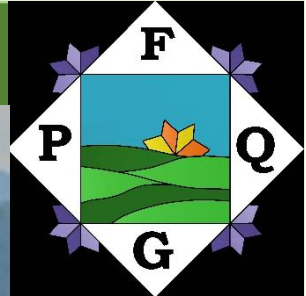


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President's Message



"Every day can be the beginning of something beautiful.
You are capable of blooming like May flowers.
Celebrate your accomplishments, big or small.
There are days you harvest, and days you plant the seeds.
Embrace your uniqueness and let your light shine." ---OurMindfulLife.com

Welcome, May!

We've all heard the saying, "April Showers bring May flowers." The meaning of that is that although we may be going through the showers of time (and life), showers make things grow. We go through hard times. We change and grow. There is an underlying turmoil in me - resisting change. Knowing that there's a change coming swirls around my brain like thunderclouds and attacks my gut like army tanks. But change is inevitable. While I would hope that all things will change for the better, the reality of life is that - some changes are hard. They hurt, they leave scars. Living and growing through life's changes can certainly be a challenge! The challenge of life's "showers" is to bloom at the end. This challenge - not only inwardly, but outwardly, encouraging others through the changes they are facing - so that they may bloom also! So, in the merry month of May, let's bloom and encourage others to "bloom where they are planted"!

With hopes that you can bloom today,
Ruth



Corresponding Secretary

I sent a "Thinking of You" card this month to Dale Hernandez for her recent diagnosis of breast cancer. If you know anyone in need of a card, please let me know.

Thank you, Kristin

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Meeting Minutes - April 4, 2023

Call to Order: 6:45 pm by President, Ruth Bartholomew. Motion to accept March minutes as published was made by Linda Ligon, seconded by Suzanne Brehm, and carried by vote.

Announcements: Ruth wished happy birthdays to the following members: Bob Roue (7), Charline Lovell and Carol Myers (8), Sandy Nodes (9), Susie Richards and Dagmar Theodore (19), Janine Allen and Linda Fry (23), and Pam Kowalk (25).

Ruth announced that we still need nominees for some crucial positions for the 2023-24 year. She also noted that July monthly meeting would currently fall on the July 4th holiday. We agreed to reschedule for July 11. Debbie Johnson will check this with Bill Borchert of the Elks.

Upcoming Quilt Events:

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

April 27-30 – FPQG spring retreat at Lutheridge

May 3 – workshop with Cindy Williams

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

April 2024 – FPQG Quilt Show

Committees:

Refreshments: Pam Kowalk and Carol Myers thanked all for the wonderful refreshments provided tonight.

Quilt Show: Suzanne Brehm advised that our 2024 show will be held on April 15 and 16 at St. Giles Presbyterian Church. Suzanne gave many interesting statistics about the history and future of the art of quilting and answered many questions about details of the show.

Philanthropy: Diane Kent and the team displayed the donations received tonight. She advised that tote and cosmetic bags go to Miracle Hill recovery, unused personal care products go to women's shelters. There are kits available. Donated tops are acceptable; the

team will also bind quilts if needed. Request made for a 60mm rotary cutter to cut batting. Diane advised that the monthly philanthropy meeting will be the second Tuesday at Carolina Quilt Studio.

Education: Johellen George advised that if holes appear in your machine quilting, it is probably because the back has too much sizing.

Hospitality: Tami Grabowski and Betty Cirillo announced that tonight's gift certificate was donated by Marietta's.

Guild Sales: Theresa Wenstrup announced that they will raffle off a basket and fabric tonight, and that they have many offerings at their table.

Opportunity Quilt: Paula Bryan asked for volunteers to help sell tickets and to work as hostesses at the Mancuso Quiltfest.

Membership: Dagmar Theodore advised that 65 members signed in tonight, and we have 11 visitors!

Hostess: Hazel Abend introduced tonight's guests and offered welcoming gifts.

Program: Martha White gave updates re: Quilters of South Carolina: She is the new President; new rules allow quilters from out of state to join the group. She is selling tickets to the QSC scholarship quilt on display tonight. She announced that our May speaker will be Cindy Williams, and she will be offering a workshop on her Northwinds Log Cabin pattern on May 3.

Show and Share: Those who shared their recent projects (including quilted jackets) included Ruth Bartholomew, Linda Ligon, Leslie Reid, Becky Erdman, Wendy Seegers, Melanie DeMoise, Suzanne Brehm, Pam Kowalk, Marijke Alford, Darlene Morse, Betty Clouse, and Theresa Sparks.

President's Gift: Sandy Wolf presented Ruth with a scholarship to the upcoming FPQG retreat.

Program: Lee Chappell presented her talk on Understanding the Rainbow, using many of her

quilts to show examples of her color recommendations.

Nametag Prize winner was Debbie Johnson.
Dollar Door Prize Winner was Becky Erdman.
Guild Sales winner was Cindy Brothers.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Burton, Recording Secretary



Thank you!

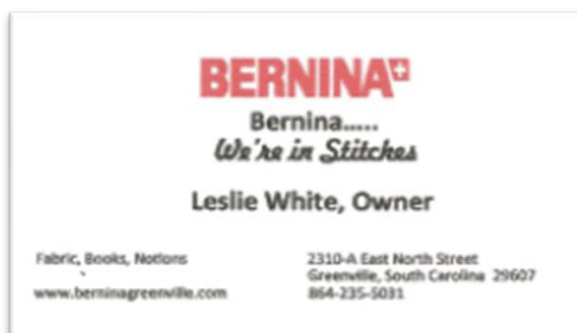
Surprises come in all shapes and sizes. You all certainly did surprise me **BIG TIME** at the April meeting! The gift of getting to go to the Spring retreat is such a wonderful, love-filled surprise! Retreats are so much fun - a wonderful time to sew, create, talk, and share with like-minded friends. My heart is overwhelmed with your sweet love gift to me. It is a pleasure to work and serve with each of you! Thank you for your gift of love and friendship - for the sweet notes in the card. You have blessed me beyond measure.

Thankful for all of you!
Ruth



Upcoming Events

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"Quilters. Artists who paint masterpieces with fabric and write symphonies with stitches." — Unknown

Notes from Philanthropy

Hello Quilters!

In April we received 8 finished quilts, 7 cosmetic bags, and 2 tote bags! Thank you all so much for the support you give to Philanthropy each month!

April Philanthropy Donations



One of the questions we are frequently asked is “what size quilts do you like to receive?”, and the simple answer is “we like every size and we always find a home for every quilt we receive!”.

Our favorite sizes and types of quilts would be the categories listed below. We give an infant and an adult lap quilt to each new mom at St. Clares Maternity home. We also donate to agencies that support children and young adults in crisis, and always have a need for kid’s quilts, especially boy-themed and teen-appropriate designs. When you are making a quilt top for Philanthropy, if possible, it helps us if the **width of the top is around 40” so we can use 44-45” backing**. We rely on donated fabric for our backings and rarely have wide backing available, and are also limited on donations of larger lengths of fabric that could be cut and piece for a backing.

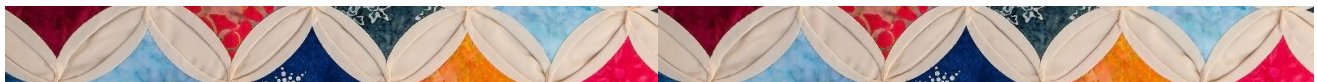
Philanthropy Quilt Sizes

Infants and Baby "Tummy Time" quilts	36-40" W X 36-42" L
Toddlers through Pre-school	36-40" W X 45-48" L
Kid's Quilts (ages 6 -Teen)	40-45" W X 48-50 " L
Adult Comfort Lap Quilt	46-52" W X 58-62" L
Adult Throw Quilt	54-60" W X 64-74" L

Special Notice: Philanthropy Workshop Meeting Day Change

Our new meeting day for the monthly Philanthropy Workshop 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 May meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 9, 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. You do not need to bring your sewing machine, and we could always use an extra hand measuring donations or organizing kits. If you are new to the Guild, it is a fun way to meet some of the members, learn about our Philanthropy efforts, and do some shopping at Carolina Quilt Studio!

With gratitude, Diane, Melanie, Wendy and Deborah



Guild Sales

Guild Sales for May

The last of our T-shirts and sweatshirts will be available for purchase. Below is the inventory. It will be first come first serve. Cash or check will be accepted!

T-shirts \$21

2- Large

2- XL

2- 2XL

Sweatshirts \$35

1- Medium

1- Large

1- Xlarge

1- 3XLarge

Thank you

Theresa and Leigh

Edward Jones



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Opportunity Quilt

We were able to sell our first tickets at Mancuso Quiltfest June 20-22! We received many favorable comments with 437 tickets sold over three days bringing in \$373! Much gratitude to our members who volunteered to help make this happen:

Hazel Abend, Gloria Bobier, Barbara Phillips, Jaylyn Rollins, Nancy Jones, Gail Brunner, Sandy Nodes, Pam Kowalk, Ruth Bartholomew, Kristin Kipper, Carol Johnson, Diane Kent, Cindy Brothers, Leslie Reid, Lee Wall, Leigh Radlein, Karen McGraw, Pat Hodur, Mellisa Gravitt, Darlene and Olivia Morse. To Melanie DeMoise, who helped Johellen with the basting of medallion batting and framing up the quilt.

And to Linda Ligon (who has worked behind the scenes in so many aspects...quilt binding, show setup, treasurer and general encourager on the OQ project)

And to Johellen George, who, along with Linda, broke down the Quiltfest display and added 28 minutes to her daily WalkingTotal in retrieving her vehicle from the far reaches of the Convention Center's back parking lot.

And kudos to the Saturday volunteers who also braved that parking situation!

The OQ will be hanging in Marietta's Quilt & Sew (Simpsonville) for 6 weeks with tickets available for sale. If you're down there, please thank them! Also remember, they are one of our sponsors and will give you a %10 discount with your Membership card (and %20 off on your Birthday month! which we were able to use for the OQ backing)



We need a volunteer or two to take charge of future opportunities to sell OQ tickets (ie, arranging to display it at other Quilt Shops and the QSC meeting) This would count as your 2024 Quilt Show job!

Paula Bryan and Johellen George

Nametag/Dollar Door Prizes

The Dollar/Nametag drawing is looking forward to seeing you and finding out who the next winners will be.

Tami G & Betty C



Membership

The April meeting with Lee Monroe attracted a lot of members and visitors; 65 members and 11 visitors. Hopefully, some of them will join next time. No new members or information changes this time.

See you in May!

Sheryl Sane and Dagmar Theodore
Membership

FPQG Booth at the Mancuso Show!

Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales



Refreshments

We have really enjoyed a plentiful snack table each month this year! Thank you for all your wonderful & delicious contributions in April! We look forward to what May birthday members will bring to our next meeting.

Pam Kowalk & Carol Myers



Programs

May Program

Cindy Williams, The Math Whisperer from Franklin, NC, will be our speaking at the May meeting and will be teaching Northwinds Log Cabin the next day at the Elks Lodge. This is a fun workshop where you will learn new techniques, and you can't beat spending the day with quilting friends.

Please let me know if you are mailing in a registration and I will forward you the supply list.
Martha

**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 _____

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.

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**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.



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### **Next Guild Meeting**

Tuesday, May 2, 2023  
Elks Lodge on Pelham Road  
Social Time 6:15 pm  
Program 6:45 pm

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### **Newsletter Deadline**

May 19, 2023  
Please submit material to Jennifer Neubauer  
[fpqgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:fpqgnewsletter@gmail.com)

### **Membership**

Membership is \$20, check payable to:  
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### **May Birthdays**

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|----------------|--------|
| Tami Grabowski | 5 May  |
| Darlene Morse  | 14 May |
| Kathy Wilson   | 16 May |
| Lee Wall       | 22 May |
| Lois Gaston    | 24 May |
| Kristin Kipper | 25 May |
| Hazel Abend    | 27 May |