

# Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild Newsletter

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## *President's Message*

Quilting Legacy. Some of you have that awesome heritage. I am that start of a legacy for my family that I hope to pass on to my grandchildren. My mother grew up in the Lancaster, Pennsylvania area and appreciated the Amish people. Mom loved the quilted items she would see all around Lancaster County. She valued the artistry and all the hours that went into making quilts.

I started my quilting journey in 2021. Mom passed in 2016, and she is sorely missed. She would be absolutely thrilled to know that I am quilting! Although I cannot make a special quilt for mom, I am working to make those treasures for my family and special friends. I have a shadowbox type picture of quilts that was my mother's picture that sits in my sewing room. (See the photo.) When I see this shadowbox, I fondly think of my mom and her love of quilts.

I am anticipating a wonderful quilt show in April where your handiwork, artistry, and talents will be displayed in beautiful quilts. If you have never entered a quilt in a quilt show, this year is the time. Concern that your quilt "is not perfect" is not an excuse.



Consider the positive aspects in your quilting journey. Time to celebrate your progress and encourage others in the art of quilting. My quilts are not advanced yet, but I grow with every project I make. Remember, there is a new category for those who have never entered a quilt in a show.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting. Stay warm!!

Sincerely, Nancy Jones



## *Refreshments and Birthdays*

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Martha White    | 2-Feb  |
| Karen Baird     | 11-Feb |
| Carol Johnson   | 11-Feb |
| Hanna Diantha   | 13-Feb |
| Shanna Lindemer | 15-Feb |
| Suzanne Brehm   | 22-Feb |
| Gail Brunner    | 28-Feb |

|                        |                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Guild Sales            | Linda Harper & Barbara Thrush   |
| Philanthropy           | Paula Bryan                     |
| Publicity              | ***                             |
| Refreshments           | Terry Weinbender<br>& MJ Kroske |
| Storage Superintendent | Debbie Gantt                    |

## **Happy Birthday, Ladies!**

- Mary J Kroske

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

Here are the current officers and committee chairs for our year ending in June. 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 &<br>Sheila Barhorst |
| Hostess                                   | ***                               |
| Opportunity Quilt                         | Suzanne Brehm                     |
| Challenge Quilt                           | Jennifer Neubauer                 |



## *Meeting Minutes*

Nancy Jones opened meeting and welcomed everyone.

Is there anyone who is not receiving the newsletter? Please get with Nancy or Darlene Morse to be added. Please make sure you are reading the meeting minutes for important updates and future events.

Terry\_Weinbender gave a motion to accept minutes as presented and Jennifer Neubauer with second.

Nancy announced December and January birthdays and thanked those who brought snacks for our meeting. She stated please feel free to bring a snack to the meeting if you would like. It doesn't have to be your birthday.

Linda Ligon says "Hello" to everyone. Please keep her in your prayers.

Merry-Beth Noble, **VP of programs**, introduced our speakers tonight. Chuck and Korina Neesom from Marietta's Quilt and Sew in Simpsonville. They spoke on the new things going on at Marietta's, their history and how to prepare your work for longarm services. Chuck shared he has

brought in the Grace Company to allow more selection of machines, notions, and longarm frames at a more affordable rate. Korina's focus is on the fabric line. She has brought in more fabric lines both traditional and modern.

They are still meeting with new vendors. Fabric orders for the year have been placed and they are very excited with their incoming shipments.

A live FB video is on Thursday morning showing what is happening this week and new fabrics, promotions, etc. If you miss the live broadcast, it is saved on their site for viewing at your convenience.

Guild appreciation is every 2nd Saturday and 3rd Thursday. Guild members receive 10% off fabric, notions, etc. Furniture is excluded. A birthday month discount is also offered at 20% off. The reward program has also been brought back and has been revamped. Class supplies are 10% off if you are participating in a class.

The website has been revamped. Please visit it to see the changes and updates.

Used machines are currently being offered up on FB marketplace with the hopes to be able to list them on the website in the future.

Many new and exciting things are happening at Marietta's. Come in and visit with us.

Marietta's Quilt and Sew will have a vendor booth at our Quilt show in April.

#### **Committee meeting reports:**

Suzanne Brehm for **Opportunity Quilt:**  
The quilt will be displayed at Marietta's Quilt and Sew.

#### **Pam Kowalk with Spring Retreat:**

This retreat is for guild members only. Let Pam know if you are interested. Total cost is \$294 for a single room including food; a double room with food is \$183. Great deal.

A fridge is available if needed. \$50 deposit is needed by Feb. 3. Total is due by March meeting.

Sylvia Hurst shared we have 2 **Door Prizes** tonight. Name tag door prize was won by Mellisa Gravitt. \$1 door prize was won by Nancy Jones.

#### **Paula Bryan with Philanthropy group:**

Thank everyone who contributed to the Christmas Family. The cash prize for the family was no longer needed. We opted to give the cash to the church for them to use where they saw it was most needed.

#### **We need quilters to quilt some of our items.**

**Mystery bags** – we need more volunteers to assist on the committee. We're meeting this Friday at Paula's house to sort fat quarters to make mystery bags. See Paula if interested in participating.

Paula's team showed the completed quilts that have been donated year to date.

Jennifer Neubauer – **Challenge quilt** is due at the March meeting. You have plenty of time. Tools, notions and trims. Quilt something you want to display in your studio. No side smaller than 12 inches and no side larger than 36 inches. Make something that you would really like to hang in your home or next to your machine.

#### **Candy Friday with Membership:**

51 members present  
3 new members  
1 guest – Nelson Reed.

#### **Jana Fetch with the Quilt Show:**

**Quilting Greenville Style at the Greenville Shriners Center. April 24 and 25, 2026** – deadline is March 3 for quilt submission, etc. Currently have 12 vendors under contract. Each member who volunteers at least 3 hours will get free

admission to the show. Need helpers to hang quilts and to man areas in the show. Keep your eyes open for bulletin boards to post up our announcement of our show. Karen McGraw, **Silent Auction:** Shared items donated for the silent auction. Please continue to bring in your items for our silent auction. Our show is going to be a success!  
Ruth Bartholomew shared we have our **Library** available for check out tonight.

Linda Harper from **Guild Sales:** Has lots of thread tonight. Stop by her table and take some home tonight.

## Show & Share

**Nancy Jones** shared her fabric horse and her Christmas card made by her granddaughter.

**Melanie DeMoise** shared a Christmas pillow she made.

**Ruth Bartholomew** shared the present she received from Linda Hopkins, a Christmas sheep doily appliqued to red felt.

**Nancy Archibald** shared a quilt top she made from fabric purchased from the silent auction as well as a paper pieced, fractured star quilt top.

**Nancy Jones** announced in Feb she will start a nominating committee. Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Mellisa Gravitt

## Programs

**February** - Rosie Leach - T-shirt Quilt Workshop

**March** – Jennifer Neubauer – Quilt Challenge

**April** - Quilt Show - TBD

**May** - Lynn Christiansen - Travel Quilts and Postcard Quilt Class

**June** - Camille Levi - Unique Quilt Design and Memory Quilts

Do you have an idea or connection for one of our programs? Let me know! Feel free to contact me any time!

Merry-Beth Noble, VP Programs

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## April 2026 FPQG Quilt Show

Quilting Greenville Style: 2026 Quilt Show Update

April 24-25 will be here before you know it—quilt show time is just around the corner!

Here's what you need to know in a nutshell:

- Planning Meeting: Meet us for a quick huddle on February 3 at 5:30 PM (right before the guild meeting). Pop into the classroom down the hall to the left.

- Volunteer: Help on show days or with set-up and earn free entry for 3+ hours of volunteering! Sign-up sheets available at the February 3rd meeting.
  - Member Vendor Tables: Got something crafty to sell? Snag a member table for \$50 (limited spots!). Fill out the attached contract and send it in to reserve yours before they're gone.
  - Publicize: Please share the attached flyer to all your social media accounts. Pin the show bookmarks, postcards and flyers on every public bulletin board you see. These are easy ways that really help to publicize the show.
  - Donations Needed: We're on the hunt for goodies for our themed baskets and silent auction—big or small, every bit counts!
  - Show Off Your Quilt: Enter by March 3 and include a color photo with your form. Don't miss your chance to shine!
- Jana Fetch

## Notes from Philanthropy

My sincere apologies for not getting the End of Year deliveries into the January Newsletter.

After our December meeting the Philanthropy Committee was delighted to distribute 40 baby quilts plus 8 other baby items to Piedmont Women's Center, 134 pillowcases to LilyPad (making that a total of 254 for the 2025 calendar year...goal of 250 exceeded) and 10 quilts to Caris Hospice.

There were some glitches in the delivery of the Christmas Family quilts as the grandmother was hospitalized, but they are now enjoying the beautiful quilts you made for their beds. And the moneys collected for the family will go to other church families in need, as the Christmas Family is receiving

assistance from other sources (a Lee Rd UMC recommendation, to which we agreed).

We are no longer accepting contributions for 'Mystery Bags'. All of your generous contributions are sorted, packaged and ready for our quilt show!

'Baskets' are still in need of fabrics and sundries, so please continue to bring your donations for baskets this month!

Thank you so much for your support...Y'all ARE the philanthropists!



## The Pillowcase Project

Big and little ways you can help (now and throughout the year):

—You can turn in completed pillowcases at Philanthropy table. Remember to sign them in!

—You can make pillowcases from your own stash.

—You can make pillowcase kits from your stash for others to sew.

—You can sign out pillowcase kits from the Philanthropy table.

—You can donate pillowcase 'parts' (if you have in your stash the following size

fabrics, but they really don't go with each other):

27" or 28" x width of fabric, cut square at each end.

8" or 9" or 10" x width of fabric, cut square at each end.

2" x width of fabric, or (full-length) orphan jellyroll strips.

There are numerous instructional videos on the internet for Burrito Pillowcases. The cutting lengths may vary slightly from one video to another. That's okay! Choose one that works for you. It just needs to fit a standard pillow.

We have come to the conclusion that our guild alone is not capable of providing pillowcases for the LilyPads statewide, not even when working on this project year-round. We are talking many hundreds every year! The Philanthropy committee cannot possibly cut out 400+ kits a year. And with each pillowcase using a yard of fabric at conservatively \$10 a yard, well, do the math! You all are SO generous with your time and materials...this is NOT a guilt trip!

So (after the holidays), we will be looking into communicating with and/or through QSC to involve other guilds in providing for their own local areas. (One guild in each district would be great!)

Blessings to you all! Paula, Debbie, Gayl and Johellen

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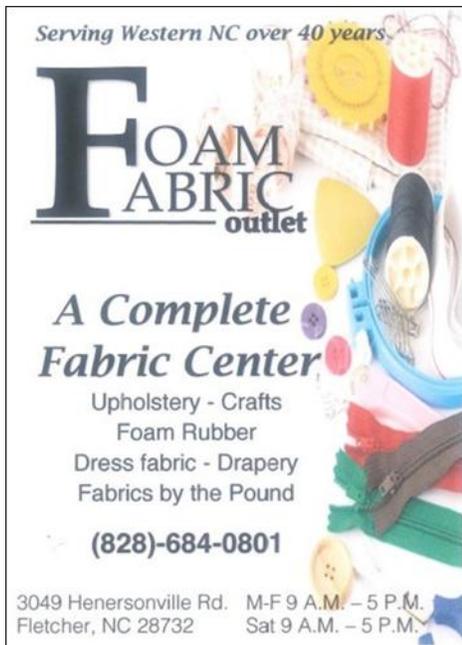
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Guest was Nelson Reed visiting with Jaylyn Rollins.  
– Sheila Barhorst

**Dollar Door Prize**

We're going to give you a choice for the Dollar Door Prize again this month. The winner may choose between a physical door prize or 50/50 (50% of the money taken in). And the more of you that participate, the bigger the prize. So, BRING YOUR DOLLARS! - Sylvia Hurst



**SOUTH CAROLINA**

*All quilters invited to join!*

**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.

**FPQG Spring Retreat**, Monday, Mar. 16 – Thursday, Mar. 19, 2026. Contact Pam Kowalk. See details in this newsletter.

**Quilt Festival**, March 20–22, 2026 sponsored by Palmetto Quilt Guild of Hilton Head.

## *Quilting Retreat News*

Our spring quilting retreat is fast approaching. The dates are Monday, March 16 at 8am through Thursday, March 19 at 1pm. It will take place in Denton, NC at The Salvation Army Camp Walter Johnson. A huge sewing room with a gorgeous view is available to us and the lodge accommodations are comfortable. It is a beautiful campsite!! I hope you will consider joining us. It is really a great time to get to know other members as we eat and sew together. Plus, it is a great environment to get advice/help if needed. (It will be a perfect time to finish a project that can be placed in our quilt show). Also, keep in mind that since we paid the deposit in 2025, we are getting a lower price this spring than the price will be next time in the fall-- due to a price increase.

If you are interested in attending this event I need to get your name on the list. So far, I have 18 names of those who are planning to come. And if you think you may come, we have a decision to make which will affect the cost by \$6.00, so I need your vote!! To keep the cost down we are planning for only two meals per day—"morning" and evening. I need to have your vote on whether you would prefer to have breakfast (at 8 or 8:30am) or a brunch (at 10:30am) which would also include a salad/fruit bar. Some of you like to sew late at night and then sleep in a bit in the morning. The brunch would be helpful for later morning arrivals. The brunch is \$2.00 more per day than the breakfast meal which would cause the price of the retreat to be a total of \$6.00 more per person than if we go with the breakfast meal.

Here's the breakdown... We will begin with supper on Monday night and end with the

morning meal on Thursday. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we will enjoy 2 meals. Breakfast is \$10, brunch is \$12, and supper is \$14. Please keep in mind that they now have a big refrigerator in the sewing room (for lunch supplies or snacks) that is for our use.

**Single room** (\$222) plus meals (either \$72 for breakfast or \$78 for brunch—all meals) for a total of \$294 or \$300

**Double room** (\$111) plus meals (either \$72 for breakfast or \$78 for brunch—all meals) for a total of \$183 or \$189.

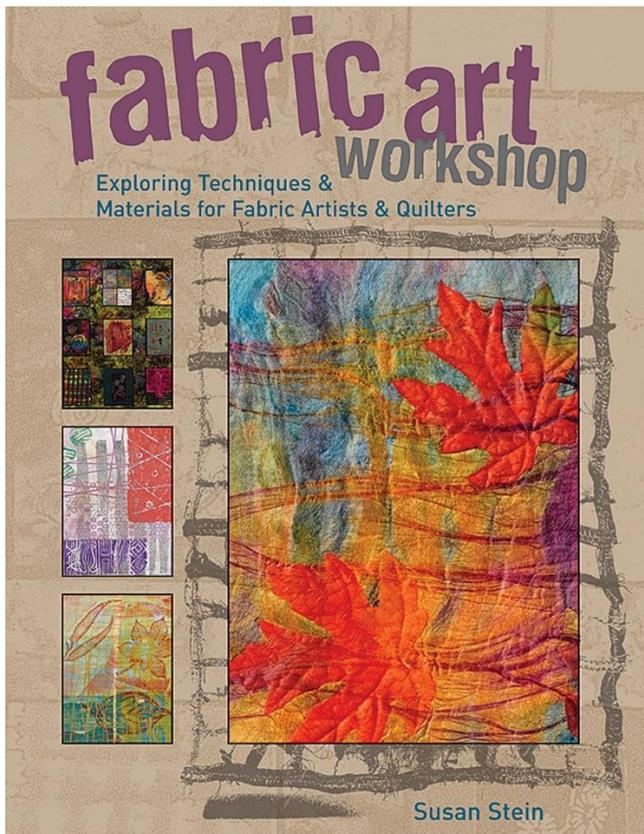
THE TOTAL WILL DEPEND ON WHAT WE VOTE REGARDING BREAKFAST OR BRUNCH AND THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS \$6. **Please give me your vote as soon as possible.**

**A deposit of \$50 is due at the February meeting.** Once we get the votes, I will send out the total price. If you prefer to write only one check, I will not cash the checks until after our March FPQG meeting which will be the deadline for the total amount to be paid.

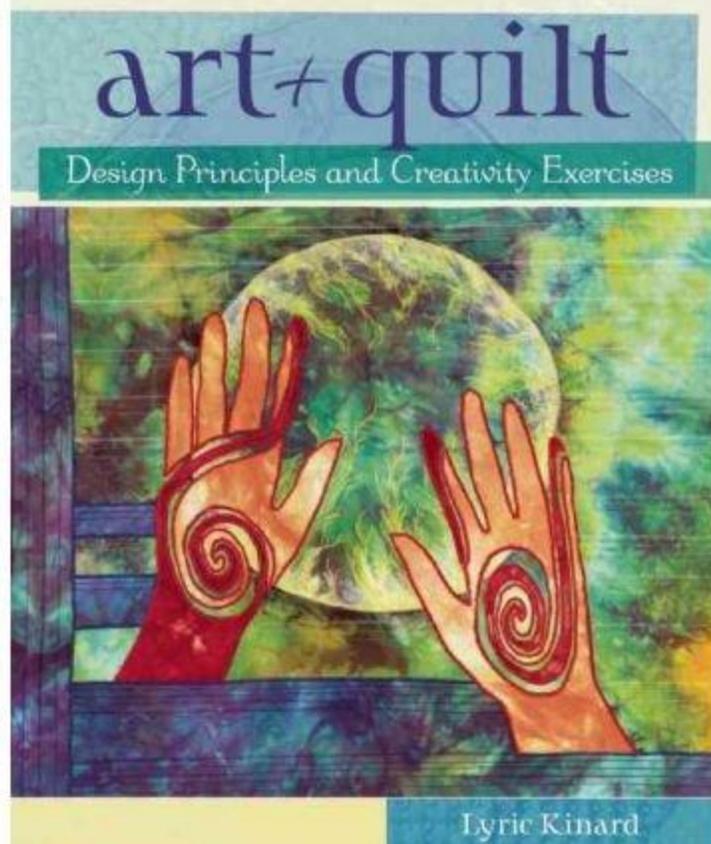
- Pam Kowalk

## Resource Center

Did you ever wonder about 'Art Quilts'? Category 900 in our upcoming is Art Quilt and it has to be an original work. Our library has resources to help you discover your quilting artist!



Fabric Art Workshop by Susan Stein shows you different techniques to change the way a fabric looks. How-to steps with photos explore all the possible results from applying the technique to make your mark on fabric!



But what if you need some inspiration for an art quilt and you want to use the fabric from your stash? In her book, art + quilt, Lyric Kinard explores essential art principles such as focal point, balance, repetition, scale, and space to bring your art quilt to life!

- Ruth Bartholomew



**Suzanne Brehm (l) and Melanie DeMoise (r) show our 2025-26 Opportunity Quilt.**



**The reveal of the Christmas Block Exchange revealed beautiful blocks and happy participants!**

## *Next Guild Meeting*

Tuesday, February 3, 2025

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

Philanthropy: 5:00 p.m.

Show Planning: 5:30 p.m.

Social time: 6:15 p.m.

Business: 6:45 p.m.

Program: 7:10 p.m.

**Newsletter Submissions** Please submit information for the next newsletter by **February 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, guild sales, quilt show donations & registration forms with photos attached.