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President's Message

Wow! This year has flown by so quickly since March. What are your favorite memories from the year? Were you able to accomplish many of the things you had planned to do? These handmade gifts can be treasured by the recipients for many days or years.

Thanksgiving will soon be upon us. Time to remember all the blessings we have been given. Even in difficult things, we grow, we feel the support of others to help us make it through. Yet, the Thanksgiving season is not the only time for being grateful. We need to have a thankful heart year-round.

I am thankful for all our guild members. I am thankful for all the work so many have given to help make the guild a success and be a blessing to others through philanthropy projects. I am thankful for the privilege to serve as president of FPQG for last year and this year. I am thankful for the many dear friends I have made through our guild and will continue to make as I get to know others better. This year has been a difficult year for several in our guild. Let us continue to give those people our love, prayers, and support.



The October meeting with our special speaker from Pat's Sacks was so interesting. Many have commented to me how much they enjoyed this program. We look forward to our special speaker for our November meeting. See you soon.

Sincerely, Nancy Jones

Please plan for a meeting of all officers and committee chairs in early January, after the holiday festivities have settled down. Our 1st guild meeting in January is Tuesday the 6th. **Leadership meeting** could be on **Tuesday, January 13th**. Save the date. Thank you.

Refreshments and Birthdays

Suellen Burton - 11-11
Paula Bryan - 11-19
Becky Bates - 11-21
Sue Ellen Johnson - 11-21
Kyla Gossett - 11-28

Happy Birthday, Ladies!

- Mary J Kroske

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)	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 & ***
Storage Superintendent	Debbie Gantt



Meeting Minutes

Nancy Jones opened meeting and welcomed everyone. Happy October!

Is there anyone who is not receiving the newsletter? Please speak with Nancy or Darlene to be added.

Please make sure you are reading the meeting minutes. Diane Kent gave a motion to accept minutes as presented and Jennifer Neubauer seconded. Please add Joanna Yost for Oct. 14 birthday.

Nancy announced October birthdays and thanked those who brought snacks for our meeting.

Tracey with a memory care facility would like some fleece blankets. She is looking for donations for her residents.

A tailor in TR is looking for a part time assistant. Contact Nancy for more info.

Quilt show will be at Market at the Mill - Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10-11 in Pickens.

Committee meeting reports:

Pam Kowalk with Quilt retreat. A Spring Retreat is for guild members only. Planned for March 16-March 19, 2026. More details to follow later.

Sylvia Hurst shared we have 2 door prizes tonight. Name tag door prize was won by Ruth Bartholomew.

Dollar Door Prize was won by Pat Cameron.

Jana Fetch with the Quilt Show:

Quilting Greenville Style will be held at the Greenville Shriners Center on April 24 and 25, 2026 – deadline is March 3 for quilt submissions. Currently we have 9 vendors under contract.

We really need donations for the silent auction. Bring the items in now if you have them completed.

We also need new items for our raffle baskets. We need notions and fabric please. I have received very little fabric currently for our baskets. Please check your stash.

Jennifer Neubauer – Challenge quilt is due at the March meeting. You have plenty of time. Tools, notions and trim is our theme.

Linda Ligon shared Treasury report.

Sheila Barhorst along with Candy Friday with membership:

44 members present

1 new member

1 visitor

We have a new hand-crafted wooden box to collect donations for our Christmas family.

Merry-Beth Noble, VP of programs:

Cecilia Reid with Pat Sacks of Titusville.

Johellen George for Paula Bryan with Philanthropy group:

Thank you to all who participated on the quilt as you go.

King size quilt that was donated for the Christmas family. Thank you to Melanie DeMoise for quilting it.

Several lap size quilts were donated tonight. Thank you all to those who contributed.

Joanna Yost and Karen McGraw for Silent Auction:

Need your help. 2 things. 1st Karen nor Joanna are machine quilters. Please complete some of your projects and consider donating to the silent auction.

Linda Harper from guild sales: Has a request for Christmas fabric please bring in and we will try to pass it along.

Show & Share

Linda Ligon took Ruth Pollow's 2-day class and shared her "Flower".

Tammy Grabowski shared her QOV T-shirt quilt she completed.

Hazel Abend had 2 quilts to share: First was a "Crazy" quilt made from a charm pack.

The second quilt was made for her daughter in law. It was a king size with scalloped edges.

Debbie Gantt shared a checkerboard she made.

Linda Hopkins made several snowmen she shared with us.

Pat Cameron shared a quilt she saw in a magazine and had to make. Also, Pat shared a giraffe wall hanging.

Merry-Beth introduced our speaker tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted Mellisa Gravitt

Programs

Thank you so much to our speaker last month; Cecilia from Pat Sacks Feed Sacks was terrific. We all enjoyed her visit and show. We learned so much about this type of fabric and the history behind it. Please find below, information about upcoming events,

Merry-Beth Noble
VP Programs

We will have **Diane Vandiver of Butterfly Quilts** as our guest speaker in November. She creates many colorful quilts with seemingly complicated patterns. However, Diane has a variety of patterns that quilters of all types can create by using her designs. Visit her website for more info. We hope to see you and you may also purchase some of her patterns at the meeting!

<https://www.butterflythreadquilting.com/>

Diane was born and raised near New Orleans and earned her degree in education from High Point College in NC. She later became a flight attendant for American Airlines for a decade before starting her family. She settled in Georgia to raise her children where she discovered her passion for quilting while being a homeschool mom.

After making her first quilt in 1997, Diane was hooked! In 2012, and more than 100 quilts later, Diane created the pattern company and website called Butterfly Threads Quilting. She has published dozens of patterns, created templates, and was a regular contributing writer to the

Craftsy Quilting website for 5 years. Since 2015, Diane has been traveling the country teaching quilt techniques and sharing her love of scrap quilts! Her two books Scrap Quilt Secrets and Strip Quilt Secrets have both been published by C&T. Diane designs fabric for Blank Quilting Fabrics and enjoys longarming on her HQ Amara. She's currently developing online classes and workshops.

Diane lives just north of Atlanta with her husband Chris and their golden retrievers, Rumi and Daisy. They enjoy hiking, traveling and spending time with their children and grand babies.

Ruth Pollow's Collage class will be in 2 sessions and held at The Methodist Church on Lee Road - our meeting location. This is a change from before. It will be held on 2 consecutive Saturdays, November 8th and 15th from 9am-4pm. Tuition fee will be \$65. We have six members signed up. Ruth does an amazing job with teaching this fun technique. A favorite animal collage can make a wonderful gift for Christmas or a great remembrance of a pet from the past.

If you are interested, please contact Ruth at hawkwatchrep@mindspring.com. A supply list will be provided with instructions for enlarging a photo of your favorite pet or animal. Payment can be made at the November 4 meeting.

December - Holiday Party Potluck, games, and a Block Exchange. More information will be announced at our meeting. Be thinking about a holiday-themed (12" finished) block you can make to trade with someone. Participation in the block exchange is optional, but it will be a lot of fun!

January 2026 - Laurel Horton - Quilt History
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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Have you ever wanted to create your own sneakers? At QSC, Darlene took a class! The teacher said we could teach it. If you have interest, let me know. Techniques used are machine quilting, making binding, hole punching with tools, and hand-sewing.



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April 2026 FPQG Quilt Show

Plans and tasks for the upcoming show are in full swing! We currently have **nine vendors** under contract (as announced at the October meeting) and hope to add a few more to fill our spaces.

We continue to request donations for the following areas:

- **Silent Auction:** Completed quilts (new or vintage), bags, table toppers, ornaments, wall hangings, or any other items that would draw bids.
- **Baskets:** New and unused items that can be combined into **themed baskets**, or (even better) a complete, assembled themed basket.
- **Mystery Bags:** Scrap fabric, orphan blocks, etc.

- **Books/Magazines:** Any quilt, sewing, or craft-related book or magazine you no longer want.

A huge thank you to everyone who is working diligently to make the show a success! If you'd like to volunteer to help in a specific area, please contact the corresponding committee chair below:

Area	Chair(s)
Admissions	Kristin Kipper/Sandy Wolf
Basket Raffle	Mellisa Gravitt/Hazel Abend
Books/Magazines	Diane Kent/Barbara Thrush
Children's Activity	Jennifer Neubauer
Hostess Coordinator	Pam Kowalk
Mystery Bags	Becky Bates, Paula Bryan, Lois Gaston
Opportunity Quilt	Suzanne Brehm
Philanthropy	Paula Bryan
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
Signage for show	Nancy Jones
Silent Auction	Karen McGraw/Joanna Yost
Treasurer	Linda Ligon
Vendors	Jana Fetch
Vote Counting	Gayle Johnson/Susy Richards

URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEER:

Quilt Hanging:

This role does **NOT** require planning the layout of the quilt display. The coordinator's job is simply to coordinate the volunteers for hanging the quilts on **Thursday, April 23.**

Please contact **Jana Fetch at 724-575-2577** if you are interested.

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)

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.

Notes from Philanthropy

Much gratitude for the 10 completed quilts, 3 quilt tops, and 24 pillowcases we received at the October meeting.

And, a heartfelt thank you to ALL the participants in our Christmas Family Quilts Project.

We still have a number of ladies who are working to finish up quilting and binding our Christmas quilts. We will show them all off to you at our December Christmas Party!

Please remember that monetary donations are also being accepted for the family, at the desk where you check in.



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 just 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.

Please donate these marked ‘pillowcase parts’, so we know they have been cut to size, and we don’t confuse them with ‘Mystery Bag’ donations.

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 working on this 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!) In the meantime, we will provide as many as we can for this holiday season!

Mystery Bags: Take this opportunity to winnow out half yards, fat quarters, orphan blocks, leftover charm squares, layer cake squares, or jelly roll strips, trimmings, odd shapes and scraps. Mystery Bags have always been a great seller at our Quilt Shows! We have a basket under the Philanthropy table for Mystery Bag donations.

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



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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



Membership - If your membership card has an incorrect expiration date on it, please ask for a new one. Any member that has joined on or before September 2, 2025 will be updated in the upcoming membership directory listing to be found in the members-only section of our website. Anyone joining after this date will have their contact information included in the online directory. Corrections to directory:

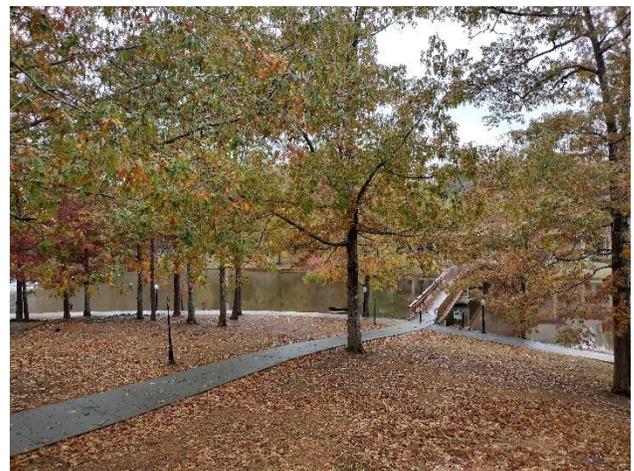
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The real luxuries in life:

time
health
a quiet mind
slow mornings
ability to travel
rest without guilt
a good night's sleep
calm and "boring" days
meaningful conversations
home-cooked meals
people you love
people who love you back



Quilting Retreat News

We had a wonderful time at our fall quilting retreat in Denton, North Carolina at the Salvation Army Camp Walter Johnson. Now it is time to be thinking about the March 16-19, 2026 Spring retreat. We may arrive Monday morning and can stay until 2 pm on Thursday. This retreat will be for our guild members only.

Consider coming to this event. It is a great time to better get to know other members, to learn a lot of tips, and to be inspired! We will take a vote as to how many meals we desire which will affect the pricing. We will probably have only breakfast and supper (starting with supper on Monday night and ending with breakfast on

Thursday morning) provided by the Camp which would cost a total of \$72 for our stay. Lodging costs are \$74 per night for a single room. A double room costs \$37 per night per person.

Given the above meal schedule, the total costs involved would be as follows:
Single room with meals..... \$294
Double room with meals..... \$183
I hope you can make it for this FPQG retreat! Let me know if you are interested in attending! - Pam Kowalk

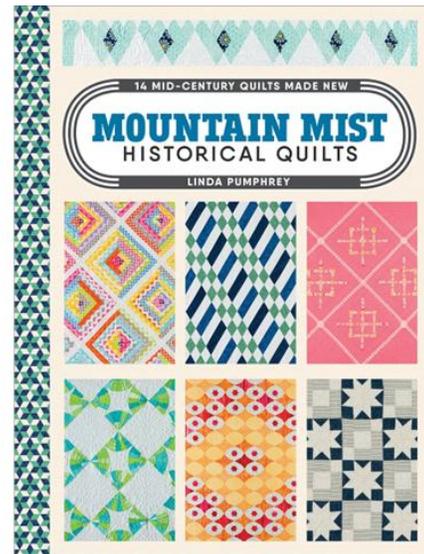


Upcoming Events

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.

Animal Collage Class taught by Ruth Pollow. See info under Programs section. Nov. 8 and 15, 2025, Lee Road United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

FPQG Spring Retreat, Monday, Mar. 16 – Thursday, Mar. 19, 2026. Contact Pam Kowalk.



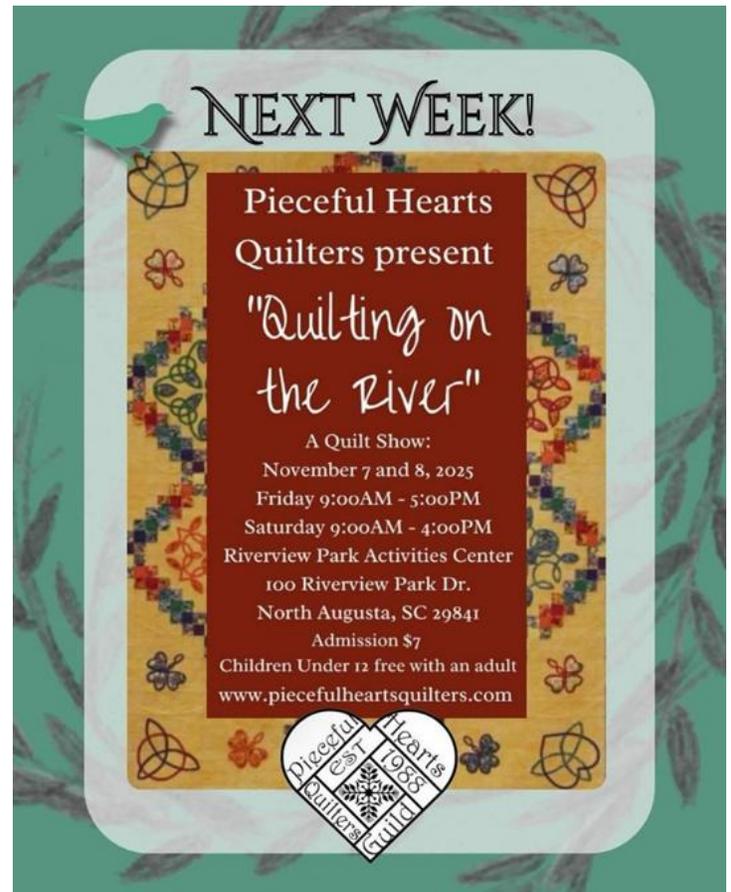
Mountain Mist Historical Quilts: 14 Mid-Century Quilts Made New was published in 2016 by Fons & Porter. Cecilia Reid shared this book with us at the October meeting in her feedsack presentation. Besides having pictures of antique quilts, this book documents the Mountain Mist Pattern Series with 14 designs from the series made with contemporary fabrics. Mountain Mist's unique marketing campaign offered a free quilt pattern with each purchase of Mountain Mist Batting. This book keeps the history of quilting in our hearts while we use the contemporary fabrics and tools to connect the past and present and look to the future!



Also, we have this book in our library, Marie Osmond's Heartfelt Giving: Sew and Quilt for Family and Friends.

This book has a pattern for a very cute baby blanket and if you can re-envision the projects out of the fabrics that are shown (evidently Marie liked fuchsia a lot!), there are some great ideas and patterns in this ok! – Ruth Bartholomew

Note the spelling of Fuchsia. If we think Fuchs which means fox in German, we can remember the correct spelling.













Next Guild Meeting

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

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

Social time: 6:15 p.m.

Business: 6:45 p.m.

Program: 7:10 p.m.

Notice: The Philanthropy Workshop will meet at 5 p.m. before our Nov. 4 guild meeting in the back hall of the church.

Newsletter Submissions Please submit information for the next newsletter by **November 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.