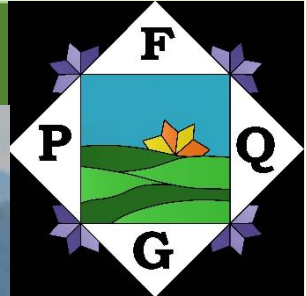


Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild Newsletter

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President's Message



"Life is not a highway strewn with flowers,
Still it holds a goodly share of bliss,
When the sun gives way to April showers,
Here is the point you should never miss.
Though April showers may come your way,
They bring the flowers that bloom in May,
So if it's raining, have no regrets,
Because it isn't raining rain you know, it's raining violets.
And where you see clouds upon the hills,
You soon will see crowds of daffodils,
So keep on looking for a bluebird,
And list'ning for his song,
Whenever April showers come along."



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79KIZ1IKcE>

If you want a kick, watch Larry Parks miming the voice of Al Jolson singing in an old movie. Cracks me up!

Now, I'll be honest, it doesn't always thrill me to wake up to a rainy day. There are considerations to be made - what shoes to put on, what to wear, and how much hairspray you douse your hair with! And, of late, those rainy days have been bitterly cold! Brrr! But, once I get my act together and embrace the rain, I am thankful for the necessity of rain to bring the perennial plants back to life again! And with a song like "April Showers," you can put some joy in your heart when it is dreary outside! I was listening to the radio on my way to work and someone said that the beginning of April is the start of the second quarter of the year - wow. How time flies by!

I am so grateful for those of you who have volunteered for positions in the coming year. We still have a few vacancies that need to be filled...Vice President, Hostess, Publicity, and Refreshments. Please don't feel hesitant about volunteering if you think you may not make it to all of the meetings - we can find someone to cover for a meeting... Just be a helper!

Remember to look for the violets through the April Showers!

Best Stitches,
Ruth

Meeting Minutes - March 7, 2023

Call to Order: 6:46 pm by President, Ruth Bartholomew. Motion to accept February minutes as published was made by Janine Allen, seconded by Karen McGraw, and carried by vote.

Announcements: Ruth wished happy birthdays to the following members: Ruth (the lady herself) and Melanie DeMoise (5), Sandy Wolf (17), Karen McGraw and Leigh Radlein (26), Ruth Rembis and Sheryl Sane (29),

Ruth announced that many nominees have been selected for the 2023-24 slate of officers. We still need a volunteer for Vice-President to set up programs for the year. Good news: Suzanne Brehm and her granddaughter Victoria have volunteered to chair our 2024 quilt show! Ruth thanked all who have agreed to accept nominations.

Upcoming Quilt Events:

April 20-22, 2023 – Quilt Fest Greenville – Greenville Convention Center

April 27-30 – FPQG spring retreat at Lutheridge

June 15-17 – Landrum Quilters show at new Farmer's Market in Landrum

April 2024 – FPQG Quilt Show

Committees:

Refreshments: Pam Kowalk thanked all the March birthday people for the wonderful refreshments for the night.

Challenge: Suzanne Brehm indicated that we will be voting during the break. Gayl Glover reviewed the criteria for the challenge.

Guild Sales: Leigh Radlein announced that there are 4 tables of fabric and other items at the back, available for free or for a donation to the guild.

Philanthropy: Diane Kent and the team showed quilts that were donated tonight, plus some special quilts that will be designated for a specific recipient. Diane thanked Carolina Quilt Studio for their continued generosity in providing space for the group, and announced that starting in April, the meeting time will be on the second Tuesday from 10am til noon each month.

Hospitality: Tami Grabowski indicated that tonight's special prize is a \$10 gift certificate from Bernina.

Retreat: Sandy Wolf reminded members of the retreat scheduled for April 27-30 at Lutheridge. See her to make your reservation. She also reported that the bus trip to QuiltCon went well. If there is interest, she will arrange another bus trip.

Membership: Dagmar Theodore announced that 48 members are signed in tonight, and she introduced our 3 new members.

Hostess: Hazel Abend introduced our 5 guests for the evening and gave them fat quarters as welcoming gifts.

Opportunity Quilt: Paula Bryan and Johellen George showed us the beautiful Triple Irish Chain quilt that we will be selling tickets for, and that will be awarded at the 2024 quilt show. Johellen requested two volunteers to help get the quilt shown at nearby locations and events.

Education: Johellen George talked about the technique of adding extra batting to certain areas of your quilt to help the quilting to stand out. She also mentioned that wool batting also helps with this effect.

Program: Martha White announced that we have received the check for \$250 for our grant from Quilters of South Carolina. The money is designated for batting and extra fabric for St. Clare's. Our speaker and workshop presenter for April is Lee Chappell Monroe. She will be teaching her Blooming Dresden design.

In May, Cindy Williams, the “math whisperer,” will be offering a log cabin workshop on the Wednesday following our meeting.

Corresponding Secretary: Kristin Kipper announced that she sent a sympathy card to Debra Brown.

Show and Share: Ruth Bartholomew, Melanie DeMoise, Ruth Rembis, Sandy Wolf, Becky Erdman, Debra Brown, Pam Kowalk, Leslie Reid, and Darlene Morse displayed their work.

Challenge Quilt Presentation: Members voted for their favorite challenge quilt during the break. Gayl Glover announced the three winners: 3RD place, Jennifer Neubauer; 2nd place, Jaylyn Rollins; 1st place: Linda Ligon. All 10 participants talked about the inspiration for their pieces.

Dollar Door Prize Winner was Bernice Vincent.

Nametag drawing winners were Kerry Steck and Marijke Alford.

Ruth Pollow moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Kerry Steck. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Burton, Recording Secretary



President's Quilt Thank You

Dear Quilt Family,

Thank you, thank you! The quilt you gave me was so lovely! I will use it and treasure it in the years to come. The colors, so bright and cheery, are some of my favorite colors to work with. The gift card was so generous and thoughtful. I have plans for it....

Best to all, Jennifer Neubauer



Notes from Philanthropy

Hello Quilters!

In March we received 12 finished quilts, 18 cosmetic bags, and 3 tote bags! Every month the Philanthropy team is amazed by all the beautiful donation that we receive, as evidenced by the photos below of our most recent donations.

March Philanthropy Donations



We want to thank one of our new Guild Members for the beautiful blue and white full size quilt top below that was donated last fall. We purchased a coordinating white on white print backing and were able to find matching binding. Melanie DeMoise did a beautiful computerized custom quilting design in all the blocks, and then bound the quilt. We will hold on to this lovely quilt for a future special donation or need in our community.



Beginning with our **April Philanthropy Workshop**, our new meeting day will be the **second Tuesday** of each month from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at Carolina Quilt Studio at 201-A Pelham Davis Cir, Greenville, SC 29615. Our April meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 11, 2023**. If you are working on a quilt for Philanthropy and need backing, batting, or binding, or just need to drop something off, please come by and join us. We could always use an extra hand measuring donations or organizing kits, and if you are new to the Guild, it is a fun way to meet some of the members and learn about our Philanthropy efforts!

With gratitude, Diane, Melanie, Wendy and Deborah



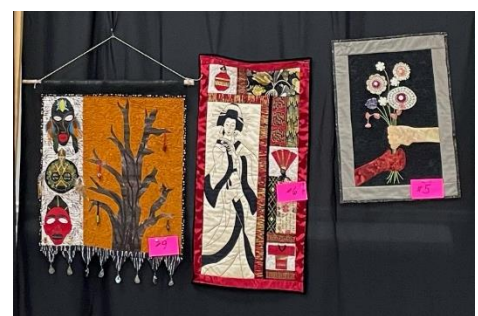
FPQG Retreat

Last call for the Lutheridge retreat! Final payment due at the next guild meeting, April 4. Retreat is April 27-30 at Luther Ridge Camp and Conference Center in Arden, NC with 2 or 3 night packages, single or double rooms. Come join the fun!

Any questions call Sandy Wolf

Challenge Quilt

At the March meeting we had 10 quilters participate in the Challenge competition. Included are pictures of the entries. Linda Ligon won 1st prize. Please read the minutes for more info.



Guild Sales

Thanks to everyone for participating in the Guild Sales Spring Cleaning! A great time for all, as well as raising over \$100 for our Guild in donations at our March meeting! Continue to keep us in mind with your leftovers from finished projects and/or projects that no longer thrill you - our guild and our ladies benefit from your generosity!

Happy Spring Sewing!
Leigh Radlein
Theresa Wenstrup

Upcoming Events

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Nametag/Dollar Door Prizes

Nametag/Dollar Door Prize is doing well; thanks to all of you who participate and donate. We hope you are enjoying the gift cards and other prizes we have put together. Looking forward to being here for another year!

Refreshments

Just a reminder that members with an April birthday are responsible for refreshments at our April 4 meeting. Thank you!

Pam Kowalk & Carol Myers

Membership

A total of 57 ladies visited us at the March meeting, including 6 visitors, 48 current and 3 new members. Please add to your directory:

Cindy Brothers
205 Bell Road
Greenville, SC 29607
864-270-8979
cindybrothers205@gmail.com

Birthday 9/17
Spouse Joe

Victoria M. Davich
2 Hummingbird Circle
Greenville, SC 29615
*phone number and email address
will be provided*
Birthday 7/2

Mellisa Gravitt
280 Fremont Rd
Inman, SC 29349
864-415-7874
magravitt@gmail.com
Birthday 9/13
Spouse Jeff

See you in April!

Sheryl Sane and Dagmar Theodore
Membership

Programs

April Program

Our April lecture and workshop will be quilting artist, Lee Chappell Monroe who is well known in the quilting world. Lecture will be on April 4th and Workshop on April 5th and both will be held at the Elks Lodge.

Lee Chappell Monroe has been creating since she first discovered crayons at age 2! She is from a family of quilters and learned everything from her mother, affectionately known as The Guru. She loves all things fabric—from zippy pouch to queen size quilt—and everything in between. With a love of color

and bold graphic shapes, Lee enjoys designing patterns and teaching all types of classes, while sharing her adventures on her blog, www.maychappell.com. She is a trained graphic designer which shows in her clean aesthetic. Her work has appeared in multiple publications. Lee is a [BERNINA](#) Ambassador, as well as a [Creative Spark](#) and [Craftsy](#) instructor. Lee is the author of [Jump into Sewing](#), published by [C&T Publishing](#). She is an active member of the [Triad Modern Quilt Guild](#). Lee lives in beautiful North Carolina with her dog, Agnes Piper. Lee is lecturing and teaching two workshops at the Quilters of South Carolina in March and both workshops are filled with a waiting list.

Blooming Dresden Workshop

Blooming Dresden: This Dresden consists of two full Dresden circles on top of one another. Students will learn to cut and create Dresden's, as well as how to construct a quilt with on point blocks. Best for confident beginners and intermediate quilters. Workshop fee will be \$30 and will be held at the Elks Lodge on Wednesday, April 5th. Pattern cost is \$12 and can be purchased in advance or day of class.



May Program

Please see email attachments for Cindy Williams info for bio and "Northwinds Log Cabin" workshop.

**FOOTHILLS PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GUILD
WORKSHOP REGISTRATION**

Lee Chappell Monroe
Workshop
"Blooming Dresden"

Wednesday, April 5th ~ 9:00am to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Elks Lodge, 7700 Pelham Rd, Greenville, SC 29615

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Workshop Fee \$30.00

Pattern fee of \$12 paid to instructor the day of class.

Your completed registration form and payment will reserve your spot in the class!

Are you a member of FPQG? Yes No, Guild Name_____

Total amount enclosed \$_____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

The completed registration form and check made payable to "FPQG" should be mailed to:

Martha White, FPQG
1700 Gibb Shoals Road
Greer, SC 29650

~~ Remember to secure your spot in class please mail ASAP or return completed registration
form at the FPQG Monthly Meeting~~

Please contact Martha S. White (864) 905-5364 or martha.s.white@charter.net with questions. A supply list will be provided upon receiving your payment.

Workshop Policy: Attendees must pay the entire cost of the workshop prior to the workshop in order to reserve their space. If the registrant cancels, they are responsible for finding someone to replace them and possibly pay them for the cost of the workshop. They can also contact the Program Chair to see if there is a waiting list for the class. A full refund will be made if the class is cancelled by the instructor or due to insufficient enrollment. Members are given first chance at enrollment. The Guild will then open enrollment to non-members in order to fill the workshop.

**FOOTHILLS PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GUILD
WORKSHOP REGISTRATION**

**Cindy Williams, The Math Whisper
Workshop
"Northwinds Log Cabin"**

Wednesday, May 3rd ~ 9:00am to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Elks Lodge, 7700 Pelham Rd, Greenville, SC 29615

Northwinds Log Cabin is a fun sewing class with lots of options. We spend a half day on the log cabin blocks and the other half on easy technique for making the northwinds blocks. Pre-class cutting is required.

Workshop Fee \$25.00

Your completed registration form and payment will reserve your spot in the class!

Are you a member of FPQG? Yes No Guild Name _____

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Next Guild Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2023
Elks Lodge on Pelham Road
Social Time 6:15 pm
Program 6:45 pm

Philanthropy Workshop..Change of day!

The next Philanthropy Workshop at Carolina Quilt Studio will be **Tuesday, April 11, 2023 from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon**. Please note that this is a day change – we will no longer meet on the second Saturday but our new monthly meeting will be on the second of the month!

Newsletter Deadline

April 19, 2023
Please submit material to Jennifer Neubauer
fpqgnewsletter@gmail.com

Membership

Membership is \$20, check payable to:
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PO Box 26482
Greenville, SC 29616

April Birthdays

Robert Roue	7 April
Charline Lovell	8 April
Carol Myers	8 April
Sandy Nodes	9 April
Susan Richards	19 April
Dagmar Theodore	19 April
Janine Allen	23 April
Linda Fry	23 April
Pam Kowalk	25 April