

Piecemakers Quilt Guild



MEETING INFORMATION - REMEMBER YOUR NAMETAGS!!!

Next Meeting: May 4, 2016 - Lincoln County Senior Center
Room #319 - Social Time - 9:30am - Meeting - 10am or thereabouts

April 2016
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Please no perfumed products!!

Minutes for April 6, 2016

Co-Leaders Linda Gunter and Vicki McBryde opened the meeting. Linda Gunter made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded by Sandy Bruce. All agreed.

Treasurer: Chris Carlin reported a beginning balance deposits and checks for an ending balance.

Membership: Jean Quinn reported 19 members present (including new member Sandra Thomas). Also two guests – Beth Dix who presented the program on redwork and her husband.

Sunshine: Cards were sent to Jane Genett, Peggie Pagoota and Chris Blankenship as well as regular birthdays.

NEW BUSINESS

Sandy Bruce advised that Pat Nagle, sister to Eleanor Burns, will present a program at the Mooresville Guild on the 1st Monday in May (May 2nd) at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome. Get there early.

There will be a board meeting on Wednesday, April 27, at 9:30 a.m.

An outing to YLI and Uncommon Threads in Rock Hill is scheduled for next Thursday, April 14th, pending final confirmation. Final information will be sent by e-mail by Vicki.

See Fran Love if you are interested in a sewing machine cabinet.

Hancock Fabric stores are in liquidation.

Tip of the Month: Jean Quinn shared using a dry erase marker to write on plastic containers which project/blocks are inside. Easily wiped off for next project.

2016 Guild Officers

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Block of the Month: All patterns in books are not necessarily correct. Vicki noted that the center of last month's block was 1/8" too large causing problems for many members when making the block. The new block for April is an 8-1/2 x 8-1/2 inch basket.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula



Leader Lines

Well we had a great April meeting. We have been enjoying the casual approach to being there. Plenty of time to have conversation with friends. Our speaker and her husband also joined in so that was special also. Our meeting went well and show and tell was great. You

girls are getting in the swing of getting things done and sharing them with all of us.

Block of the month has gone smoothly. I keep trying to give blocks that challenge everyone. Of course I want to keep the beginners comfortable but make the advanced something to think about. As I move through this process we will at times have core info but no real instructions. This is something that makes you look at all block patterns in a construction manner. This really will help with blocks that the instructions are not very clear. I have always said you need to READ through every pattern before you even start cutting. You know sometimes there are mistakes. For example the March block. It was something even I did not catch. But realized it and sent out corrections for the center of the block. That is another reason you do not cut the whole quilt in advance. If there is a mistake you don't want to throw out all the wrong pieces.

For those that could not go to YLI and Uncommon Threads we are sorry you could not make it. We can try and go again but it will be later in the year. We were joined by three ladies from the Hendersonville guild checking on how long it took to travel to Rock Hill but took the tour with us also. We lunched at Olive Garden and then went to Uncommon threads and home (we ran out of time). We had hoped to get to QBee Quilts around Carowinds but our time just ran out.

I have rambled long enough and will hope to see you all at the BOARD MEETING, WEDNESDAY THE 27TH AT 9:30. Remember our business will be handled at that time. If you have something that needs to be addressed please be there. THIS IS THE MEETING WE WILL DECIDE IF WE HAVE A QUILT SHOW SO COME JOIN THE CONVERSATION.

I will be leading the May meeting as I will be gone in June and Linda will take care of it. Please think about some programs you would like to see for later in the year. May's speaker, Lucille Amos, might interest you all in a workshop with her paper piecing techniques of Judy Neimeyer, Check out Judy Neimeyer (Quiltworx.com) to become acquainted with the work.

And so as one of my hero's has signed off with... Happy Trails until we meet again.

Vicki



Quilts on Wheels

Come on out and see what we are doing. Finishing a lot of projects that have been laying around. Making progress but slow when we are not getting members to come out and join in. We would love to get all of the things in the cabinets done and ready to go to wherever it will go. Please come help and join the fun. We also will work with the block of the month to be sure you can get it done. And don't forget if you are having some issues with a project of your own come and let Linda or myself help you get over the hump. See you there!!!!

Vicki

Greeter for May
is
Naomi Jolly

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 2016. We have 2 greeters each month who welcome members and visitors, help with seating when needed, and make sure the room is set up before the meeting and cleaned up with all tables and chairs in their places. This has not been happening as members seem to take off immediately after the meeting, so please make sure you finish up your job so others don't have to do it for you each month. Thanks.

Board Meetings

April 27, 2016
October 26, 2016

July 27, 2016

ALL MEETINGS START AT 9:30AM SHARP!!!

Refreshment List

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| May | Naomi Jolly |
| June | Linda Darr |
| July | Picnic |
| August | Paula Spann |
| September | Sandy Bruce |
| October | Jean Miller |
| November | Sherry Sipe |
| December | Christmas Party |

Magnolia Stitchers

We always have a great time at our meetings – sometimes learning new things but always with lively conversation. We only do hand work at this group which includes hand appliqué, hand embroidery, hand quilting and English Paper Piecing.

Sandy Bruce
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Upcoming Guild Events

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| April 20 | Quilts on Wheels – 9am |
| April 27 | Board Meeting 9:30am |
| May 4 | Guild Meeting – 10am |
| May 11 | Magnolia Stitchers |
| May 18 | Quilts on Wheels |

2017

January
February

We NEED two members as greeters each month so please volunteer with Linda Gunter in any of the empty months. Thanks so much to Peggie and Sherry for taking November.



April

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| Margaret Hamilton | 11 |
| Pam Haskins | 22 |
| Judy Perkins | 29 |

Committee Chairpersons

Historian?

Venues & Tickets?

2017 Quilt -?

Nominating Committee?

The above positions are still waiting for someone to volunteer to chair them – especially the historian who takes care of the yearly scrapbook.

Please consider one of these positions – none will take up much time at all. Contact Vicki or Linda G.

The Traveling Quilter

April 29 – 30, 2016 – “Sunny Days and Starry Nights” quilt show presented by the Salisbury-Rowan Quilters Guild. **Location:** First Baptist Ministry Center, 223 N. Fulton Street, Salisbury, NC 28144. **Admission:** \$5.00, children under 12 free, groups of 15 or more \$4.00. Vendors, Boutique, Door Prizes, Tea Room, Presentation of quilts to local veterans. More Info: facebook.com/SRGuild.

May 20 – 21, 2016 – “Celebrate! 35 Years of Quilting presented by the Forsyth Piecers and Quilters Guild of Winston-Salem. **Hours:** 9am to 5pm both days. **Location:** Old Clemmons Gym, 6031 Stadium Drive, Clemmons, NC. **Admission:** \$5.00. Quilts made by members of the guild will be displayed, large raffle quilt, boutique and vendor booths.

June 2 – 5, 2016 – “Quilting with the Stars” – 2016 North Carolina Quilt Symposium. Location: William Peace College, 15, E. Peace Street, Raleigh, NC **More Info:** capitalquilters.org.

June 21- September 6, 2016 – Row By Row Experience.
More info: rowbyrowexperience.com

August 2016 – The Mountain Piecers Annual Quilt Show. **Location:** Burnsville Town Center, 6 South Main Street, Burnsville, NC 28714.

September 22 – 24, 2016 – “Smoky Mountain Splendor”. **Location:** Liston B. Ramsey Regional Activity Center Coliseum on the campus of Western Carolina University, Cullowee, NC. More Info: smokymtnquilters.org/2016-quilt-show.

September 2016 – “Quilt! Carolina Quilt Tour”.
Triangle to the Triad and Beyond.

Using the right needle in your sewing and quilting is just as important as using the right thread. The two are gorgeously intertwined. Caring for your sewing machine needles is a key part of successful quilting. Sewing machine needles do NOT last forever! The tips get dull and burrs develop in the eye. Needles work hard at fast speeds. They penetrate not only the fabric, but fabric dyes and finishes. Mix in our personal techniques of nudging or pulling fabric while sewing and you realize that little 2” piece of steel, the [SCHMETZ needle](#), endures a tough life. Look and listen! When the needle gets dull or has a few burrs from working so hard, not only will you see compromised stitches, but your machine will talk to you.

These are the clues to changing the needle:

- Threads are breaking or shredding
- Skipped or uneven stitches
- Puckered or damaged fabrics
- The sewing machine makes a little clicking sound at stitch formation. The sound graduates to a popping sound, then for really dull needles, escalates to a clunking sound.

The solution is easy. Change the needle! The sewing machine needle is NOT a permanent machine part. The needle is meant to be changed. Changing the needle is the easiest and most economical way to improve the quality of your stitches. The rule of thumb is to change the needle after every 8 hours of sewing. If you are a power quilter, this may be too infrequent. In fact more than a few power quilters have whispered that they change the needle every 3 to 4 hours. See what works for you. Start each project with a new needle. A good practice is to change the needle with every bobbin refill.

(The above information is from Schmetz Needle people – very good information no matter which brand of needles you use.