

Piecemakers Quilt Guild



MEETING INFORMATION - REMEMBER YOUR NAMETAGS!!!

Next Meeting: May 6, 2015 - Lincoln County Senior Center - Room #319 - Social Time - 9:30am - Meeting - 10am!! Sharp!

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Please no perfumed products!!

Minutes for April 1, 2015

Margaret Hamilton opened the meeting. Verna made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Linda Gunter seconded. All approved.

Treasurer: Rob reported a beginning balance , expenses paid and an ending balance.

Membership: Sandy reported 22 members present and one visitor (Kaye Carr).

Quilts on Wheels: This month members will be doing bags for Amy's House so bring scissors, cutters, etc. Linda G. has webbing.

Sunshine: Pam will call Linda Darr and ask if Linda would like help with the cards.

Venues: Sandy reminded members that Cherry Blossom is scheduled for Saturday, April 18. She needs four members to set up and take down tent. Wear aprons. Next would be Apple Festival in September.

Quilt Show: Linda Gunter reported we are ready to go so get busy finishing quilts. Dorothy will be collecting unwashed fat quarters. Ramona reported door prizes are coming in. Sandy & Jean will be handing out ideas for the boutique. They could use bright colored thread catchers.

Nominating Committee: Chris Blankenship will chair. Sandy, Linda Yaggie and Jill will be on the committee

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Programs: Jill needs any suggestions or ideas on programs because she is having a hard time getting commitments. Please let her know by e-mail if you have a suggestion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pam will send a thank you card to Kaye Carr for the great program.

Any members having guild items should get an inventory to Pam. She will also go to Vicki's shed once the weather warms up and inventory the items there. She will consolidate all inventories.

The refreshment schedule is posted on the bulletin board and in the newsletter.

There will be a board meeting on April 29 at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited although only board members can vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Spann





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Greeters Reminder –

It is your responsibility to get to our meeting room no later than 9:15am (maybe a bit earlier as members are coming earlier) – 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. Also make sure that visitors are NOT seated in the very back but have chairs near other members. 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.

Upcoming Guild Events

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
July 8	Magnolia Stitchers - 10am
July 15	Quilts on Wheels - 9am
July 22	Take It Up A Notch – 9:30am
July 29	Board Meeting – 9:30am

President's Note

Another month has come and gone so quickly. I have so many things I want to do but the time passes so fast. Sometimes daily life steers us away from what we would really like to be doing, doesn't it?

Those of you who didn't come to Magnolia Stitchers this past week missed a great lesson from Jean Miller. She taught us how to use a glue stick to turn appliqué pieces around stabilizer and then stitch down around the edges. It was very interesting and enlightening.

Quilts on Wheels is another great opportunity to learn different techniques also. And.....it's cheaper than paying for quilting lessons. What a great value belonging to the guild really is. For \$15.00 a year you have all kinds of fabric, tools, teachers, techniques, ideas. etc. You can't get a deal like that just anywhere. Think about it!!!

Margaret



Tip of the Month

ACCURACY MATTERS

Press as you go.

Cut accurately when using the rotary cutter.

Do whatever is necessary to achieve accurate 1/4" seams .You'll have fewer headaches!

Learn to sew accurate strip sets.

Press your block with an iron.

Be sure to square up each block before stitching them together

Square up your quilt top before adding borders.

MEASURE TWICE, CUT ONCE."



Quilts on Wheels

A lot of energy has been put into providing a wonderful space and place to sew charity quilts but it's not being utilized. Only a few core members have been showing up and the guild is hoping that several more will become regulars to get our quilts sewn, sandwiched, quilted and bound for all the wonderful charities we have donated to. The 3-4 core members are not able to do this alone so we are asking the membership to try to come back the 3rd Wednesday of each month and give some time to helping with our goals. Quilt tops are wonderful but we need members to complete them – whether it is to just get them ready to quilt, to quilt them or to finish the binding and labels.

Along with all this wonderful time to share our talents with the making of quilts, there is the fun times, too. Bring your lunch and eat with your friends and get to know them (and new members) better while we socialize over a meal. And remember, our bylaws say that each member should try to **complete** a minimum of two (2) quilts each year if you are not able to attend – but we sure would like you all to attend when you can. We are a small guild and need everyone to make it the best guild in town.

Refreshment List

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

A really big thank you goes out to those members who helped out at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Cherryville, NC on April 18th. Luckily we did not have any rain although it was a bit overcast most of the day. The crowds did seem a little small at the beginning of the day but increased later on – probably a bit worried about the weather. We were really lucky as the following week it poured! We sold 106 tickets and \$37 in boutique items.

We have a chance to sell tickets either the 9th or the 16th of this month (May) at Mary Jo's in Gastonia. I'm hoping that we can sell just inside the door both to

stay cool and not to have to drag the tent down. A few volunteers are needed but I cannot confirm the date until the lady who does these things gets back into town so please try to keep these dates available to give a helping hand. And you can also do some shopping before or after your volunteer time! What a deal!!!! Just in case we do have to be outside, I'm going to purchase a lightweight po-up type tent to make life easier –but I would prefer (fingers crossed) to be inside.

Delorise has given me permission to show the quilt and sell tickets at her shop at times during the shop hop June 20 – 27, 2015. Volunteers would be appreciated – sit for a few hours inside a quilt shop to sell tickets!! I doubt the quilt will be up all days of the shop hop though.

I still have not heard from the Landrum, SC quilt guild but will be checking with them again. Their show is June 12 – 13, 2015 and would be a terrific place to show our beautiful quilt.

We have been given the OK to sell tickets at the Lake Norman Quilters show in August (13th and 14th) in Mooresville and I will be needing volunteers for that. Peggie and I will be taking the quilt to the Mooresville quilt guild in June and she will be taking it to the Appliqué group in Mooresville either in May or June.

The Apple Festival will be here in September, just one week before our own quilt show so please keep it in mind to volunteer. We will be using the tent so will need 4 volunteers in the morning for set-up and 4 volunteers in the afternoon for taking down. Others needed during the festival. A sign-up sheet is coming for the festival along with a one for Lake Norman in August. We have left July free of venues due to Dorothy and I traveling and also vacations.

I cannot tell all of you just how much Dorothy has helped this year with our venues. She has done a fabulous job of finding places for us to sell tickets and I know it would have been near impossible to do this job without her. Many, many thanks for the help!!!!

Sandy

Show and Tell

Jean Miller – Fireman block of the quilt
Rob Ford – Donation quilt top
Margaret Hamilton – Bonnie Hunter Mystery Quilt

**START MAKING ITEMS FOR THE QUILT
SHOW BOUTIQUE!! PATTERNS AND INFO
AVAILABLE FROM SANDY AND JEAN.**



May 2015

Jean Miller	24
Ramona Curtis	26
Naomi Jolly	27

June 2015

Peggie Pagoota	3
Sherry Sipe	9
Betty Ford	17

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

June 21 - September 8, 2015

Row By Row Experience

www.rowbyrowexperience.com

August 14 - 15, 2015 - Lake Norman Quilters Quilt Show and Exhibition.

Location: Talbert Recreation Center, 210 Talbert Pointe Drive, **Mooreville, NC** 28117. 200 plus quilts on display, vendors, raffle quilt, Gift Shoppe. *Personal appearances by Featured artist [Lyric Kinard](#).* Hours: 9am to 5pm Friday and Saturday. Lots of shopping and dining in Mooreville.

Information: www.lakenormanquilters.com

August 6 - 8, 2015 - The Mountain Piecemakers Quilt Show.

Location: Town Center, 6 S Main St, Burnsville, NC 28714

mountaintainpiecemakers@blogspot.com

www.mountainpiecemakers.blogspot.com

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

September 25 - 26, 2015 - Cabarrus Quilters Guild Annual Fiber Art & Quilt Show.

Location: Cabarrus Arena & Event Center, 4751 Hwy 49 N, Concord, NC 28025 **Info:** www.cabarrusquiltersguild.org/Quilt_Show.html jacupp@ctc.net

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

Location: WNC Ag Center Davis Event Center, (I-26, exit 40, Airport Rd, Gate 5, Across from AVL Airport). **Hours:** 9-5 Fri & Sat, 10-4:30 Sun.. **Admission:** \$6 - Free Parking. Handicap Accessible. Over 275 Quilts from all over the US; \$10,000 in Prize Money; 20+ Unique Vendors; Demonstrations! ; Silent Auction! Gift Shop! Quilts for Sale! Opportunity Quilt! Lunch Available, Multi-day Pass, Group Discounts

October 8 - 10, 2015 - High Country Quilters Annual Quilt Show. Maggie Valley Town Hall 3987 Soco Rd, Maggie Valley, NC 28751 highcountryquilt@att.net or 828-926-3169

October 9 - 10, 2015 - Foothills Quilters Guild Biennial Show. Location: Shelby, NC 28152
Location: Leona Neal Senior Center, 100 T R Harris Drive in **Shelby**, NC 28150 For more info: www.foothillsquiltersguild.org

October 16 - 17, 2015 - "Quilts of the Valley" Autumn Expressions" Catawba Valley Quilters' Guild Quilt Show. Location: Hickory Metro Convention Center, 1960 13th Avenue Drive SE; **Hickory, NC.**
Hours: 9am - 5pm. **Admission:** \$5.00. Free Parking and Handicap Accessible. 150+ Quilts on Display; Vendors; Free Demonstrations; Bed-Turnings; The Lily Boutique; Quilt Appraisals; Scavenger Hunt; Door Prizes; Food and Beverages; Quilts of Valor Presentations; **Raffle Quilt.**
More Info: www.catawbavalleyquiltersguild.com

(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. Also, if you have any comments, questions, concerns, etc. please contact me. Thanks, Sandy.)

What can be more romantic than a Double Wedding Ring Quilt? Although this pattern is

often thought of as a twentieth century quilt it appears to have evolved from a very old design.

The motif of two interlocking rings goes as far back as the fourth century when it was used to decorate Roman cups. These cups were made of glass decorated with connecting mental rings.



Another early example of interlocking rings is found in the gimmel ring. These rings were popular in Europe in the 15th and 16th centuries. They consisted of rings that could be interlocked. During the engagement one was worn by the man and the other by the women. When they married the two rings were fitted together to be worn by the wife.

It is thought this style of ring came to America through Germanic people who settled in Pennsylvania in the

late 17th century. This pattern of interlocking rings was seen on coverlets, ceramics and other decorative objects in early America.

Of Romantic and Mythical Stories

The Double Wedding Ring pattern was first published by Capper's Weekly in 1928. This Topeka, Kansas publication added a bit of mythical romance to go with the pattern by writing, "When some good but unknown man conceived the idea of a double wedding ring ceremony it gave his wife an equally good idea. She worked two circles into a double wedding ring quilt." ¹



friendship knot

Another delightful myth was published in a 1932 brochure which connected the Double Wedding Ring quilt to the Civil War. The publication offered this story of how the pattern came to be named. It seemed a

grandmotherly woman had made a great many quilts. One was particularly special and she was saving it for her niece's wedding. Sadly the wedding had been delayed because the potential groom had been wounded in the war and spent several years away in the hospital. He finally came home and a wedding was planned but he had no rings for the wedding. When the bride to be told her beloved aunt that the rings would have to wait, the older woman said, "My child, I'll furnish the rings. You shall have my favorite quilt and we will call it the Double Wedding Ring." ¹

All that I've written so far is fascinating, but still simply myth and speculation. The facts, as in most quilt patterns, are hard to trace.

True Origins Lost in a Maze of Names

A quilt made much like the Double Wedding Ring is in the Shelburne Museum, dated 1825-50. This quilt is titled Pincushion; see an example to the right.² But the actual Double Wedding Ring pattern appears to



pincushion quilt

have been rarely used until the 1920s. Part of the difficulty in tracing the earlier use of this pattern is the fact that over time it was made under around 40

different names. Just a few are; Rainbow, Around the World, Pickle Dish, Coiled Rattlesnake, Endless Chain, King Tut and Friendship Knot; see the example above to the left. The great variety of names illustrates how differently the pattern was visualized in various periods and regions. In reading an early diary or letter we might easily find the pattern under another name. We can't be sure if the writer was really referring to a Double Wedding Ring like pattern or not.

It appears that in early quilts of this pattern the pieces of the rings were first sewn together then appliquéd on solid fabric. Around the beginning of the 20th century women began to sewing it together as a pieced quilt. Whatever the method it was a difficult quilt to make. Carrie A. Hall wrote down her this opinion on the Double Wedding Ring in her 1935 book, "Real quilt enthusiasts delight in this all-over pattern but it is hardly the design for the novice to undertake." ³ Because of this difficulty the double wedding ring pattern was a popular one for cheater fabric. A women could decorate her bed with a quilt in which the only sewing required was quilting the layers together.

The Quilt That Brought Romance to the Great Depression

Throughout the 30s and 40s the Double Wedding Ring quilt had become quite common. Several newspapers and magazines published patterns and articles about it. Kits were sold with the fabrics precut. Even fairs got into the enthusiasm about this pattern sometimes putting Double Wedding Ring quilts into a special category.

It has been suggested that the popularity of this pattern during the depression era was due to the fact that many scraps could be used. This reasoning doesn't make sense though as a good deal of solid fabric



9 patch variation wedding

had to be purchased for the background of the wedding ring. An exception to this might be the nine-patch variation of the wedding ring; see the example to the right. This pattern included scraps in the centers instead of the outer ring.

The Double Wedding Ring was usually made up for good or special occasion use. I can't imagine children being allowed to jump on or even play on a bed topped by this lovely quilt. In an interview with an elderly woman telling about her cotton sack quilts she explains about one exception to her usual use of sacks for fabric. "Now that Wedding Ring quilt over there. It's domestic. That's not made from sacks. That's material from dresses. You could buy dress material for eight cents a yard. You could make a dress for eighty five cents."

