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President's Message



ONE MORE MONTH FOR QUILT SHOW REGISTRATION!

Bring your completed forms and pictures to the meeting on February 6 and save some postage! Looking forward to seeing something from all of you!

"You'll never get bored when you try something new.

There's really no limit to what you can do."

Dr. Seuss

Don't we all get into a rut sometimes? The "ruts" of our lives can sometimes bring comfort in the familiar... we know what we need to do, what is expected-no surprises please! Some people thrive in that type of lifestyle. But, more often than not, the day after day, mundane things of our "rut" become boring. We long for something different! Something to make our lives sparkle. And so, we create! We learn new patterns, try new techniques, make quilts and gain new friends. We minister to others through our creativity. So, my challenge to you is to try something

new. Branch out and add some sparkle to your life! The opportunities awaiting us are endless! We are granted new opportunities every day.

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

C.S. Lewis

Hoping to see you sparkle,
Ruth



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Meeting Minutes - January 2, 2024

Call to Order: 6:45 pm by President, Ruth Bartholomew.

Motions to accept minutes from November 2023 (7th) and December 2023 (5th) newsletters:

Joanna Lynch – 1st; Jennifer Neubauer – 2nd ; motion was approved

Birthdays in January: Jean Roue – 10th;
Wendy Seegars – 16th; Karen Ryon – 20th;
Joanna Lynch – 22nd; Kerry Steck – 30th;
Daniel Johnson – 31st; Nancy Archibald – 31st;
Gloria Bobier – 31st and Connie Wasco – 31st

Vice President's Report – Leslie Reid

Upcoming Programs in 2024:

January

Replacement speaker in January was Carolyn Ratola with a trunk show of Deb Tucker's Studio 180 Design quilts. Sandy Fitzpatrick was to speak on machine applique but had to cancel due to illness; she may be rescheduled for the meeting in November, 2024. She was to conduct a ½-day workshop on Wednesday at St. Giles (\$30). Refunds are available for those who have already paid.

February

Karen Kendo will talk about quilt judging. Bring in your quilts for a mock judging. You can sign up for a workshop on Saturday, February 10th on Kawandi quilts, by Michelle Giles. (\$20)

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" inches.

April

FPQG Quilt Show – *Follow the Thread* – April 5 & 6 at St. Giles. The deadline to

submit is March 15th. Ruth Bartholomew and Suzanne Brehm request that applications be turned in as quickly as possible if your quilt top is done. Suzanne Brehm reports that only 8 have been turned in. Containers are available for donation items for the show. All tickets and money for the opportunity quilt should be turned in tonight. Planning meetings for the show will start soon.

Committees:

Show and Share: The following people displayed their handiwork: Sheila Barhorst, Mellissa Gravitt, Barbara Thrush, Betty Clouse and Sheryl Sane.

Philanthropy: Diane Kent reported that the guild has given out many cosmetic bags and pillowcases, as well as monetary contributions where needed.

Education: Johellen George spoke about picking your backing for your quilts. Longarmers don't like fabrics with lots of sizing, as they can be stiff. White on white fabrics are different from dyed fabric. They are often painted and fall apart when stitched.

Membership: Dagmar Theodore reported there were 38 current members present and 3 guests: Linda Hopkins, Pat Bush, and Robyn Whitten.

Nametag Drawing winner – Sheila Barhorst

Dollar Door Prize winner – Sheila Barhorst

Sue Burton requested that able-bodied members kindly park behind the building so that members with health and physical problems can park on the pavement in front.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Myers, Recording Secretary

Notes from Philanthropy

Hello Quilters!

In January we received 3 finished quilts, 5 Cosmetic bags, and 3 pillowcases. Several people inquired about the cute cosmetic pouches below, so we reached out to Betty Clouse for more information on the pattern that she used. It is Sweet Jane's Quilting Designs Daphne Pouch.

January Donations



Update On Recent Donations:

We received thank-you notes from several of our partner agencies for our recent donations. The residents and staff of St. Clare's send us a lovely note thanking us for the Amazon gift cards and for the Wal-Mart gift card to purchase their Christmas dinner, Piedmont Women's Center sent a note thanking us for the 20 baby quilts, Lily Pad sent a note for the Amazon gift

certificate, quilts, and pillowcases, and STEPS sent a note for the quilts for their residents. I want to share the thank-you note from Beth Roberts of STEPS:

Dear Diane and Guild Members,

Words can't describe how much your generous gifts of handmade quilts have meant to our residents! It is such a beautiful reminder of their time spend with us and how they have overcome personal and situational barriers to be able to live a more productive, God-filled life. Each has shed tears when presented with your quilts. This ministry is so blessed to have your group as part of our program. Many Blessings to All!

Finally, we wanted to share a picture Lily Pad sent to us of one of their new bedrooms with a twin-size quilt donated by our Guild, made by Leslie Reid. Doesn't this look adorable!



Other Philanthropy News

Our next Philanthropy Workshop will be on **Tuesday, February 13, 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 by and 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 the pretty new things at Carolina Quilt Studio!

**With gratitude,
Diane, Melanie, Wendy and Deborah**

Education Moment - January 2024

It's so nice when the top and bottom surface of your quilt both have great quality stitch quality! Stitches look best when top and bottom tension are balanced, and the stitches sink into the quilt batting. Care in selecting fabric for the quilt back will make this easier to achieve. Helpful fabrics are soft and flexible. Less desirable choices are stiff or crisp. White on white fabrics, where the ink appears to sit on the fabric surface, often fall into this group of fabrics. Heavily sized quilt backs can sometimes be softened by washing before quilting.

Johellen George



Nametags/Dollar Door Prizes

We name tag/\$door prize girls say: Thanks to everyone who buys a ticket and/or gets a ticket for wearing your name tag. We enjoy watching the winners and giving things away.

Betty & Tami

Tami G. & Betty C.

Challenge Quilt "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.

I am looking forward to seeing all the wonderful entries. Also, for those who made a quilt, I would love to have a little

paragraph or a few sentences about how the quilt reflects their story about where they are from.

Becky Erdman

Upcoming Events

April 5-6, 2024

FPQG 2024 Quilt Show

Follow the Thread

St. Giles Presbyterian Church

1021 Hudson Road, Greenville, SC



Refreshments

Thank you January members for providing refreshments!

February birthdays —It is your turn. We know you will not disappoint!

Sylvia Hurst

Member Request

To everyone, I have a friend who is with a group that are making a quilt of valor and want to hand quilt it. They were looking for a quilting frame to borrow for about a month. Can anyone point me to someone who could help?

Thank you. Nancy Jones



Membership

Our January meeting was attended by 38 members, in addition to that, we had one guest, and two new members. Please add the following new members to your directory:

Robyn Whitten
210 Rosebay Dr
Greenville, SC 29615
864-485-1166
robyn27@bellsouth.net
birthday 07/27
Spouse: John

Pat Bush
19 E. Fairgate Ct
Simpsonville, SC 29680
864-399-8908
ralphpatbush@gmail.com
birthday 03/09
Spouse: Ralph

Looking forward to seeing you in February,
Sheryl Sane and Dagmar Theodore
Membership



"Mystery Bag Committee"

We are well on our way to reaching the goal of 300 Fabric Mystery Bags. We can reach that goal with your help. Please bring any fat quarter size fabric you would like to donate to the next Quilt Guild meeting.

We currently have 225 bags filled and ready to go. Only 75 more bags are needed! Thank you for your contributions!!

Paula Bryan, Lois Gaston, Linda Ligon

Edward Jones



Adam Sloan

Financial Advisor

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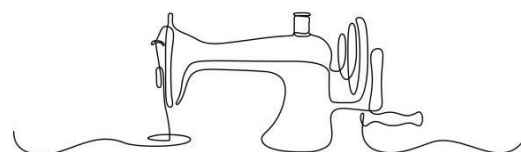
Quilt Show Registration News

The March 15th deadline for quilt entries for our 2024 Show is fast approaching! Mail in the registration and color photo for any quilts you currently have completed or expect to have completed by March 15. You can enter more quilts in the weeks ahead as you finish others that you may only be thinking about today. Entry forms can also be brought to the monthly meetings and that will save you postage! If you have any questions about your entries or the correct category to place them in, don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email. I'm in the directory. Be sure to make a copy of your entry form (or take a photo with your phone) so you can keep track of what you have chosen to enter.

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, QS Registrar



Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild 2024 Quilt Show Registration Form

April 5th-6th, 2024

Entry Deadline is Friday, March 15th, 2024 (Postmarked)

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

NAME OF QUILT _____

Pattern/Designer _____ Original Design? Yes No

Pieced/Appliquéd by _____ Quilted by _____

Date Completed _____ (All entries must have been completed since the last FPQG Show in 2022)

Dimensions: _____ Length _____ Width _____

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.

Select the display category for your quilt: The Quilt Show Committee reserves the right to change categories if needed.

- _____ Class 100: Bed/Wall—Pieced (width + length is greater than or = to 154")
- _____ Class 200: Bed/Wall—Appliquéd/Mixed (width + length is greater than or = to 154")
- _____ Class 300: Wall Quilt—Large/Pieced (width + length is less than 154" & greater than or = to 96")
- _____ Class 400: Wall Quilt—Large/ Appliquéd/Mixed (width + length is less than 154" & greater or = to 96")
- _____ Class 500: Wall Quilt—Med./Pieced (width + length is less than 96" & greater than or = to 60")
- _____ Class 600: Wall Quilt—Med./Appliquéd/Mixed (width + length is less than 96" & greater than or = to 60")
- _____ Class 700: Wall Quilt—Small/Pieced (width + length is less than or = to 60")
- _____ Class 800: Wall Quilt—Small/ Appliquéd/Mixed (width + length is less than or = to 60")
- _____ Class 900: Art Quilt— All Techniques and Sizes (Original Works Only)
- _____ Class 1000: Modern Quilt – All Sizes
- _____ Class 1100: Miniature Quilt—Pieced/Appliquéd/Mixed (See rules for details)
- _____ Class 1200: Other Quilted Items—All Techniques (clothing, purses, table runners, pillows, placemats, etc.)

Please check one:

Images of my quilt & display card may be used on the FPQG website & social media YES NO

I have read and understand the instructions and rules contained in this registration form.

I further understand that not complying with these rules may prevent my entry from being displayed in the Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild 2024 Quilt Show.

Signature _____ Date _____

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 **St.Giles Presbyterian Church** on Thursday, **April 4th between the hours of 9:00 and 11:00am. 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.

Programs

Upcoming Programs:

February Program

With our quilt show just around the corner, Karen Kendo will be presenting her lecture on Taking the Fear Out of Judging. This will be a synopsis of the judging criteria used by certified judges at quilt shows. The aim is to take the fear out of having your quilts judged and to expand the quilter's knowledge base. Some quilts from my collection are included. **Members are encouraged to bring any of their quilts for a mock judging. It would be great to get a variety of quilts from pieced, to applique to art style.**

Karen Kendo has been drawn to quilts since she was a child sleeping under a quilt made by her grandmother. After spending her early career teaching Chemistry and Physics, and working as a School Administrator, she rediscovered quilting in 1995. After 10 years of quilting for family and friends, and winning numerous awards along the way, she started a quilting business in 2006 – Quilting with Karen

She has judged guild shows in South Carolina and beyond, including Carolina Pine Quilters in Aiken, York County Quilters in Rock Hill, the Asheville, NC quilt show, the Upcountry Quilt Guild, the Foothills Quilt Guild, the Coastal Carolina Fair, the Orangeburg County Fair and the Sumter County Fair. In 2015, Karen applied and was accepted into candidacy to become a nationally certified quilt judge. In September of 2022 Karen completed all of the requirements and was awarded national quilt judge certification by the National Association of Certified Quilt Judges.

Karen's philosophy of quilt judging is to select the entries that are outstanding in each category and to provide all entrants with positive feedback in areas where the quilter excels and to give constructive remarks. Her goal is to encourage quilters to feel comfortable about entering their quilts into competitions because they know they will receive objective, knowledgeable, and (hopefully) helpful feedback regarding their quilts.

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.

February – It's not too late to sign up for Michelle Giles' Kawandi workshop, Saturday, Feb 10. Registration and Supply list are attached. The cost is \$20.

March – March is our Challenge Quilt month. This year's challenge is titled “*Where I am From*”. This could include 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

April – The focus this month is of course on our Guild Show “*Follow the Thread*.” This year the show will be held at St. Giles Presbyterian Church on Hudson Rd, April 5 & 6. Registration to enter a quilt (or 2, 3, 4, etc.) is open until March 15. Registration form is attached to the newsletter and can be found on our website.

In Addition, on April 2, Sharon Hufstetler will be joining us to discuss the History of Sewing Machines. In this program you get to learn about the earliest sewing machine and the men

that thought them up. Not only will we learn the interesting details of how our favorite machines came to be, but we'll delve into the drama that came with getting such an invention into circulation. After the presentation there is a hands-on experience where you can not only view sewing machines from the 1840's to the 1960's but you can give hand crank sewing a try.

May – “The Pizza Girls”, from The Quilter’s Gallery will bring their Show and Tell Trunk Show to the guild. As we go through the quilts, we discuss color, creative fabric use and simple border treatments along with lots of tips and tricks that we have learned in the past 25+ years. Everyone needs new ideas. We hope that our show will inspire you to start a new project or two. We also bring our fabric collections, patterns, rulers, and kits to sell after the “show and tell”. It’s like having a quilt shop set up at your meeting.

The Wednesday after the meeting they will be running a workshop on **Kaleidoscope Quilts**.

June – To round out our year, Tammy Silvers will do a Deep Dive into Batiks. Tammy is a batik designer for Island Batiks. In her lecture, Tammy will take us on a closer look at how batiks are made.

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 and very freeing technique that you will enjoy any time or on the go.

Calling Miniature Quilters

I will be curating a special exhibit at the Greenville Mancuso Quiltfest - I am looking for miniature quilts to be a part of the exhibit, “It’s A Small World.” Please contact me at tibecky@aol.com if you have a quilt(s) to share.

Thank you,
Becky Erdman



“The only place where **housework** comes before **needlework** is in the dictionary.”
— Mary Kurtz

**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 _____

Address _____

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 worksho

Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild
PO Box 26482
Greenville, SC 29616

Next Guild Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 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, February 13, 2024, from 10:00am - 11:30am.**

Newsletter Submissions

Please submit any information for the next Newsletter by February 19 to:
Jennifer Neubauer, Newsletter Editor at:
fpqgnewsletter@gmail.com

Membership

Membership is \$20, check payable to:
FPQG
Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild
PO Box 26482
Greenville, SC 29616

February Birthdays

Martha White	2 February
Karen Baird	11 February
Carol Johnson	11 February
Diantha Hanna	13 February
Tina Owen	13 February
Sue Novitch	14 February
Suzanne Brehm	22 February
Gail Bruner	28 February

