Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild Newsletter

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Next Guild Meeting:
May 4, 2017, at 7pm
Grace Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
5020 Old Spartanburg Road, Taylors, SC

Remember – Submissions are due to Gayle Brown no later than **May 18, 2017 for the June newsletter.** (gayleebrown@gmail.com)

Happy Birthday in May
Ruth Bartholomew 5/3 Nancy deJong 5/5 Tami Grabowski 5/5
Carol Harris 5/16 Marie Cryderman 5/22 Lois Gaston 5/24
Nancy Taylor 5/24 Kristin Kipper 5/25 Hazel Abend 5/27
Kathy Rivenbark 5/29

President's Message
Happy May, everyone!

How many of you remember celebrating "May Day"? In grade school, I gathered construction paper, tape, crayons and flowers to make May Baskets that I placed on the front porch of my classmates, friends and neighbors on May 1. My mother shook her head when I came home from my deliveries covered in grass stains, mud and scraped knees because the mission, you see, had to be done in secret. If you saw someone else delivering their basket, it was a requirement that you jump into the bushes and hide…hence, my disheveled appearance.

As the oldest sibling in our family, all of my school adventures with marching and concert band, home ec and getting into trouble for talking too much in class were a testament of my high intelligence. Trust me, I tried that argument many times! In fact, a case could be made that my trailblazing helped my younger sister and brother to go farther since my poor parents were pretty tired when Carla and Brian got older!

When we were young (and "not even dry behind the ears") some of us may have thought that we wouldn't set foot in another classroom if we could just finish high school or college. Thank goodness we live in our current world, where every single one of us has the opportunity to continue learning. Whether we take an online course or Google the meaning of "Braising" or "How to hang wallpaper" or participate in a quilt class, there are learning experiences available every day. In many ways we all face information overload.

Several months ago, our guild was asked to conduct a class within a section titled "Appalachian Sampler II" at OLLI at Furman University. The class coordinator was thrilled that we accepted her invitation to participate with our focus being on quilts from the cultural and geographic area known as Appalachia. Our fellow FPQG member, Carol Johnson, agreed to lead the class. On April 13, Carol gathered 30+ quilt tops, quilts and blocks along with many vintage photos and sewing supplies. She had the 60+ students attending the class enthralled from the very beginning with many taking notes and pictures. Everyone was interested in the hand piecing and designs from the post-Civil War era. Carol shared how designs were passed along from friend to friend by that old fashioned service called US Mail. Several students brought their quilts for Carol to see. Sandy Wolf and Kristin Kipper were also part of the fun day. Be sure to talk with Carol about her experience when you see her. She represented all of us in a spectacular fashion!

Enjoy your time of quilting and learning,

Karen Carson

Happy Anniversary to *US*!

Back in May, 1983 the first organized meeting of Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild was held making this our 34th year!

What will the next years bring for us? What new techniques will we learn? How many lasting friendships will be made?

Let's celebrate our 34 years of history and heritage and work together to keep the guild going strong for many years to come.

Board and Committee Chair Openings for 2017-18

***** AVAILABLE GUILD POSITIONS ** READ ALL ABOUT IT *****

As of press time, the following positions are available for ***YOU*** in the upcoming guild year:

The following are elected board positions -
President
Co-Vice President

The following are committee chair positions –
Block of the Month
Challenge
Guild Sales – Co-Chair
Mystery Quilt
Philanthropy – Co-Chair
Publicity
Refreshments
Row/Round Robin
Secret Stitcher
Storage Superintendent

Job descriptions are available. Previous experience is not required. Free and gentle advice is readily available to all!

Step up today and join in the fun of working together on the many exciting aspects of our guild.

Please see Karen Carson or call (864) 850-1115

Programs, Programs, Read All About Them

Karen Ponischil is joining us May 4 to present "Color 101 or Why I Hate Orange". Karen will share basics of color theory, along with primary, secondary and tertiary colors (be sure to attend May's meeting so that you can learn the definition of "tertiary"). We will also learn why orange is Karen's nemesis!

"Free Motion Quilting – Curvy, Geometric or Both" will be taught on Friday, May 5 in the Fellowship Hall of Grace Baptist Church.

On June 1 we welcome Nancy Mahoney who is a nationally recognized quilter, author and fabric designer. Many of you are familiar with Nancy's creativity as well as her appearances on television and in magazines. Her lecture on June 1 will be "Two Block Wonders". Since Nancy is a National Speaker, visitors will be charged $5.

Saturday, June 3, Nancy is teaching a workshop for us titled "Wild Waves". This is an off-center Pineapple block which will help us master the tricks of foundation paper piecing. There are just a few openings for the "Wild Waves" class – get your registration form and payment sent in asap to save your spot.

Registration forms are available at our regular meetings. The forms are also posted on the guild's website, www.foothillsquilts.com. Please see Karen Carson with your questions.

FPQG Programs and Workshops

May 4, 2017	Karen Ponischil
May 5, 2017	Karen Ponischil Class
June 1, 2017	Nancy Mahoney *
June 3, 2017	Nancy Mahoney Class

*Denotes National Speaker – There is a $5 charge for non-members.

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Bernina … We're in Stitches is partnering with Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild to bring Nancy Mahoney, nationally known quilter, author, teacher and fabric designer, to Greenville – June 1 through 3, 2017.

Nancy will teach "Dot to Dot" on Friday, June 2 at Bernina…We're in Stitches. Class time begins with Strip piecing techniques then focuses on easy invisible machine appliqué techniques. Class fee: $100. Class is from 9:00 to 3:00 pm at the shop, 2310-A East North Street, Greenville. 235-5031

The FPQG "Wild Waves" class will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 9:00 to 3:00 at St. Giles Presbyterian Church, 1021 Hudson Road, Greenville. Create a dynamic design with this off-center Pineapple block. All aspects of foundation paper piecing will be covered. This is an outstanding opportunity to immerse yourself in Nancy's wonderful techniques.

For FPQG members, Bernina is offering a $25 reduction for its Friday class – IF – you also register for the FPQG Saturday class. Bring the paid receipt from FPQG to Bernina to receive the discount.

Wild Waves

Dot to Dot

2018 Quilt Show

Our next quilt show is titled ***"Reflections"***.

When – Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28, 2018
Where – Pelham Road Baptist Church, 1108 Pelham Road, Greenville
Set-up – Thursday, April 26, 2018

Listed here are committee positions that we need to fill:

Admissions –
Baskets – Sandy Wolf
Boutique –
Kitchen -
Magazines & Books -
Opportunity Quilt – Darleen Sanford
Prizes – Debbie Graves
Program Ads -
Publicity – Lynn Parker
Registration – Ruth Pollow
Ribbons – JoAnna Renkowski
Silent Auction –
Vendors –
Vote Counting –

It is expected that every member of the guild will participate with their time and talents and quilts. Take a moment to look at the list and let one of us know that you want to work together to have a successful show!

Gayle Brown (864) 631-1414
Karen Carson (864) 850-1115

Refreshments

Hi Ladies, Again you all did a great job with the refreshments! The following ladies and one gentleman have volunteered for our May 4th meeting. **Cheese/Crackers:** Bob Roue/ Carol Harris, **Sandwiches:** Phyllis Costa/Terry Weinbender, **Fruit:** Rita Sassone/ Jean Roue, **Dessert:** Leigh Radlein/Akiko Matsumoto
Thank you. JoAnna Renkowski and Leigh Radlien

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FPQG Guild Meeting Minutes April 6, 2017

Karen Carson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Minutes of the March meeting were approved by Dagmar Theodore and seconded by Sandy Helsel.

Announcements: The guild received a request to quilt 4 tops. See Karen Carson for more details.
Pat Warder has an acquaintance with Janome sewing machines to sell.
Carol Johnson has approximately 30 quilts with resource materials to teach Appalachia Sampler II, Quilts of Appalachia at Furman University on April 13.
Lynn Parker is the newly elected District 1 Representative for Quilters of SC.
Quilt guild members were reminded to give receipts to Donna Kinsler. Amounts $50 and over must be approved by President, Karen Carson.
Cheryl Brickey's photo is on the website noting her recent award from Quilt Con.
May is the 34th anniversary of our quilt guild having provided a wonderful legacy and long standing history.
Board positions need to be filled for President, Co-Vice President, and Recording Secretary.
April 27 & 28, 2018, Quilt Show - Donations of magazines, notions, and fabric (fat quarters and larger) are needed.

Committee Reports:
Webmaster - Dagmar Theodore will take pictures of Challenge quilts. Let her know if you do not want your quilt photographed.
$ and nametag door prizes - Johellen George encouraged members to get their tickets for drawings. Prizes include Soft Fuse, patterns, and 3 yards of fabric.
Philanthropy - Debbie Johnson and Lois Gaston reported 120 quilts have been made toward the goal of 150 by June. Many kits are available as well as quilt tops ready to quilt. Philanthropy workday Sat., April 8, at Earth Fare.
Membership – Sue Burton announced 66 members in attendance and 1 guest.
Block of the Month (BOM) – Good response to Delectable Mountains pattern. Mary Kelley introduced a friendship block for the May meeting.
Refreshments – Joanna Renkowski asked for 1 person to provide cheese and crackers for the May meeting. Food is also needed for the June meeting. Members were encouraged to sign up.
Education Minute – Sandy Helsel described the use and preparation of 100% cotton sheets for backing quilts.
Challenge Quilts – Sandy Wolf gave instructions for voting. Almost 30 entries. (continued on next page)

Programs – Karen Carson reviewed programs for May and June as well as classes offered by speakers.
Quilters of SC – Lynn Parker spoke briefly about the organization and its purpose.

Break

Nametag prizes – Theresa Wenstrup and Barbara Pringle $ - Suzanne Brehm
Guild Sales – Silent auction item went to Martha White and the spring basket to Linda Ligon.
Block of the Month (BOM) – Johanna Yost
Show n' Share – Kerry Steck, Penny Jones, Nicole McClellan, Sandy Nodes, Ruth Pollow, Catherine Starace, Joanna Yost, Linda Ligon, Leslie Riker.
Mary Kelley shared her experience of receiving a scholarship to the Quilters of SC Fall Retreat.
Mystery Quilt Reveal – Cheryl Brickey announced prize winners Pat Warder, Joanna Renkowski, and Kerry Steck. 267 versions were submitted and displayed on Cheryl's blog.
Challenge Quilt winners – 1st Kristen Kipper, 2nd Debbie Johnson, 3rd Ruth Bartholomew. Thanks to Sandy Wolf for a great challenge! New slate of officers to be announced at the May meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Parker, Recording Secretary

Road Trips

Currently through June 24, 2017: "ARTQUILTSrespite", Professional Art Quilters Alliance – South, Page-Walker Arts and History Center, 119 Ambassador Loop, Cary, NC www.paqa-south.org

May 5 & 6, 2017: "Celebrating 30 Years of Stitching Together", Sea Island Quilters, Holiday Inn & Suites, 2225 Boundary Street, Beaufort, SC www.seaislandblogspot.com

May 5 & 6, 2017: "A Garden of Quilts Show", Western NC Quilters Guild, Bonclarken Conference Center, 500 Pine Drive, Flat Rock, NC www.westernNCquilters.org

May 13, 2017: "Airing of the Quilts", Downtown Franklin Merchants, Downtown Franklin, NC www.townoffranklinnc.com

May 18 – 21, 2017: "Building Friendships – Building Skills", North Carolina Quilt Symposium, Hosted by Durham Orange Quilters Guild, William Peace University, Raleigh, NC www.durhamorangequilters.org

June 8 – 10, 2017: "Stars Around the Carolinas", Landrum Quilters, Landrum Middle School, 104 Redland Road, Landrum, SC www.landrumquilters.com

June 16 & 17, 2017: "2017 Quilt Show", Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee, Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Highway, Knoxville, TN www.smokymtnquilters.com

July 22 & 23, 2017: The Quilting Expo, Jamil Shrine Center, 206 Jamil Road, Columbia, SC www.quiltersgallery.net

August 18 & 19, 2017: "Celebration of Quilts", Anderson, SC Quilters, Anderson Sports & Entertainment Center, 3027 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Anderson, SC www.andersonscquilters.com

August 22 – 26, 2017: "20 Stars: Celebrating Mississippi's Bicentennial", Old Man River Quilt Fest, Vicksburg Convention Center, 1600 Mulberry Street, Vicksburg, MS www.oldmanriverquiltfest.com

September 13 – 16, 2017: Fall QuiltWeek, presented by American Quilter's Society, Paducah, KY www.quiltweek.com

November 3 & 4, 2017: "25th Anniversary Show", Upcountry Quilters Guild, Pickens View Wesleyan Church, 744 Bethlehem Ridge Road, Pickens, SC www.upcountryquiltguildsc.com

ABC Soup Challenge

Congratulations to all 30 participants who took on the challenge of finding a desired block that started with the letter they picked from the soup pot. By a viewers choice vote, our winners were: 1st-Kristin Kipper (letter O), 2nd-Debbie Johnson (letter D) and 3rd-Ruth Bartholomew (letter A.) A very BIG THANK YOU to all! Sandy Wolf

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Membership

We had 68 members signed in by the end of the April meeting. Pam Hunt from Liberty was our visitor for the evening. She is a knitter also, ladies, so something else many of us have in common. It won't be long until it's time to renew our memberships for the new year. We hope our recent visitors have been inspired and will consider joining in July!
Sue Burton and Dagmar Theodore
Membership Chairs

Treasurer's Report – Donna Kinsler

	April 2017	Fiscal YTD	Budget 2016/17
Beginning Balance			
Income			
Administrative			
Charity Donation			
Guild Sales			
Interest			
Membership			
Name Tag/$ Door Prize			
Newsletter			
Opportunity Quilt			
Programs			
Publicity Ads			
Quilt Racks - Rent			
Quilt Show – 2018			
Resources			
Total Income			
Expenses			
Administration			
Block of the Month			
Cert. of Deposit			

Challenge			
Charity Donation			
Corresp. Secretary			
Directory			
Guild Sales			
Hostess			
Membership			
Mystery Quilt			
Name Tag/$ Door Prize			
Newsletter			
Opportunity Quilt			
Philanthropy			
Programs			
Publicity Ads			
Quilt Show- 2018			
Refreshments			
Resources			
Storage Unit			
Website			
Total Expenses			
Ending Balance			

Guild Officers

President		
Karen Carson		
Vice President		
Treasurer		
Donna Kinsler		
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Lynn Parker		
Correspond. Sec.		
Kristin Kipper		
Newsletter Editor		
Gayle Brown		
	Committtee Chairs	
Block of the Month		
Nicole McClelland		
Mary Kelly		
Challenge		
Sandy Wolf		
Education		
Sandy Helsel		
Guild Sales		
Pat Falconer		
Denise Frick		
Hospitality		
Johellen George		
Hostess		
Karen McGraw		
Membership		
Sue Burton		
Dagmar Theodore		
Mystery Quilt		
Cheryl Brickey		
Opportunity Quilt		
Ruth Pollow		
Philanthropy		
Lois Gaston		
Debbie Johnson		
Terry Weinbender		
Publicity		
Phyllis Costa		
Quilt Show 2018		
Karen Carson		
Gayle Brown		
Refreshments		
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Name Tag / Dollar Door Prize

Name tag drawing prize recipients at the April meeting were Teresa Wenstrup and Barbara Pringle. Suzanne Brehm won the dollar door prize drawing. Thanks to all who participated!
Johellen George

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Corresponding Secretary

Cards this month were sent to Terry Weinbender for her bout with pneumonia and Ellen Berg for the passing of her husband. If you know of anyone in need of a card please let me know!
Thank you! 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).

Quilters of SC
invites you to join this Statewide organization!

Check out the website for details and current information.
http://www.quiltersofsc.org
SAVE THE DATE: July 21 & 22, 2017 – Members are invited to exhibit a quilt at the Columbia Quilt Expo, Columbia, SC.
Fall Retreat at White Oak Conference Center, Winnsboro, SC. Excellent line-up of classes so register early beginning in June.
Questions? Contact Lynn Parker, District 1 Rep. (864-322-8250)
e-mail: lynn@theparkers.com

Philanthropy

We now have 122 quilts, so we're very close to our goal of 150 quilts for this Guild year! On April 13, we delivered the donations from March and April to Serenity Place, Safe Harbor, and Miracle Hill Shepherd's Gate. The donations included 34 quilts, 17 tote bags, 8 personal bags, 4 pillowcases, 3 burpies, and 2 bags of toiletries. All three shelters were very happy to receive our generous donations.

A big "thank you" to Debbie for ordering 100 new quilt labels from Spoonflower at 18 cents each. These labels are much easier to sew on the quilts because they are made of thinner fabric.

Please join us at Earth Fare on Pelham Road on Saturday, May 13, 2017, from 8:30 to 12:30 for a fun morning of sewing Philanthropy projects. You may also bring your own project.

Thank you for your very generous donations and support!
Philanthropy Committee
Lois Gaston, Debbie Johnson, and Terry Weinbender

On April 19, 2017, the Philanthropy Committee received the following Thank You note from Minda Shelton at Miracle Hill Shepherd's Gate for the donation they received from the Guild on April 13:

Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for the lovely quilts and quilted bags. We have several children here, and we were able to give each of them a quilt on the day that they were brought to us. I so wish you could have seen them. They were so excited!! Their little faces just lit up. The bags were also greatly needed and given out quickly!
Thank you for sharing your talents with us.
Gratefully,
Minda Shelton
Miracle Hill Shepherd's Gate

Gayle Brown
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For the next meeting, please remember:
~ Name Tag
~ Resource Center Books
~ Philanthropy projects
~ Show and Share
~ BOM
~ Your food item for the meeting, if it's your turn
~ Christmas Family donation
~ $$ for Guild Sales and drawings

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