

Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild Newsletter

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President's Message

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving time with family and friends. A thankful heart is something that should dominate our lives year-round. Christmas is approaching quickly with New Year's Day on its heels. Do you have a favorite Christmas quilt that you bring out each year? My favorite quilts I have made thus far are my Christmas cardinal quilt that I hang on our living room wall and my manger scene quilt that I display at my church. Each quilt has a story. I like to think of the process I went through and the lessons I learned as I made each quilt. In the midst of the busy seasons at this time of the year, may we keep joy foremost in our hearts. Looking forward to our Christmas fellowship. Love to all. Nancy Jones

Please plan for a meeting of all officers and committee chairs at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 most likely at the Taylors Branch library. Our 1st guild meeting in January is Tuesday the 6th.



Refreshments and Birthdays

Terry Weinbender 12-05
Jennifer Neubauer 12-08
Betty Cirillo 12-12
Holly Anderson 12-25
Gayl Glover 12-25
Candy Friday 12-30
Merry-Beth Noble 12-30

Happy Birthday, Ladies!

Please bring food to share to the December potluck. Please mark if your food contains nuts or cinnamon. We have some members with allergies.

- 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 November!

Is there anyone who is not receiving the newsletter? Please email or call Nancy or Darlene Morse to be added.

Please make sure you are reading the meeting minutes for important updates and future events. Paula Bryan gave motion to accept minutes as presented and Diane Kent with second. Invite your neighbor next month for our December meeting. We are having a potluck dinner.

Linda Ligon was in the hospital. She is home now. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

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

Committee meeting reports:

Jana Fetch with the **Quilt Show**:

Quilting Greenville Style at the Greenville Shriners Center. April 24 and 25, 2026 – registration deadline is March 3, 2026 for quilt submissions. Currently we have 10 vendors under contract. There's a new quilt shop in Easley.

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

Name tag door prize was won by Pat Cameron

\$1 door prize was won by Linda Harper

Candy Friday with **membership**

45 members & 2 visitors present tonight

We have a donation box for our Christmas charity family here tonight if anyone is able to contribute.

Merry-Beth Noble, **VP of programs.**

Diane Vandiver is our guest speaker. We will not have a speaker next month. We will have our annual Christmas party. Please bring a potluck dish. Christmas block exchange. 12 ½ x 12 ½ any theme as long as it's a holiday block. Also bring some of the same fabric that you used to create the block.

Suzanne Brehm for **Opportunity Quilt.**

Collecting money and distributing more tickets tonight.

Paula Bryan with **Philanthropy group.**

We have had a lot of donations of fabric and items for the quilt show. We have been confused as to what category the donations are for. Please put appropriate items in the appropriate bin.

We have the Christmas family report: 7 quilts for the family. 5 kids, mom and grandmother. Committee members held up the quilts.

Paula Bryan asked Karen McGraw if she had quilters for all the quilts she currently has for the silent auction.

Karen McGraw and Suzanne Brehm shared the quilts for the silent auction. They had a completed quilt and also a quilt top. They asked if the top should be finished or leave as a top. Look in your stash for silent

auction materials you could contribute such as Wall hangings, table runners, pillows, etc. Karen McGraw said to bring a Christmas ornament for the silent auction.

We may sell the ornaments separately or the tree and ornaments as a whole prize. We really need donations for the silent auction. Bring the items in now if you have them completed. Paula's team showed the completed quilts that have been donated year to date.

Jennifer Neubauer – **Challenge** quilt is due at the March meeting. You have plenty of time. Tools, notions and trims. Quilt something you want to display in your studio.

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

Don't forget the library is available.

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.

Nancy Jones mentioned we still need fleece for the memory care facility for the hospice patients – Nancy has contact info.

Show & Share

Barbara Thrush shared a signature quilt she owns. She wondered who made the quilt. Signature quilts became popular in the mid 1800's. This quilt is circa 1886. The fugitive green dye did not stand up well to light and water. Quilt has a pastor's name

on it: St. Johns Lutheran Church in Maryland.

Tami Grabowski and Betty Cirillo attended Quilters of SC and took classes named Puzzle Me! and Round and Round! Their quilts will be donated to the quilt show for the silent auction.

Ruth Bartholomew shared her son, Stephen's, baby quilt who turned 25. This quilt is his baby quilt quilted by **Darlene Morse**. Also, Ruth shared her kaleidoscope wall hanging named "Under the Mistletoe."

Paula Bryan shared a cushion on the chair in her office and it was a UFO.

Linda Hopkins shared several UFO's she finished at the quilt retreat and shared with us: Ying and Yang.

Margret Clava shared a Western-themed quilt she completed.

Nancy Derk shared a quilt for her oldest grandson titled "A Star Is Born". Also, Nancy shared a quilt for her 12-year old granddaughter, and another quilt named "Citadel Blue" for another grandson.

Anna Coniff shared a snowman wall hanging.

Merry-Beth Noble introduced our speaker tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mellisa Gravitt

Programs

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!

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- Also attached to the newsletter is the quilt show flyer, please share on all of your social media accounts. You can also print and leave a copy at all of your favorite stomping grounds.
- Please think ahead to where you might be able to volunteer during set-up, show days and tear down. Sign-up sheets will be available at the January meeting.

Thank you to everyone for your help!

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

April 2026 FPQG Quilt Show

Quilting Greenville Style April 24-25 2026!

- Almost all of the vendor spots are filled. If you know of someone who has been considering being a vendor, please contact Jana Fetch
- Should you have items to donate, please contact the respective chair. Silent Auction: Karen McGraw and Joanna Yost; Baskets: Melissa Gravitt; Mystery Bags: Paula Bryan, Becky Bates, Lois Gaston, Book/Magazines: Diane Kent and Barbara Thrush
- Attached to the newsletter is the registration form for quilt entry. We can't wait to see your beautiful quilts!

Area	Chair(s)
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.

Notes from Philanthropy

We received an amazing 56 pillowcases at our November meeting, along with 2 completed quilts and four lap pads. Thank you for your generosity.

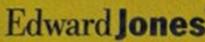
We will show off our last 3 Christmas family quilts (including the QAYG quilts that you helped to make) at our December meeting. We will also be receiving pillowcases and quilts at our December meeting, and everything you have made and donated since July will be delivered the first week in December to our three ministries...pillowcases to LilyPad, baby quilts to Piedmont Women's Center, and non-baby quilts to Caris Hospice, as well as the Christmas family quilts).

We cannot thank you enough for your generosity toward those going through difficult life circumstances!

We wish you a Blessed Christmas!

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.





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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 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 (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

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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:

– Sheila Barhorst

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.

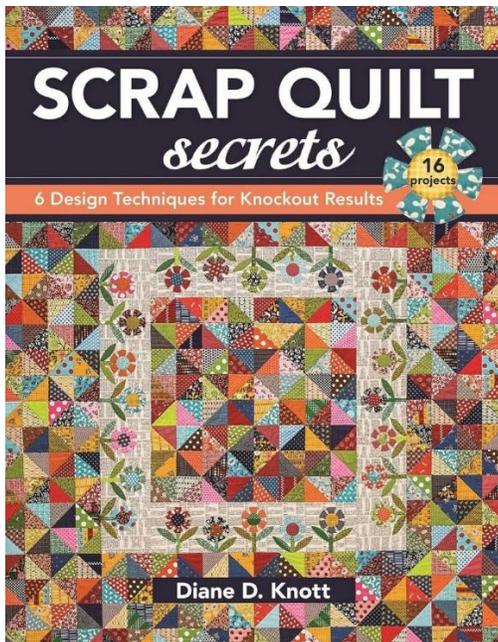
FPQG Spring Retreat, Monday, Mar. 16 – Thursday, Mar. 19, 2026. Contact Pam Kowalk.

Paula Bryan found this online quilt show for your enjoyment:

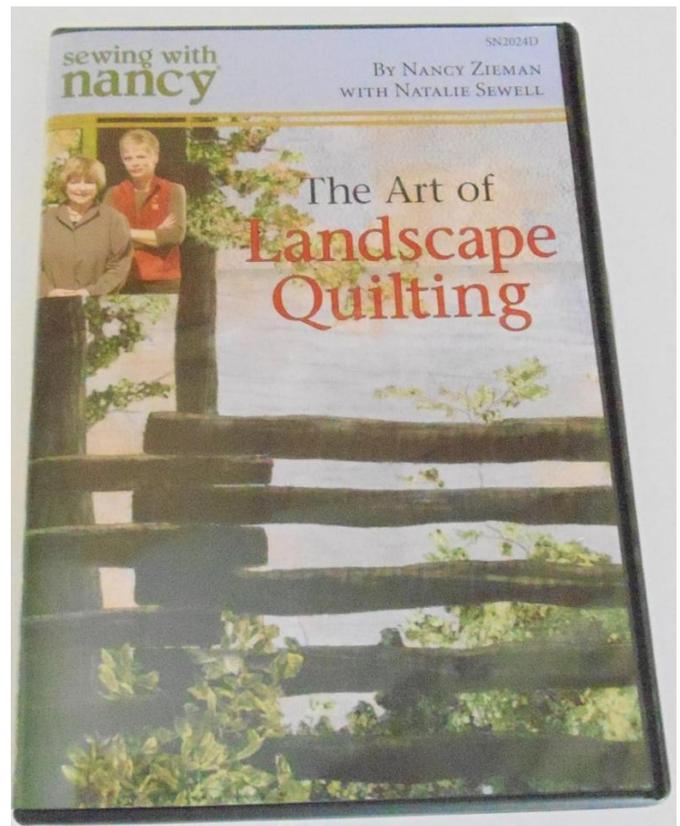
<https://scmuseum.org/explore/exhibitions/bindings-and-between-south-carolina-quilts>

Resource Center

Announcing an addition to the library! We now have a copy of Diane Vandiver's book, Scrap Quilt Secrets ready for check out!



Also, in our library is this resource, Beginning Landscape Quilts by Nancy Zieman & Natalie Sewell, © 2015 which also comes with the DVD of the program series from PBS! Learn how to create pictorial landscape quilts either from your imagination or from a photo. The book is spiral bound and lays flat for reference. The DVD demonstrates the process!



Next Guild Meeting

Tuesday, December 2, 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 Dec. 2 guild meeting in the back hall of the church.

Newsletter Submissions Please submit information for the next newsletter by **December 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 & registration forms with photos attached.