th, July 29th, and October 28th, all at 9:30 a.m.

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Sandy has the wagon and will bring in next week.

Please let Margaret know if you are interested in being chair of the committee to make the donation quilt in 2015 to be raffled in 2017.

Per Linda Yaggie there are 12 aprons in our stock.

We are still looking for name tags to go in the new member's package.

If anyone has an inventory list of the items in the shed at Vicki's, please give it to Margaret.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula

Greeters for
March are Jill
Rogers and Pam
Haskins

Greeters Reminder –

It is your responsibility to get to our meeting room about 9:15am – the Greeter badges are under the lid of the Library. Greet everyone and make sure they sign in and sign up for Show and Tell if they have any. After the meeting it is also your responsibility to make sure that the meeting room is back in order – 5 tables with 2 chairs each on each side – chairs should be pushed in. One front table with one or two chairs. Make sure all the cabinets are securely locked before you leave. If you are not able to attend the meeting, please try to find someone to substitute for you if at all possible. Thank you to all who signed up for 2015.

President's Note

Today while sewing in a nice warm house, it was windy and turning really cold outside. The weather man says this is just a start; that it is going to get really cold and snow in a few days. Great time to sew, sew, sew. Also, a good incentive to make something to stay warm with. I hope every one of you have a great Valentine's Day. Lots of chocolate, flowers, chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate! After all that chocolate..... get busy sewing to work off that caffeine!

Margaret Upcoming Guild Events

March 4	Guild Meeting - 10am - 12 noon
March 11	Magnolia Stitchers - 10am
March 18	Quilts on Wheels - 9am
March 25	Take It Up A Notch -
April 1	Guild Meeting - 10am - 12 noon
April 8	Magnolia Stitchers - 10am
April 15	Quilts on Wheels - 9am
April 22	Take It Up A Notch -
April 29	Board Meeting – 9:30am
May 6	Guild Meeting - 10am - 12 noon
May 13	Magnolia Stitchers - 10am
May 20	Quilts on Wheels - 9am
May 27	Take It Up A Notch -
June 3	Guild Meeting - 10am - 12 noon
June 10	Magnolia Stitchers - 10am
June 17	Quilts on Wheels - 9am
June 24	Take It Up A Notch -
July 1	Guild Meeting - 10am - 12 noon
July 8	Magnolia Stitchers - 10am
July 15	Quilts on Wheels - 9am
July 22	Take It Up A Notch
July 29	Board Meeting – 9:30am

Tip of the Month

How To Care for Your Olfa Cutting Mat

Directions :: Fill your bathtub with room temperature water (not hot, not warm, and not cold) In the water add 1/4 cup of white vinegar and a squirt of dove dish soap for a good lather. Use a mushroom brush (soft bristle brush) and scrub the mat gently getting a good lather with the soap. Then rinse your self-healing mat with cool water getting all residue off the mat. You can dry it with a cotton towel, or air dry. It does not matter how you choose to dry it. (*Do not dry it in direct sunlight or it could damage the mat*)

The reason for this method is the materials that make your self-healing mat absorb the water and make the mat supple again. Not only does this make your mat last longer, but it keeps your blades from dulling so quickly because you are cutting into a softer surface. Makes sense right?



Quilts on Wheels

The weather has done us in this month. March will definitely be much better. Our program that was scheduled for February- machine quilting and giving out kits to be completely finished – will be given in March and the quilts will be due at our May meeting. All the programs will be bumped up one month. So, bring your sewing machine so you can practice all the wonderful instruction we will be receiving from Jean Miller and our President Margaret Hamilton..

Have you noticed all the “modern” type quilts now appearing in the quilt magazines? If you take a close look, quite a bit of the quilting is straight line, geometric quilting – we ALL can do this!!! Our charity quilts fit right in – just add more lines instead of just quilting “in-the-ditch” and you get a totally different and terrific look. Then, when you feel more comfortable you can branch out.

See you in March!

Linda and Pam

DID YOU KKNOW?????

March is designated as National Quilting Month and March 21st is Worldwide Quilting Day!!! With 31 days to celebrate quilting—including the crowning jewel of the month, **Worldwide Quilting Day on Saturday, March 21**—we got to thinking about our “bucket quilts.”

What’s a bucket quilt, you ask?

A bucket quilt is an *all-time favorite* quilt. Perhaps you’ve [pinned](#) a picture of one; maybe you’ve purchased a bucket-quilt book or pattern. And you’ve certainly imagined your bucket quilt in your home—flawlessly fanned out over a couch, majestically hung from a wall, luxuriously spread over a bed. It’s the kind of quilt you want to sew and leave as part of your legacy (before you “kick the bucket,” as they say).

What better time to start a bucket quilt than during National Quilting Month? It doesn’t have to be a difficult quilt, just one you really want to be sure you get finished before “bucket” time.

2015 Donation Quilt Information

A photo has been taken and tickets are ready!! All will be given out starting with the March meeting. Dorothy has been absolutely fabulous as my co-chair for the Venues where we have a chance to sell tickets on our truly beautiful quilt.

We will be asking members to give a little of their time to helping out at various places to man our booth for ticket sales (and sometimes boutique items, too). Dorothy has secured us a spot at the Charlotte Quilters Guild Quilt Show March 13th or March 14th. They will give us one of those dates as they are also giving one day to another guild. I think that’s a nice way to help out all guilds who ask. I cannot attend as I will be up north attending the AQS Lancaster Quilt Show (I go every year) so Dorothy will be needing helpers. She will stay all day and another helper or two at least are needed. You can choose to stay all day, just come in the morning or afternoon, or come while the all-day members get some lunch. We can be very flexible but we do need 2 members at the sales table at all times. The quilt show is at Metrolina (between exits 16 and 18 off I-77). There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting and further information will be given to helpers as soon as it’s available. Dorothy and I are looking at several venues within a reasonable distance so we are asking that you search your heart and give even just a couple hours of your time. If we have an inside place, the tent is not necessary, but if the venue is outside we will need a minimum of 4 people to put up the tent and 4 people to take the tent down at the end. I will always be there if humanly possible.

Future venues will be announced as soon as they are confirmed. And don’t forget that we have Apple Festival coming up the week before the show and helpers will be needed there.

Thank you so much for giving your time and talents to help our guild.

Sandy

Show and Tell

I’ve misplaced the sign-up sheet for February. Ooops!!! February Show and Tell Members will be listed next month.



March 2015

Linda Yaggie	13
Betty Fulford	20
Kay Dellinger	27

April 2015

Margaret Hamilton	11
Pam Haskins	22
Rob Ford	28
Judy Perkins	29



The Happiness Challenge

1. Finished block may not be larger than max. 144" around and no smaller than 64".
2. Using your imagination, interpret "What Makes Me Happy".
3. You may use any technique, i.e. appliqué, piecing, etc. You may embellish as well if you wish to. Any fabrics that you want to use.
4. An identification label must appear on the bottom edge of the quilt back with:
Quilt Name, Member's Name
"What Makes Me Happy 2015 Challenge"
Label must be covered over until after the judging.
5. All quilts must be 3 layers, quilted by machine or hand.
6. You will be judged by how well you interpreted the theme as well as attention to detail.
7. Due at the September 2015 meeting. The winner will be announced at that date.

pi Day

What is pi? It is a mathematical formula representing the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter which is 3.14159265359. If you break this number down to the first few numbers you get 3.1415 – which is March 14, 2015!!! So go and have a piece of PIE (any kind) to celebrate!!!

Astound your friends with this information!!! And have dessert!



The Traveling Quilter

March 13-14, 2015 – "Timeless Treasures, Then and Now – presented by The Charlotte Quilters' Guild.
Location: Metrolina Tradeshow Expo, 7100 Statesville Road, Charlotte, NC 28269 **Admission:** \$6.00. **Hours:** 9am to 4pm. Includes over 200 quilts, Special Exhibit of Antique & Vintage Quilts; 25+ vendors, raffles, guild boutique, door prizes & demonstrations! Free Parking. More Info: www.charlottequiltersguild.org There is a downloadable coupon for \$1.00 off admission on their website.

April 17-18, 2015 Heart of the Triad Quilt Guild presents "Nothing Could Be Finer" Quilt Show. **Location:** C3Church Greensboro, 300 NC Hwy 68 South, Greensboro, NC 27409 - I-40, exit 210. **Hours:** 9-6 Friday and 9-5 Saturday. **Admission:** \$5.00. Quilt drawing, vendors, boutique, Silent Auction and door prizes, More Info: www.hottqg.com

April 2015 TBD - 4th Annual Scenic Route Shop Hop

- NC & VA. Mark your calendar now and plan to participate in making an exciting adventure along the scenic byways to visit all these varied quilt shops. Six shops, extended shop hours, snacks, prizes, and more! It proves to be an enjoyable few days!
Ladybug' Cottage, Wendell, NC
Quilt Lizzy, Warrenton, NC
Rose Patch Creations, Crewe, VA
Lib's Place, Rice, VA
Threads Run Thru It, Phenix, VA
Quilter's Nook, Boynton, VA

May 28 – 31, 2015 – North Carolina Quilt Symposium

hosted by Western North Carolina Quilt Guild. M
Location: Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC.

August 15, 2015 - High Point Quilt and Vendor Show

Hours: 9a-4p - Location: YMCA, 150 W Hartley Dr, High Point, NC 27265. For more information: Shelle Mancl, Vendor Show Chair, 651-261-4579 or hpquiltguildshow@gmail.com

September 18 – 19, 2015 - 13th Annual Quilt Fair:

Down Memory Lane sponsored by Ashe County Piecemakers Quilt Guild. Location: Jefferson Station, 20 E Ashe St, W Jefferson, NC For info raholbrook@wilkes.net or www.ashequilters.org

September 25 - 26, 2015 - Piecemakers Quilt Show Lincolnton Citizen Center

October 2 – 4, 2015 - 33rd Annual Asheville Quilt Show – 2015 "A Harvest of Quilts".

October 16-17, 2015 - Catawba Valley Quilters' Guild Quilt Show. Location: Hickory Metro Convention Center, 1960 13th Avenue Drive SE; Hickory, NC 28601 www.catawbavalleyquiltersguild.com

October 2015 TBD - Foothills Quilters Guild Biennial Show. Location: Shelby, NC 28152

For more info: www.foothillsquiltersguild.org

(Note from Editor: if you have any info on quilt shows, exhibits, etc. please send or give the info to me so it can be included in the newsletter. Thanks, Sandy.)