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President's Message

It's June!! Time for us to prepare for the new fiscal year for the Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild year 2025-2026. At our May meeting, we completed our roster of elected officers. For the other chair positions, consider how you can serve the guild and others in one of the listed roles. We NEED to finalize all these positions quickly so we can have a meeting to prepare the new budget. Consider pairing with a friend for an office. Some of you travel and are not here every month. Maybe with 2 of you, you could cover a position monthly. See the needs below. Also, with the new year comes our renewal of membership from July-June 2025-2026. There will be a table designated at our June meeting for membership renewal. Invite a friend to visit and join. We are keeping the membership dues at \$20 for this next year. What a deal!!!

The spring retreat took place in Denton, NC. I anticipate that we will have many items at Show and Share time from this retreat. Looking forward to seeing you in June. Happy sewing!!

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) ***	
Quilt Show	Jana Fetch
Membership	*** & Sylvia Hurst
Hostess	***
Opportunity Quilt	Suzanne Brehm
Challenge Quilt	Jennifer Neubauer
Guild Sales	Linda Harper & Barbara Thrush
Philanthropy	***
Publicity	***
Refreshments	Terry Weinbender & Paula Bryan
Storage Superintendent	***

Refreshments & Birthdays!

Thank you to our June birthdays for bringing refreshments to our meeting.

Barbara Thrush
Mary Jill Kroske
Jaylyn Rollins
Ann Hatherley
Colleen Manning Barnes
Rhonda Johnson
Deborah Brown

Paula Bryan & Terry Weinbender



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Meeting Minutes

Nancy opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

April meeting minutes. Nancy had 2 meeting minutes corrections. Next year's officers – Barbara Thrush and Melanie DeMoise will help with membership for May and June only, so Jana can help with the quilt show. Terry Weinbender has agreed to help with the quilt show. Debbie Gantt gave a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Leslie Reid gave a 2nd. All approved to accept.

Please make sure everyone has signed in for our attendance records.

Committee meeting reports:

Becky Bates shared we have 3 door prizes tonight.

1st Dollar door prize was a completed puzzle won by Suzanne Brehm.

2nd Dollar door prize was 2 full yards of fabric won by Paula Bryan.

Name tag door prize was a quilted coloring book won by Mellisa Gravitt.

Johellen George with tip of the month.

There is an online report on YouTube from Paducah KY, on new products. I found a folding cutting mat. There are 3 sizes available. Also, I saw tape used to wrap around your finger for a thimble which seems very usable.

Suzanne Brehm Opportunity quilt – She passed out the tickets for each member to sell. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Turn monies back into Suzanne. A picture of the quilt is also included with the tickets.

Linda Ligon gave the Treasury report.

Leslie Reid discussed our upcoming programs. Next month will be our last speaker for this fiscal year.

Pam Kowalk spoke about our upcoming Quilt retreat. 28 ladies will be attending. Everyone has paid in full.

Melanie DeMoise sharing membership. 46 members and 1 visitor were present.

Jana Fetch - upcoming quilt show – April 2026. April 23 is set up day. Show is April 24 and 25. Folders were handed out to committee chairs for the quilt show. Please keep folders updated. Joanna Yost and Karen McGraw will do the silent auction. Every month we will request items for silent auction and raffle baskets.

Linda Harper with Guild Sales. Sales are going on tonight. We have various buttons for sale. Also, bring any donations you do not need for future guild sales.

Mellisa Gravitt with Quilt show raffle baskets – Mellisa mentioned the need for themed baskets and notions for our upcoming quilt show.

Diane Kent with Philanthropy group. We have many completed quilts, pillowcases and baby items (donated by Debbie Gantt) that were turned in tonight. Thank you so much! Members shared quilts that have been completed. Diane mentioned they also need new members to step up and take over Philanthropy. She will continue to longarm quilts for the guild. Diane will be taking over our website for the guild.

Ruth Bartholomew with library resources. Ruth pushed our resource library around the room. She discussed the checkout process.

Mary Beth Nobel was voted to be VP for the upcoming year. **Diane Kent** was voted to be Web Master for the upcoming year.

We still have other **chair positions** to be filled listed one page 1 above.

Sylvia Hurst made a motion to approve all elected officers listed on page 1 above in the newsletter for the upcoming fiscal year. Second was by **Linda Harper**.

May birthdays were announced.

Tami Grabowski	Anna Ko
Darlene Morse	Cathy Wilson
Tammy Lewis	Lee Wall
Jana Fetch	Lois Gaston
Kristin Kipper	Hazel Abend

Show & Share

Ruth Pollow shared Elephant artwork she created.

Pat Bush shared a baby girl Winnie the Pooh quilt.

Barb Thrush – Linda Harper had an item in guild sales. Barb reworked it and made a small quilt top. Barbara also shared a quilt she made with hand embroidery.

Nancy Jones shared her Iron caddy and 8 bonnets for granddaughters.

Nancy introduced our speaker tonight: **Annette Ornelas of Southwind Quilts**; she will be presenting her Dimensional Curved Piecing technique.

Committee meeting reports:

Leslie Reid, VP - Brenda Grampsas from Conway, SC, will take us on a review of star quilts across the ages in her lecture, “**Starry Nights: A Bounty of Star Quilts**” from various eras.

The Thread survey has been sent out via email approx. March 7th; please complete and submit.

Respectfully submitted, Mellisa Gravitt

Programs

June 2025 - Brenda Grampsas will take us on a review of star quilts across the ages in her lecture **Starry Nights: A Bounty of Star Quilts from Various Eras**. Brenda is also a certified quilt appraiser and will be available for written and/or verbal quilt appraisal. Verbal appraisals are \$25 per quilt and written appraisals are \$65 per quilt. Anyone interested in having an

appraisal done must sign up no later than May 15. If you are interested in either a written or verbal appraisal, please contact me at lesliereid@yahoo.com or sign up at the guild meeting. Appraisals are open to anyone in any guild to have a quilt appraised.

Note: Brenda is a national speaker, so there will be a \$5 cover charge for guests.

July 2025 – Guild Social. As usual, our July meeting will be our summer social. Join us for **Fun, Fellowship and Food**. Please bring a dish to share.

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April 2026 FPQG Quilt Show

Plans are underway for a great quilt show!
Mark your calendars and start quilting!

Quilting, Greenville Style

April 24-25, 2026

Shriners Hejaz Greenville Event Center

119 Beverly Rd, Greenville.

A big thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help:

Admissions: Kristin Kipper, Sandy Wolf

Basket Raffle: Melissa 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

Volunteers are still needed in the following areas: Quilt Set Up, Signage and Vendors. Please consider helping out—grab a friend and volunteer together!

Start getting those quilts ready! 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

Hello Quilters!

In May we received 11 quilts, 5 receiving blankets, and 9 burp cloths.



Philanthropy Update:

As you know, Melanie, Deborah, and Diane are wrapping up our two-year term coordinating Philanthropy. We want to thank the Guild for their support in all of the service projects that we do, from making pillowcases for Lily Pad, to donating beautiful quilts to organizations like St. Clare's, STEPS, Piedmont Women's Center, Victory Junction, and the Asheville Helene Relief Efforts. You have all been so generous, not only with your contributions of quilts, totes, pillowcases, cosmetic bags, and supplies, but also in helping to quilt and bind our items. We could not have had the impact on our community without you!

Recruiting New Philanthropy Team:

Do you like seeing beautiful quilts first hand? Do you like playing with fabric? Do you like cutting up fabric? Do you have a friend (or two or three) that likes to do the same thing? Come and be part of our Philanthropy efforts!

Diane, Melanie, and Deborah are all finishing their second year running this program, and Guild By-Laws prevent Diane from chairing this for another year. In order for this program to continue, which is part of our 501(c)(3) designation, we need a new volunteer(s) for this important program.

Diane will work with the new team to get them started and on their way, and will also continue to help to longarm quilt tops for donation. Please see Diane Kent at the Philanthropy Table to learn more, or reach out to Nancy Jones, Guild President.

Philanthropy Workshop:

Our Philanthropy Workshop meets every month at **5:00 p.m.** on the **first Tuesday** of the month, right before our monthly Guild

meeting. We meet in a first-floor classroom (go past the kitchen, turn right at the hallway, we are down past the restroom on the left). We sort quilts, match backings for tops, and get items ready to be finished or donated. If you need backing or batting for a Philanthropy quilt, you are welcome to come by and see us – or lend us a hand!

With gratitude, Diane, Melanie, and Deborah





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Fidget Quilts

In partnership with Nimble Thimbles Quilt Guild, we have approval to create 53 Fidget Quilts for the residents at Hilltop Memory Care in Greenville, SC.

The quilts will be approximately 14" x 20", and the base will be composed of squares of fabric where ribbon and various items can be added to provide the residents with something to do with their hands. The use of their hands is one of the first parts of their bodies to become impaired. Our hope is that they will be occupied and use their hands more with these small quilts to stave off the effects of the disease.

The facility is gathering the requested information about each resident, and each mat will be made for a specific person. This method allows us to include a photo and use our stash of novelty prints based on their past professions and hobbies. I will write a pattern we should use. All mats will be washed in pillowcases or large lingerie bags. Look online for ideas.

– Darlene Morse

Membership

There were 46 members present at the May meeting. In addition, T J McCann, who recently moved to our area, visited!

Sylvia Hurst & Melanie DeMoise



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Happy Birthday!

Barbara Thrush	10
Mary Jill Kroske	13
Jaylyn Rollins	15
Ann Hatherley	16
Colleen Manning Barnes	24
Rhonda Johnson	29
Deborah Brown	30

Some quilts made from Annette Ornealas' patterns:



Annette shows the curved piecing look from squares and rectangles; some folded.



Annette (left) and Leslie Reid share bags made from Annette's patterns.



Annette's sister and her sister's husband came to visit from Germany.



Workshop Photos: Annette explains how to create and sew the curves.



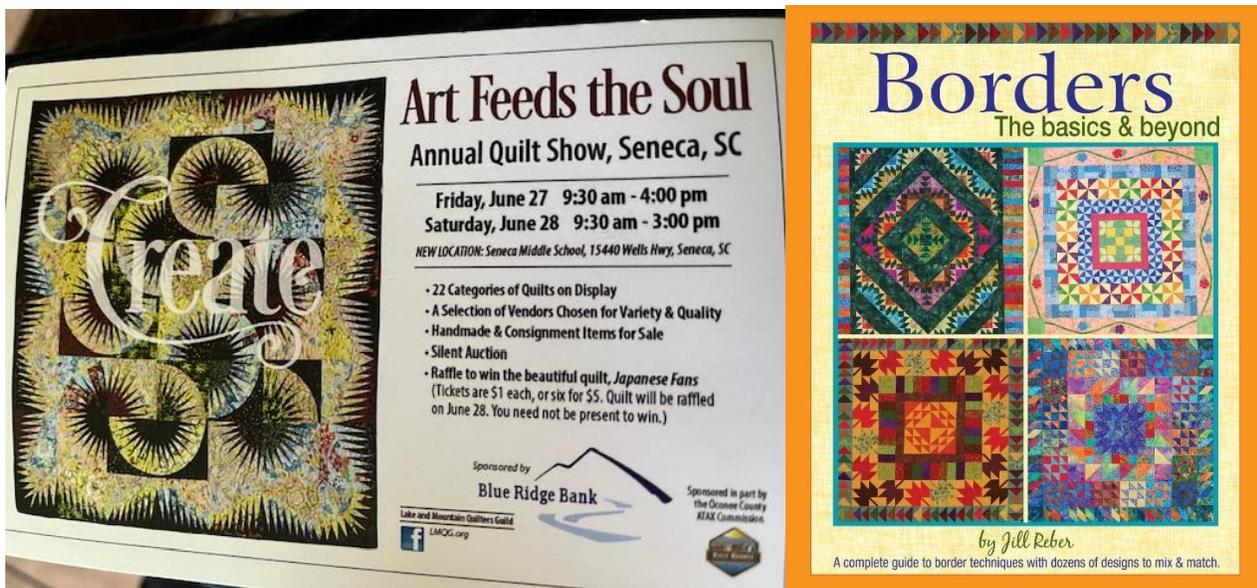
Dawn, President of the GMQG, and Darlene Morse attended the workshop.

Upcoming Events

The Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN is having their 44th Annual Quilt Show and Competition in June 20-21, 2025. There will be a bed turning of antique quilts at the show on the Friday.

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. **Deadline for entries is June 20, 2025.**



You've been working on quilt blocks to make a quilt. You've planned and pieced and solved all of the placement problems. It looks great, but...something is not quite right...what does this quilt need to finish it off? Sure, you could put a border of fabric around it, but is that the best choice?

Borders: The Basics and Beyond is the complete guide to good border design techniques, making it perfect for any quilter to practice and build their skills. See how blocks with basic design elements, good color and contrast, and correct application add drama and style to any quilt!

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Next Guild Meeting

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

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

Social time: 6:15 p.m.

Business: 6:45 p.m.

Program: 7:45 p.m.

Notice: The Philanthropy Workshop will meet on June 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Main Hall Classroom at Lee Road Methodist Church.

Newsletter Submissions Please submit information for the next Newsletter by June 19 to Darlene Morse at scfabricdyer@gmail.com.