

Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild Newsletter

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Next Guild Meeting:

October 6, 2016, at 7pm
Grace Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
5020 Old Spartanburg Road, Taylors, SC

Remember - inserts for the next newsletter are due to Gayle Brown no later than **October 20, 2016** (gayleebrown@gmail.com)

Happy Birthday in October

Linda Ligon 10/3 Janet Gregory 10/9 Theresa Wenstrup 10/11
Joanna Yost 10/14 Flo Rushton 10/15 Ruth Pollow 10/17
Kate Weston 10/17 Joyce Alexander 10/23 Sue Loomis 10/26

Programs

We welcome Stacy Michell to our October meeting. After visiting several large quilt shows, she was inspired to explore the options of hand dyed textiles in the quilting marketplace. In 1986, Stacy started a business called "Shades Textiles." Within her first couple of years in business Stacy started exhibiting at as many as 18 quilt shows a year from smaller events to the International Quilt Festival in Houston.

Stacy also created a line of appliqué kits known as "Shades of Baltimore" and then took on the challenge of the Hawaiian Quilt, developing machine appliqué techniques for this style of quilt traditionally sewn by hand. Shades Textiles introduced the "All-Around Appliqué Patterns," over 100 block designs with diverse themes from cats and dogs to Christmas trees and Jack 'O Lanterns to sports, all folded and cut like cutting a paper snow flake.

All of the creative energy flowing around her studio with the addition of the appliqué patterns helped create new dyed fabric techniques known as "The Hand Dyed Hula Hoop". Stacy will be happy to describe this technique in Hula!

She will have Shades Textile dyed fabric and patterns available for sale at the meeting.

Stacy and her husband, Alex Bogdan, live in Marietta, Georgia. Shades Textiles Studio occupies a 7,000 square foot space. With a staff of about 3 people and a little grey cat, Shades Studio is a busy and colorful place to be.

President's Message – Karen Carson

Hello Friends!

Have you noticed how many abbreviations we use these days? Many of us are so busy with multiple tasks that a complete sentence is sometimes hard to form or speak. Some of us are taking care of families – youngsters and oldsters – as well as working and volunteering. It is little wonder that while we are expected to do more and more, frenzy becomes the norm and we rely on abbreviations.

"LOL" and "TMI" and "YMMD" have taken over our brains and keyboards. How many of you remember the actual definition of AM and PM? Do "Ante Meridiem" and "Post Meridiem" sound familiar? I can remember an actual, living and breathing bank teller whose name was Doris. Now my teller is "ATM".

I came across several sewing/quilting abbreviations recently and thought you might enjoy a few of them:

FOB – Fear Of Binding

PIGS – Projects In Grocery Sacks

SABLE – Stash Accumulation Beyond Life Expectancy

WHIMM – Works Hidden In My Mind << my personal

favorite!

As we strive to find time to quilt, it is completely acceptable to stop and enjoy the process of making treasures for our family and friends. Is the quilt you are working on for a grandchild who is expected in a couple of months? Are you making a quilt from gently loved shirts that will mean a lot to the big, burly recipient? We have so many time-saving (!?) devices that if we simply sit quietly and ponder the task at hand, quilting can be a very rewarding, relaxing and refreshing experience. And a beautiful quilt from our heart, soul and hands is the result.

Another way of enjoying the quilting process is to take a class. This year's schedule for lectures/trunk shows and classes is full of variety and can be found in our new Membership Directory and the guild's website. Pull out your calendar and jot down some of the upcoming classes that will inspire you to take a well deserved break and learn even more about the art of quilting.

Are you curious about some of the abbreviations used above? I bet you know "LOL" (Laugh Out Loud) and "TMI" (Too Much Information). Did you know, though, that "YMMD" is for "You Made My Day"?

"TTFN" (Ta Ta For Now!) – Karen

Resource Center

Did you recently check out a book or two from the guild's Resource Center? If so, please remember to return them within two months from the check-out date. We have received so many wonderful books recently and we want to give everyone an opportunity to enjoy them.

Please set the books you are returning alongside your name tag, BOM, food pantry item(s), Philanthropy projects, etc. and bring everything to the meeting on October 6.

Refreshments

A BIG thank you for all those delicious dishes for the Newcomers Potluck which melded into the refreshments for the evening! What a FEAST! The following members have volunteered to provide the refreshments for our October meeting: Flo Rushton, Theresa Wenstrup, Joanna Yost, Faye Kiser, Pat Davies, Phyllis Costa, Rita Sassone and Debbie Graves. As always Thank You for volunteering. JoAnna Renkowski and Leigh Radlien

Name Tag / Dollar Door Prize

Name tag drawing prize recipients at the September meeting were Sandy Wolf and Janet Gregory. Nicole McClelland and Donna Kinsler were winners in the dollar door prize drawing! Thanks to all who participated! Come prepared to try for another exciting fabric choice in October.



Membership News

Thanks to the new members who joined us for the September social. We were able to enjoy some great food and got to know a little more about each other.

We had 80 members signed in at our last meeting. It was the last meeting to join or renew and still be included in the directory, we are now up to a total of 118 members.

Our guests for the evening were JoAnn Morgan, Suzi Dale, Stacia Nance, Regina Rycroft and Gwen Bailey.

When you sign in at the October meeting, please stop and pick up your new member directory (also your membership card if you don't already have it).

See you at the next meeting!

Sue Burton and Dagmar Theodore - Membership Co-Chairs

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).

The 2018 Opportunity Quilt

We have had a GREAT response from all of you in picking up kits at the September meeting. They have ALL been taken and I've heard from several of you that you have already completed the blocks. We are looking forward to everyone returning the finished blocks at the October meeting. If you won't be at the October meeting, give Ruth a call (864.313.0338) and we'll figure out a way to get them from you. Darleen Sanford has volunteered to coordinate the promotion committee so if you are interested in helping with the distribution of raffle tickets and scheduling events where we can sell tickets prior to the 2018 Quilt Show, email Darleen at dardar1231@gmail.com Watch the newsletter for dates of sewing workshops to assemble the Opportunity Quilt in the coming months.

Ruth Pollow

Philanthropy News

Quilters Needed: We have more than fifteen quilts ready to be quilted. These kits include the quilt top, backing, and batting. Please visit the Philanthropy Table for these kits and other quilting projects.

We are collecting Orphan Blocks of all kinds to use for Philanthropy sampler quilts. A reminder that our sewing days are the First Thursday Philanthropy Quilting at 2:00 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church prior to the 7:00 p.m. Guild meeting and the Second Saturday of the Month Philanthropy Quilting, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Earth Fare on Pelham Road.

Projects will be available for both sewing days, or you can bring your own project. Thanks for all the generous donations.

Lois Gaston, Debbie Johnson, and Terry Weinbender



Corresponding Secretary

Two get-well cards were sent this month. Joanna Yost received a card for her hand surgery and Pat Newton received a card for her hospitalization. If anyone knows of a guild member in need of a card, please let me know! Thank you! Kristin Kipper

FPQG Guild Meeting Minutes September 1, 2016

Karen Carson, President, greeted members and guests at 7PM.

Minutes of August meeting – Accepted as published in newsletter.

Approved by Janet Ginn and seconded by Elinor Goss.

Announcements

Please refer to Road Trips posted in the newsletter for upcoming quilt shows and events.

Vice President, Martha White, submitted her resignation for personal reasons. Karen Carson expressed her appreciation for Martha's work for the guild. See Karen Carson for more details about filling the position of Vice President.

Karen Carson reminded members they receive a 10% discount for advertising in both the newsletter and member directory.

Guild members are encouraged to seek ads from local businesses. Advertisers also have a link to our website.

September 15 the guild directory goes to print.

Cheryl Brickey submitted a proposal, along with Paige Alexander, to publish a book with a subsidiary of C & T Publishers. The proposal was accepted and guild members are invited to make a signature block to be turned in by October.

Guild members were thanked for their food donations to the church food pantry.

Karen Carson received an e-mail with a request for a Row by Row provided by Judy's Sewing. The individual will pay double to get it!

See Karen for details.

Committee Reports

Nametag /Dollar Door Prizes – Johellen George offered a good book deal for \$Door Prize. Sandy Wolf and Janet Gregory won the Nametag Prizes. Nicole McClellan and Donna Kinsler won the \$Door Prizes.

Challenge – Sandy Wolf announced the ABC Birthday Soup Challenge due April 2017.

Opportunity Quilt 2018 – Ruth Pollow introduced committee members, Carol Johnson, Suzanne Brehm, and Karen Schleier. Kits are available with a choice of two designs. Due no later than November. Helpers will be needed to assemble the quilt top, quilt it, promote the quilt, and sell tickets.

Guild Sales – Denise Frick and Pat Falconer announced raffles to be awarded at the meeting....Halloween Bag of Tricks and the Golden Bin of Embellishment. Joanne Brown won the Halloween Bag of Tricks and Pat Hodur won the Golden Bin of Embellishment. There are two on-going raffles....a brocade sewing machine case and a Bernina double decker bag set with a current bid of \$70. Both items are to be awarded in October. Guild Sales brought in a total of \$131 at the meeting.

Philanthropy – Debbie Johnson announced the guild was up to 30 quilts toward its goal of 150. Twelve totes were turned in and Deb Plummer made burp pads. Debbie reminded everyone there are lots of kits to pick up and tops to be quilted.

Education Minutes - Sandy Helsel offered tips for protection from rotary cutters. Eye glass case covers and bracelet jewelry boxes are good containers for storing rotary cutters. Sandy has an ergonomic cutter that requires a special container so she made a zipper pouch with an inside pocket to cradle the cutter. To organize your fabric when shopping, glue or staple swatches of fabric to ribbon and place them in a plastic bag to carry with you. In October Sandy will offer helpful tips for holiday tags.

Block of the Month (BOM) – Nicole McClellan was pleased with the great response. There were enough blocks to split the total and have two drawings. Debbie Graves and Debbie Johnson were the lucky winners.

Membership – Sue Burton stated 79 members signed in. She expressed her thanks for good support of the new member social. Visitors were introduced.

Refreshments – JoAnna Renkowski passed around a sign-up sheet and asked for four (4) volunteers to bring snacks in Nov.

Mystery Quilt – Cheryl Brickey provided printouts of the September instructions. Focus is half square triangles.

Gray Court Pioneer Days – Lynn Parker requested helpers to demonstrate quilting techniques at the Sept. 10 event.

Hostess – Karen McGraw welcomed new member Carol Harris and gave her a gift.

Programs – Karen Carson updated the list of upcoming programs. Stacy Michell will do a trunk show in October. Tone Haugen-Cogburn will do a lecture and a workshop on miniature landscapes in Nov. More information due from Tone by e-mail and will be forwarded to members. Those who don't use e-mail will get snail mail copies.

2018 Quilt Show Chairs – Gayle Brown and Karen Carson are the new co-chairs. They have been looking at dates and locations. Anticipate a date in March or later in April 2018 to hold the show. Giving consideration for corporate sponsorship. Please contact them if you have any connections.

Before break time Karen Carson encouraged members to stop by the various tables for information, sign-ups, kits, shopping, books, etc., before resuming the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Show and Share –Sue Burton, Karen McGraw, Nancy DeJong, Pat Warder, Dorothy Johansen, Dorothy Carr, Gayle Johnson, Joyce Alexander, Ruth Pollow, Sue Loomis, Debbie Johnson, Sarah Gray and guest, and Deb Plummer.

Program – Guest speaker, Bonnie Ouellete, began her program by giving some pointers about sewing with beads. Seed beads are described as being round. The sizes get larger as the bead number size goes down. A size 10 is recommended. Never use a beading needle, instead use quilting needles. Bonnie prefers to use a size 10 quilting needle. YLI Silamide thread is a good quality thread to use for beading. Stitch down a single bead through all the layers of the quilt sandwich. Do this for all beads applied to the quilt to make them secure. Stitch only about three (3) sections at a time and then lock the stitches on the back of the quilt. We were entertained by Bonnie's stories and inspired by her creative art quilts.

Closing – Karen Carson reminded those who brought food to pick up leftovers before leaving. The next meeting is October 6.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Parker, Recording Secretary





December Social

We're looking forward to a fast-paced and fun activity during the December Social. Come to the event with five strips of fabric – 2 ½ inches by WOF. Or, if you like, buy strips at the November and December meetings through Guild Sales for \$2.00 a set. Details will be revealed at the Social!

Christmas Family

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 2016 "Christmas Family" fund. The fund is titled "Charity Donation" in the guild's financials. Over the years, it has been our practice to pick a child (or children) and sometimes an entire family to help ensure a warm, happy Christmas. Through September, 2016 we have collected \$171.88 and we have three months to go until it is time to shop! A collection jar is at the Membership table and ready to accept your loose change, bills or checks. Your contributions are welcomed. Please contact me with questions and ideas on how we can best use your donations to help those nearby who are struggling. Karen Carson (864) 850-1115

2015 – 2016 Financial Review

The financial review for July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016 was performed by Kristin Kipper and Carol Johnson. The review is required to ensure that all Income and Expense for the year is properly recorded and ties to all banking records. Thank you, Kristin and Carol, for your expertise and time in providing this important service for the guild.

Road Trips

September 30 & October 1, 2016:

"Splash of Color", Cabarrus Quilter's Guild, Cabarrus Arena & Events Center, 4751 Old Airport Road, Concord, NC (at corner of Highway 49) www.cabarrusquiltersguild.org

September 30 – October 2, 2016:

"Quilts: Colorful, Creative & Cozy", Asheville Quilt Guild WNC Ag Center Davis Event Center, I-26, Exit 40, Airport Road, Gate 5, Asheville, NC www.ashevillequiltguild.org

October 1 & 2, 2016:

"Quilting is Our Cup of Tea", Nimble Thimbles Quilt Guild Fountain Inn Activity Center, 610 Fairview Street Fountain Inn, SC www.ntquiltguild.com

October 21 & 22, 2016:

"Bee by the River", Twin Rivers Quilters Guild Riverfront Convention Center, New Bern, NC www.twinriversquiltersguild.com

Currently through November 8, 2016:

"Walker Sisters Quilt Exhibit and Tour" Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center www.gsmheritagecenter.org

February 23 – 26, 2017:

Quilt-Con East, presented by Modern Quilt Guild Savannah International Trade & Convention Center Savannah, GA www.quiltconeast.com

April 26 – 29, 2017:

Spring QuiltWeek, presented by American Quilter's Society Paducah, KY www.quiltweek.com

September 13 – 16, 2017:

Fall QuiltWeek, presented by American Quilter's Society Paducah, KY www.quiltweek.com

Guild Sales

Start thinking Christmas! We will have Christmas fabric and patterns at the October meeting. Last chance to bid on the silent auction for a set of Bernina sewing machine carrying cases. They are like brand new and retail value is over \$300 new, so here is your chance to save big with the winning bid. We have new items every month so make sure to stop by the Guild sales table. Big thank you to all of you who have donated items for Guild sales, please keep them coming.

Guild Supporters

Take a moment and look through this month's newsletter, as well as the current membership directory. We are excited to welcome several new businesses. When you visit our advertisers, please share that you are a member of FPQG and that we all appreciate their support of our guild.



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FPQG Programs and Workshops for 2016/2017

July 7, 2016	July Social
August 4, 2016	Lynn Rinehart
September 1, 2016	Bonnie Ouelette
September 17, 2016	Lynn Parker Class
October 6, 2016	Stacy Michell *
November 3, 2016	Tone Haugen-Cogburn *
November 4, 2016	Tone Haugen-Cogburn Class
December 1, 2016	December Social
January 5, 2017	Nancy Zuk and Cheryl Alderman
February 2, 2017	The Pizza Girls!
February 3, 2017	The Pizza Girls! Class
March 2, 2017	Happy Trails – A Quilting Journey
April 6, 2017	Mystery Quilt & Challenge Reveals
May 4, 2017	Karen Ponischil
May 5, 2017	Karen Ponischil Class
June 1, 2017	Nancy Mahoney *
June 2, 2017	Nancy Mahoney Class

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

ABC Birthday Soup Challenge!

Ingredients: fabric, thread and batting for any size quilt. The desire to go outside your comfort zone and try something new.

Directions: See Sandy Wolf at the October, November or December meeting and she'll have you pick a letter from a soup pot. This letter will get you started in finding a quilt block that BEGINS with that letter. If you don't like the letter you choose, there is another ingredient possibility. Ask Sandy to give you a page from her Quilt Block calendar that coincides with your birthday. Then make your quilt – any size, any type - using either blocks that begin with your letter from the soup pot or your birthday calendar blocks.

Timing: Your quilt cannot be started before the September 2016 meeting. Your quilt will be revealed at our April 2017 meeting. Your letter or birthday block name will be recorded and hung with your quilt entry. Get your creative juices flowing and let's see what we can all **COOK UP** before April!

If you have any questions call Sandy Wolf: 864-236-8221.

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Treasurer's Report – Donna Kinsler

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Membership			
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Newsletter			
Opportunity Quilt			
Programs			
Publicity Ads			
Quilt Racks			
Quilt Show – 2018			
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Quilt Show- 2018			
Refreshments			
Resources			
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Ending Balance			

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Theme In Yellow

By Carl Sandberg

I spot the hills
 With yellow balls in autumn.
 I light the prairie cornfields
 Orange and tawny gold clusters
 And I am called pumpkins.
 On the last of October
 When dusk is fallen
 Children join hands
 And circle round me
 Singing ghost songs
 And love to the harvest moon;
 I am a jack-o'-lantern
 With terrible teeth
 And the children know I am fooling.



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Resource Center Books

Philanthropy projects

Opportunity Quilt blocks

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Show and Share

BOM

Non-Perishable items for the food bank

Refreshments, if you signed up for this month

\$\$ bills for Guild Sales and \$\$ drawings