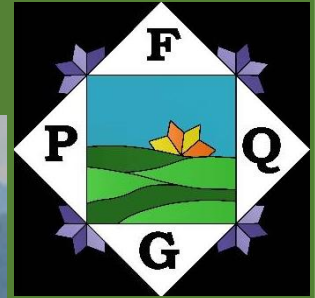


# Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild Newsletter

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## President's Message

As we transition into March, there are two questions I would like us to focus on:

1. How are you doing on your sewing and quilting goals for 2025?

Projects can be very time consuming, yet they can progress when broken down into manageable steps. If you did not make any sewing/quilting goals for 2025, then consider making a few practical goals that are attainable.

“People with goals succeed because they know where they’re going.”

Earl Nightingale (a motivational speaker)

2. Have you thanked the person(s) influential in your sewing/quilting journey?

My neighbor, Betty Kass, taught me to sew when I was in the 6th grade. Her patience was amazing. Both our families moved away in the next 2 years. As an adult, I contacted her, thanking her for helping me begin my sewing journey. So



often, as I sew, I think of her and the tremendous impact she had in my life. For my quilting journey, my friend, Pam Kowalk, invited me to join the Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild. My neighbor, Paula Catron, helped me to make my 1st quilt square by Zoom after I came down with Covid. In addition, this guild has been inspirational for me as I interact with members and see the artistic talent present within our membership. May March bring you many hours of sewing pleasure and completed projects.

- Nancy Jones



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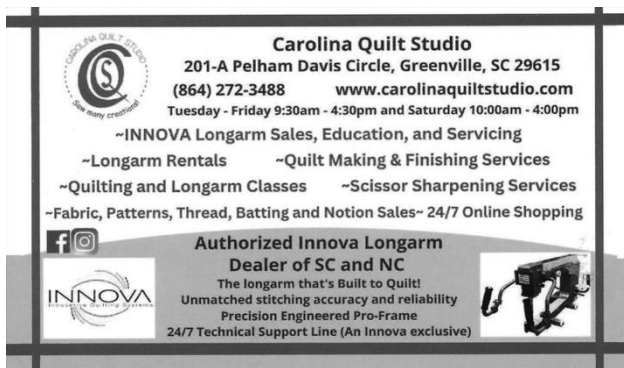
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## Refreshments

Thank you to our March birthday quilters who will provide refreshments tonight.

– Paula Bryan



## Meeting Minutes

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

January meeting minutes: Sandy Wolf gave a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Jeane gave second. No corrections. All approved to accept.

Nancy stated we have a survey from Leslie Reid regarding remote speakers. Please complete the survey; we would appreciate your input.

Nancy recognized the February birthdays.

### Committee meeting reports:

Leslie Reid, **VP**: The next upcoming program is the guild challenge. Contact Jennifer Neubauer with any questions. We received a count of approx. 7 people for our Birds Eye View Challenge.

Carol Johnson is our **Corresponding Secretary**. She will send out cards to those who are sick, etc. Please share this info if you know of someone who could use some cheer.

Sandy Wolf spoke on joining in for the spring retreat. Pam Kowalk is our chair for the **Quilting Retreat at Camp Walter Johnson**. Treat yourself for Mother's Day. The retreat is scheduled for Monday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m. thru Thursday, May 22, 2025, until 3 pm at Salvation Army Camp in Denton, NC, about 3 hr. drive away. Food and rooms are awesome. Majority will rule as to whether they provide 6 or 9 meals.

Suzanne Brehm stated the **Opportunity Quilt** ready for binding. Melanie DeMoise has volunteered to bind the quilt. Johellen George will be quilting it at no charge.

Suzanne stressed the need for a show chair. Please consider.

Diane Kent with **Philanthropy** group: We received a ton of finished pillowcases! Thank you so much! Members shared quilts that have been completed. The Philanthropy Workshop will meet on March 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Main Hall Classroom at Lee Road Methodist Church.

**Veteran Bears** – Susan Boudreaux brings large, handmade bears to veterans in the nursing homes. She is looking for left over batting scraps. You cannot buy a bear. She would love military themed fabric; it takes one-half yard to make one bear.

Public service announcement: **AARP.org** will do personal taxes locally for free, but an appointment is necessary. No age requirement exists.

Jana Fetch with **Membership** team – 45 present and 4 visitors. Guests: Anna, SueEllen, Bethany and Sarah.

Linda Harper with **Guild Sales**: Clearance sales tonight! Also, please bring any donations to future guild meetings.

Ruth Pollow stated that on our tables tonight, you will find information on the upcoming **Landrum Quilt Show**.

All storage items are now here at the church. We have totes filled with old white curtains and suggestions for where to send them were taken. Size is approximately 96" x 96" cotton fabric. Ruth Pollow is the contact person.

Becky Bates shared we have 2 door prizes tonight. **Dollar door prize** was a ruler, fat quarter and pens won by Sheila Barhorst and **Name Tag door prize** was a mouse pad and stationery items won by Mellisa Gravitt.

Johellen George with **Tip of the Month**: If you send items to a longarm quilter that can't be sewn through, put a piece of blue painter's tape on it to identify those areas. For example, buttons, other risky elements, anything loose that you can stick your finger under and catch the foot on the longarm machine needs to be noted.

**Resource Library** is available for checkout tonight.



### Show & Share:

**Suzanne Brehm** shared her Animal collage that she made in Ruth Pollow's class.

**Mary Jill Kroske** shared a duck collage she made in Ruth Pollow's Animal Collage class.

**Debbie Gant** shared a quilt top.

**Johellen George** shared a quilt she made for her granddaughter.

**Mary Beth Noble** shared a UFO baby quilt she completed. Also, she shared a house wall hanging piece she completed with machine quilting, a star wall hanging, a flannel baby quilt with frog fabric backing, and a Santa wall hanging with gold trim and bead embellishments.

**Anna Conniff** brought an antique quilt that needs some repairs. Please share your thoughts on how to repair. Try washing in retro clean to take out stains and brighten fabrics.

**Nancy Jones** shared two baby quilts she made with flannel fabric.



**Quilting Superstar is Melanie DeMoise.**

Melanie has been embroidering since she was 3 years old and sewing since age 5. Melanie is one of 7 children. She sewed her own clothes in high school. Melanie started quilting at 29 yrs of age. She shared 3 beautiful quilts she has completed throughout her quilting journey.





## Guest speaker:

**Dr. Bryan Whitener, Jr. with Auger Family Chiropractic** shared a presentation on the benefits of chiropractic care and maintenance. The doctor of chiropractic demonstrated correct posture and stretches to improve pain and overall better health. Check out [www.AugerChiro.com](http://www.AugerChiro.com)

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mellisa Gravitt

## Programs

**March 2025 – Guild Challenge** – Refer to Challenge information below in this newsletter. Arrive early to the meeting if you are participating.

**April 2025 - Kathleen Roundtree** will be discussing Whole Cloth Quilts Made from Vintage Table Linens

**May 2025 – Annette Ornelas** of Southwind Quilts will be presenting her Dimensional Curved Piecing technique. A half -day workshop on this technique is planned for the Wednesday after the meeting, March 5, 2025 from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. The cost is \$30 and registration will be available at the guild meeting or can be found on our website. See the Sea Flower block to the right.

**June 2025 - Brenda Grampsas** from Conway, SC, will take us on a review of star quilts across the ages in her lecture, “Starry Nights: A Bounty of Star Quilts” from various eras. Brenda is also a certified quilt appraiser and will be available for written and/or verbal quilt appraisal (fee will apply). More details on signing up for an appraisal to come.

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## 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 & April 3** 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](mailto:hawkwatchrep@mindspring.com)



## Notes from Philanthropy

Hello Quilters!

In February we received 4 quilts, 10 zippered bags, and 33 pillowcases.



### 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, 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**

### *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.

Hope is the thing  
with feathers  
That perches  
in the  
soul  
And sings the  
tune without the  
words And never  
stops at all - Emily Dickinson



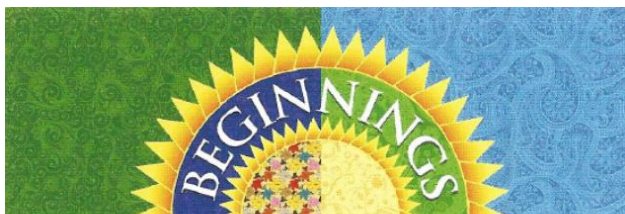


## 2025 FPQG Challenge Quilt – *Bird's Eye View*

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:

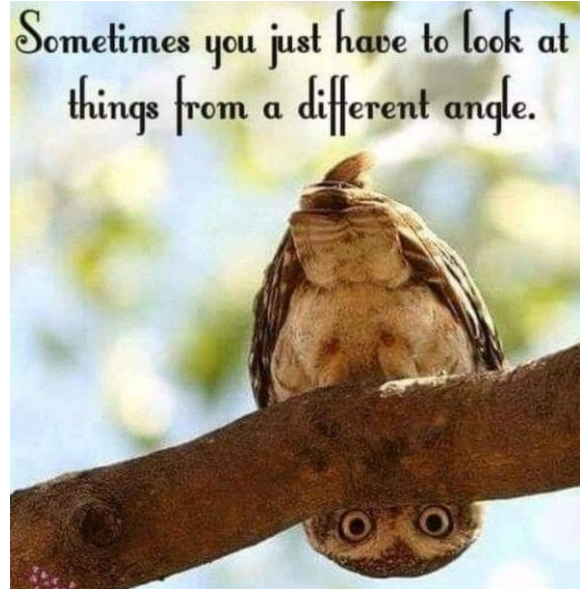
- Quilt must be a new creation, started no earlier than November 5, 2024.
- Quilt must contain the 4 traditional components of top, batting, backing and binding.
- Quilts sides should be at least 12" and no larger than 36".
- Pieced, applique or art quilt are acceptable.
- Quilt must contain a feather.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



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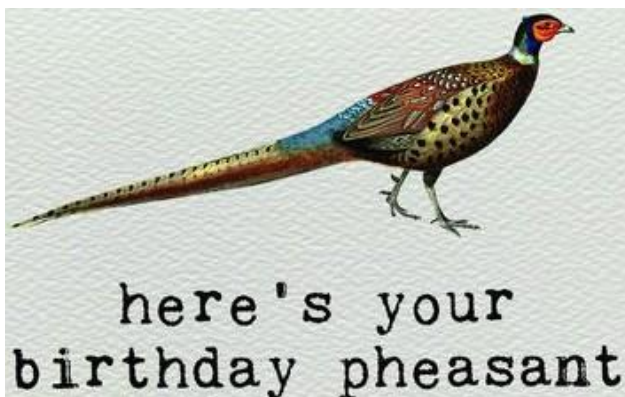


## *Happy, Happy Birthday!*

### *March Birthdays*

*(THREE birthday date duplicates!):*

- 5 *Ruth Bartholomew*
- 5 *Melanie DeMoise*
- 7 *Dawn Holter*
- 17 *Sandy Wolf*
- 26 *Marilyn Donnell*
- 26 *Karen McGraw*
- 29 *Ruth Rembis*
- 29 *Sheryl Sane*



## *Spring Retreat*

Thank you so much for your enthusiastic response for the upcoming FPQG quilting retreat! We have reached our limit for number of attendees at this point. Any others who desire to go can be placed on a waiting list in the event an opening becomes available.

We will have a wonderful and creative time at the beautiful facility in Denton, NC. Thanks again for your awesome responses!! - Pam Kowalk

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## Upcoming Events

**Aunt Het Quilt Show** sponsored by Busy Bees Quilt Guild, March 7 (12-5 pm), 8 (10-5 pm), & 9 (11-4 pm) at Fountain Inn Activities Ctr, 610 Fairview Street, Fountain Inn, SC.

**Landrum Quilters Quilt Show**, March 13 & 14 (10-5 pm) & 15 (10-4 pm), The Cunningham Market Pavilion, 221 W Rutherford Street, Landrum, SC.

**The Smoky Mountain Quilters** of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN is having their 44th Annual Quilt Show and Competition in June 20-21, 2025. Deadline for entries to the show is April 12, 2025.



**Cobblestone Quilt Guild** in Charleston, SC quilt show, March 20-21, 2026 & maybe the 22nd at Trident Technical College in North Charleston. They want to know if anyone is interested in a bus trip to their show.

**Asheville Quilt Show**, August 14 & 15 (9-5 pm), & August 16 (9-4 pm), WNC Ag Center, Davis Event Center, 765 Boylston Hwy, Fletcher, NC. Deadline for entries is June 20, 2025.

## Membership

There were 45 members and 4 guests at the Feb 4 meeting. Our current membership is 82 members. Please add the following new members to your directories:

Nancy Duerk  
115 Forest Lake Drive  
Simpsonville SC 29681  
phone: 864-346-4131  
email: [njduerk@yahoo.com](mailto:njduerk@yahoo.com)  
birthday: August 14  
spouse: Steve

Linda Hopkins  
110 Forest Lake Dr  
Simpsonville SC 29681  
phone: 864-275-7984  
email: [linjimhop@yahoo.com](mailto:linjimhop@yahoo.com)  
birthday: Jan 19  
spouse: James

Please update the following addresses in your directories:

Gloria Bobier: 15 Red Mile Way, Taylors SC 29687

Melanie DeMoise: 93 Brooke Ann Court, Taylors SC 29687

Thank you, Sylvia Hurst and Jana Fetch

## Membership

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 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 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 SC to women veterans in state nursing care facilities in Anderson & Gaffney, and has more bears ready to deliver to Florence, Columbia, & Walterboro. There are over 45,000 women veterans in SC 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, bring your donation to our next meeting. You can drop your donation off at the Philanthropy Table, & Diane will make arrangements to get these donations to Susan. Thank you! – Diane Kent, Philanthropy Chair



## Next Guild Meeting

Tuesday, March 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 March 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Main Hall Classroom at Lee Road Methodist Church.

**Newsletter Submissions** Please submit information for the next Newsletter by

**March 19** to Darlene Morse at [scfabricdyer@gmail.com](mailto:scfabricdyer@gmail.com).



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