

# President's Message

This newsletter will most likely come to you in the last days of the year 2023. Some celebrations may have come and gone, and there may be some festivities still awaiting. Whichever it is for you, I hope that you have a wonderful Christmas season- and have claimed some quiet times for yourself.

I had such a wonderful time at our December social with all those of you who could attend! There was much laughter, conversation and good food! Thank you to all who had a part in getting that all together! Such great memories!

Now it is time to look forward into the year of 2024! No one knows exactly what this year will hold, but we can all strive to change for the better...meet a new friend, care for others that need encouragement, laugh with a friend to brighten their day...

We have our quilt show coming up - just a mere 94 days into 2024! I am so thankful for Suzanne & Victoria and their work on bringing this all together. I will be submitting some quilt registrations during my Christmas break, I hope that you will do the same. Many times, we may think that our work is not as good as we like it, and definitely not "show worthy", but remember- this is not a show to accentuate how good a quilter we may be, but this is a show to welcome our community and show them the joy we all find in our common love



Ruth

of creating through quilting. To accomplish that, we need a wide range of quilts. Let's fill the space with beautiful quilting! Looking forward to seeing you next year!

"You'll never get bored when you try something new. There's really no limit to what you can do."

Dr. Seuss





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# Meeting Minutes - November 7,2023

President Ruth Bartholomew opened the meeting at 6:44 pm.

She asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the October meeting as it was printed in the newsletter. With no corrections or additions, a motion was made by Suzanne Brehm to approve the October 2023 minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Becky Erdman and approved by unanimous vote of the members present.

REMINDER: There will be no official newsletter for the month of December.

Ruth wished a Happy Birthday to guild members celebrating birthdays in the month of November: Sue Burton, Paula Bryan & Becky Bates.

#### **UPCOMING GUILD EVENTS:**

Joyce Walton workshop-"Creative Borders"- 9:00 am, November 8, at St. Giles Presbyterian Church. Cost is \$30. Bring a panel & matching fabric.

Carolina Cut-ups meets November 8, 9:30-noon. Sue Burton will not be there.

FPQG Quilt Show: "Follow the Thread"- April 5-6,2024 at St Giles Presbyterian Church

#### Vice President's Report (Martha White reporting for Leslie Reid.)

December's meeting will be our annual Christmas Social. Bring a gift under \$15, wrapped-does not have to be sewing related. Bring a covered dish with serving spoon. If you would like to participate in a Christmas block exchange, bring a 12.5" holiday quilt block, wrapped.

January's program will be presented by Sandy Fitzpatrick of Hissyfit Designs. She will be teaching a workshop on January 3.

February's program will be presented by Karen Kendo on quilt judging. Bring a quilt for a "mock" judging. February 10, there will be a workshop on Kawandi quilt workshop taught by Michelle Giles.

March meeting will be the reveal and voting on the Challenge quilts, "Where am I from?".

April meeting will be about the upcoming guilt show.

#### Challenge Quilt Becky Erdman - "Where am I From?"

Quilt should have no side smaller than 20", no side larger 40", and reflect your definition of your heritage and/or what it means to you. Quilts are due at the March meeting and will be displayed at the quilt show in April.

Quilt show: Co-chairs Suzanne Brehm and Victoria Davich

One quilt per category but submit your 1st & 2nd choices. Currently, 6 vendors are committed to be at show. Ruth Pollow, registrar, asked that we submit quilt forms completely- if you are struggling with the description of the quilt, you may leave that blank. Send in forms ASAP, be sure to include photo of quilt.

#### Philanthropy: Diane Kent

There were 3 tote bags turned in and numerous quilts. Diane has a new-to-us 501c she would like to add, Lilypad-a charity ministering to interim foster care children. Lilypad's founder, Jennifer Tice, asked for pillowcases. Philanthropy will make kits for members to sew. Pillowcases should be 20" wide x 26-30" long. Directions for construction can be found at <u>foothillsquilts.com</u> under the philanthropy tab. Diane also asked the member's opinion of whether to donate the Christmas family \$\$ to St. Clare's again, or split the monies collected between St Clare's and Lilypad.

Membership: Dagmar Theodore reported that we had 54 members present and two visitors attending.

**Education Minute:** Johellen George encouraged quilters to pick a fabric collection and save it for making quilt "test" blocks.

**Show and Share participants:** Hazel Abend, Paula Bryan, Deborah Brown, Marijke Baker Alford, Mellissa Gravitt, Dagmar Theodore, Nancy Jones, Becky Erdman, Darlene Morse and Merry-Beth Noble.

Door Prizes: Dollar Door Prize: Diane Kent

Name Tag Door Prize: Nancy Jones

Program was presented by Joyce Walton - "My Journey of Quilting".

Recorded by Jaylyn Rollins, transcribed by Ruth Bartholomew

# Meeting Minutes - December 5, 2023

Call to Order: 6:45 pm by President, Ruth Bartholomew. Ruth asked the Lord's blessings on the food and refreshments brought in for the Christmas Party.

# **Upcoming Quilt Events:**

FPQG Quilt Show, Follow the Thread – April 5 & Damp; 6, 2024 at St. Giles

# Vice President's Report - Leslie Reid

Upcoming Programs in 2024:

**January** Sandy Fitzpatrick is to speak on Machine Applique. She will conduct a ½-day workshop on Wednesday at St. Giles (\$30).

**February** Karen Kendo will talk about quilt judging. Bring in your quilts for a mock judging. You can sign up for a workshop on Kawandi quilts, by Michelle Giles.

**March** Guild Challenge with Becky Erdman. The theme of the challenge is "Where Am I From?" The sides should be no larger than 48" and no smaller than 20".

**April FPQG Quilt Show** 

**May** The Quilter's Gallery, with Cynthia Page. There will be a full-day workshop – Kaleidoscope Quilt. **June** Tammy Silver – Deep Dive into Batiks. Designs batiks for Island Batik. She will discuss the batik process.

July Guild social/meal

#### **Committees:**

Theresa Wenstrup announced that the library has cards that can be checked out for use by adults and children to get into museum shows, etc.

**Show and Share:** The following people displayed their handiwork: Melanie De Moise, Marijka Baker-Alford, Nancy Jones, Becky Erdman; and Cindy Lee.

**Philanthropy:** Diane Kent reported that the guild has given out 134 quilts so far this year. She thanked everyone for all the contributions.

**Dollar Door Prize** winner – Kristin Kipper **Nametag Drawing winner** – Theresa Wenstrup

Respectfully submitted, Carol Myers Recording Secretary

# Notes from Philanthropy

Hello Quilters!

In December we received 8 finished quilts and 2 tote bags. We also received 15 more pillowcases for our Holiday Lily Pad Project, bring the total that we were able to donate 65 pillowcases to Lily Pad! We put each pillowcase in a clear cellophane bag that we sealed so that the children could see the pillowcase design, yet the pillowcase would stay clean and folded.

**December Philanthropy Donations** 









#### **Christmas Family Update and Final Donation**

This year we collected \$750 for our Christmas Family, and we divided the money between two of the agencies that we support, as agreed upon by the Guild members at our November meeting. We gave \$375 to St. Clare's, which we purchased as six \$50 Amazon Gift Cards for the women in residence at the home during Christmas, as well as a \$75 Walmart Gift Card to help purchase groceries for their Christmas Dinner.

We also purchased a \$375 Amazon Gift Card for Lily Pad for them to purchase pillows and pajamas

for the children coming into the Foster Care Program over the Christmas holidays. Both agencies were thrilled with our donation and extremely grateful for the gift cards that would be used toward helping their clients have a nice Christmas.

# **Year-End Philanthropy Donation Report**

In 2023, the Foothills Piecemakers Quilt Guild donated a total of 135 quilts, 60 cosmetic bags, 10 tote bags, 65 pillowcases and over 3 pounds of toiletries and toothbrushes to the following agencies:

- Miracle Hill Renewal Program: 34 Cosmetic Bags
- Miracle Hill Shepherd's Gate: 24 Quilts
- ❖ St. Clare's Home: 13 Quilts, 6 Cosmetic Bags, \$375 as a Christmas Family: six \$50 Amazon Gift Certificates, one \$75 Walmart Gift Certificate for Christmas Dinner
- ❖ Julie Valentine: 44 Quilts total to the Hero's Program and Teenage Girl Program, and 20 Cosmetic Bags, 10 Totes, and 3 lbs. of toiletries and toothbrushes for the Rape Crisis Center
- Laurens Memorial Home: 3 Twin-sized Quilts
- ❖ STEPS: 14 Quilts
- Piedmont Women's Center: 20 Baby Quilts
- Lily Pad: 12 Quilts, 65 Pillowcases, \$375 as a Christmas Family: one \$375 Amazon Gift Certificate
- Misc: 5 quilts to community outreach situations

Thank you to everyone for all the ways that we come together to serve others in our community through your time, talents, and financial contributions. We may be a smaller Guild, but we are mighty in our impact and service in our community!

# **Other Philanthropy News**

Our next Philanthropy Workshop will be on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Carolina Quilt Studio, 201-A Pelham Davis Cir, Greenville, SC 29615. If you are working on a quilt for Philanthropy and need backing, batting, or binding, or just need to drop something off, please come join us. If you are new to the Guild, it is a fun way to meet some of the members, learn about our Philanthropy efforts, do some shopping, and check out all the pretty new things at Carolina Quilt Studio!

# With gratitude, Diane, Melanie, Wendy and Deborah





# Nametags/Dollar Door Prizes

We continue to enjoy the gift card plus for \$ door prize and an assortment of items for the name tag drawings. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

Tami G. & Betty C.

# **Upcoming Events**

April 5-6, 2024
FPQG 2024 Quilt Show
Follow the Thread
St. Giles Presbyterian Church
1021 Hudson Road, Greenville, SC



# Refreshments

A special thank you to those who set up the December meeting! I'm told the food was wonderful —— just sorry I missed the meeting, but, well, Flu struck.

January birthdays —— you are up next, and we know you will not disappoint!

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all!

Sylvia Hurst



# Membership

The December Holiday meeting was well attended, 35 members and 3 visitors had fun during the Dirty Santa game. We have one more email address to correct, Candy Friday's email is <a href="mailto:ckf1965@charter.net">ckf1965@charter.net</a> (we had it wrong twice, this is hopefully the last time).

Looking forward to seeing you in the New Year,

Membership

Sheryl Sane and Dagmar Theodore.



# Edward Jones



# Adam Sloan Financial Advisor 4115 East North St Suite 102 Greenville, SC 29615 Bus. 864-268-6616 adam.sloan@edwardjones.com



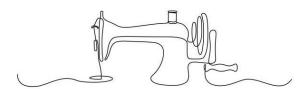
# Quilt Show Registration Has Begun

It may seem too early to submit your entries for the 2024 FPQG Quilt Show but if you have some quilts completed, we are ready to accept your quilt registrations. The Registration Form and Rules are available in the monthly newsletter and will soon appear on the FPQG website. Be sure to fully complete each entry form and include a color photo, so we have all the information needed to include your quilt in the 2024 Show.

Mail your entry/photo to: FPQG Quilt Show Registration P.O. Box 26482 Greenville, SC 29615

All entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2024. Entries will also be accepted at each monthly meeting through March, 2024.

Ruth Pollow, Registration Chair



# Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild 2024 Quilt Show Registration Form April 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

# Entry Deadline is Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Postmarked)

Name			Phone Nu	mber		
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Pattern/Designer Original Design? Yes N						
Pieced/Appliquéd by _	Quilted by					
Date Completed	(All entries must have been completed since the last FPQG Show in 2022)					
Dimensions:	Length _	Widt	th			
Is your quilt for sale?	Yes _	No	Indicate price: \$	(15% kept by FPQG)		
Entry Narrative – 30 words or less; please PRINT clearly. The Quilt Show committee reserves the right to edit, if necessary. Please acknowledge all quilters in your description.						
Class 100: Class 200: Class 300:	ass 200: Bed/Wall—Appliqué/Mixed (width + length is greater than or = t0 154") ass 300: Wall Quilt—Large/Pieced (width + length is less than 154" & greater than or = t0 96")					
Class 400: Class 500: Class 600: Class 700: Class 800: Class 900: Class 1000 Class 1100:	Wall Quilt—Large/ Appliqué/Mixed (width + length is less than 154" & greater or = to 96")  Wall Quilt—Med./Pieced (width + length is less than 96" & greater than or = to 60")  Wall Quilt—Med./Appliqué/Mixed (width + length is less than 96" & greater than or = to 60")  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")  Art Quilt— All Techniques and Sizes (Original Works Only)  Modern Quilt—All Sizes  Miniature Quilt—Pieced/Appliqué/Mixed (See rules for details)					
Class 1200: Please check one:	Other Quilted Items—All Techniques (clothing, purses, table runners, pillows, placemats, etc.)					
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#### **Instructions and Rules**

1. Submit a completed registration form AND a color picture for each entry no later than, March 15th,

2024 to: FPQG Quilt Show Registration

PO box 26482 Greenville. SC 29616

- 2. The Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild (FPQG) Quilt Show is open to members only.
- 3. There is NO registration fee for Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild members.
- 4. All submitted entries must have been completed since the last FPQG Quilt Show in 2022.
- 5. Members can submit only 1 entry per category.
- 6. Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild is not responsible for lost or undelivered entries.
- 7. Quilts entered may be pieced by one individual and quilted by another and still maintain individual status. Include all names on the entry form so all contributors are recognized.
- 8. The Quilt Show Committee reserves the right to reassign a quilt into a different category based on size and technique, or to combine or adjust categories after registration forms and photos are received.
- 9. All bed quilts and large wall quilts must be ready to hang with a 4" wide sleeve securely sewn on the back. For quilts more than 90" in length, the sleeve should be placed to prevent dragging the bottom edge of the quilt on the floor, which is typically 90" above the bottom of the quilt when it is hung or pinned up by the owner. Large quilts without sleeves or sleeves less than 4" may be **disqualified** from being displayed.
- 10. **Miniature entries must meet these rules:** A pieced miniature quilt is a scaled down version of a larger quilt or block. All elements of an applique miniature quilt should be reduced in size to a proportion that matches the size of the quilt. No side of a miniature quilt can be larger than 24" and no block size larger than 3".
- 11. All quilts must have a label with the member's name securely sewn or safety pinned to the back of the quilt or quilted project. This can be attached on the inside of clothing or other displayed items.
- 12. While precautions will be taken to protect your entry, neither FPQG, the Quilt Show Committee, nor St. Giles Presbyterian Church can be held liable for any loss or damage to your Quilt Show entry. If you have concerns about the security and safety of your entry, please check with your homeowner's insurance agent to make sure your personal entries are adequately insured.
- 13. All entries shall be delivered to <u>St.Giles Presbyterian Church</u> on Thursday, <u>April 4<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9:00 and 11:00am</u>. No entries will be accepted after 11:00am. If you are unable to deliver your quilt(s) that day and cannot find someone else to deliver them for you, please contact Suzanne Brehm 865-705-8460 to make special delivery arrangements.
- 14. Quilts will be available for pick-up approximately 45 minutes after the close of the Quilt Show on April 6th. You will be required to initial for each quilt at pick-up. If you are having someone else pick up your quilts, that person will initial for your quilts. FPQG will not be responsible for lost quilts or ribbons when someone other than the quilt owner is retrieving them.
- 15. Please sign your Registration Form. Only signed forms with a photo will be accepted



# From the Newsletter Editor

Quilting tools are not just for quilting! I recently lined my new cabinets with shelf liner. Tape measures, quilting ruler and a cutting mat, along with a rotary cutter made the process much less painful than I remember from my last effort. It was more than worth using a dull blade for the cutting. Total. Game. Changer!

# Calling All Quilters



The Greenville Mancuso Quiltfest has offered to hold a special exhibit of miniature quilts. It will be called "It's A Small World"

I am seeking miniature quilts from all quilters in the Upstate. Please send me a picture of your quilt(s). I will contact you and make arrangements to display your quilt(s). If you have any questions, please let me know.

Becky Erdman tibecky@aol.com

# **Programs**

# **Upcoming Programs:**

**January** Sandy Fitzpatrick of Hissyfitz Designs is an applique quilt pattern designer whose goal is to get as many of the quirky designs, that are spinning around in her head, down on paper for you to enjoy! Her fusible applique patterns are full of whimsy and will certainly bring a smile to your face. Sandy strives to make her full-sized patterns easy to follow and fun to make. Her classes, which focus on machine applique and free-motion quilting, are equally fun!

Sandy will be presenting her lecture on Splendid Stitches and Machine Magic. Unleash the power of your sewing machine using machine stitching to create dimension with amped up applique, decorative stitches, and thread painting. Open your mind to the possibilities that can be accomplished with your machine!

As a follow-up to her lecture, on **Wednesday**, **Jan 3 from 9am-1pm**, Sandy will be holding a workshop on **Machine Applique**. No need to fear the dreaded "A" word any longer. Using fusible and non-fusible techniques, Sandy will take away the mystery and dread as you learn how easy the process really is. You will improve your machine applique techniques with more than just basics. Learn how to do so much more with satin stitching, blanket stitching, and the decorative stitches on your machine.

Students can select any pattern on Sandy's website to work on during the class. You can view her full line of patterns at <a href="https://disable.com">HissyfitzDesigns.com</a>, but here are a few samples of her designs:

**February** – in preparation for our quilt show, Karen Kendo will join us to "take the fear out of judging". Members are encouraged to bring in their quilts for some "mock judging".

Michelle Giles to set up a Kawandi workshop, Saturday, Feb 10. Supply list and registration to follow. The cost is \$20.

#### **Upcoming events:**

Upcountry History Museum Exhibit: "We Didn't Wait for Freedom": Civil War Narrative Quilts by Vera Hall through February 18, 2024. The We Didn't Wait for Freedom exhibition features 5 quilts from Hall's We Didn't Wait for Freedom quilt series, plus a sixth quilt hand and machine pieced by Hall using original Civil War era quilt blocks.

**March** – March is our Challenge Quilt month. This year's challenge is titled "Where I am From." This could be your town, your state, your ancestry, etc. Quilt dimensions can be no smaller than 20" per side and no larger than 48" per side. If you have any questions, contact Becky Erdman

Let me know if you have any questions.

# Kawandi Supply list – February 10th

- ❖ 1 fat quarter 18 x22" -for the backing
- Thin batting 17x21" quilters dream or any low loft batting you have
- Scraps of quilting material- do not cut just bring what you have
- 12 weight white WonderFil thread called Spagetti, OR DMC floss or pearle cotton your choice of color or white
- → -#7 embroidery needle -if you have to purchase one, I love Bohin needles.
- fabric scissors
- thimble-optional, but suggested

Come ready to have fun and learn a new awesome, very freeing technique that you will enjoy any time or on the go.



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# FOOTHILLS PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GUILD WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Michelle Giles

Kawandi – Cost \$20 Saturday, Feb 10, 2024 9am – 1 pm Elks Lodge 7700 Pelham Rd Greenville, SC 29615

Completed registration form and payment will reserve your spot in the class.

Total amount enclosed \$	Guild Membership	
Name		
 Phone	E-mail	

The completed registration form and check made payable to "FPQG" should be mailed to:

Leslie Reid Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild 1212 Shadow Way Greenville, SC 29615

Please contact Leslie Reid, at lesliereid@yahoo.com with questions. A supply list will be provided upon receiving your payment.

#### Workshop Policy:

Attendees must pay the entire cost of the workshop prior to the workshop in order to reserve their space. If the registrant cancels, they are responsible for finding someone to replace them and possibly pay them for the cost of the workshop. They can also contact the Program Chair to see if there is a waiting list for the class. A full refund will be made if the class is cancelled by the instructor or due to insufficient enrollment. Members are given first chance at enrollment. The Guild will then open enrollment to non-members in order to fill the workshop.

# No Cookies or Milk

by Becky Erdman Santa took off on a cold winter night To begin his annual Christmas gift flight At the first house he found no cookies and milk Instead in a chair sat a lovely warm guilt Oh my how warm this quilt will be How kind that someone made it for me But at the next stop was a house so poor A child lav shivering, asleep on the floor Sadness filled his heart for the poor little child Who whimpered and cried out, every once in a while So Santa took his guilt, and covered her on the floor, And gently left with his heart feeling joyful once more At the next house again no cookies and milk, But a red, white, and blue and star ladened guilt How beautiful and warm this guilt makes me feel With pride of country and honor, with love so real But his sleigh took a detour and went to a home And in it lived a man all alone His legs were gone, lost in a war On the wall hung his medals, from days of yore This man was once a child full of laughter and joy Looking at him now, Santa remembered the boy He had loved to dance, and he loved to give And now all alone, he struggled to live Santa knelt by his side and whispered in his ear I have watched you lovingly through all the years Be proud of what you have done and who you are, And guietly wrapped him in a guilt filled with stars And so it went on that cold frigid night Santa gave gifts to the children, which was his right But in house after house, instead of cookies and milk Santa found much love turned into quilts He was quite late finishing up his rounds But at last he stood upon his North Pole ground. With eves full of tears, he told the of no cookies and milk But instead he had found such beautiful guilts I wish, he sad sadly, that more would think That instead of leaving for me a nice little drink That people would give guilts to some stranger Like the Wise men who brought gifts to the Manger So perhaps you are a quilter who has read this tale And will now make a quilt, if you are able And give it to someone you do not know And Bless them with a kindness that will show That the world is kind, and people do care That someone has answered their unspoken prayer Wrap them in comfort and warm their hearts You will be happier, much happier, for doing your part.

Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild Guild Greenville, SC 29616

#### **Next Guild Meeting**

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 Elks Lodge on Pelham Road Social Time 6:15 pm Program 6:45 pm

# **Philanthropy Workshop**

The next Philanthropy Workshop at Carolina Quilt Studio will be **Tuesday**, **January 9**, **2024** from **10:00** am **- 11:30** am.

#### **Newsletter Submissions**

Please submit any information for the next Newsletter by January 19 to Jennifer Neubauer, Newsletter Editor at:

fpqgnewsletter@gmail.com

#### Membership

Membership is \$20, check payable to:

**FPQG** 

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Greenville, SC 29616

#### **January Newsletter**

Jean Roue	10 January
Wendy Seegars	16 January
Karen Ryon	20 January
Joanna Lynch	22 January
Kerry Steck	30 January
Nancy Archibald	31 January
Gloria Bobier	31 January
Daniel Johnson	31 January
Connie Wasco	31 January