

Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild Newsletter

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President's Message

In my first message as president of FPQG in July 2024, I shared that we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us. In preparing for this quilt show, I reiterate that truth again. Putting on a quilt show requires much preparation and teamwork. So many of our quilt members over the years have contributed time, effort, and expertise to make those past shows happen and be successful. Thank you to those people who have gone before, advanced the craft of quilting, and have helped to make each show successful.

Our April 2026 "Quilting Greenville Style" show is just on the horizon. We have a new venue, and our new Quilt of Valor presentation at the show. Thank you for those who have been and are working both behind the scenes and out in front. The phrase, "It takes a village" is so true. Keep spreading the word about the show by inviting family, friends, and neighbors. Ask a local merchant about putting up a poster at their place of business. Let's make this 2026 quilt show a whopping success!



Those who were able to attend the spring retreat had a wonderful time. We had lots of fun, laughter, fellowship, great food, inspiration for new projects, and of course, quilting!!

If you have never been to one, consider the fall retreat of 2026. You will be so glad you did.

Looking forward to our April meeting. See you soon.

Sincerely, Nancy Jones, President of FPQG

Resource Center

No book reviews this month.
- Ruth Bartholomew

Upcoming Events

Let Darlene Morse know if you hear of any quilt shows or events in our area that you think would be of interest to quilters.

Refreshments and Birthdays

Karen Kelly 7-Apr
Carol Myers 8-Apr
Pat Cameron 10-Apr
Susy Richards 19-Apr
Janine Allen 23-Apr
Shawna Peterson 23-Apr
Dawn Drella 24-Apr
Pamela Kowalk 25-Apr
Debbie Gantt 26-Apr
Marie Brown 26-Apr

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 & Sheila Barhorst
Hostess	***
Opportunity Quilt	Suzanne Brehm

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

Meeting Minutes

Nancy Jones opened meeting and welcomed everyone. Is there anyone who is not receiving the newsletter? Please inform Nancy Jones or Darlene Morse to be added to our email list. Read the meeting minutes for important updates and future events.

Tami Grabowski gave motion to accept the January minutes as presented and Betty Cirillo with second. Nancy announced Feb and March 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.

Committee meeting reports:

Suzanne Brehm for **Opportunity quilt**.

Sent in notices to 2 TV stations. Please bring sold tickets and money asap. Looking for assistance with hanging the quilt at the Quilters of SC Spring Meeting and selling tickets. Please reach out to Suzanne if you are available.

Mary Jill Kroske & Gloria Bobier –

Nominating committee

Mary Jill and Gloria mentioned all the open positions for the upcoming new year of the quilt guild. Please volunteer for a position. Your commitment to serve, is greatly appreciated.

Ruth Pollow and Hazel Abend will be at the quilt intake table for the **quilt show**. You must be in line before noon to drop off your

quilt. Next month Ruth will bring some advance tickets to put on your quilt to assist with speeding up the process of the quilt intake. Labels must be safety pinned onto the quilt above or next to the label. And quilts folded and turned in showing the label on the top. Ruth needs at least 3 runners who will take the quilt from the intake table to the correct table for hanging.

“Quilting Greenville Style” at the Greenville Shriners Center. April 24 and 25, 2026. Each member who volunteers at least 3 hours will get free admission to the show. Vendors do not pay the entry fee. Leslie Reid: Keep your eyes open for bulletin boards to post up our announcement of our show. Posters and postcards are available to take and put up at various places.

Diane Kent and Barbara Thrush: Diane and Barbara will be working the book table. Bring any books or magazines you no longer need.

Pam Kowalk with **Spring Retreat**: Tonight is the last night to sign up and pay.

Nancy Jones stated Carolina Quilt Studio is closing their doors. Big sales are going on. Longarm services will continue to be done at their home, and Jimmy will also continue to work on machines.

Merry-Beth Noble, **VP of Programs**:

No speaker in April due to us preparing for the quilt show.

May speaker and class sign up are here tonight.

June is our quilt historian.

July is our potluck picnic.

Sylvia Hurst shared we have 2 **door prizes** tonight.

Name tag door prize was won by Mary Jill Kroske. \$1 door prize was won by Suzanne Brehm.

Sheila Barhorst and Candy Friday with **membership**:

46 members present

6 new members

2 guests tonight

Karen McGraw shared items donated for the **silent auction**. Please continue to bring in your items for our silent auction.

Mary White donated a sewing machine.

Also, we have a featherweight that was donated for the auction. Our show is going to be a success!

Johellen George with **tip of the month**.

Backing 45” fabric for the back is not quite wide enough. Cut it diagonally and slide it a little. The seam is distributed over the width of the fabric.

Linda Harper from **guild sales** has thread tonight for sale. Stop by her table and take some home tonight.

Show & Share

Ruth Pollow shared a quilted portrait of her grandfather.

Shawna Petterson shared 2 pillows with free motion quilting and a quilt she longarmed.

Sheila Barnhorst shared a Christmas table topper and a Halloween all hanging.

Ruth Buchanan – temperature quilt. The only rule was she could not buy anything.

Glory Waddell used a Lori Holt pattern for a zippered bag she made.

Marie Brown shared her 1st baby quilt she made.

Merry Beth Noble shared a doll quilt she finished and quilted. She finished a small quilt as well.

Margaret Arnett shared an “I Spy” quilt for her great granddaughter.

Nancy Jones shared a quilt she made for the silent auction, “I Love Grandma”. Also, Nancy shared a “Paper Doll” quilt.

Jennifer Neubauer with **Challenge Quilt**: Jennifer is working the Children's table at the quilt show and will have some "I Spy" sheets for them.

Jennifer conducted our **Guild Challenge** tonight.

1st place – Sandy Wolf - \$50 gift certificate

2nd place – Diane Kent - \$30 Gift certificate

3rd place -Linda Ligon - \$20 Gift certificate

Nancy would like to help us to sign up for the quilt show using Sign-up Genius.

Please volunteer to help with the quilt show using this

link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CA9A62AA1FF2-62404320-quilt>

Volunteer slots will continue to be added in the upcoming weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mellisa Gravitt

Programs

April - Quilt Show

May - Lynn Christiansen - Travel Quilts and Postcard Quilt Class

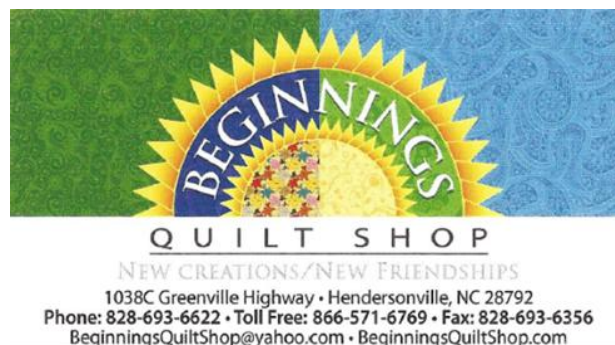
June - Camille Levi - Unique Quilt Design and Memory Quilts

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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Challenge Quilts

Thank you to all the participants in the 2026 Challenge Quilt. We had 13 participants and all the quilts were so different and reflected their makers. 1st prize went to Sandy Wolf for an artsy self-portrait vignette. Diane Kent took 2nd place with an appliquéd sewing machine. Linda Ligon's quilting was absolutely outstanding and took 3rd place. - Jennifer Neubauer



Challenge quilts shown as a grouping to see the size comparison. Guild members explained how and why they created their quilts.





#7 – Tami Grabowski
 #2 – Jennifer Neubauer
 #12 -Suzanne Brehm
 #1 – Darlene Morse



- #13 – Diane Kent (2nd)
- #6 – Betty Cirillo
- #11 – Gayl Glover
- #4 – Linda Ligon (3rd)



#3 – Nancy Jones
 #8 – Marilyn Donnell
 #5 – Gayle Johnson
 #10 – Sandy Wolf (1st)



#9 – Mary Jill Kroske

April 2026 FPQG Quilt Show

Quilting Greenville Style: 2026 Quilt Show Update

April 24-25 is almost here!

A few details:

- **Planning Meeting:** April 7 at 5:30PM (right before the guild meeting). Meet in the classroom down the hall to the left.
- **Volunteer:** Help on show days or with set-up/take down and earn free entry for 3+ hours of volunteering! See me (Jana Fetch) or click this [Quilt Show Volunteer Signups](#) if you want to volunteer.

- **Publicize:** Continue to 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.

- **Quilt Drop Off:** Thursday, April 23; 10am-12pm. Quilts will NOT be accepted after noon. Bring to the Shriners Event Center at 119 Beverly Rd, Greenville.

- A short presentation will be shown at the guild meeting to fill you in on more details.

We will have access to some good food at the quilt show. Make sure to bring some cash along. - Jana Fetch

Quilt Show Book and Magazines Sale

If you have any quilting books or quilting magazines that you would like to donate to our upcoming quilt show, please bring them to the April Guild meeting.

Thank you! Diane Kent and Barbara Thrush



Thanks to Shanna Lindemer and Ruth Bartholomew for corralling the numerous quilt show entry forms received at the March meeting making my registrar job easier! – Darlene Morse

Notes from Philanthropy

'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, 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



Membership

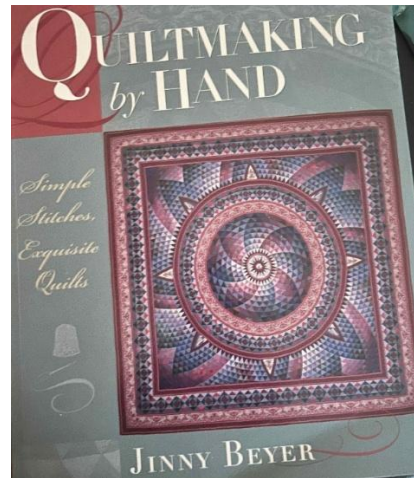
We had 46 members at our meeting on March 3, 2026. We also had 6 new members join and 2 guests.

Welcome to our following new members: Cindy Brothers, Linda Meadors, Diane McLelland, Bunny Nelson, Laurie Waddell and Donna K Wilson. You will find their information on the website. We look forward to getting to know you all.
Happy Quilting! – 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!



Door prizes received this book as a donation, but since not many of us quilt by hand, if anyone is interested in buying, I researched it on eBay, and you can have it for \$5.00. Any takers? – Sylvia Hurst



Schoolhouse Quilts

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Quilting Retreat News

We had a wonderful time together at the spring quilting retreat in Denton, NC at The Salvation Army Camp Walter Johnson. It's a great time to get to know fellow quilters better and to receive and give advice. There is a lot of laughter, productivity, snacking, eating, and fun that goes on while we are enjoying our sewing, fellowship, and camaraderie!!

The room in which we sew is well-lit and has a beautiful view. Walking around the lake provides an awesome time of exercise while enjoying gorgeous scenery.

I hope you will make plans to attend our fall retreat towards the end of October. We are fine-tuning the date and will announce it at the April FPQG meeting. – Pam Kowalk







Spring 2026 Retreat Participants: (back row, l to r): Diane Kent, Karen Baird, Pam Kowalk, Diane McLelland, Linda Meadors, Ann Pittman, Sheila Barhorst, Candy Friday, Barbara Soch, Paula Bryan, Darlene Morse (front row, l to r): Janine Allen, Nancy Jones, Melanie DeMoise, Anne Eagle, Ruth Bartholomew, Jaylyn Rollins, Linda Hopkins, Patty Stonitsch, Jana Fetch

Retreat Recipes

Irish Soda Bread by Melanie DeMoise

4 cups flour

1/4 cup sugar

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 cup butter

1 1/2 cups raisins

1 1/3 cups buttermilk

1 egg

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 egg yolk, beaten

- Whisk flour, sugar, salt, baking soda into a mixing bowl.

- Cut in butter until mixture looks like coarse meal. (I have never got it to do this. I just cut it in until no large pieces left.) Stir in raisins.

- Combine butter milk, egg, baking soda. Stir into flour mixture just enough to moisten dry ingredients.

- Turn onto floured board and knead lightly until dough is soft. Shape in a ball and place in a greased 2-quart casserole dish. With a sharp knife cut a 4-inch cross out 1/2 inch deep in center of dough. - Brush with egg yolk. - Bake at 375 degrees about 1 hour.

- Cool for 10 minutes. Remove from baking dish to cooling rack.

- Before cutting, divide loaf into quarters. Thinly slice.

Chocolate Chip Cookie Brittle + Pecans + Coconut by Linda Hopkins

3/4 cup butter, melted

1-1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup brown sugar

Mix together these first 3 ingredients and then add

1 tsp. vanilla

Mix together the following ingredients in a separate bowl:

1-1/2 cups flour

1 tsp. baking powder

1/4 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. baking soda

Then add to the wet ingredients and mix.

Then add 1 cup chocolate chips.

Toast: 1/2 c. coconut flakes and 1 cup pecans for 7-8 minutes at 350°F.

Mix coconut and pecans into the mixture; it will be crumbly.

Press dough evenly down into a 10"x15" pan. Bake at 350°F or until golden brown and seems crisp, about 19 minutes. Set on wire rack to cool & break into pieces when cooled.

Next Guild Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

**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 **April 19** to Darlene Morse at 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.**