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## President's Message



Happy New Year! Hope your year is off to a wonderful start. So many people set up New Year's resolutions. If those goal setting plans do not work for you, realize that every day is a new day to be embraced and a treasure as a gift from God. That concept would be helpful for all of us to remember.

The 2026 Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild show is swiftly approaching. We need all hands-on deck to make the show successful. Thank you to Jana Fetch for her leadership and amazing organizing skills. She has put so much effort into this show already. Thank you to everyone who has been working in their committees towards the show. If you haven't had a chance to volunteer, now is the time to jump in!! The water is fine, & you will be rewarded by working with others towards our fantastic show. Also, keep working on items for the silent auction. We have had some amazing contributions already.

Looking forward to an interesting winter



and spring with our fantastic guild. I am so thankful for each one of you. See you at the meeting!! Nancy Jones

**Please plan for a meeting of all officers and committee chairs** at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at the Taylors Branch library, 316 W Main St, Taylors. Our 1st guild meeting in January is Tuesday the 6th.

### *Refreshments and Birthdays*

Linda Hopkins 01-19

Karen Ryon 01-20

Nancy Archibald 01-31

Gloria Bobier 01-31

### **Happy Birthday, Ladies!**

- Mary J Kroske



## *Meeting Minutes*

The meeting was called to order by President, Nancy Jones. Nancy welcomed everyone to our Christmas fellowship, including 4 members from the Lee Rd United Methodist Church, Sandy and Joan Davis and Gene and Karen Turner. The 2 men, Sandy and Gene, have been so helpful to our quilt guild with set up, assistance with moving from our former storage facility, and so many other ways. Nancy prayed before the meal and we enjoyed a wonderful potluck supper provided by our great guild cooks.

The December newsletter had no corrections or additions. Motion to accept the meeting minutes was made by Sheila Barhorst and seconded by Melanie DeMoise. The minutes were accepted unanimously as written.

The 7 philanthropy quilts that we are donating to a family from the Lee Rd United Methodist Church (UMC) were shown. Also, the Opportunity Quilt was shown by Suzanne Brehm.

Show and Share projects were shown by Susy Richards, Gayle Johnson, Tami Grabowski, Nancy Jones, Pam Kowalk, and Darlene Morse.

Karen McGraw showed some other items donated for the silent auction for our April show.

Nancy Jones shared that Linda Ligon and Paula Bryan are currently very ill, but both are improving. Sammi Tate, a local quilter that some may know, passed away on November 27th .

Nancy also shared an example of a fidget mat that was made for a Memory Care facility. There are various items on the quilt that if you want to collect them and give them to Nancy Jones, she can deliver them to people that would make the fidget quilts. Anybody in the guild can also make a fidget mat if they are interested.

Earlier in the year, YLI thread company had guild members complete an online survey. From those that completed the survey, the following 4 members each received a \$50 gift certificate from the YLI thread company. Winners were Janine Allen, Kristin Kipper, Barbara Thrush, and Terry Weinbender. Nancy also just learned about and announced a YLI 30% survey that was available until 11:59 pm on Wednesday, December 3rd . Nancy is going to send the information and special code to all guild members in an email after the meeting.

Wanda Caldwell shared information about sewing machines, a serger, sewing furniture, and supplies that are for sale. A friend's wife recently passed away and her husband is selling these items. Wanda is the contact person if you are interested in any of these items. Her cell number is 864-238-9519.

A question was asked about what size "scraps" are appropriate. Lois Gaston shared the following information:

Mystery bags are anything from a fat quarter size or larger.

Scrap bags are any scraps that are left over from jelly rolls, from making a quilt, or

that you would put in your own scrap bag, but not tiny pieces. Pieces should be 2-2.5 inches or larger up to the size of a fat quarter. Fat quarter size would go into the mystery bags.

Nancy Jones shared a PowerPoint of “The Life of a Quilter” with quilting statements and jokes.

Merry-Beth Noble led the guild in teams in a Christmas “Name that Tune” game. Then, Quilt-O (Bingo with quilting terms) was played. Prizes were awarded to winners.

Meeting minutes submitted by Nancy Jones.

## Programs

**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

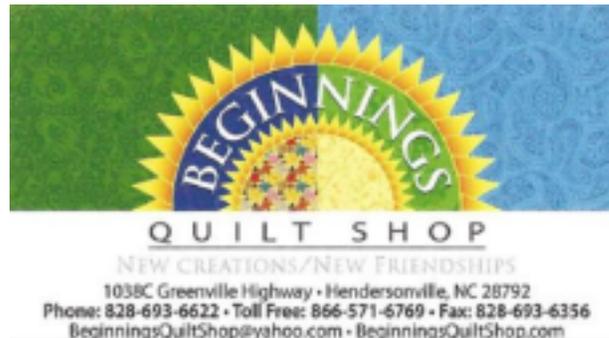
**June** - Camille Levi - Unique Quilt  
Design and Memory Quilts

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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Call to ensure we are open.

## April 2026 FPQG Quilt Show

We are officially less than four months away from the 2026 Quilt Show! A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far—your hard work is what makes this event possible.

Here are a few important updates:

- **Planning Meeting:** We'll hold a brief meeting on **January 6 at 5:30 PM** (just before our monthly guild

meeting). Meet us in the classroom down the hall to the left.

- **Vendor Openings:** We have 12 vendors confirmed and only **two spaces remaining**. If you know a business that would be a great fit, please share our show information with them!
- **Silent Auction & Baskets:** We are still seeking donations for our themed baskets and silent auction. Whether it's a single item or a complete basket, every contribution helps us reach our goal.

**Show Entries:** It's time to finish those masterpieces! Whether this is your first time entering or your 20th, we can't wait to see your quilts on display

### *Notes from Philanthropy*

Paula Bryan and Debbie Gantt delivered the beautiful Christmas quilts on Wednesday. Paula wrote up a page with directions on how to care for the quilts and delivered those directions with the quilts. Those instructions could be used for others that we give quilts to. Not everyone knows how to care for these treasures. The pastor is very appreciative of the beautiful quilts and the sacrifice and love of our guild for making these.



### **The Pillowcase Project**

Big and little ways you can help (now and throughout the year):

—You can turn in completed pillowcases at the 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 quilt 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**

**Membership** - IWe had one new member in Dec. Welcome to Barbara Soch, 35 Coblers Hill Rd, Trumbull, CT 06611, 203-459-0013, Birthday 04/05  
– Sheila Barhorst



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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

## *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.

**Quilt Festival**, March 20-22, 2026, sponsored by Palmetto Quilt Guild of Hilton Head.

Paula Bryan found this online quilt show for your enjoyment:

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

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## *Next Guild Meeting*

Tuesday, January 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: 7:30 p.m.

**Notice:** The Philanthropy Workshop will meet at 5 p.m. before our Jan. 6 guild meeting in the back hall of the church.

**Newsletter Submissions** Please submit information for the next newsletter by **January 19** to Darlene Morse at [scfabricdyer@gmail.com](mailto: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.

