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News of the Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild New Bern, North Carolina



From the President

Happy New Year everyone! I have to say, I never thought I would be in this seat, but I am very excited to be able to serve this guild. Joining is one of the best things I've ever done. It has helped me grow as a quilter and as a person. Everyone has been so supportive sometimes I'm speechless! Thank you to Jan Penner for being such a good role model, you're a hard act to follow. I'm looking forward to working with all our new board leadership this year: Laure Manette, Christine Youngs and Evelyn Bernhardt!

The business meeting was bursting with the energy of 70 members and guests, busy catching up on the news, signing up for activities, classes, retreats and of course our upcoming quilt show in April!

We discussed the December holiday party and what a complete success it was. Kathy Farrar and her elves made it festive and fun for all and we thank them for all their hard work. The gift exchange was fun, as always, and the Christmas blocks that were exchanged were beautiful! As always, our members were very generous with their donations to RCS and the Coastal Center for Hope and Healing (Formally the Women's Shelter). Thank you everyone! Members also revealed their mystery quilt projects, beautiful Christmas table toppers. Participants were able to

choose from three different sizes and most decided not to do the smallest. All were gorgeous!

The Bee (Hive) by The River 2025 is all abuzz with activity getting ready for the quilt show in April.

2025 is shaping up to be a busy year for TRQG! Be sure to read all the updates on what's happening!



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2025 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President: Fran Rice

Vice President/Programs: Laure Manette

Treasurer: Chris Youngs

Secretary: Evelyn Bernhardt

Block of the Month: Lilly Lucier & Susan Faith

Charity Quilts:

- Children—Lorraine Wocel
- Military — Mary Daugherty/Jackie Harrison
- My Sister's House — Pat Kruger
- Nursing Home — Nancy Houyoux

Community Relief Fund: Executive Committee

- Coastal Center for Hope & Healing — Nancy Hausman

Community Service: Mary Quay

Door Monitoring: Sandra Egolf

Library: Claudia Moran/Gail Dorman

Membership & Member Spotlight: Janet Olsen

Member Outreach: Carlene Mount

New Member Mentoring & New Member Tea:
Carolyn Hansen

Newsletter: Paula Gramley

Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales: Fran Rice

Quilt Show: Susan Faith

Sunshine: Kay Amend/Evelyn Bernhardt

Website/Facebook — Fran Rice

2025 Winter Retreat: Sue Kleeman/Ed Dzioba

2025 Spring Retreat: Kathy Farrar/Sandy Drechsler

2025 Fall Retreat: Sandy Smith/Katherine Haleen

2025 Holiday Lunch: Kathy Farrar & team

From the President (continued from pg. 1)

Ribbons are being made, donations are coming for twice-a-round treasures and the boutique, volunteers are signing up to help at all the stations...we need you all. Don't forget to get in touch with Cathy Cox to volunteer. Also, **remember to get your quilt registration form in no later than Feb. 13.** Imagine all our members having an entry, wouldn't that be fun!

There is a lot happening and if you join in, you will have a great time. Don't be shy, just jump right in, this is the best group I have ever been involved with and I look forward to many fun times this year.

Have a great week at winter retreat, I may see you there for ice cream on Wednesday.

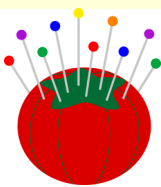
Hugs and Stitches, Fran Rice



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

- 4 Laure Manette
- 11 Sue Klein
- 15 Paula Paganucci
- 19 Freda Young
- 19 Linda Jo Basden
- 21 Veronica Clark
- 26 Anna Holton
- 30 Sandra Egolf



Program News from the Vice President

Happy New Year everyone! It's a new beginning; a year ahead full of wonderful possibilities, fun to be had, quilts to be made and new friends to meet!

I want to thank all of you for the confidence you have shown in me by electing me to be your vice-president. I love this guild, and I will try my best to live up to your expectations.

That being said, I will need your help. The guild belongs to all of us and I will need your input as we plan workshops, events and speakers. **I will be having a program planning meeting on Feb. 20 at 9:30 a.m.** Please come and bring your ideas. If you can't make the meeting but you have suggestions, please email me at Lmanette59@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Let the fun begin! —Laure Manette

Jan. 16 Community Sewing: Fidget Quilts: Bring your machines and regular sewing supplies, and embellishments for fidget quilts if you have them.

Jan. 30 Bowl Cozy Workshop: This workshop will make bowl cozies for the community's Empty Bowls fundraiser. Please bring your sewing machines, sewing supplies (scissors, pins, seam ripper, etc.) a marking pen, and two 10-inch squares of coordinating fabric. It may also be helpful to bring a walking foot as you will be sewing through many layers. Come join us for this fun and easy (no hand sewing) workshop!

Feb. 27 Chris' Wallet Class: Chris Youngs will be teaching a class on how to make a great fabric wallet. See supply list on this page.

WALLET SUPPLIES

Main print:

A. 1 - 5.25 w x 8 l for outside front side of zipper

B. 2 - 5 w x 3.75 l strips for inside zippered pocket

C. 2 - 5w x 3.75 l strips for card pocket base

D. 1 - 5w x 4 l strip for card pocket #2

Accent print:

E. 1 - 5.25 w x 8 l strip for outside front/backside of zipper

F. 1 - 5 w x 8 l strip for lining of wallet

G. 1 - 5 w x 8 l strip for lining of outside zippered pocket

H. 2 - 5 w x 4 l strip for card pockets #1 and #3

Other Supplies:

¼ yd Pellon Decobond fusible interfacing

1 6-inch zipper (inside)

1 12-inch zipper (outside)

¼ w Pellon EZ-steam tape for inside zipper



Membership Forms, Dues and Photos are Due by the End of January

Your 2025 membership must be paid by the end of the month. Renewal Forms are available on our TRQG website, and Janet's Olsen's address is on the form so you can mail it to her. Or you can turn it in at any of the remaining Stitch & Chat's in January.

PLEASE NOTE: Photos previously used in the old directory cannot be carried over to this directory. If you do not have a new photo either taken by Janet or already sent to Janet, your picture will not be in the 2025 directory. Get your photo to her ASAP. Please contact Janet if you have any questions.

New Member Mentoring

Happy New Year to all members, and a special welcome to all our new members!



In February I am planning a meeting with all the new members from 2024 and 2025. The meeting will be held at Tabernacle Church during Stitch & Chat. This meeting is very informal, mostly to answer any questions you may have regarding the quilt guild, or if you have anything you need help with. I will be calling or emailing each new member with a date and time for this meeting. If you cannot make it to the meeting, I can answer any questions you may have over the phone. Call me anytime with any questions you may have.

Carolyn Hansen, 252-675-8994

**My patience is basically like a gift card.
Not sure how much is left on it but we can give it a try.**

UFO Sightings Expected Again in 2025

Our 2024 UFO (Un-Finished Objects) Challenge was a great success! Congratulations to Jenny Nebe, who won the drawing for the pot of money for those who participated in the 2024 challenge!



We are doing the challenge again in 2025. For this challenge, a UFO is defined as a sewing project object that you have ALREADY STARTED but have NOT FINISHED. It does not include projects that you have not yet started. If you have the fabric and pattern ready to go – that counts. If you want to participate, **your form as well as \$1 per UFO project you hope to complete must be turned in by Feb. 13.** The form and the all the rules are available on the TRQG website. No forms will be accepted after that date. You can begin showing UFOs at the Feb. 13 meeting. Questions? Contact Janet Olsen.

New Member Spring Tea: Tentative Date is May 17

All new members and their mentors will be invited to a Spring Tea! The tentative date is Saturday, May 17. The Tea is held in the auditorium at Tabernacle Church and starts about noon. The date will be confirmed next month.

In April I will send out an invitation to all the new members and mentors. You will be asked to bring a teacup and story to tell, and wear a spring hat. There will be a prize for the most original hat. The food, fun and fellowship make this an enjoyable day. Questions? Contact Carolyn Hansen.





Holiday Party
Dec, 11, 2024





Sunshine Report

Get well cards:

Jackie Harrison, recovering from Covid

Laure Manette, recovering from sinus infection



Sympathy cards:

Orner family, on the passing of our TRQG member Rosemary Orner

Barbara Scavuzzo, whose sister passed away

If you know of a TRQG member who is ill, has suffered a loss or is having a challenging time, please contact Kay Amend.

Request for Kitchen Items for Empty Bowls

TRQG has been asked to contribute hand crafted kitchen-related items for the annual community Empty Bowls fundraiser that takes place on Feb. 21. These include:

- **Microwave Bowl Cozies**
- **Potholders**
- **Mug Rugs**
- **Jar Openers**

They have requested 100 items if possible. This is a great way to help your community.

There is a bowl cozy sewing workshop on Jan. 30, or you can make any of these items at home.

We need to turn them in by **February 19, 2025**. I will be at upcoming Stitch & Chat days or you can bring items to the business meeting on Feb. 13. Thank you all! – Jan Penner



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One of the Largest Quilt Shops On the East Coast!

Happy New Year!
We look forward to serving you in 2025!

Come Visit Us at These Shows this month:

Quilting Marketplace
Sanford, NC
Jan 10th-11th

Quilting & Needle Arts
Statesville, NC
Jan 24th-25th

Select Bernina & Bernette machines will be on Sale in Sanford. Test drive a Longarm their too.

Free Classes!

Jan 14th—Make & Take, 10am-2pm
Jan 17th—Binding with a Walking Foot, 10am-1pm
Feb 1st—BERNINA Longarm Event, 10am-2pm.
Space will be limited. Please register in advance. Give us a call, or come by today.

Don't miss our big, beautiful January, February & March 2025 Newsletter! Get your copy at our store or on our website. You'll love all the new classes, events, and sales we have planned for you! Sign up to receive our monthly emails at our website too.



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The Quilt Show is Less than 100 Days Away!

Lots of TRQG members are working hard behind the scenes preparing for our 2025 show. April 11-12 will be here before we know it, and everyone's help will be needed to present our best efforts to the community.

RIBBON COMMITTEE: We are very close to finishing all the ribbons for the show! We look forward to clipping them to YOUR quilt! — Mary Daugherty

Quilt Registration is Underway!

Registration closes on Feb. 13!

Check the Twin Rivers Quilters Guild website, for the application and all information regarding filling out forms. The link to the form is right on the first page of our web site.

- Please read quilt categories for the show carefully as some have changed since our last show.
- If you are unsure of a category please contact me before handing in your form and I will help you decide.
- I will be at the February Quilters Guild Meeting so that you may hand in your registration.
- You may also mail in the registration form, post marked by 2/13/25.

Any questions, please contact me.

Thank You,

Mary O'Neill, Quilt Show Registration Chair, By03hd@gmail.com

QUILTS FOR SALE

The required form to sell your quilt at the quilt show is now on the website. Please read the instructions CAREFULLY.

- Please note that you will need a separate form for each quilt you are selling.
- If you are entering a quilt in the show and you are offering it for sale, you will need a Quilt for Sale form as well as a Registration form for that quilt.
- You can sell completed quilts, quilt tops, wall hangings, etc. Please do not bring totes or purses.
- The signed Quilt for Sale form needs to be delivered to Laure Manette no later than March 13.
- Please DO NOT submit your Quilt for Sale form with your registration form. All Quilts for Sale must be delivered to the church on April 7.

Questions? Call Laure Manette at 540-226-6233.

Lots of Volunteers Needed!

Many, many volunteers will be needed to put on a successful show! That includes work done leading up to the show, with judging, setting up and more. Look for ways that you can participate!

Cathy Cox introduced some of the volunteer opportunities and sign-up sheets at our Jan. 9 meeting. She explained that the sign-ups note whether the job is sitting or standing. Each will be two-hour shift. Look for the sign-up sheets at each meeting and contact Cathy if you have any questions.



Children's Quilts — 111 Delivered in 2024!

For the year ending 2024 I received and delivered 111 quilts!

From this week's meeting I received 4 quilts, a quillow, a pillow case and a toy. They came from the following: Becky Barnes, Karen Dodd, Paula Paganucci, Evelyn Bernhardt, and Rolayne Schwendy.

Thank you very much. — Lorraine Wocel

Coastal Center for Hope and Healing



2024 was a super year for us in supporting local families in need. In May we collected summer activities; school items in August; and underwear and pajamas in December. With our monthly cash donations we supported two needy families at Christmas. You folks are great! And our January cash donation set us up for another great year. Many thanks! Items, such as hair curlers, bar soap, shampoo, and other personal care products can be given to me at each meeting or taken to their office on Trent Road at the intersection with Hotel Drive. Have a wonderful 2025! Nancy Hausman 252-617-6041

Special thanks to Jenny Nebe who crafted four Christmas quilts from panels donated by our members.



Military Quilts Needed

We appreciate your continued efforts to support our wonderful service members. We will ship quilts to the USO in Germany when we have a box full. We are also in contact with the local Disabled American Veterans (DAV) to support them with quilts.

Mary Daugherty & Jackie Harrison

REMINDER: Quilts for wounded service members at the USO hospital in Germany are used on the stretchers to keep them warm on the flight home.

**Size must be 40x60 inches;
any colors or patterns are fine.**

Quilts of other sizes will go to the DAV.

Nursing Home Report — 385 Items Delivered in 2024!

In 2025 I am transitioning the delivery of our caring quilted items to 14 nursing homes from the capable hands of Becky Barnes. During 2024 Becky, helped by Rolayne Schwendy in Pamlico County, delivered 385 items! These included lap quilts, clothing protectors, walker bags, fidget quilts (for restless hands in memory units), eyeglass cases and RCS bags for food. A mix of these items are delivered quarterly to each nursing home.

At the January meeting we received 12 beautiful lap quilts: Becky Barnes (2), Joan Fiala (5), Geri Reid (5), Rolayne Schwendy (2).

If you want to learn more or how to make any these items, call or email me: Nancy Houyoux 484-686-2492 or nhouyoux233@gmail.com.



Show & Tell







**More
Holiday
Fun!**



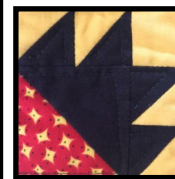
Twin Rivers Quilter's Guild

Regular meetings are held at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 616 Broad Street in New Bern.

Monthly Board Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. on designated dates for all officers and committee chairs (meeting is open to all members). The door is open at 9.

Monthly Business Meetings begin at 10 a.m. on designated dates (open to all members and visitors); the door is open at 9. We recommend you arrive no later than 9:30 to sign up for events, turn in donations, etc.

- Annual Dues: \$30
- Member-led demonstrations and workshops: Free, open for members
- Professional Teacher Workshops: \$10 for half-day; \$20 for full day (nonrefundable, due at sign up), open for members



REMINDER: The official TRQG nametag must be worn to all meetings at Tabernacle Baptist Church to maintain building security for the church's preschool and other programs. Members should enter through our designated door, where a door monitor will let you in. **The doors will be monitored:**

- 9-10 a.m. on Business Meeting Thursdays
- 9-9:30 a.m. on other Thursday meeting dates
- If you arrive late you will need to call a friend or Evelyn Bernhardt (252-725-0273) to get someone to open the door.

JANUARY

HELLO February

ADDITIONAL DATES

- March 16-21 — Spring Retreat
- April 11-12, 2025—Quilt Show
- May 17—Tentative date for Spring Tea

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Jan. 12	Jan. 13	Jan. 14	Jan. 15	Jan. 16 9:30 Stitch & Chat 9:30 Community Sewing, Fidget Quilts	Jan. 17	Jan. 18
Jan. 19	Jan. 20	Jan. 21	Jan. 22	Jan. 23 9:30 Stitch & Chat	Jan. 24	Jan. 25
Winter Retreat						
Jan. 26	Jan. 27	Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Jan. 30 9:30 Workshop: Bowl Cozies for Empty Bowls 9:30 Stitch & Chat	Jan. 31	Feb. 1
Feb. 2 	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 5	Feb. 6 9:30 Board mtg, followed by Quilt Show mtg 9:30 Stitch & Chat	Feb. 7	Feb. 8
Feb. 9 	Feb. 10	Feb. 11	Feb. 12	Feb. 13 10:00 Business meeting	Feb. 14 	Feb. 15
Feb. 16	Feb. 17 	Feb. 18	Feb. 19	Feb. 20 9:30 Program Planning Mtg w/Laure Manette 9:30 Stitch & Chat	Feb. 21	Feb. 22
Feb. 23	Feb. 24	Feb. 25	Feb. 26	Feb. 27 9:30 Wallet Sewing Class w/ Chris Youngs 9:30 Stitch & Chat	Feb. 28	Mar. 1