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President's Message

October already!! By now, we are raking leaves and wearing those cozy sweaters. Time to slow down and do some more quilting! Being retired, I have enjoyed the increased opportunities to sew, to expand my sewing horizons, and catch up on so many sewing dreams. I am still learning the balance of carrying on daily life and completing sewing projects without being obsessed by getting projects done. I feel like I am so far behind of most of our guild members. Many of you have been quilting for years and have made those family quilts for your loved ones to treasure. I am on that journey. I am steadily progressing but I need to acknowledge that this goal takes time.

Darlene has given us the challenge to make fidget quilts/projects for others. I would love to see how we can move along this project as part of our continued outreach to our community.

My challenge to you is for reflection. As you quilt for others, do you take the time to think



of them, to reflect on how they impacted your life, to pray for them, and to see how you can encourage them in other ways? Quilting can be a blessing for ourselves as well as for the love we show to others. Happy Fall and Happy Quilting!! Nancy Jones

Refreshments and Birthdays

Thank you to the ladies listed below for bringing our refreshments this month!

October Birthdays

Sheila Barhorst – October 1

Sylvia Hurst – October 28

Linda Ligon – October 3

Ruth Pollow – October 17

Leslie Reid - October 5

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.

Please make sure you are reading the meeting minutes. Is there anyone who is not receiving the newsletter? Mellisa Gravitt gave motion to accept minutes as presented and Suzanne Brehm with second.

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

Nancy announced she has a new granddaughter. Congratulations from all of us to Nancy!!!

Nancy showed some items that have been donated for our table at the fall festival here at the Church. It will be on Saturday Sept 27th from 10 am to 2 pm.

We are sponsoring a Christmas family. We have a donation jar here tonight if you are able to contribute.

Please check your membership card and make sure it says June 2026 expiration date.

Committee meeting reports:

Suzanne Brehm for the **Opportunity Quilt**: Please turn in any ticket money tonight. Keep on selling!

Linda Ligon shared **Treasury Report**.

Johellen George with **Tip of the Month**: if you are gifting a quilt, paper bags are not strong enough. TJ Maxx has bags for \$0.99.

Jana Fetch with the **Quilt Show:**

April 24 and 25, 2026 – deadline is March 3 for quilt submission. As of now we have 6 vendors who have committed to our show. We will also have a small QOV presentation at our show. We need someone to help assist with this program.

Karen McGraw showed some items she has received for the **Silent Auction.**

Pam Kowalk with **Quilt Retreat.** We can attend a fall retreat. It will be on Sunday, Oct 26th through Wed, Oct 29th. Pam is collecting deposits tonight if you are interested. A Spring Retreat is also planned for March 16-March 19, 2026.

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

Name tag door prize is choice of 3 fat quarters. Won by Merry-Beth Noble.

\$1 door prize is 50/50 or a book on Borders & Binding. Won by Gloria Bobier.

Candy Friday with **Membership:**

37 members present

3 new members – Kyla Gossett, Karen Kelly and Pat Bush and 1 visitor

Paula Bryan with **Philanthropy:** Many quilts have been turned in tonight. 120 pillowcases were donated to Lilypad. Another 200 are needed by December. Paula shared the many ways we can assist.

Pam Kowalk suggested having some kits made up for the quilt retreat and some could be sewn up at that time. Paula discussed the Christmas family we are sponsoring this year.

Ruth Bartholomew with our **Quilting**

Library: Ruth presented a skit. I have so much to do for Christmas and have no idea what to make. What do I do? Visit our guild library! We have many books and magazines you can check out for free.

Merry-Beth Noble, **VP of Programs:**

Bob Purcell with YLI Treads is our virtual speaker for tonight. Questions may be asked.

Currently no Oct. Speaker is scheduled at this time.

Nancy Jones is working on supporters for our guild directory. Diane Kent is working on the website.

Nancy wanted to recognize two of our members tonight: Susy Richards and Ann Hatherley. Please keep both in your prayers.

Show & Share

Ruth Bartholomew has the “Opportunity Quilt” here from Nimble Thimbles Quilt Guild. Purchase your chance tonight. It is our only opportunity if you cannot attend their show on Oct 3-5 at the Fountain Inn Activities Center.

Ruth Pollow shared a QOV quilt she made that will be given away at the quilt show.

Sheila Barhorst shared a quilt she just finished at the last quilt retreat.

Barbara Thrush shared quilts she finished. One contains blocks from the 1930's. Barbara also shared a Sunbonnet Sue quilt. All work was done by hand. Barbara's granddaughters requested doll clothes.

Barbara shared the many beautiful outfits she created.

Johellen George shared her grandchild's quilt made with 4 charm packs.

Darlene Morse shared her row robin quilt. She shared two wall hangings: 'Fading Away" about dementia and "Flying Away" (Dandelions) which was accepted into the Artist's Collective 2025 Juried Exhibition in Spartanburg, SC.

Merry-Beth Noble introduced our speaker tonight, **Bob Purcell with YLI Threads**.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mellisa Gravitt

Programs

A perfect segue into the Fall season, our speaker on October 7th is **Cecilia Reid of Pat Sacks of Titusville** who is an expert on **Feed Sacks** fabrics. She will present a trunk show of her collected fabrics and will give a talk on the historical background of feed sacks and their use in quilting and sewing. She will also have some items for sale.

Cecilia Reid is the daughter of Patricia Reid who spoke for over 30 years on the documentation and history of Feedsacks. Patricia documented over 18,249 patterns in which feedsacks were printed from the 1920's to the 1960's. Cecilia shares the rich history of how feedsacks were produced, the patterns, types of bags, clothes made from them and the beautiful quilts made from the scraps of feedsacks.

<https://patssacksoftitusville.bigcartel.com/>

December's program will be our Holiday Party. We plan to have a Christmas block exchange and a potluck of savory foods and sweet treats! More details to come. If you would like to be a leader of one of our activities, please let me know at our next meeting or send me a message.

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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April 2026 FPQG Quilt Show

Believe it or not, our quilt show is only eight months away! Mark your calendars for **"Quilting Greenville Style," April 24 & 25, 2026, at the Shriners Greenville Event Center.** The more quilts we have, the better our show, so rev up those sewing machines and plan your entries! We also need handmade items for the silent auction, new items for the raffle baskets and used books and magazines to sell. We still have open volunteer positions! It's a great way to have fun and meet other guild members. We're looking for coordinators for these areas:

- Quilts of Valor
- Quilt Hanging
- Children's Activities

If you're interested, please call Jana Fetch at 724-575-2577. We're also having a planning meeting on **Tuesday, September 2, at 5:30 p.m.**, right before the monthly guild meeting. We'd love to see you there!

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.

Edward Jones



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Notes from Philanthropy

Christmas in October!

Hi Ladies! We are gearing up for Christmas! We are ALL so busy for the holidays, so making our needs known as early as we have been able. We have big AND little ways you can help, and appreciate ALL your contributions!

The Christmas Family Project:

Our Christmas family is a big one this year...7 people...and we have had several quilt tops donated, but could use one more twin size suitable for a mom or grandmother, OR one in bright colors. We have a number of quilt tops that will need quilting for the Christmas family. Thank you to **Leslie Reid** who is quilting the king size top, to **Melanie DeMoise** who has already quilted a twin size, and to all the participants in the still ongoing QAYG quilt projects.

We will have a number of twin size 'To Be Quilted' kits available at our October meeting, and some that are not yet made into kits...but I can get them to you the week following the guild meeting if you let us know you are able to quilt one. We will need all quilted, unbound quilts by the November meeting and all bound quilts by the December meeting. If you are able to both quilt and bind, that is very much appreciated!

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

—You can turn in completed pillowcases at the October, November, and December meetings.

—You can make pillowcases from your own stash.

—You can make pillowcase kits from your stash for others to sew. Please see cutting sizes below.

—You can take pillowcase kits from the philanthropy table and return them completed.

—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 jelly roll 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.

We know that many of you have been making and donating pillowcases throughout the year which was our plan to avoid the last-minute rush we had last year! But, because the number of LilyPads has grown, the number of pillowcases requested has grown and here we are again!

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

A large basket will be at the Philanthropy table as we continue to collect fabric for **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.

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 - It's renewal time! 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. – Sheila Barhorst

Quilting Retreat News

Registration for our FPQG fall retreat at Camp Walter Johnson in Denton, NC is open. A friend from my guild in NC (where I lived for 25 years) had these dates reserved for the guild there, but she needed to change the date and location for various reasons. Since she already had NC ladies put this on their calendar, there will be other quilters in attendance--other than just ladies from our guild. We expect 30 quilters. The dates reserved for the retreat are **Sunday, October 26 at 3pm through Wednesday, October 29 at 2pm.** (Note that this fits perfectly with the ending of the **QSC Retreat in Myrtle Beach!**)

If you are interested in attending, please email me (the.kowalks@gmail.com) as soon as possible & let me know if you want a single or double room. This interest will not obligate you. It will merely show you are

interested until you get more details such as cost. I know the former leader has already signed up for breakfast, lunch, and supper on Monday and Tuesday and breakfast and lunch on Wednesday, but no meal on Sunday evening. When I get more details about the cost of the retreat, I will get that info to you.

We will still hold our **FPQG spring 2026 retreat on March 16—March 19, 2026.**

- Pam Kowalk



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All quilters invited to join!

Check out quiltersofsc.org for information on the upcoming retreat and what's happening in the quilt districts in our state.



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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.

Aunt Het Quilt Show sponsored by Nimble Thimbles Quilt Guild, Oct. 3-5, 2025, Fountain Inn Activities Center, 610 Fairview Street, Fountain Inn, SC. It's our 25th anniversary! Featured quilter: Mary Isbell

Upcountry Quilters Guild Show, Oct. 10-11, 2025, 9am-4pm. The Market at the Mill, 225 Pumpkintown Highway, Pickens, SC, \$5

Quilters of SC Pieceable Retreat, Oct. 23-26, 2025. See website (link on the left) for details of classes offered.

FPQG Fall Retreat, Sunday, Oct. 26, 3 p.m. – Oct. 29, 2 p.m. See details on previous page in this newsletter.

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

Donations Requested

Want to clean out your sewing area of fleece? Tracy, the Asst. Activities Director at Hilltop Memory Care has requested donations of fleece to have the residents create the tied-edge blankets; they don't have to be large. They could make scarves for the winter too. Darlene Morse is accepting donations.

Sew Many Memories

You are invited to join the
Nimble Thimbles Quilt Guild
in celebrating the
2025 Aunt Het Quilt Show

Fountain Inn Activities Center
610 Fairview Street
Fountain Inn, SC 29644

General admission \$5.00
children 12 and under free with an adult

Friday, October 3, 2025 1pm-4pm
Saturday October 4, 2025 9am-4pm
Sunday, October 5, 2025 12 noon - 4pm

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Marietta's Quilt & Sew is beginning a new program called Guild Appreciation Days! As a thank you to us, guild members can enjoy a 10% discount on regular-priced fabric, notions, and accessories during the 2nd Sat and 3rd Thurs. of each month. Bring your **current** membership card, or use code: GUILD10-FOOTHILLS. Some exclusions apply.

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October 25, 2025

10 am to 3 pm

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Next Guild Meeting

Tuesday, October 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: 7:10 p.m.

Notice: The Philanthropy Workshop will meet at 5 p.m. before our Oct 7 guild meeting in the back hall of the church.

Newsletter Submissions Please submit information for the next newsletter by

October 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.