

# Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild Newsletter

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## *President's Message*

Happy August!! We have exciting days ahead for our quilt guild. Again, we will have great speakers, wonderful fellowship with guild members, and a chance to encourage others in the art and legacy of quilting. Note the categories for our quilt show and start your quilts soon for show entry. The Carolina Shop Hop was in July. I always enjoy participating in this local shop hop, visiting each store, renewing acquaintances with people that have become friends over the 4 years since I learned of and first participated in the Shop Hop. When in North Carolina, I was reminded that people are still recovering from the effects of Helene in September 2024. These people have a resiliency that is admirable. May we continue to be aware of how we can help our North Carolina neighbors even though things are mostly back to normal for most of us. As always, see how you can help with the mission of the guild such as through serving in an office (we still need a few officers), by participating in the quilt show committees, by completing philanthropy projects, and



by helping to promote our Opportunity Quilt.

See you in August for our meeting.  
Sincerely, Nancy Jones

### **FPQG Officer/Chair Positions 2025-2026:**

Here are the office and committee chair positions for our year starting in July. The symbols \*\*\* means the position is available.

#### **Elected Officers:**

President	Nancy Jones
Vice-President	Merry-Beth Noble
Treasurer	Linda Ligon
Recording Secretary	Mellisa Gravitt
Corresponding Secretary	Carol Johnson
Newsletter Editor	Darlene Morse
Web Master	Diane Kent

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Resource Center	Ruth Bartholomew
Hospitality (Dollar Door Prize, Name Tag)	Sylvia Hurst
Quilt Show	Jana Fetch
Membership	Candy Friday & Sheila Barhorst
Hostess	***
Opportunity Quilt	Suzanne Brehm

Challenge Quilt Jennifer Neubauer  
 Guild Sales Linda Harper & Barbara Thrush  
 Philanthropy Paula Bryan  
 Publicity \*\*\*  
 Refreshments Terry Weinbender  
 & \*\*\*  
 Storage Superintendent Debbie Gantt

***Refreshments & August Birthdays!  
 Happy Birthday, Ladies!***

Johellen George - August 13  
 Dorothy Carr - August 16  
 Wanda Caldwell - August 23

**Since there are only 3 birthdays in August, we're asking July birthdays to help out too please.** Thank you to our July & August birthdays for bringing refreshments to our meeting!  
 - Mary J Kroske



***Animal Collage Class Coming Soon***

FPQG member, Ruth Pollow, will be conducting a 2-day Animal Collage Class at Beginnings Quilt Shop in Hendersonville, NC on August 21 & 28 from 10am-4pm. Using an enlarged photo of your favorite pet or animal, you will learn the techniques for a fusing method of collage. A class supply list will be emailed to you upon your paid registration. Reserve your seat with class payment of \$65 (Cash or Check) at Beginnings. Send questions to: [hawkwatchrep@mindspring.com](mailto:hawkwatchrep@mindspring.com)



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***Meeting Minutes***

Nancy opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Nancy blessed the food with prayer.

Candy Friday and Shelia Barhorst were at the membership table renewing memberships.

The June meeting minutes had one revision. Need to make sure we put first

and last names. We have several members with the same first name. Motion was given to accept minutes by Jennifer Neubauer and Hazel Abend second.

August birthdays were announced.

Linda Ligon passed out the proposed budget information.

Nancy stated at the board meeting that the proposed budget was developed. Membership renewal is happening now. Please renew your membership. Most quilt shops do offer discounts for quilt guild members. Nancy and Linda went over the budget spreadsheet.

Committee meeting reports:

Karen McGraw is working on Silent Auction.

Becky Bates shared we have 1 door prize tonight.

Name tag door prize is 2 fat quarters and a quilt pattern. Won by Kristin Kipper.

Linda Harper with Guild sales. Sales are going on tonight.

Karen McGraw made a motion to increase the amount we pay for storage to the church from \$25 to \$50 per month.

All members approved.

Sylvia Hurst gave a motion to approve the budget. Betty Cirillo – gave 2nd – all approved to pass Budget as represented.

Jana Fetch with quilt show – initiating contact with vendors. Please let Jana know of any store owners or anyone who would like to take a vendor space at our show.

Candy Friday with membership 35 members, 3 new: Judith Pratt, Marie Brown and Patty Stonitsch and 1 guest. We have 41 members who have not renewed yet.

Please renew your membership.

Becky Bates introduced Sylvia Hurst who will be doing the Name tag door prize. The \$1 door prize will be back next month.

Johellen George with tip of the month: Charm square sewing to a 5” square. Johellen handwashed her squares. They did not bleed, but were no longer 5” squares.

Paula Bryan with mystery bags for the quilt guild: Collecting fat quarters and scraps. Also, we are taking orphan blocks. Paula will bring a basket each month. No need to sort your scraps, just put them in the basket.

Paula Bryan with the Philanthropy group is thinking about doing block of the month.

Mellisa Gravitt with Quilt show baskets – Mellisa is collecting baskets and notions for upcoming quilt show. I would like to make several baskets for “Buy here, buy now”. I would like to make a baby girl and a baby boy themed basket. The baskets could be purchased for a baby shower or welcome home baby gift. People love their pets. I will make a dog and cat basket. Can someone make some pet bandanas and or a small blanket or two for a dog crate?

Nancy Jones – Committee positions – Nancy stated we still need a few people for some open positions. A publicity person is needed.

Diane Kent is working on the website. We would like to put the Constitution on the website.

Nancy Jones discussed giving new members a welcome packet and renewing the new member social tradition.

Nancy Jones talked about making the constitution available on the website for all members to access and print.

Leslie Reid discussed our upcoming programs.

### **Show & Share**

Judith Pratt shared her quilt of Duck, Duck, Goose and quilted tote bag.

Ann Pittman – shared her 1st paper-pieced quilt.

Paula Bryan – completed a quilt for a birthday gift. Her quilt was from block of the month. Paula quilted it herself. She quilts in sections.

Mary Jill Kroske shared her alligator quilt.

Karen Baird – Shared a block of the month king size quilt she made.

Nancy Jones shared her quilted flap book she made for new grandbaby on the way and quilted totes she made for granddaughters in which to store their American girl clothes.

Marilyn Donnell told us about her fall today and her adventure with the fire dept. We are thankful Marilyn is ok!

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mellisa Gravitt

## *Programs*

An update will be sent via email soon.

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## *April 2026 FPQG Quilt Show*

Plans for the 2026 Quilt show are in full swing! Mark your calendars:

**Quilting Greenville Style**  
**Friday, April 24. 10am-6pm and**  
**Saturday April 25, 10am-4pm.**  
**Shriners Event Center**  
**119 Beverly Rd Greenville 29609**

Please consider helping out. We are still in need of a volunteer to lead the following area:

Quilt Set Up: This person will coordinate the volunteers for setting up and hanging quilts.

We are looking for books, magazines, basket items and silent auction donations. New items for the baskets can include fabric, notions, patterns, rulers and templates, etcetera for the baskets. Silent auction items can include handmade items

such as quilts, table runners, Christmas stockings, bags/totes. We will also take donations of artwork, sewing machines, vintage items and other sewing paraphernalia.  
Book donations are always welcome for the book table.

Start planning and sewing your quilts to enter into the show!

Any questions? Call Jana Fetch 724-575-2577. A big thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help:

Admissions: Kristin Kipper, Sandy Wolf

Basket Raffle: Mellisa Gravitt, Hazel Abend

Hostess Coordinator: Pam Kowalk

Mystery Bags: Becky Bates, Paula Bryan, Lois Gaston

Opportunity Quilt: Suzanne Brehm

Programs: Nancy Jones

Publicity: Leslie Reid, Tammy Lewis

Quilt Registration: Darlene Morse

Quilt Intake: Ruth Pollow, Gloria Bobier

Quilt Take Down: Hazel Abend

Quilt Return: Tammy Grabowski, Betty Cirillo

Ribbons: Sheila Barhorst, Candy Friday, Pat Bush, Linda Hopkins

Silent Auction: Karen McGraw, Joanna Yost, Johellen George

Vote Counting: Gayle Johnson, Susy Richards

The categories will be as follows and all quilts must have been finished within the last two years:

100 Bed/Wall—Pieced (width + length is greater than or = to 154")

200 Bed/Wall—Appliqué/Mixed (width + length is greater than or = to 154")

300 Wall Quilt—Large/Pieced (width + length is less than 154" & greater than or = to 96")

400 Wall Quilt—Large/ Appliqué/Mixed (width + length is less than 154" & greater or = to 96")

500 Wall Quilt—Med./Pieced (width + length is less than 96" & greater than or = to 60")

600 Wall Quilt— Med./Appliqué/Mixed (width + length is less than 96" & greater than or = to 60")

700 Wall Quilt—Small/Pieced (width + length is less than or = to 60")  
Wall Quilt—Small/ Appliqué/Mixed (width + length is less than or = to 60")

800 Art Quilt— All Techniques and Sizes (Original Works Only)

900 Modern Quilt – All Sizes

1000 Miniature Quilt— Pieced/Appliqué/Mixed (See rules for details)

1100 Other Quilted Items—All Techniques (clothing, purses, table runners, pillows, placemats, etc.)

1200 Group Quilts – 3 or more people.

1300 First Time Entering Show

1400 Display only- no restrictions (if room allows). This category would include those extra special vintage quilts that beg to be shown.

Thank you to everyone who came to the show planning meeting before the general meeting on May 6. Your interest and ideas are very appreciated. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to get involved.

Jana Fetch, Quilt Show 2026 Chair

### *Notes from Philanthropy*

Thank you for the lovely quilts donated in July!



Our guild will continue its support of Piedmont Women's Center, who happily accepts our donations of baby quilts and layette items. Baby/crib size quilts are so fun and easy to make!

We will also continue to support LilyPad. Hundreds of pillowcases are needed each year as every child awaiting foster placement at LilyPad receives a pillowcase

to use and keep. Pillowcase kits will be available at our August meeting. Or make room in your closet for more 'stash' by sewing some of your existing 'stash' into pillowcases. Great way to use 1 yard and 3/4 yard cuts. We cannot outgive this need!

You will also have an opportunity to create one or more fun and easy QAYG (quilt as you go) block for a bed size quilt we are making for LilyPad. Materials and instructions for that project will be available at our August meeting.

Diane Kent continues to improve our guild website, and instructions for both the Burrito pillowcase and the QAYG block will be posted on it soon (but also available in printed form). Or search 'Burrito pillowcase' on YouTube for a demo.

We are researching one additional charity opportunity.

Feel free to stop by during our Philanthropy workshop, which starts at 5:00 on Guild Meeting night (August 5th) if you need supplies for a Philanthropy project you are making, or just to help us out!

Thanks for all you do, from the Philanthropy Committee, Paula Bryan, Gayl Glover, Debbie Gantt, and Johellen George

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**Membership** - It's renewal time!

**DOLLAR DOOR PRIZE** is getting a new wrinkle. Now, I know how we all feel about most wrinkles, but you might like this one. It's called 50/50! The Dollar Door Prize winner can choose either a physical door prize OR half of the dollars. So, BRING YOUR DOLLAR!

- Sylvia Hurst

### **Fidget Quilts**

In partnership with NTQG, we will be making only 10 fidget mats for residents of Hilltop Memory Care of Greenville until we see how they are utilized. If you'd like to participate in this project and take a resident, please contact Darlene Morse via text or email shown on last page of this newsletter.



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## *Quilting Retreat News*

Registration for our FPQG fall retreat at Camp Walter Johnson in Denton, NC is open. A friend from my guild in NC (where I lived for 25 years) had these dates reserved for the guild there, but she needed to change the date and location for various reasons. Since she already had NC ladies put this on their calendar, there will be other quilters in attendance--other than just ladies from our guild. We expect 30 quilters. The dates reserved for the retreat are **Sunday, October 26 at 3pm through Wednesday, October 29 at 2pm.** (Note that this fits perfectly with the ending of the **QSC Retreat in Myrtle Beach!**)

If you are interested in attending, please email me ([the.kowalks@gmail.com](mailto:the.kowalks@gmail.com)) as soon as possible & let me know if you want a single or double room. This interest will not obligate you. It will merely show you are interested until you get more details such as cost. I know the former leader has already signed up for breakfast, lunch, and supper on Monday and Tuesday and breakfast and lunch on Wednesday, but no meal on Sunday evening. When I get more details about the cost of the retreat, I will get that info to you.

We will still hold our **FPQG spring 2026 retreat on March 16—March 19, 2026.**

- Pam Kowalk



Check out [quiltersofsc.org](http://quiltersofsc.org) for information on the upcoming retreat and what's happening in the quilt districts in our state.

## *Upcoming Events*

**Cobblestone Quilt Guild** in Charleston, SC quilt show, March 20-21, 2026 & maybe the 22nd at Trident Technical College in North Charleston. They want to know if anyone is interested in a bus trip to their show.

**Asheville Quilt Show**, August 14 & 15 (9-5 pm), & August 16 (9-4 pm), WNC Ag Center, Davis Event Center, 765 Boylston Hwy, Fletcher, NC.

**Aunt Het Quilt Show** sponsored by Nimble Thimbles Quilt Guild, Oct. 4-6, 2025, Fountain Inn Activities Center, 610 Fairview Street, Fountain Inn, SC. It's our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Featured quilter: Mary Isbell

**Upcountry Quilters Guild Show**, Oct. 10-11, 2025, 9am-4pm. The Market at the Mill, 225 Pumpkintown Highway, Pickens, SC, \$5

## LilyPad Strip QAYG Quilt

(I know y'all know how to quilt and we are not trying to be the 'Quilt Police', but it is very helpful when making a quilt with many contributors to have some uniformity, so please read.) 😊

### General Information:

\*Backing and batting pieces are both 10 1/2 inches wide. It is important to keep the backing and batting aligned, and if it is helpful, baste or pin the two sides.

The length, 18-ish inches, has not been trimmed. Please do not trim the length. It's okay if your last strips hang over. We will trim all ends uniformly once blocks are returned.

\*Please use strips in the colors or color family of your backing. Brighter colors are preferred, kid prints, geometrics, animals, foods, sports, solids, I-Spy items, etc. A single girl strip or boy strip is fine to use, but please do not make an entire age or gender specific block. Also, please add one white or white background print strip somewhere on your block (other than the ends, because the sashing will be white). A strip may be up to 4 1/2 inches wide to accommodate fussy cutting a motif, but generally use strips narrower than that. Sew the strips widthwise (not lengthwise) on the backing.

\*Please do not steam press your backing. It is not preshrunk and we would like all the backings to remain the same size. Dry press if necessary. Be sure your strips are pressed before adding them, and then finger press your strips as you add them.

### Sewing:

Remember that, unlike many strip quilts that use a foundation backing, this is a Quilt As You Go (QAYG) block and you are piecing and quilting all in one step!

\*Please use your Walker or Even Feed foot if you have one.

\*Please use one of the colors from your backing print as your thread color, and a 2.4 stitch length.

\*Please start and end each row with a tack. The tack should be at the edge of the backing-batting, and not on any strip hangover which will be trimmed.

\*You do not need to sew down the loose end of the last strip.

\*Once you have your strips sewn on, mark a line down the center of your block (it should be 5 1/4" from each side) and stitch, tacking at beginning and end, being sure the tack is in the backing, not on the strip hangover which will be trimmed.

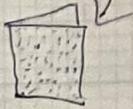
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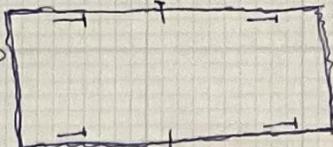


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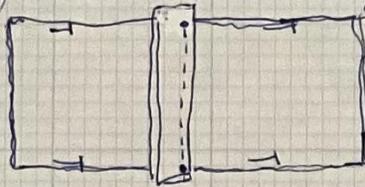
① fold backing in half cross wise, and finger press the crease

② open backing, place batting on wrong side, lining up long edges precisely. Pin each long edge in two places, and mark the folded crease with pins.

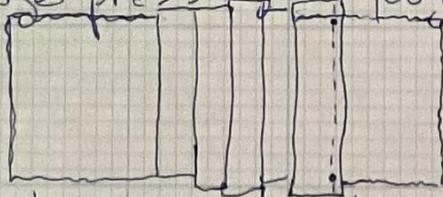


working on the →  (You are working on the batting side.)

③ Take two strips 11" or longer, right sides together, and line up the edge with crease-line pins. Remove the pins and stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or wider from the edge, tacking at the beginning and end through all layers.



④ Open the strips, finger press, and add strips to each end, finger pressing as you go. The width of your seam doesn't matter, but must be consistent to keep your work straight



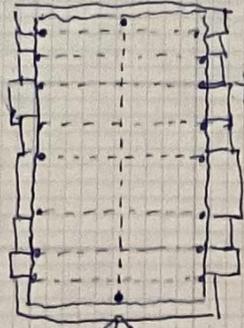
⑤ Once all your strips are added, turn your work to the back.

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Mark a line.

Stitch on the line,

starting and ending with a tack through all layers.



Measure halfway between edges of the backing. (should be  $5\frac{1}{4}$ "!)

If you want to trim your sides, be sure to trim only strips and not any part of the backing, batting, or tacks. Do not trim the ends.





Lovely quilts shown at our July meeting

HEART OF THE TRIAD QUILT GUILD

# QUILT SHOW GETAWAY

Paducah, Kentucky  
April 22 - 25, 2026

**+\$500 CASH**

Attend the **2026 AQS Quilt Week** and go to numerous quilt related venues, such as The National Quilt Museum and Hancock Fabrics of Paducah.

April 22-25, 2026 is reserved for you to enjoy 4 nights in a double occupancy, 2 room suite at the Drury Inn and Suites in Paducah, including free Hot Breakfast and, at 5:30 PM, a free Kick Back Meal daily.

Prize includes **\$500 CASH** to help you and a friend have a great quilting adventure!

TICKETS ARE ONLY \$10 each

TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED

Drawing to be held on or before January 15, 2026      Only 600 tickets will be sold

Contact Penny Nolen at 336-971-1907 or [nolen991955@gmail.com](mailto:nolen991955@gmail.com) for availability of tickets.

Fundraiser sponsored by the Heart of the Triad Quilt Guild in Kernersville, NC

## *Next Guild Meeting*

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

**E. Lee Rd Methodist Church in  
Taylors (1377 E. Lee Rd.)**

Social time: 6:15 p.m.

Business: 6:45 p.m.

Program: 7:10 p.m.

**Notice:** The Philanthropy Workshop will meet at 5 p.m. before our August 5 guild meeting in the back hall of the church.

**Newsletter Submissions** Please submit information for the next newsletter by **August 19** to Darlene Morse at [scfabricdyer@gmail.com](mailto:scfabricdyer@gmail.com).

**Don't forget:** Show and Share, Refreshments, Philanthropy items to turn in, Nametag, \$1 for the door prize, Membership renewal (\$20).