

FOOTHILLS PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Next Guild Meeting:

December 3, 2015, at 7pm
Grace Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
5020 Old Spartanburg Road, Taylors, SC

Programs:

At our December Holiday Party we will be playing "Fabric BINGO!" Hopefully, your cards are already made or you've purchased one from guild sales. Bring pennies, chips, or whatever to cover your squares. You can play as many cards as you want...the end result will be that we'll have many more quilts to put together for philanthropy! Remember there will be prizes! Everyone is also reminded to bring a dish to pass for our potluck!

Our January program will feature Roger Winchell from Asheville, NC. Come hear a male's perspective to quilting from this award winning quilter!

In February we will be enjoying the "Pizza Girls" (The Quilter's Gallery-Charlotte, NC) and are planning on having them teach a class! More details to follow.

Happy Holidays! Sandy

REMEMBER inserts for the next newsletter are due to **Dagmar Theodore** no later than **January 22, 2016** (tedagmar@iuno.com)

Happy Birthday in December:

Phyllis Costa 12/2, Susan Gosnell 12/3, Leslie Garza 12/4, Terry Weinbender 12/5, Karen Carson 12/7, Jennifer Neubauer 12/8, Johnnie Parker 12/10, Betty Cirillo 12/12, Debbie Sothen 12/12, Phyllis Collins 12/18, Debbie Miller 12/19, Pam Kerrigan 12/20, Beverly Nelson 12/22, Lynette Baker 12/24, Deb Plummer 12/24, Holly Anderson 12/25, Joan Derylak 12.30, Darleen Sanford 12/31.

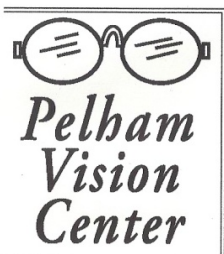
Refreshments:

December is our potluck social, bring a dish for all to enjoy.

Hospitality

No info on nametag winners. \$ Dollar Door Prize winners were Tammy Grabowski and Suzanne Brehm.

BOM winner was Rita Martin.



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President's message – Karen Carson

Twas the Night Before Christmas (A Quilter's Version)

Twas the night before Christmas,
And the quilts were not made,
The threads were all tangled, the cookies delayed.
The stockings weren't hung, the pantry was bare,
The poor weary Quilter was tearing her hair.
Stacks of fat quarters, tipped over in streams,
Visions of Log Cabins had turned into dreams.

When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
But a bus full of quilters with all of their gear.
They went straight to work with just a few mutters,
Sorting and stitching and brandishing cutters.
The patterns emerged from all of the clutter,
Like magic the fabrics arranged in a flutter.
Log Cabins, Lone Stars, Flying Geese and Bear Tracks,
Each quilt was a beauty ---even the backs!

Her house how it twinkled, her quilts how they glowed,
The cookies were baking, the stockings were sewn.
Their work was all done, so they folded their frames,
And packed up their needles, without giving their names.
They boarded the bus and checked the next address,
More quilts to be made, another quilter in distress.

She heard one voice echo, as they drove out of sight...
"Happy Quilting to all, and to all a Good Night".

Author unknown

While this poem may provide a chuckle, my hope is that a "bus full of quilters" is not necessary at your house this year! My thanks go to each of you who have worked so willingly in 2015 supporting the many areas of Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild - those who have brought food for the church's pantry, for all of you who have donated your fabric and supplies to Philanthropy and Guild Sales, for our many sewers of Philanthropy quilts and totes, to those of you who have supported "Quilts of Valor", all of you who serve on our various committees - the list goes on and on!

May your needles remain sharp and threaded, may all of your seams be a "scant quarter inch" and may you each have a feeling of delight when your quilted gifts are given to those you love and cherish.

I send you my wish for joy and peace as we celebrate this blessed Christmas with our families and friends!

Karen Carson

Membership News – Sue Burton

We had one new member join at our November meeting. We now have 143 members. Please add the following information to your directory:

Linda Patton

We had a real variety of guests. Alice Korver moved to this area from Colorado, and has been making tied quilts for 50 years. Carol Clanton has been quilting for 35 years and is a member of the Baltimore Applique Society. Tari George, Johellen's granddaughter, visited, as did Akiko Matsumoto. Last but not least, Ellinor Sveidahl visited us from Copenhagen Denmark! We hope these ladies come back and share their expertise with us.

Please note that the correct phone number for Laurie Blair is 907-351-3637.

Hope to see you all at our party in December!

Sue Burton
Membership Chair

Corresponding Secretary

A card was sent to Bernina this past month thanking them for hanging our opportunity quilt and helping sell tickets! If you know of anyone in need of a card please let me know! Thanks!! Kristin Kipper

Carolina Cut Ups

The Carolina Cut Ups Quilting Bee meets the first Wednesday of every month beginning at 9:30 a.m. Bring a project to work on, a lunch (or some members go out to eat), and a \$1 contribution (collected at each meeting). We love seeing new faces! We meet in the crafts room located in the Recreation Center of Taylors First Baptist Church, 200 W. Main St., Taylors. For additional information contact Darleen Sanford (864-593-1483).

Guild Officers

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Guild Challenge

This year's guild Challenge is called "The Luck of the Draw"!! A page from a magazine will be your inspiration for this challenge. Stop at the Challenge table and pick out your envelope, which includes guidelines and a randomly picked magazine page. Deadline is the May 2016 meeting. The website has more information.

Deb Plummer, 864-616-2828, jb_djp@yahoo.com

Holiday Block Swap:

New block SWAP for the December meeting. Make a 12 1/2 inch block using holiday theme or colors. Choose any block method you'd like such as appliqué or piecing. Put your name and the year on the front somewhere with an appropriate fabric pen/marker. Have it wrapped so everyone participating will be surprised.

Deb Plummer, 864-616-2828

Philanthropy News and Reminders

There will NOT be a Saturday Philanthropy Sewing Day in December due to the holidays. Mark your calendars for January 9, 2016, at Earth Fare on Pelham Road.

A reminder that quilts can be any size.

Quilts do not need to be washed.

We have quilt kits, tote bag kits, and strip quilt kits ready to be made.

Batting will be cut to the size needed for your quilt.

A big thanks to everyone for the generous donations of quilts, tote bags, fabric, and toiletries during the year 2015.

Lois Gaston

FPQG Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes November 5, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Karen Carson, 7:00 PM. Welcomed everyone for coming out.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved. Motion made by Dagmar Theodore and seconded by Janine Allen.

Old Business - Four members sold tickets for the opportunity quilt October 24 at the *Arts on Trail* in Travelers Rest.

New Business – An inventory of the guilds assets needs to be made. If you are storing any items for the guild let Karen Carson know.

Committee Reports:

Programs: Sandy Wolf delivered Jane Hall's apology for not being able to present the program. They will be working to reschedule Jane's visit. December's meeting will be a social. Bring a dish to share. Fabric bingo will be played.

Corresponding Secretary: Kristin Kipper sent 1 card to Bernina for displaying the opportunity quilt.

Silent Auction: Donations are needed for the Quilt Show. Joanna Yost and Dagmar Theodore donated quilts.

Education Minute: Sandy Helsel discussed how to reduce the amount of fuzz in your machine.

Dollar and Name Tag Door Prizes: Johellen George encouraged members to participate.

Mystery Quilt: Cheryl Brickey described the next step in the quilt.

Quilter's of the Upstate Retreat: Darlene Roberts has the registration forms for the winter retreat at Pleasant Ridge, February 5, 6, 7, 2016.

Block of the Month (BOM): Nicole McClelland had lots of Pumpkins turned in this month. Next month there will not be a BOM.

Philanthropy: Lois Gaston thanked everyone that brought items. There will be a workday Saturday, November 14.

Refreshments: It is time to sign up to bring refreshments for 2016.

Hostess: Linda Harper introduced new member Linda Payton.

Guild Sales: Martha White reviewed items for sale and the drawing.

Challenge Quilt, "Luck o' the Draw": Pick up a challenge envelope from Deb Plummer. Guidelines are included in the envelope. Challenge is due in May 2016.

Holiday Block Swap: Bring a 12 1/2" block in holiday colors, pieced or appliqued and rolled up to the December meeting to swap with another member.

Membership: Sue Burton introduced five guests.

Show and Share: Many beautiful quilts were shown by members.

Quilt Show: Sandy Wolf has started getting registrations for the spring quilt show.

There was a 10 minute break.

Name Tag Prizes – no info.

\$ Dollar Door Prize winners were Tammy Grabowski and Suzanne Brehm.

BOM winner was Rita Martin.

Guild Sales winner was Barbara Phillips.

Sandy Wolf introduced Paige Alexander who gave an inspiring lecture on Modern Quilts.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm with a reminder that December's meeting will be Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy McQuade, Acting Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report – Patty Stonitsch

	Nov 17, 2015	Fiscal YTD	Budget
Note: September rent check was voided			
Beginning Balance	17,055.50	17778.31	
Income			
Administrative	150.00	150.00	0
Charity Donation	220.68	419.08	200.00
Guild Sales	139.00	393.25	750.00
Hosp/Door Prizes	35.00	142.10	300.00

Interest	0.28	1.29	3.00
Membership	40.00	2,865.00	3,000.00
Newsletter	0.00	0.00	3.00
Opportunity Quilt	216.00	386.00	1,500.00
Programs		440.00	750.00
Publicity Ads		1,000	1,450.00
Quilt Racks		130.00	130.00
Quilt Show – 2016	330.00	1,635.00	6,000.00
Resources	0.00	0.00	100.00
Total Income	1,130.96	7,561.72	14,186.00
Expenses			
Administration	150.00	536.95	1,350.00
Charity Donation	0.00	0.00	200.00
Challenge	0.00	0.00	75.00
Corresp. Secretary	0.00	0.00	20.00
Directory		111.00	125.00
Guild Sales		46.29	300.00
Hospitality/Door Prizes		15.50	10.00
Membership	0.00	0.00	10.00
Mystery Quilt	0.00	0.00	5.00
Newsletter	19.60	39.20	125.00
Opportunity Quilt	0.00	0.00	50.00
Philanthropy	22.39	154.78	500.00
Programs	166.95	1,260.60	5,000.00
Publicity Ads		81.90	80.00
Quilt Racks	0.00	715.00	800.00
Quilt Show- 2016		44.66	2,000.00
Quilt Show - Curtains	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
Refreshments	40.20	81.26	100.00
Resources	9.01	9.01	400.00
Website	0.00	0.00	250.00
Total Expenses	408.15	3,096.15	14,400.00
Ending Balance	17,777.81	17,777.81	

ROAD TRIPS

December 12, 2015 –

Arts and Crafts Show, Henderson County Crafters
NCNG Armory
2025 Spartanburg Highway; East Flat Rock, NC
www.hendersoncountycrafters.org

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January 8 & 9, 2016

The Quilting and Fiber Art Marketplace
Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center

1801 Nash Street, Sanford, NC

www.quiltersgallery.net – check the website for a \$1 off admission coupon

January 22 – 24, 2016 -

“Babes on the Beach” Quilting Retreat
353 East Merritt Island Causeway (SR150)
Merritt Island, FL 32952
www.SewCentral.net

January 29 & 30, 2016 –

“Quilting and Needle Art Extravangza”; The Quilters Gallery
Statesville Civic Center
300 South Center Street, Statesville, NC
www.quiltersgallery.net - check the website for a \$1.00 off admission coupon

July 17 – 29, 2016 –

Quilting By The Lake, a program of the Schweinfurth Art Center
Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, NY
www.quiltingbythelake.com

Opportunity Quilt

Everyone is doing a great job selling tickets! Keep up the good work! If you are a new member and have not received your tickets and would like to help sell, please see me next to membership as you enter the meeting. Thanks! Kristin Kipper



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CHRISTMAS CHILDREN AND FAMILY

We have received the names, ages and sizes for four children who will be supported by our "Christmas Donation" fund:

Donovan, boy, 4 years old, size 6T
Lacyn, girl, 3 years old, size 5T
Jamaury, boy, 2 years old, size 4T
Nevaeh, girl, 2 years old, size 2T

If you would like to shop for any of the children listed above, please bring your – **unwrapped** – gifts to the December meeting. A donation of wrapping paper is also welcomed.

We are hopeful that between now and our meeting on December 3, we will have a family assigned to us that we can help and support.

All donations of food and cash received at the meeting will be used for the family and children whose names we have received.

Thank you for your kind generosity



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January Snowflake Block

Unfinished block size will be 9 ½"

Finished block size of 9"

You will need:

One 10" square of background fabric in white or cream

One 8" square of snowflake color: light blue, grey or pale lavender

Thread to match snowflake fabric

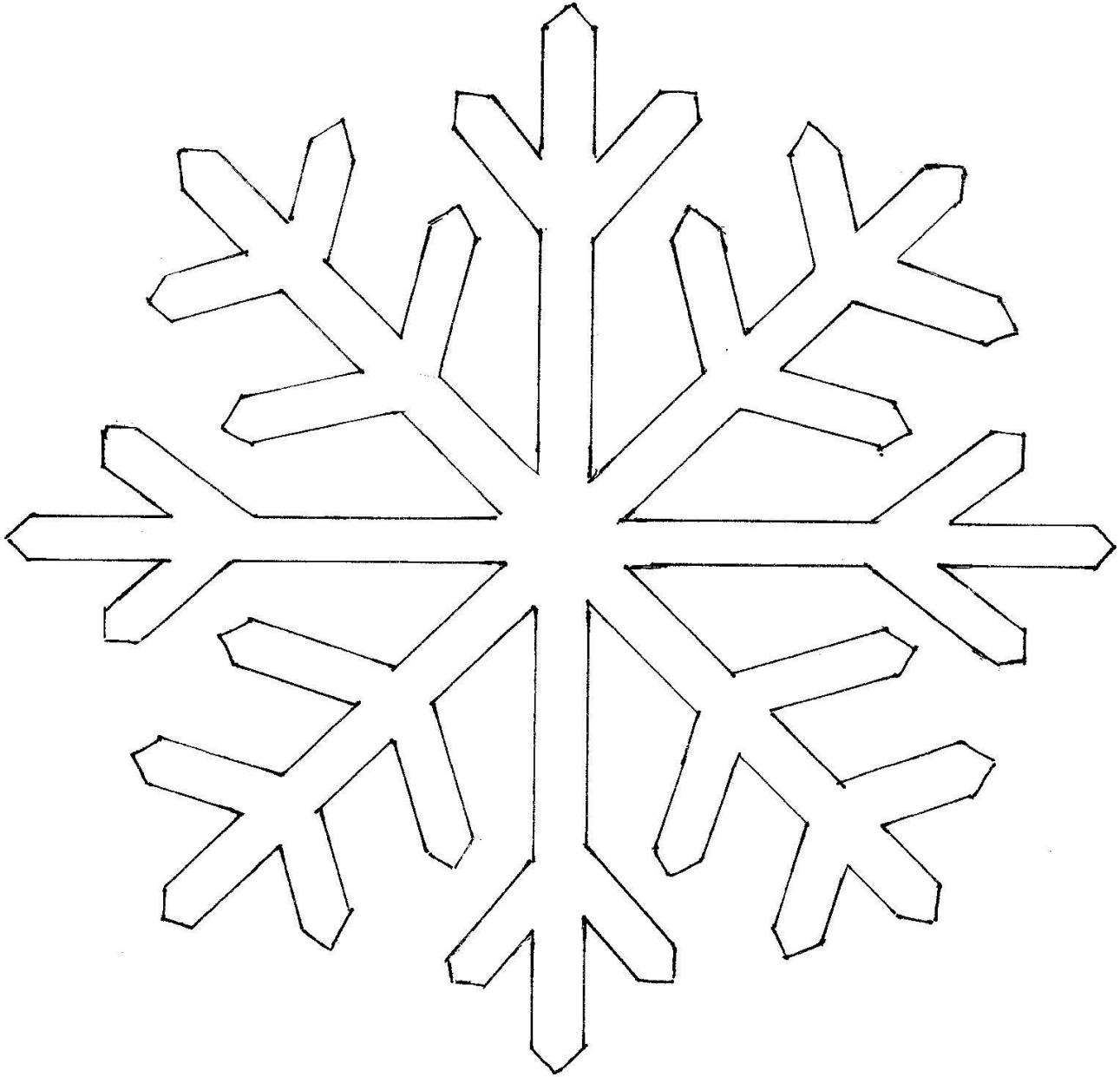
Fusible web of your choice

Instructions:

1. Trace Gingham Girls' Snowflake pattern onto paper side of fusible web of your choice.
2. Follow the instructions for fusible web and make a snowflake of an icy color (i.e. light blue, grey, lavender)
3. Fuse completed snowflake onto the center of a 10" white or cream background and use applique stitch of your choice in matching thread color to sew to background.
4. Trim block to 9 ½".

Because of all of the severe angles I thought it would be easier to use the above method of applique over needle turn. I do know we have some very talented hand appliquers. If you prefer needle turn applique, please feel free to try that method. I will not stand in your way.

Snowflake Runner Template



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For the next meeting don't forget:
Name Tag
Resource Center Books
Philanthropy projects
Show and Share
BOM
Non-Perishable items for the food bank
\$\$ bills for Guild Sales
Books and fat quarters for the Quilt Show
Your donations for the Quilt Show



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