

Piecemakers Quilt Guild



MEETING INFORMATION - REMEMBER YOUR NAMETAGS!!!

Next Meeting: April 1, 2015 - Lincoln County Senior Center - Room #319 - Social Time - 9:30am - Meeting - 10am!! Sharp!

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Please no perfumed products!!

Minutes for March 4, 2015

Margaret Hamilton opened the meeting with prayer. Pam Haskins made a motion to accept the minutes of previous meeting as presented. Seconded by Peggie Pagoota. All approved.

Treasurer's: The beginning balance, income, expenses and ending balance were reported.

Membership: Sandy reported 23 members present and one visitor (Jean Winchester).

Quilts on Wheels: Pam reported bags for Amy's house are to be made in March. There will be a free motion quilting demo also in March. Pam asked for ideas on how to get more participation. She also said the suggestion box is for anything within the guild, not just QOW.

Quilt Show: Linda Gunter is placing an ad in the Quilt Navigator book. Needs to set up next meeting.

Sunshine: Linda Darr was sick but will send out cards late.

Program/Workshop: Kaye Carr will do April's program. She sent some small items to be shown which could be made for show boutique. She will also do a workshop if we would like.

Venues/Magnolia Stitchers: We are getting a new frame to display donation quilt at venues. We will be selling tickets at Charlotte show. Several other venues are scheduled; volunteers are needed.

Handbooks: Paula did a wonderful job.

Boutique: Items that are being brought to meetings are not being sold to members before the show.

Take It Up A Notch: Call Vicki if you are coming so she can plan to be there. Start time is 9:30 A.M.

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Vicki handed out Audit Reports for 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Perkins

Greeters for April
are Dorothy
Nathansohn and
Linda Gunter



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

Time is flying by. Easter in 2 weeks.....unbelievable. The beauty of the spring flowers and trees are inspiring me to "try" to duplicate them in a new quilt. Are you being inspired also? I've been busy completing a Bonnie Hunter mystery top and am anxious for everyone to see it. Hopefully, I will get it quilted in time to display in our quilt show along with some other tops that I have already completed. How about you? Are you getting excited about the quilt show yet? The way time is flying by the show will be here before we're ready if we don't get busy and finish our quilts!

Margaret

Upcoming Guild Events

March 25	Take It Up A Notch – 9:30am
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 - 9:30am
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 – 9:30am
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 – 9:30am
July 1	Guild Meeting - 10am - 12 noon
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Tip of the Month

Toe separators used for pedicures are perfect for holding bobbins and keeping thread from unraveling. They stack neatly, and you can see the thread colors at a glance. You can find them very inexpensively at beauty supply stores like Sally Beauty, etc.



Quilts on Wheels

Thank you to everyone to attended QOW in March. Jean Miller had a great demonstration on free motion quilting using a darning foot (hope that is correct!). And Margaret did a demonstration on using the walking foot for straight line quilting – in the ditch, etc. The new modern-type quilts are very geometric and the quilting is also – meaning lots and lots of straight lines to fill up shapes, quilt across the quilt or many other straight-line patterns. Books are not on the market using these techniques – sometimes called filler quilting as they “fill” out the spaces. With the walking foot any one of us should be able to do some nice quilting – however much is comfortable for you. Lots of quilts are always needed – so let's get piecing and quilting!!

April we will be having a lesson on tote bag making from Rob. The tote bags will be given to the children at Amy's House for all their personal possessions – most of the time they arrive with little if anything and need their own special way to taking them when they leave. Please come out to learn and help make lots and lots of bags.

Linda and Pam

Refreshment List

April	Naomi Jolly
May	Jean Miller
June	Linda Darr
July	4th of July Picnic
August	Judy Perkins
September	Sandy Bruce
October	Betty Ford
November	Sherry Sipe
December	Christmas Luncheon

2015 Donation Quilt Information

Dorothy, along with many volunteers did a fabulous job filling in for me at the Charlotte Quilt Guild show on March 13, 2015 while I was having fun at the AQS Lancaster, PA show. In case you haven't heard, they sold 220 tickets – they were literally flying off the table. We have one truly beautiful quilt. Verna took a total of 150 tickets right off the bat and has returned 75 paid with the other 75 almost ready to be turned in. Yowza!!! When you are asked to donate a small amount of your time at any of the upcoming venues, please try really hard to help. We are a small guild but if everyone did just a little part instead of a few doing a big part, all will be so much easier – and a whole lot more fun!

Tickets can be endless so please do not hesitate to ask for more. 800 were printed initially but I can print up more at any time. A quilt picture will be given to everyone at the April meeting and I'm (fingers crossed here) hoping that a picture on 2"x2" labels will be ready to stick on the back of the part of the ticket the purchaser keeps so they remember how beautiful it is and can come back for more. The Lake Norman Quilters are interested in having us at their show in August so keep that time in your head for volunteering. The show is always a nice one and there are lots of things to do for a day trip to Mooresville – plus some really great places to eat – all different prices.

Thanks again for all your help. We have such a terrific group of ladies in our guild.

Sandy

Donation Quilt Ticket Selling Venue – HELP!!!

If all goes well, our next opportunity to sell tickets on our beautiful donation quilt will be Saturday April 18, 2015 at the Cherry Festival on Main Street in Cherryville. I need to be really firm on this one – we will need 4 volunteers about 7am to help put up our tent and will also need 4 volunteers at the end of the Festival to take down our tent. During the day we can work with 3-4 at the most in 2-hour shifts. This is a really fun event and there are people who look for our booth so they can purchase tickets. There will be a sign-up sheet at the guild meeting Wednesday, April 1, 2015 (no joke here!!!) so members can sign up for the time(s) that is convenient. We are a small quilt guild and need all members to give a small part of their time. This is a really easy job, especially with the quilt we have this year. I will be addressing the guild at our meeting to explain all that is necessary so please search your heart and volunteer – even one hour is OK. There are lots of booths and activities to look at plus food and hopefully some strawberries will be available.

Thank you for your help for this and upcoming venues.

Sandy

Show and Tell

Rob Ford – Imaginary Day – machine embroidered quilt
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Betty Ford – Old St. Nick – machine embroidered quilt

Linda Gunter – 2 hand embroidered redwork quilt tops
and 1 redwork teacup quilt

Peggie Pagoota – Boy baby quilt for my choir director's
Baby

Mary Breakfield – Baby quilt for Quilts on Wheels

Ramona Curtis – Ruffled apron

Jean Miller – Block for our Firemen's Quilt



April 2015

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

May 2015

Jean Miller	24
Ramona Curtis	26
Naomi Jolly	27

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.

The Traveling Quilter

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 (written down) so it can be included in the newsletter. Thanks, Sandy.)



Blanket Stitch Applique

If you like the look of blanket stitch appliqué, but the "H" word sends tremors through you, you may be able to do it on your sewing machine.

Materials:

- Topstitching Thread
- Topstitching Needle
- Appliqué Pattern
- Fusible Web – not Wonder Under!!
- Fabric for your appliqué motif

Procedure:

Look on your machine for a stitch that looks like the sample in the picture. Many of the newer machines have them built in. Blind hem stitches on some machines can be adjusted to look like the sample. Computerized machines may have a similar stitch if you mirror it. (You stitch with the appliqué on the left and the straight part of the stitch on the right if possible.)

Fuse your appliques in place according to the instructions with your fusible web.

Put in a topstitching needle, topstitching thread on the machine, and regular thread to match in the bobbin. You will need to reduce your top thread tension (lower number) to have it feed through more easily. (Try it on a practice piece first.) Reduce your presser foot pressure if you have that option.

Sew slowly, using the "needle stop down" function on your machine if you have it. Watch the way the

stitch forms to be able to do your curves and corners well. Always pivot with your needle down.



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