

Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild Newsletter

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President's Message

The month of February is traditionally considered a season for expressions of love. In the world of quilting, love shines through so vividly. I have seen so much love and kindness expressed by the quilting community since being introduced to the quilting community these last few years. Your projects show the sacrifices of time, effort, money, and sharing of your skills with others. Your quilts continue to envelop recipients with love for years to come. Thank you to each of you for the love, care and concern you show to others as you share your talents. Thank you for the love you express to our community through our philanthropy endeavors. You all are a wonderful group that I am privileged to be a part of, to be blessed by getting to know our quilting guild members more, and to be able to serve the Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild as your president. Looking forward to seeing you at our February guild meeting. Sincerely, Nancy Jones

“Gratitude changes everything, even in the coldest of months.”



Guild Sales:

Bring some cash (or a check) and find some spectacular deals. We condensed our philanthropy fabric stash due to the change in our storage situation. Some of that fabric stash will be sold to help the guild. Since our midway break in the meeting will be short, come early if you are able during the fellowship time at 6:15 pm and shop for fabric for your next exciting project! - Linda Harper



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All items from the storage unit have been relocated to Lee Rd United Methodist Church. We will need to reorganize some of these items. Look for an email soon from Ruth Pollow about a time for organizing with a fun time of fellowship.


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Meeting Minutes

Nancy Jones opened meeting and welcomed everyone. Please make sure everyone has signed in for our attendance records.

Suzanne Brehm gave the motion to accept the meeting minutes. Gail seconded. No corrections. All approved to accept.

Nancy shared we have four birthdays for January and we wished them well.

Committee meeting reports:

Suzanne Brehm pieced together the house blocks we all made and displayed our **Opportunity quilt**. It is now ready for quilting. Suzanne expressed please, please, please carefully consider becoming the chair for our quilt show. The next show is in the spring of 2026. The show is our biggest fundraiser, so we can bring

quality speakers to our monthly meetings and fund our many philanthropy endeavors.



Kristin Kipper admires our Opportunity Quilt about the Greenville, SC area.

Suzanne Brehm and Sandy Wolf, who have both chaired our shows in the past, have volunteered to be mentors to the new show chair. Maybe two members want to co-chair. The challenge can be very enriching, so face this opportunity with enthusiasm!

Johellen George - **Education Minute:** Fold the quilt on the bias for storage (and refold every 3 months in another direction). Displayed how to fold it properly.

Diane Kent with Philanthropy group. Members shared quilts that have been completed. The Philanthropy Workshop will meet on February 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the first Floor Main Hall Classroom at Lee Road Methodist Church.

Diane Kent made a patriotic quilt for Pastor Rusty Godfrey's 102-year-old friend who was a veteran. Pastor's friend passed away before the quilt was completed; therefore, the quilt was given to the person's daughter who was very appreciative of this memorial for her father.

Becky Bates shared we have two prizes tonight. **Dollar door prize** (4 fat quarters) won by **Nancy Duerk** and **Nametag door prize** (zipper bag and small bag of wonder clips) won by **Janine Allen**.

Jana Fetch with **Membership** team – 43 present and 1 visitor. 1 new member – Nancy Duerk

Jennifer Neubauer – **Guild Challenge** – Birds Eye View. This nature-based challenge provides for wide viewpoints and artistic creativity, as well as a bit of thinking outside the box. The challenge will be to make a quilt from a bird's perspective, or Birds Eye View.

Pam Kowalk - **Quilting Retreat at Camp Walter Johnson** – Maybe a Mother's Day gift for yourself? Monday, May 19 at 11 a.m. until Thursday, May 22, 2025, 3 p.m. at Salvation Army camp in Denton, NC. It's about a 3 hour drive from Taylors, SC. Food and rooms are awesome. Single or Double rooms are available.

Ruth Bartholomew shared our **Resource Library** is available for checkout tonight.

Linda Harper - **Guild Sales**: Items are available tonight for sale. Bring any donations you do not need for future guild sales.

Show & share:

Nancy Archibald went to Hancock's and displayed a quilt top from a kit she completed.

Ruth Pollow displayed a parrot wall hanging.

Linda Hopkins went to a rummage sale and found a quilt for \$5; she made 2 jackets from it. She made 4 jackets total recently.

Sheila Barhorst shared a pillow made from a block she received in the Christmas block exchange.

Dorothy Carr shared a T-shirt quilt she completed.

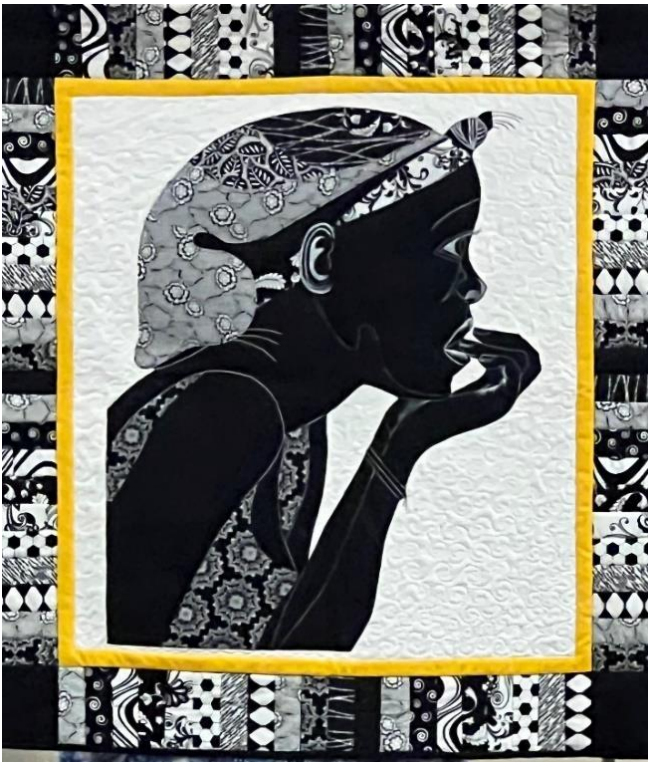
Ruth Rembis attended a workshop on machine applique with Sandy Fitzpatrick. Ruth showed a wall hanging she completed from that workshop.

Nancy Jones found some Smokey the Bear fabric and made 2 quilt tops for her uncle and his wife.



Quilting Superstar is Suzanne Brehm; she joined our quilt guild in 2011. Suzanne started sewing in elementary school around the third and fourth grade. She started embroidering at 11 yrs. old. Suzanne attended embroidery school for 1 year in the fifth grade. Suzanne's father purchased her a sewing machine and it was on! Suzanne sewed her own wedding gown. She continued to sew throughout the years, sewing about everything including costumes, wedding gowns, etc. After retirement from her nursing career, Suzanne started quilting. She showed her Hall of Fame from the Challenge quilts which she won several years in a row.





April 2026 FPQG Quilt Show

We still need a Quilt Show Chairperson to step up. This show is a large money maker for the guild. We have some members who are experienced and will help give guidance.



Leslie Reid, **VP of Programs**: Tonight, we have a live video presentation with award-winning quilter, Lori Lee Triplett. She will be speaking on Baltimore Album Quilts. Lori and her sister, Kay, curate and manage Quilt & Textile Collections which houses one of the largest quilt collections in the world, and together they have written over 16 books. As a lecturer and instructor, she brings her experience from stage, screen, and radio to create presentations that are fun, yet educational.

Questions: How were the names inscribed on the quilt blocks? The names are usually on the block itself.

Johellen spoke of her trip to Germany and the celebration of the volunteer fire dept and how the towns celebrate them. The fire departments were a big deal.

Karen asked Lori how she got into this career. Lori stated it was mainly her grandmother's influence - The Poos Collection.

Leslie asked about the detail of the rose border; it is Mary Evans style of rose.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50. Respectfully submitted, Mellisa Gravitt

Programs



BAQ – Religious Reverend Lipscomb Quilt

- Lovely Lane – Methodist Church
- Tradition to give Pastors a quilt
- Catholic
- Jewish
- Baptist
- German Reformed



January 2025 - Lori Lee Triplett (above)
Blog: University of Lincoln-Nebraska
Archive-It-Quilt Research Collections

www.facebook.com/Quilt-Textile-Collections

(2) Triplett Sisters Block of the Month
www.etsy.com/shop/QTCs

February 2025 - Dr. George Auger from Auger Family Chiropractic will provide tips on preventing and relieving neck and back pain, so we can all spend more time sewing!

March 2025 – Guild Challenge – Jennifer Neubauer facilitating: Birds Eye View. This nature-based challenge provides for wide viewpoints and artistic creativity, as well as a bit of thinking outside the box. The challenge will be to make a quilt from a bird's perspective, or Birds Eye View.

Join the Animal Collage Class!

Quilt Guild member, Ruth Pollow, will be conducting a **2-day Animal Collage Class** at Beginnings Quilt Shop in Hendersonville, NC on March 20 & 27 from 10am-4pm. Reserve your seat with class payment of \$65 (Cash or Check) at Beginnings.

Using an enlarged photo of your favorite pet or animal, you will learn the techniques for a fusing method of collage. A class supply list will be emailed to you upon your paid registration. Send questions to: hawkwatchrep@mindspring.com

Refreshments

Wishing a Happy Birthday to Karen Baird (11), Suzanne Brehm (22), Gail Brunner (28), Diantha Hanna (13), Carol Johnson (11), Shanna Lindemer (15), and Martha White (2). Thank you to these sweet ladies who will be providing refreshments for us this month. - Paula Bryan and Lee Wall

Happy, Happy Birthday!

Notes from Philanthropy

Hello Quilters! In January we received 4 quilts and 14 pillowcases.



Also, we received a lovely thank you card and letter from Lily Pad, our 2024 Christmas Family. The letter reads, in part:

Ladies, I simply can't thank you enough for your beautiful work in making so many pillowcases and toiletry bags. Also, your generosity at this time of year with your financial donation means the world to us! I will try my best to remember to send pictures! Thank you!

Much Love, Jennifer Tice, Lily Pad

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, and 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, Deborah, and Cindy**

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2025 FPQG Challenge Quilt – *Bird's Eye View*

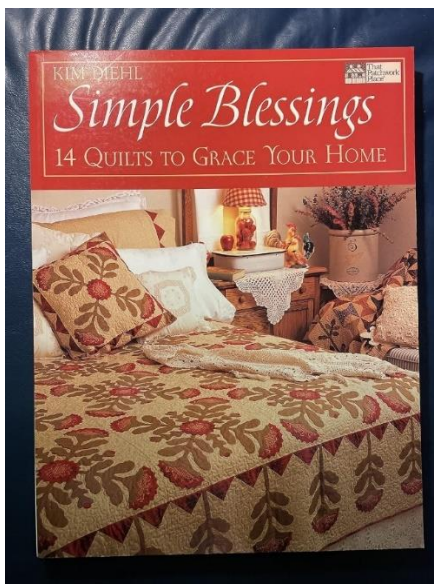
This year's challenge will be to make a quilt from a bird's perspective, or *Bird's Eye View*. This nature-based challenge provides for wide viewpoints and artistic creativity, as well as a bit of thinking outside the box. Challenge quilts will be displayed at the March 2025 FPQG guild meeting. Voting will take place that evening and ribbons will be awarded.

Challenge requirements:

- Quilt must be a new creation, started no earlier than November 5, 2024.
- Quilt must contain the 4 traditional components of top, batting, backing and binding.
- Quilts sides should be at least 12" and no larger than 36".
- Pieced, applique or art quilt are acceptable.

- Quilt must contain a feather. The feather can be real, handmade, stitched or quilted. It should be recognizable as a bird feather. **The feather quilting pattern does not count.**
- Please add a hanging sleeve large enough for a dowel rod if your quilt size dictates one for it to hang well.
- **Submission must contain an artist statement talking about your quilt.** Contact Jennifer Neubauer for questions. jennpeacenkind@gmail.com







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Resource Center

Simple Blessings by Kim Diehl is a wonderful book in our FPQG Library. Kim Diehl enjoys quilting because of the many challenges and personal rewards it continually brings into her life. We can all agree with that, right? In this book, Kim shares with us 14 quilts that will bring a warm & inviting feel into your home. Her color pallet is warm and cozy, but the patterns in this book would translate into beautiful bright colored quilts as well! Wrap up in, cuddle in, and snuggle under--enjoy the best of what quilts bring! Make every nook and cranny of your home a place for comfort with warm, inviting quilts.

Choose from bed quilts and lap quilts, plus wall hangings.

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Make your stitching simpler than ever with "Pin Point" tips sprinkled throughout the book! - Ruth Bartholomew

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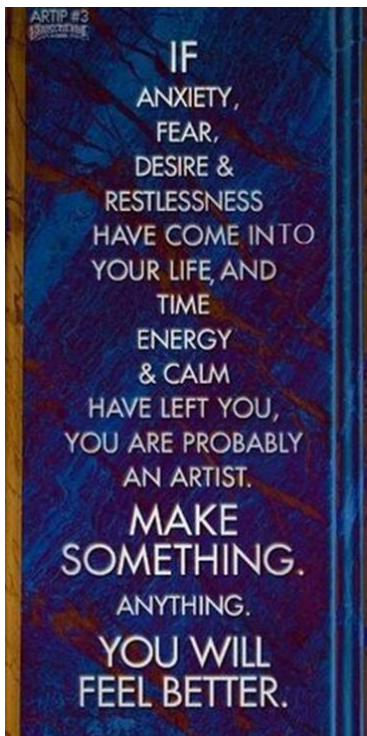
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Next Guild Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 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: 7:45 p.m.

Notice: The Philanthropy Workshop will meet on February 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Main Hall Classroom at Lee Road Methodist Church.

Newsletter Submissions Please submit information for the next Newsletter by **Feb. 19** to Darlene Morse at scfabricdyer@gmail.com.



Susan Boudreaux is a retired US Navy veteran who lives in our area and is on a mission to encourage as many retired women vets as she can reach. She makes military-themed teddy bears and visits each recipient in person to present the bear and hear stories from their past.

You can help Susan's outreach to women vets in our community by collecting your batting scraps for her to use as stuffing. Any size batting scraps will do, even those trimmings from finished quilts! You do not need to clean up your scraps or remove any backing.

Since Susan doesn't sell her bears or ask for monetary donations, she also welcomes any military-themed or patriotic cotton quilting weight fabric you might like to donate that is at least 1/2 yard, which would make 1 bear.

Susan has already begun her journey of delivering her bears in South Carolina to women veterans in state nursing care facilities in Anderson and Gaffney, and has more bears ready to deliver to Florence and Columbia, and then Walterboro. There are over 45,000 women veterans in South Carolina alone! Once she completes the state facilities she will continue honoring women vets in private care facilities.

If you have batting scraps and/or patriotic fabric that you would like to contribute, please bring your donation to our February 4th meeting. You can drop your donation off at the Philanthropy Table and Diane will make arrangements to get these donations to Susan.

Thank you!
Diane Kent
Foothills Piecemakers Philanthropy