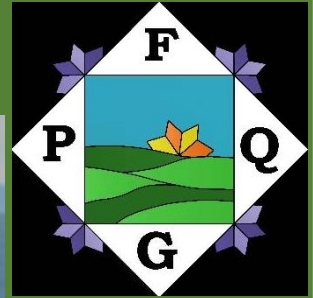


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President's Message

As we prepare for the Christmas and Holiday season, continue to realize how much we have to be grateful for. This season is a wonderful time for reflection.

With the hustle and bustle of the season, remember to slow down the pace. Cherish those times we can gather with family and friends. Many of you are preparing gifts that you have crafted. As you share your creation with others, you are sharing a part of yourself that will be treasured for years to come.

Looking forward to the December social. I love getting to know more about our guild members. Maybe sit with someone you may not know as well and make a new friend.

See you in December!! Nancy Jones

Guild Sales: There will be a guild sales table at the December meeting. Bring some cash (or a check) and find some spectacular deals. We condensed our



philanthropy fabric stash due to the change in our storage situation. Some of that fabric stash will be sold to help the guild. Since our midway break in the meeting will be short, come early if you are able during the fellowship time at 6:15 pm and shop for fabric for your next exciting project!

Upcoming Events

Jan. 13: NTQG Lecture & Workshop: Under the Mistletoe by Diane Knott Vandiver. See Ruth Bartholomew for information.



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Meeting Minutes

Nancy opened meeting and welcomed everyone back.

Sept meeting minutes received a motion to approve. Hazel gave a 2nd to approve the minutes.

Announcements:

Carolina Shop Hop is extended.

Refreshments are served at the beginning of the meeting versus the middle, and we voted to keep this change. This change allows the Refreshment committee to sit and enjoy the speaker, etc.

We still need a Quilt Show Chairperson to step up. Need someone by the beginning of January if we want a quilt show. This show is a large money maker for the guild. We have some members who are experienced and will help give guidance.

Storage situation: All Carolina quilt studio items are now here stored at the church. We are paying the church \$25/mo. for storage. Our contract at the storage unit is through the end of January. We will move all items in storage to the Church here. There are some opportunities here at the church where we can help. Respite room needs a quilt and possibly wall hanging etc.

Library: An updated list is in print as well as online and organized by Category, Title and Author.

Community Chairs:

Kristin Kipper – **Retreats** – she has refund money here tonight.

Leslie Reid– **Speaker** for October has been rescheduled for May. The workshop will also be moved to May.

Candy Friday – **Opportunity quilt** blocks need to be turned in by 1st meeting in December. We have 23 turned in tonight. We need more houses.

Johellen George – **Education Minute** - There are times when it's necessary to fold and store a quilt top or prepared quilt backing. A padded hanger or drapery hanger with a cardboard roll is a good way to hang it up without adding creases to your careful pressing job. When you fold it, try not to enclose a seam directly inside a fold.

This pushes the seam allowances up again, undoing your work in pressing. Try to place the folds between seams instead.

Jana Fetch and Sylvia Hurst – **Membership** – new printed directories are available tonight. Keep an eye on the newsletter some additions will be provided. 45 members present tonight and 2 guests.

Linda Harper - **Guild Sales** - Items are available tonight for sale.

Jennifer Neubauer – **Challenge quilt** for 2024 – Make a quilt from a Bird's perspective or Bird's Eye view. The quilts will be displayed at March 2025 meeting. Include a non-quilted feather in the quilt.

Paula Bryan – **Holiday Social** next month. Everyone brings a dish to share. Remember to label your food and drink if it contains cinnamon or nuts. Come early if possible. **Christmas block exchange** – optional. Make a 12.5 x 12.5 holiday themed block. Wrap and bring. Will exchange if you bring one.

Nancy Jones – We have new **business cards** to pass out and share with friends for more members to join.

Karen McGraw– **2 new advertisers** – ProWash and Beginnings Quilt Shop. Thank them for advertising with us.

Diane Kent – **Philanthropy**- Showing quilts for Asheville. Debra and Linda displayed many quilts turned in. We are still taking in pillowcases.

Discussed the **Christmas family** for this year. We only have \$75. We can still donate money this year, but realizing many

are experiencing hardship because of Hurricane Helene. We voted to give the money to Lilypad to purchase pajamas. We need new members to take over Philanthropy.

Becky Bates - **Dollar door prize and name tag door prize** – Two lucky participating quilters won these prizes!

Show and Share

Deborah Brown – shared 3 quilts for philanthropy.

Becky Bates – Fall quilt

Linda Ligon – Showed the quilt block exchange she put together.

Pat Bush – received back quilt that Johellen quilted.

Jana Fetch – Color Wheel

Nancy Jones – made 2 baby quilts on her serger. Showed “Saturday in Paris” quilt and pillow.

Break then Speaker, Sandy Fitzpatrick.

Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Mellisa Gravitt

Membership

At the November meeting, there were 45 members, 3 new members and 2 guests in attendance. The new 2024-25 directories were distributed; if you did not get your copy, be sure to ask for one at the next meeting. Welcome to our newest members! Colleen Manning Barnes, Mary Sherbondy and Karen Drummond.

Please make the following additions to your directories:

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Please also add the following renewing members:

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spouse: Ralph

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Please keep the membership committee updated with any changes or corrections in your contact information. - Sylvia Hurst and Jana Fetch.

Opportunity Quilt

Calling all quilters/sewers!
We are currently looking for more "homes" for our opportunity quilt. If you haven't had

the opportunity yet to show off your designer skills by sewing a great house for the quilt we are naming, "My Hometown Greenville," please take the time to do so now. We would like each member to make at least two houses from your scrap bag materials. Everyone should have received the instructions by now, but if you did not, please contact me to have them emailed to you. If you are extra creative and want to design your own square with something Greenville related, please do so. Finished size will be 6.5" We will need your contribution to be brought no later than the December meeting. We need a total of about 150 houses. Call me with questions. Suzanne Brehm 865-705-8460

Programs

December – Holiday Social – a potluck. Remember guild members have allergies to nuts and cinnamon. Please label your food and drink offerings accordingly.

January 2025 – Lori Lee Triplet will be speaking on Baltimore Album Quilts.

February 2025 - Dr. George Auger from Auger Family Chiropractic will provide tips on preventing and relieving neck and back pain, so we can spend more time sewing!

March 2025 – Guild Challenge – Jennifer Neubauer is in charge. Information below.

Notes from Philanthropy

Hello Quilters! In November, we received 13 quilts and 6 pillow cases for Philanthropy. Two of the larger quilts will be donated to the rescue efforts in Western North Carolina, along with several other bed size quilts that members are working on finishing.







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***

Two Quilts for Western NC Disaster Relief

Lily Pad Update:

At our November Guild meeting we voted unanimously to select one of our partner agencies, Lily Pad, as our 2024 Christmas Family. In addition to donating the funds we collect during the year for this project, we will also be donating the pillowcases we make. If you have any completed pillowcases, please bring them to our December Guild meeting so we can include them in our holiday donation.

Philanthropy Workshop:

Our Philanthropy Workshop will now be held every month at 5:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, right before our monthly Guild meeting. We will sort quilts, match backing to tops, and get items ready to be finished or donated. If you need

Other Philanthropy News

Do You Have a Heart for Philanthropy?

The Philanthropy team is looking for 2-3 more volunteers to help us with this committee. The responsibilities include helping us at our philanthropy table each month as members turn in quilts, pillowcases and pick up new supplies, helping show the items turned in at that meeting during our committee report, occasionally helping with a delivery to one of our partner agencies, sorting and measuring fabric donations, and bundling kits for members to sew and quilt. New Guild members and new quilters are very welcome to join our committee and it is a great way to get to know people! If you are interested in learning more, please stop by the Philanthropy table and talk to Diane, Melanie, Deborah, or Cindy!

Refreshments

A reminder to all, we have made some adjustments to our guild meeting that affect refreshments. The goal is to finish our meetings by 9 o'clock without limiting our speaker's time. To this end, we have moved our refreshments to the beginning of the meeting. On your month to bring refreshments (for newer members, that would be your birthday month), please plan to arrive between 6:10 pm and 6:20 pm to set your item on the table, so all can avail themselves by the start of our business meeting. Refreshments will be cleared away by the break! And whether you are bringing an item, or munching on those goodies, please think of this as dessert or snack, not a meal!

We are grateful for the many ways that all of you participate in the overall success of FPQG! - Paula Bryan & Lee Wall



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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 telling about your quilt.**

Contact Jennifer Neubauer for questions. jennpeacenkind@gmail.com

Edward Jones



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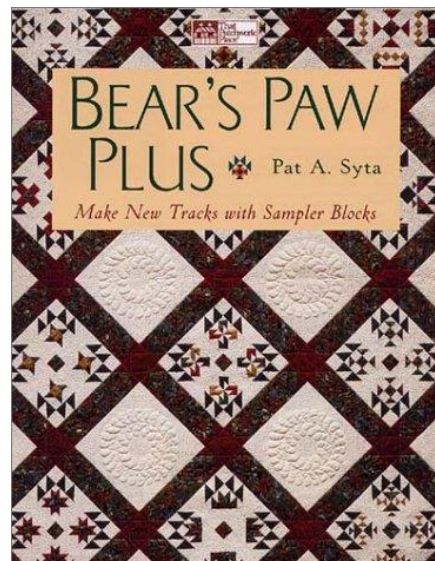
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Resource Center

I picked this book from the library because it intrigued me. I like Bear Paw blocks and I like small blocks. This book combines both! Pat Syta includes instructions for the grid to use to sew multiple half square triangles without stops and starts. Join the Bear's Paw block with other classics for a fun twist on tradition! Replace the paw pad in the Bear's Paw block with one of twelve 4" sampler blocks to make big, beautiful designs. These blocks are satisfying to stitch and spectacular to show off.

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Try it out! - Ruth Bartholomew





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- 1 Cindy Lee
- 4 Betty Clouse
- 5 Terry Weinbender
- 7 Barbara Waterman
- 8 Jennifer Neubauer
- 12 Betty Cirillo
- 25 Holly Anderson
- 25 Gayl Glover
- 30 Candy Friday
- 30 Merry-Beth Noble

Next Guild Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024

**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 January 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Main Hall Classroom at Lee Road Methodist

Newsletter Submissions Please submit information for the next Newsletter by **Jan. 19** to Darlene Morse at scfabricdyer@gmail.com.