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President's Message

Happy New Year! As we look forward to this new year, reflect on this last year and count your blessings. Many make New Year's Resolutions, yet they can be hard to maintain.

What are your plans related to quilting? What are your goals for our quilting guild? How can you serve and be an encouragement to others? Make realistic goals and help make 2025 a very memorable and productive one.

Please, please, please carefully consider becoming the chair for our quilting show. The next show is in the spring of 2026. The show is our biggest fund raiser so we can bring quality speakers to our monthly meetings and fund our many philanthropy endeavors.

Suzanne Brehm, our 2024 show chair, has volunteered to be a mentor to the new show chair. Maybe 2 of you want to co-chair. The challenge can be very enriching, so face



this opportunity with enthusiasm!

We were able to move more than half of our storage items from our off-site storage facility. The evening was cold and rainy, but we moved most of the quilt rack equipment to our Lee Road UMC location. Four students from Bob Jones University and the college and career leader from my church helped. In addition, Sandy Davis and Gene Turner, both from Lee Road UMC brought a pickup truck and were a tremendous help.

We will complete the task around mid-January. Our lease ends January 31st.

Looking forward to the start of a new year and our wonderful fellowship at our guild meetings. Invite a friend to come. Remember to share the FPQG business cards with others. There are other quilters out there who would love to join our guild.

Hope the start of 2025 is a great one for you. See you soon. Nancy Jones

Guild Sales:

Bring some cash (or a check) and find some spectacular deals. We condensed our philanthropy fabric stash due to the change in our storage situation. Some of that fabric stash will be sold to help the guild. Since our midway break in the meeting will be short, come early if you are able during the fellowship time at 6:15 pm and shop for fabric for your next exciting project!



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Meeting Minutes

Nancy opened meeting and welcomed everyone back for our Christmas Social.

Nancy – we have new business cards to pass out and share with friends, for recruitment of more members.

Nancy blessed the food with prayer.

Nov. meeting minutes – received motion to accept by Hazel and 2nd by Sandy Wolf. Accepted as presented.

Philanthropy group meets the 1st Tuesday of the month, the same as the meeting night, here in the church in a classroom at 5 p.m.

Announcements:

Suzanne Brehm – thanked everyone for the houses for the Opportunity quilt; she showed current progress of the quilt.

Becky Bates shared we have 2 door prizes tonight. Dollar door prize (2 charm packs) won by Linda Ligon and name tag door prize (2 fat quarters) won by Nancy Jones.

Community Chairs:

Jana Fetch with Membership team – New printed directories are available tonight. 40 members present tonight and 3 guests.

Diane Kent with Philanthropy group. Discussed quilts for Asheville, NC. Debra and Linda displayed quilts that had been turned in. We are still taking in pillowcases.

260 pillowcases were needed. We had 155. Lilypad has 26 locations now. Pillowcase kits are still available. More communication in the future will be done as to how much is

needed in the future. \$450 will be given to Lilypad as our 2024 Christmas family.

Johellen George – Education minute - Don't hide quilts in the closet. Talk about them. Make sure family knows about the quilts. Where they came from and who made them, etc.

Paula – Holiday Social tonight. Pinecones will be collected but greens will be discarded. Need volunteer to handle refreshments for next month. Leslie volunteered.

Linda Harper - Guild sales - Items are available tonight for sale. Also bring any donations you do not need for future guild sales.

Leslie – VP - January speaker will be Lori Lee Triplett speaking on Baltimore Album Quilts.

February – chiropractor –how to avoid neck and back pain, etc.

Hazel brought a guest Vendor: Soft Wash Pros. They are a pressure washing company. They do soft washing which is based on chemistry using sodium hypochlorite which kills mildew, etc. They provide a 3 year guarantee. Please reach out to them for your needs.

Show and Share

Nancy Jones – Completed 17 pillowcases for Philanthropy. She shared a baby quilt she made for friends; it was a Storybook themed quilt and wall hanging.

Linda Hopkins – brought her wall hanging completed kit from our speaker last month.

Mary Beth Nobel – made some baby quilts during the hurricane and shared those.

Gail – Guest – brought a tote bag she made. You can make 3 bags in 1 jelly roll, it's a Missouri star kit. Also, she brought a quilt she made and quilted herself.

Jana Fetch – Shared a paper pieced wall hanging.

Sandy Wolf was our quilting superstar for the month. She shared her introduction to fabric as a child and how her skills progressed throughout the years. She shared many items she has made.





Sandy Wolf shares her lovely appliqued quilts.

Nancy mentioned the challenge quilt for 2025: Make a quilt from a Bird's perspective or Birds Eye View. Displayed and voted on at the March 2025 meeting.

Leslie will lead the Chinese exchange gift game and then the Christmas block exchange was done.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mellisa Gravitt

We still need a Quilt Show Chairperson to step up. Need someone by the beginning of January if we want a quilt show. This show is a large money maker for the guild. We have some members who are experienced and will help give guidance.

Programs



January 2025 – Award winning quilter Lori Lee Triplett will be speaking on Baltimore Album Quilts. Lori and her sister, Kay, curate and manage Quilt & Textile Collections which houses one of the largest quilt collections in the world, and together they have written over 16 books. As a lecturer and instructor, she brings her experience from stage, screen, and radio to create presentations that are fun, yet educational. You won't want to miss this presentation!

February 2025 - Dr. George Auger from Auger Family Chiropractic will provide tips on preventing and relieving neck and back pain, so we can all spend more time sewing!

March 2025 – Guild Challenge – Birds Eye View. This nature-based challenge provides for wide viewpoints and artistic creativity, as well as a bit of thinking outside the box. The challenge will be to make a quilt from a bird's perspective, or Birds Eye View. Jennifer Neubauer can provide more information.

Notes from Philanthropy

Hello Quilters!

WOW! WOW! WOW!!! You all knocked it out of the park with our request for pillowcases for Lily Pad!

We were quite surprised when Lily Pad told us they now have 26 offices in South Carolina, and would like 260 pillowcases for children coming into the Foster Care program in December. We learned this right around the week of Thanksgiving, and we only had 51 pillowcases made. You all were fantastic in responding to our “cry for help” and the Guild managed to contribute another 105 pillowcases at the December meeting, for a total of 156 pillowcases.

The Guild selected **Lily Pad** as our **Christmas Family** for this year. In addition to the pillowcases, we gave them a check for \$450 to purchase pajamas and other needed items for the children coming into the program in December. Lily Pad also mentioned that they would like to have Squishmallow stuffed pillow toys, and two Guild members purchased 18 of these to include in our donation.

In December we also received 8 quilts, as shown in the three photos shown here:



WNC Disaster Relief Donations:

We were able to donate a total of seven twin size quilts and one large lap quilt for those affected by the disaster in Western North Carolina. Four of the finished quilts donated are shown below:



Philanthropy 2024 Year End Summary:

In 2024, the Foothills Piecemakers Quilt Guild donated a total of 120 quilts, 20 cosmetic bags, 7 tote bags, 197 pillowcases, 5 burp pads, and over 3 pounds of toiletries and toothbrushes to the following agencies:

St. Clares Home: 22 quilts, 6 cosmetic bags, 6 tote bags.

STEPS: 12 quilts, 2 cosmetic bags, 1 tote bag, assorted toiletries and toothbrushes.

Piedmont Women’s Center: 39 baby quilts, 12 cosmetic bags, and 5 burp pads.

Lily Pad: 12 quilts, 197 pillowcases, 18 “Squishmallow” pillows/stuffed toys, \$450 as the 2024 Guild Christmas Family, assorted toiletries and toothbrushes.

Victory Junction: 24 children’s quilts.

Western North Carolina Disaster Relief: 7 twin bed size quilts and 1 large lap quilt.

Misc: 3 quilts for community outreach special requests.

Philanthropy Workshop:

Our Philanthropy Workshop will now be held 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, Deborah, and Cindy

Refreshments

January birthdays provide refreshments this month. We'll partake before the meeting begins at 6:45 p.m.

Membership

There were 42 members and 3 guests in attendance at the Christmas Social on December 3.

Please add the following renewal information to your directory:

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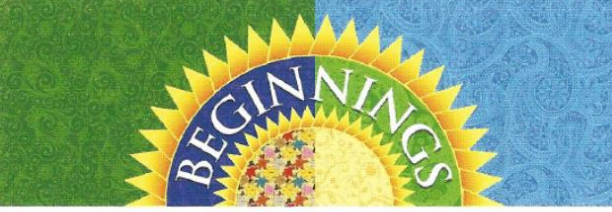
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2025 FPQG Challenge Quilt – *Bird's Eye View*

This year's challenge will be to make a quilt from a bird's perspective, or *Bird's Eye View*. This nature-based challenge provides for wide viewpoints and artistic creativity, as well as a bit of thinking outside the box. Challenge quilts will be displayed at the March 2025 FPQG guild meeting. Voting will take place that evening and ribbons will be awarded.

Challenge requirements:

- Quilt must be a new creation, started no earlier than November 5, 2024.
 - Quilt must contain the 4 traditional components of top, batting, backing and binding.
 - Quilts sides should be at least 12" and no larger than 36".
 - Pieced, applique or art quilt are acceptable.
 - Quilt must contain a feather. The feather can be real, handmade, stitched or quilted. It should be recognizable as a bird feather. **The feather quilting pattern does not count.**
 - Please add a hanging sleeve large enough for a dowel rod if your quilt size dictates one for it to hang well.
 - **Submission must contain an artist statement talking about your quilt.**
- Contact Jennifer Neubauer for questions. jennpeacenkind@gmail.com



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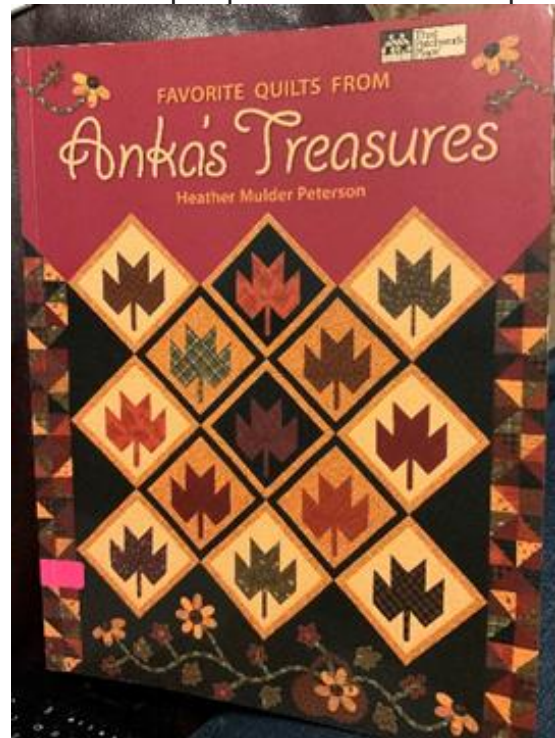


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- 20 Karen Ryon
- 27 Kathy Green
- 31 Nancy Archibald
- 31 Gloria Bobier

Next Guild Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 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 January 7, 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 **Jan. 19** to Darlene Morse at scfabricdyer@gmail.com.