

# Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild Newsletter

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## *President's Message*

May – Spring is in full bloom. I love flowers!! There are so many varieties across the globe. Consider how flowers have been incorporated into quilts at the present time and through the years. From traditional quilts with flowers in squares or rectangles, to applique quilts, to art quilts incorporating painting, and other types of quilts – flowers are featured. Real flowers bloom but then fade. Have you ever made a quilt with flowers for someone to enjoy for decades to come? My husband sometimes purchases flowers for me for no particular reason– just because. I wrote a poem years ago by that title.



“Just because” a reason to,  
A time to say my thanks to you.  
“Just because” a way to say  
I love you dearly every day.  
Floral gifts are nice to get  
For special times, and yet  
I think my favorite reason why  
Is “Just because” from my fav’rite guy.

Dedicated to Rich

Reflecting on “Just Because” has given me a fresh idea for a new wall quilt using flowers and the phrase “Just Because . . .” on the quilt. Maybe your experience with flowers can give you fresh ideas for a new quilt. Enjoy the spring!!  
I am so excited for the retreat coming up in May. The month of May also means that we will be voting for new officers for the Vice President and Web Master positions at our



May meeting. There are numerous positions available for you to be able to serve in our guild as a committee chair. See the list below on the next page. Consider how you can contribute to our wonderful quilting guild. Looking forward to seeing you soon. Sincerely, Nancy Jones

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

Here are the office and committee chair positions for our year starting in July. The symbols \*\*\* means the office/chair position needs some to fill that position. Melanie DeMoise is moving into the Membership position now to replace Jana Fetch so she can focus on the quilt show for 2026.

**Elected Officers**

President	Nancy Jones
Vice-President	*** (Nominee Merry-Beth Noble)
Treasurer	Linda Ligon
Recording Secretary	Mellisa Gravitt
Corresponding Secretary	Carol Johnson
Newsletter Editor	Darlene Morse
Web Master	***(Nominee Diane Kent)

**Committee Chairs**

Resource Center	Ruth Bartholomew
Hospitality (Dollar Door Prize, Name Tag)	***
Quilt Show	Jana Fetch
Membership	Melanie DeMoise & Sylvia Hurst
Hostess	***
Opportunity Quilt	Suzanne Brehm
Challenge Quilt	Jennifer Neubauer
Guild Sales	Linda Harper
Philanthropy	***
Publicity	***
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*Refreshments & Birthdays!*

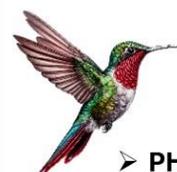
Wishing a very Happy Birthday to our May babies! Hazel Abend - 27th, Ana Coniff - 5th, Jana Fetch - 20th, Lois Gaston - 24th, Tami Grabowski - 5th, Kristin Kipper - 25th, Tammy Lewis - 21st, Darlene Morse - 14th, Lee Wall - 22nd, and Kathy Wilson - 16th. These sweet ladies will be bringing our refreshments this month.

Paula Bryan & Lee Wall

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## Meeting Minutes

Leslie opened meeting and welcomed everyone in Nancy's absence. She read an emailed message from Nancy regarding the Table Rock fire.

Please make sure everyone has signed in for our attendance records.

March minutes: Tami Grabowski gave the motion to accept the meeting minutes. Jennifer Neubauer gave the 2nd. No corrections. All approved to accept.

### Committee meeting reports:

Diane Kent with **Philanthropy** group. Many completed quilts, pillowcases and cosmetic bags were turned in tonight. Thank you so much! Members shared quilts that have been completed. Diane named several groups where the quilts are donated.

Becky Bates shared that we have 2 door prizes tonight. **Dollar door prize** was a \$15 gift certificate to Bernina won by Pat Bush. **Name tag door prize** was a set of fat quarters won by Gail Brunner.

**Jana Fetch** with Membership team – 47 members present. We had 2 guests: Wanda and Nancy.

Jana also discussed the upcoming **quilt show**. She has a list of open positions with which we need help. We are passing around a sheet with possible names for the upcoming show, please cast your vote or

add an option. Please reach out to Jana if you are aware of where we can have the show. Many churches have turned us down currently. We are hoping for a Spring show, but no confirmations currently.

Linda Harper with **Guild sales**: Sales are going on tonight. We have various fabrics, notions, a partially completed quilt that is hand quilted, and more. Also, bring any donations you do not need for future guild sales.

Johellen George with **tip of the month**: Get It Done: 12 hot tips on how to get accurate quilt blocks. She shared 4 with us tonight:

Start with flat fabric. Be willing to iron. Use steam. When cutting with rotary cutter, cut away from yourself! Use a sharp blade. Jimmy at Carolina Quilt Studio will sharpen blades. Beware of bias blocks.

Leslie Reid discussed our **upcoming programs**:

**May 2025** – Annette Ornelas of Southwind Quilts will be presenting her

**Dimensional Curved Piecing** technique. A **half-day workshop** on this technique is planned for the Wednesday after the meeting, May 7, 2025 from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. The cost is \$30 and registration will be available at the guild meeting or can be found on our website. The pattern is \$6. The workshop will be held at St. Giles Presbyterian Church.

Pam Kowalk on the upcoming **Quilt Retreat**: Thank you for those who paid tonight. Looking forward to it. Pam will send out an email reminding everyone of what to bring.

**June 2025 - Brenda Grampsas** from Conway, SC, will take us on a review of star quilts across the ages in her lecture, “**Starry Nights: A Bounty of Star Quilts**” from various eras. Brenda is also a certified quilt appraiser and will be available for written and/or verbal quilt appraisals for a fee. More details on signing up for an appraisal to come.

We still have some **open positions** for the upcoming year. We need someone for **membership** and a **web master**.

**The Thread survey** has been sent out via email approx. March 7<sup>th</sup>; please complete and submit.

April **birthdays** were announced.

Linda Ligon mentioned that Debbie Gant had knee surgery.

Darlene Morse asked if anyone would be interested in making some **fidget quilts** for patients with Alzheimer’s. She is still trying to get approval from the facility and if so, will have more specifics later. The Peach Patchers guild recently made some on a Sew Day. Ideas on what materials could be used to make them were shared.

Melanie DeMoise showed the completed **Opportunity quilt**.

### **Show and Share**

**Jennifer Neubauer** – completed her “Bird’s Eye Challenge”

**Hazel Abend**– received some donated quilt blocks that were hand stitched and she completed them into a quilt.

**Linda Hopkins** – shared a St. Patrick’s day quilt. Linda also shared several wall hangings and encouraged all of us to complete our UFOs.

**Merry-Beth Noble** – shared a small wall hanging of a heart. She machine-quilted and hand-quilted it. She shared “Tropical Hurricane”, a quilt she exhibited in the Landrum Quilt show.

**Candy Friday** – thanked everyone for the calls and cards. Candy shared Crayons and Wine quilt.

**Dorothy Carr** – shared a completed baby quilt.

**Tami Grabowski** - shared a baby quilt.

**Jana Fetch** -shared her completed UFO of a Halloween wall hanging.

**Linda Ligon** is our quilted Superstar of the Month.

Linda said she loves fabric, colors and to quilt.

Leslie introduced our **speaker** tonight:

**Kathleen Roundtree** with Whole Cloth Quilts Made from Vintage Table Linens.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mellisa Gravitt

### **Programs**

**May 2025 – Annette Ornelas** of Southwind Quilts will be presenting her Dimensional Curved Piecing technique. A half -day workshop on this technique is planned for the Wednesday after the meeting (May 7). The cost is \$30 plus \$6 for the pattern ([www.southwindquilts.com](http://www.southwindquilts.com), Atlantis - 104: Sea Flower pattern). Registration forms will be available at the guild meeting, on our website, and included in this newsletter.

**Note: Annette is a national speaker, so there will be a \$5 charge for non-members who attend the lecture.**



**June 2025 - Brenda Grampsas** will take us on a review of star quilts across the ages in her lecture **Starry Nights: A Bounty of Star Quilts from Various Eras**. Brenda is also a certified quilt appraiser and will be available for written and/or verbal quilt appraisal. Verbal appraisals are \$25 per quilt and written appraisals are \$65 per quilt. Anyone interested in having an appraisal done must sign up no later than May 15. If you are interested in either a written or verbal appraisal, please contact me at [lesliereid@yahoo.com](mailto:lesliereid@yahoo.com) or sign up at the guild meeting.

**Note: Brenda is a national speaker, so there will be a \$5 cover charge for guests.**

**July 2025 – Guild Social.** As usual, our July meeting will be our summer social. Join us for **Fun, Fellowship and Food**. Please bring a dish to share.

**Don't forget to complete your Y.L.I. Survey:**

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### *April 2026 FPQG Quilt Show*

We are pleased to announce that we have secured a location and date for the 2026 Quilt Show! The Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild will present:

#### **Quilting, Greenville Style**

Shriners Greenville Event Center  
119 Beverly Rd - just off Rutherford near the Farmers Market  
April 24 & 25, 2026

Now that we have the place and date secured, the fun stuff begins! **PLANNING!** **The first planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6 at 5:30 pm (before the general meeting).**

We will quickly go over the areas where help is needed, disperse information folders with previous show notes, and discuss quilt categories. All members are welcome! If you are new to the guild, please don't hesitate to come. We will partner you with a member who has worked at previous shows. Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

I am so thankful for those who have already volunteered to help to chair specific areas. However, there are still some openings where help is needed. Please consider how you can lend a hand with the guild's largest fundraiser.

Thank you so much!  
Jana Fetch

### *Notes from Philanthropy*

Hello Quilters!

In April, we received 11 quilts, 4 zippered bags, and 3 pillowcases.



### **Recruiting New Philanthropy Team:**

Do you like seeing beautiful quilts first hand? Do you like playing with fabric? Do you like cutting up fabric? Do you have a friend (or two or three) that likes to do the same thing? Come and be part of our Philanthropy efforts!

Diane, Melanie, and Deborah are all finishing their second year running this program, and Guild By-Laws prevent Diane from chairing this for another year. In order for this program to continue, which is part of our 501(c)(3) designation, we need a new volunteer(s) for this important program.

Diane will work with the new team to get them started and on their way, and will also



continue to help with longarming quilt tops for donation. Please see Diane Kent at the Philanthropy Table to learn more, or reach out to Nancy Jones, Guild President.

**Philanthropy Workshop:**

Our Philanthropy Workshop meets 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, and Deborah***

**Edward Jones**



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***Fidget Quilts***

In partnership with Nimble Thimbles Quilt Guild, we have approval to create 53 Fidget Quilts for the residents at Hilltop Memory Care in Greenville, SC.

The quilts will be approximately 14" x 20", and the base will be composed of squares of fabric where ribbon and various items can be added to provide the residents with something to do with their hands. The use of their hands is one of the first parts of their bodies to become impaired. Our hope is that they will be occupied and use their hands more with these small quilts to stave off the effects of the disease.

The facility is gathering the requested information about each resident, and each mat will be made for a specific person. This method allows us to include a photo and use our stash of novelty prints based on their past professions and hobbies. I will write a pattern we should use. All mats will be washed in pillowcases or large lingerie bags. Look online for ideas. – Darlene M.



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## Membership

47 members present. We had 2 guests:  
Wanda and Nancy.

Thank you, Sylvia Hurst and Jana Fetch,  
Membership Co-Chairs

## Spring Retreat

Thank you so much for your enthusiastic  
response for the upcoming FPQG quilting  
retreat! We have reached our limit for  
number of attendees at this point. Any  
others who desire to go can be placed on a  
waiting list in the event an opening  
becomes available. We will have a  
wonderful and creative time at the beautiful  
facility in Denton, NC.

Thanks again for your awesome  
responses!! - Pam Kowalk

## Upcoming Events

**The Smoky Mountain Quilters** of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN is having their 44th Annual Quilt Show and Competition in June 20-21, 2025. There will be a bed turning of antique quilts at the show on the Friday.

**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.

**Asheville Quilt Show**, August 14 & 15 (9-5 pm), & August 16 (9-4 pm), WNC Ag Center, Davis Event Center, 765 Boylston Hwy, Fletcher, NC. Deadline for entries is June 20, 2025.



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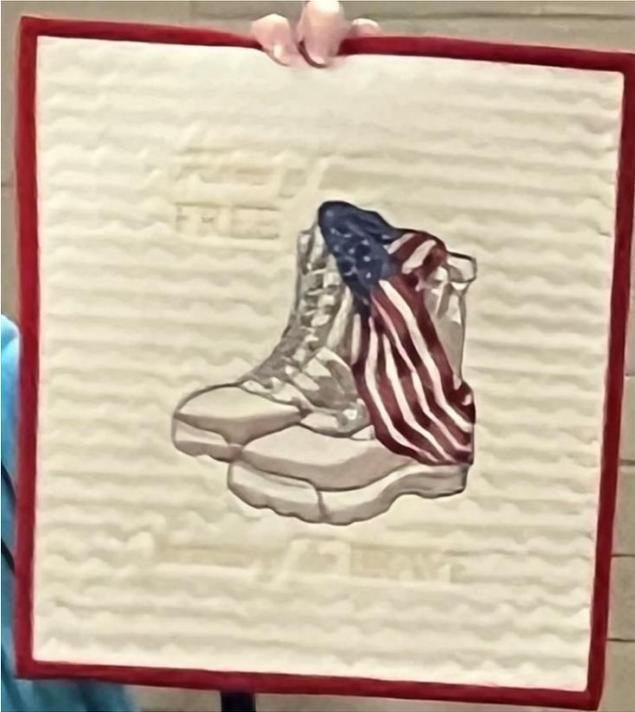
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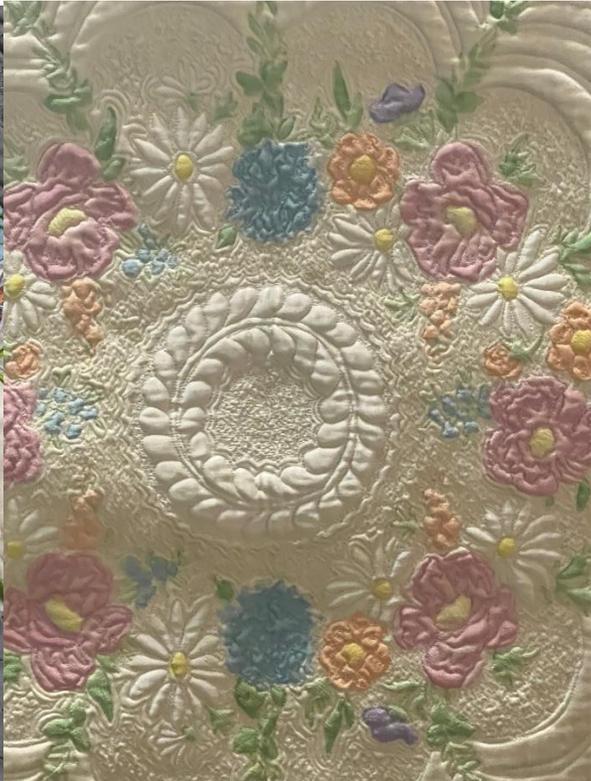
*Super Quilter - Linda Ligon*





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**FOOTHILLS PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GUILD  
WORKSHOP REGISTRATION**

**Annette Ornelas**  
**Dimensional Curved Piecing – Cost \$30 plus \$6 pattern**  
**Wednesday, May 7, 2025**  
**9am – 1 pm**  
**St. Giles Presbyterian Church**  
**1021 Hudson Rd**  
**Greenville, SC 29615**

**Completed registration form and payment will reserve your spot in the class.**

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Guild Membership \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please contact Leslie Reid, at [lesliereid@yahoo.com](mailto:lesliereid@yahoo.com) 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 6, 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 May 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Main Hall Classroom at Lee Road Methodist Church.

**Newsletter Submissions** Please submit information for the next Newsletter by **May 14** to Darlene Morse at [scfabricdyer@gmail.com](mailto:scfabricdyer@gmail.com). **Note the date!**

I'll be attending an out-of-state class the week before the newsletter is due.

