

# Quilting Times

2024

December  
Volume 27 Issue 4

Join us!!

Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild

Meets at 9:00 the second Saturday of every month at the  
Arts Center at the Imperial Centre for Arts & Sciences 344  
Falls Road, Rocky Mount, NC. 27804

## From The Leadership Team!

Greetings Quilters,

Happy Holidays everyone! Our November meeting and QOV ceremony was so nice! We received many lovely comments from recipients and guests afterwards. They were all so appreciative & moved! Thanks to all who made this such a success: Katherine and Jennie who led us through the process and helped us to keep on track following the QOV guidelines, to all of you who made the quilts, to Duane for donating his time to quilt most of the quilts and to all of you who brought food for the reception. It really was a group effort! We hope you will join us for the December meeting and Christmas party. Bring a favorite food to share and participate in our gift exchange if you wish. See you December 14th

Mary, Duane, Carol and Lori – Your Leadership Team

**Welcome new members!**

**Join the TRPQG Members Facebook page**

**Join the EQ8 & Sew-Social Bees on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

**Consider contributing to the newsletter**

**Fill out a TRPQG Bio Form please turn in to Sarah Wade or Michele Carpentier**

**Our Next Meeting**

**Saturday December 14, 2024  
9:00AM Imperial Centre**

**Bring a Friend**

**Wear Your Name Tag**

**Return Borrowed Library Books**

## Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild Meeting Minutes 11/9/24

### Monthly Program: Quilt of Valor (QoV) Presentation

It started at 9:34 am with Jennie Wright welcoming everyone. Katherine Saunders gave a speech on the Quilt of Valor symbolism and read a poem from the QoV organization. 23 individuals were selected to be recognized by the TRPQG this year. 7 quilts were awarded at the Harley-Davidson presentation on 11/8/24 and 14 quilts were awarded on 11/9/24.

Mary Selecky called the TRPQG meeting to order at 10:56 am and welcomed everyone.  
Mary wished Happy Birthday to all with a birthday in November.

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for October was made by Jinx Abernathy and seconded by Katherine Saunders. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for October was made by Michele Carpentier and seconded by Jinx Abernathy. Both motions passed.

### Committee Reports:

Charity Outreach by Katherine Saunders: QoV presentation is done! 150 placemats are collected for donation. Assorted items were donated to Nash Hospital & Veteran's home.

Sunshine and Shadows by Nancy Knapp: N/A

Library by Martha Blount/Maryann Rettino: No news

Newsletter by Michele Carpentier: No news

Facebook by Jennie Wright: N/A

Programs: Leadership Team – See below under New Business.

Public Relations by Harvey Sopher and Lin Varney: No news

Bee Keeper by Pam Smith: N/A

Webpage by Harvey Sopher: Magnus Albert's help with the website is gratefully acknowledged.

### Old Business:

**Bio forms to Sarah Wade/Michele Carpentier**

**Sign up for greeter/coffee/food duties.**

**Monochromatic Quilt Challenge due next meeting, December 2024!**

### New Business:

Finances: Duane Carpentier reports that the Harley-Davidson quilt raffle raised \$1120 for the guild. It will be delivered to the lucky recipient: Sean Cannon from Greenville.

Desired Donations: Katherine Saunders reports that the pattern for Comfort Bags will be in the next newsletter. 200 Comfort bags are desired to be donated to the first responders of Nash County, for kids. Any stuffed animals to be included in the comfort bags must be new.

2025 Guild Quilting Challenges: There will be 2 quilt challenges for 2025.

For the first half of the year, January through June, the theme is Applique. This can be hand or machine applied.

For the second half of the year, July through December, the theme is Foundation paper piecing. There will be a class/demo offered to the guild.

### Upcoming Monthly Programs:

**December Christmas Party - Potluck and gift exchange, possibly games.**

Please bring food for the potluck! Any type of food is good.

For the gift exchange, participation is voluntary. The gifts will be handed out at random. The gift cap is \$10.

**January - There will be a Bee Presentation.**

**February - There will be a Yard Sale, indoors. All proceeds benefit the original owner. All types of items to be sold.**

**Membership Report from Jinx Abernathy:** 61 people in attendance, with 27 guests and 31 members.

### Drawings:

First Time Sew & Tell – Mazie Batchelor

Sew & Tell – Marily Hooton

Membership (Blue Tickets) - Michele Carpentier

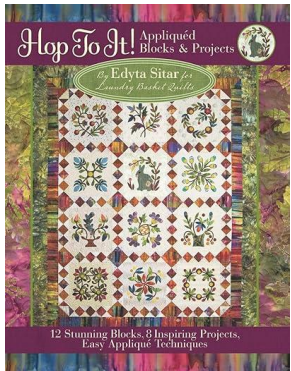
Next meeting will be on December 14th, 2024. Meeting Adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Oberlin, Secretary



# Book Review

## Hop to It By Edyta Sitar



Hop to it, by Edyta Sitar, is the book I am reviewing this month. It is an older book—published in 2009, but it has lovely applique designs. Ms. Sitar gives good ideas for selecting fabric for a new quilt. You should always choose a small scale print, a medium scale print, a large scale print, a stripe, and a polka dot. These elements will add interest to your quilt. Instructions are given for both hand applique and machine applique.

Ms. Sitar became interested in fabric at an early age. This started her on a sewing career. She designed beautiful gowns. After her marriage, she was introduced to quilting by both her mother-in-law and grandmother-in-law. These ladies taught Ms. Sitar the basics of quilting.

The book contains some designs that may be copied and used in a variety of projects. I think any of you would find something of interest in this book. If you make a project from this book, be sure and bring your new project to the guild.

Your librarians,  
Martha Blount  
Maryann Rettino





# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

## DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS PARTY



## JANUARY: TRPQG BEES PRESENTATION

Tar River Piecemakers Quilt Guild



## FEBRUARY: YARD SALE



## Charity Outreach

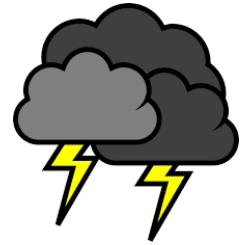
We are in need of Mother's hearts and Bereavement wraps, please reach out to me if you would like patterns for either, also I'm willing to put together kits for these items if anyone is interested. We have a large amount of infant/preemie caps, just a reminder that Tarboro will only accept blue or pink for the infant ones. We are in need of caps of any color for adults. As always I'm so thankful for all the charity items, they are much appreciated!

Katherine Saunders



## Sunshine & Shadow

We don't want you to go through it alone! If you have anyone you want remembered, please email: Nancy Knapp at [HUDSONPUPPY@earthlink.net](mailto:HUDSONPUPPY@earthlink.net)



**TRPQG 2024-2025 GREETERS**  
**DEC: Martha Creech**  
**JAN: Duane and Michele Carpentier**  
**FEB: Julie Green**

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

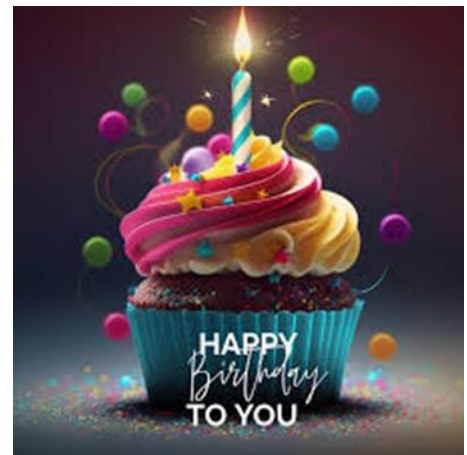


Bonnie Przelomski

Maryann Rettino

Shandra Stocks

Geri Womack



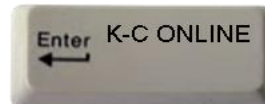
### A BIG TRPQG THANK YOU

Everyone who sews for Outreach  
Everyone who contributes to the TRPQG Newsletter  
Everyone that shares at Sew & Tell  
The Queen Bees  
Harvey for mailing the newsletters & taking pictures at the meetings



## Quilt in a Day

Lots of traditional and modern free quilt patterns. Wide variety to choose from, beginner to advanced. [Quilt in a Day](#)



### Facebook TRPQG Members Only Update

If you would like to join the TRPQG Members Only Facebook page.

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/475820599214904> and request to be added.

Please send an email to [rite1@mindspring.com](mailto:rite1@mindspring.com) and let me know that you have sent a request. Occasionally the name in the TRPQG Membership Directory is not the same as your Facebook name. If you will let me know your name in the directory and your name on your Facebook page you can help me speed up the approval process.

Jennie Wright



# Chocolate-Cherry Cake

December 2024

by Wayland G. Abernathy, Jr

Time: 30 Minutes

Serves: 12



### Ingredients:

- 1 box, Devils Food Cake Mix
- 1 can, 21oz Cherry Pie Filling
- eggs
- 1 tsp Almond Extract

Place all ingredients in a bowl & beat 2 minutes.

*NOTE: For chunkier cherries, mix by hand.*

Pour batter into a greased 9x13 cake pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes. Test for doneness with a toothpick.

Remove from oven to a wire rack to cool.

Frost with your favorite frosting, whipped cream, or serve warm, with ice cream.

Frosting ~ Over medium heat, mix together:

- >1 cup powdered sugar
- >5 Tbls soft butter
- >1/3 cup milk
- >1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- >Add 1 tsp. vanilla & 1/4 cup cocoa; cook 1-2 minutes, stirring constantly.
- >Immediately spread over warm cake.





**SAVE THE DATES**

**TRPQG MEETINGS**

**December 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Imperial Centre**

**January 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Imperial Centre**

**Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 25<sup>th</sup>**

**EVENTS YOU MIGHT ENJOY**

**Charlotte Quilters Guild Quilt Show- Park Expo, Charlotte, NC**

**Mar 7-8, 2025**

**Capital Quilters Quilt Show- Kerr Scott Bldg, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC**

**Mar 14-15, 2025**

**Original Sewing and Quilt Expo- Raleigh, NC**

**May 1-3, 2025**







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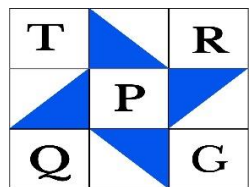
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Harvey Sopher

All area codes are 252 unless noted

## Newsletter Advertising for TRPQG Members

If you are a TRPQG member and have personal sewing related items you no longer want or use and you would like to sell or gift them you can list them in the newsletter. Please send the item description, price and your contact information to [michele25@suddenlink.net](mailto:michele25@suddenlink.net). This section of the newsletter will be removed from the newsletter before being posted on the public website.

Items will be limited to space available in the newsletter and first come first serve. The newsletter and the TRPQG are not responsible in any way for any transactions resulting from these advertisements. The newsletter is simply providing what we hope is a benefit for the members of the TRPQG guild.

## TRPQG Official Charities

**Patriotic quilts:** Any size

**Quilts for Christian Adoption Agency:** any size

Please include a sample square from the quilt pattern which is given to the birth mother.

**Isolette covers for Vidant Hospital:** should be no larger than 36 x 36 .

**Quilts for Nash Hospital Nursery:** They accept any size quilts they use to send the babies home. We will accept smaller blankets that are knitted or crocheted. We can always find someone who has a need.

### Additional charities our TRPQG members support.

**Oncology Department Quilts:** can always use lap size quilts and mug rugs for them.

**Bereavement wraps:** 12" x 12" or 15" x 15" (use pattern)

**Mother's Hearts:** ask for pattern used for preemies in neonatal departments.

**Preemie Beanies:** (knitted) ask for pattern or Google them

**Adult Beanies:** (knitted) ask for pattern or Google them

**Comfort Bags:** For Police department bags

**Quarterly Challenges:** To be announced





If you are a member of the TRPQG and you machine quilt for others please send your name, phone number and email address to [michele25@suddenlink.net](mailto:michele25@suddenlink.net). In future issues of the newsletter I will list your contact information so TRPQG members can contact you for their quilting needs.

### Coffee & Cookies

December- Leadership Team  
 January- Duane & Michele Carpentier  
 February- Mandy Jackson



**MEMBERSHIP**

As of 09 NOVEMBER 2024:  
 66 Regular Members  
 7 Founding Members  
 2 Honorary Members  
 1 Junior Members  
**76 Total Members**



Can you provide Coffee & Cookies, or a snack, just ONCE?  
 If you can,  
 PLEASE sign-up!













## **Quilting Bees**



***A Quilting Bee is a gathering for quilters to foster creativity, connection, and community so that others feel a sense of belonging.***

<b>Busy Bees</b>	<b>Imperial Art Centre on the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 10 am Queen Bee is Lisa Clark.</b>
<b>Cutting Corners</b>	<b>Braswell Library on the 3rd Friday of the month @ 10 am. Queen Bee is Ramona Orzell.</b>
<b>Happy Hooper's</b>	<b>Meetings are held on 3rd Saturday of each month @ 10 am at the home of Frankie Powell. Queen Bee is Frankie Powell. January 18, 2025 is the next scheduled meeting.</b>
<b>Sew-Social</b>	<b>Open Sew Format @ the Imperial Art Center on the 4th Saturday of each month. Open to all members. Door to the Education Building is open at 9:30AM. Please contact Pam Smith. December's Bee is cancelled.</b>
<b>EQ8 Electric Quilt</b>	<b>Imperial Art Centre 10 am. - 4th Saturday of each month. Queen Bee is Debbie Nivison.</b>
<b>Patriotic</b>	<b>Braswell Library – 1st Tuesday of each month at 10 am. Queen Bee is Jennie Wright.</b>





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**? It's a Mystery Quilt ?**

Jan 1st, New Year's Day  
9:30am-5pm  
\$55

Bring a contribution to our fabulous lunchtime potluck & supplies for your project. Leave with a complete or nearly complete quilt top! Call to register today.



We will close at 1pm on Dec 24th & 31st. We will be closed Dec 25th & Jan 1st.

**End of Year SALE!**

December 26th-28th

In case Santa forgot something, we'll be here for you.  
Savings throughout the store!

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# QUILTOLGY – DECEMBER 2024

## >>CHRISTMAS GIFT MUG RUG<<

- Supplies for 7" x 11" Mug Rug:  
 Backing Fabric, 8" x 12"  
 Cotton Batting, 8" x 12" (Polyester COULD) melt)  
 Background Fabric, 12" x 12"  
 Five Christmas Scrap Fabrics for the Tree  
 Scrap Fabric for Tree Trunk; Gift Box, Lid & Bow  
 1 yd, Binding  
 1 Gold Star-Shaped Button  
 1 Purchased or Handmade 2-3" Bow  
 Scissors or Rotary Cutter & Mat & Basic Sewing Tools:  
 Sewing Machine, Iron, Pins, Thread, Rulers, Markers, etc.  
 \*All seams are measured at 1/4"



### Abbreviations:

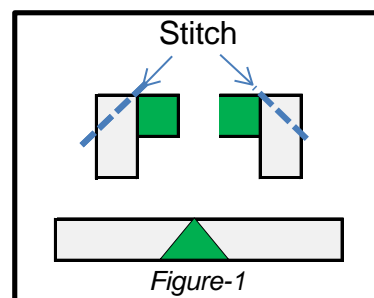
- Background Fabric (BGF)
- Christmas Tree Fabric (CTF)
- Gift Box Lid Fabric (GBLF)
- Gift Box Interior Fabric (GBIF)

### STEP-1: Prepare the Backing Section:

- >Cut & press Backing Fabric; Lay it flat, wrong-side-up.
- >Cut the Batting; Lay it flat, on top of the Backing.
- >Set aside until both Units of the Mug Rug are finished.

### STEP-2: Prepare Unit #1, the Christmas Tree Section:

- >There are 8 rows to Unit #1, beginning at the top of the Unit.
- >To join the (BGF) & the (CTF) in each Row, note "Figure-1".
  - >Position one (BGF) strip on the corner of the (CTF), right sides together.
  - >Sew a diagonal line from corner to corner.
  - >Press the seams flat, creating a sharp point; Trim excess fabric.
  - >Repeat on the opposite corner of the (CTF), right sides together.



- > **Row-1:** From (BGF), cut & press one, 1+1/2" x 7" piece.



- > **Row-2:** From (BGF), cut & press two, 1+1/2" x 3+5/8" pieces.



- >From (CTF), cut & press one, 1+1/2" x 2+1/2" piece.
- >Attach (BGF) pieces to (CTF), as shown in Figure-1; Cut excess fabric & press seams flat.
- >Attach Rows-1 & 2 together, with right-sides-together; Press seam flat.

- > **Row-3:** From (BGF), cut & press two, 1+1/2" x 3" pieces.



- >From (CTF), cut & press one, 1+1/2" x 3+3/8" piece.
- >Attach (BGF) pieces to (CTF), as shown in Figure-1; Cut excess fabric & press seams flat.
- >Attach Rows-1, 2, & 3 together, with right-sides-together; Press seam flat.

> **Row-4:** From (BGF), cut & press two, 1+1/2" x 2+1/2" pieces.

>From (CTF), cut & press one, 1+1/2" x 4+1/2" piece.

>Attach (BGF) pieces to (CTF), as shown in *Figure-1*; Cut excess fabric & press seams flat.

>Attach Rows-1, 2, 3, & 4 together, with right-sides-together; Press seam flat.



> **Row-5:** From (BGF), cut & press two, 1+1/2" x 2+1/4" pieces.

>From (CTF), cut & press one, 1+1/2" x 5+1/2" piece.

>Attach (BGF) pieces to (CTF), as shown in *Figure-1*; Cut excess fabric & press seams flat.

>Attach Rows-1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 together, with right-sides-together; Press seam flat.



> **Row-6:** From (BGF), cut & press two, 1+1/2" x 1+3/4" pieces.

>From (CTF), cut & press one, 1+1/2" x 6+3/8" piece.

>Attach (BGF) pieces to (CTF), as shown in *Figure-1*; Cut excess fabric & press seams flat.

>Attach Rows-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 together, with right-sides-together; Press seam flat.



> **Row-7:** From (BGF), cut & press two, 1+1/2" x 3+1/4" pieces.

>From Tree Trunk Fabric, cut & press one, 1+1/2" square piece.

>Attach (BGF) pieces to Tree Trunk Fabric at each side of square; Cut excess fabric & press seams flat.

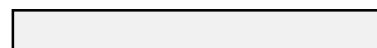
>Attach Rows-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7 together, with right-sides-together; Press seam flat.



> **Row-8:** From (BGF), cut & press one, 1+1/2" x 7" piece.

>Attach Rows-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8 together, with right-sides-together; Press seam flat.

>Square up the finished Unit & press. Unit #1 should measure approximately 6+1/2" x 7+1/2".



> **NOTE:** *DO NOT attach Star-Shaped Button until Mug Rug has been quilted! Then stitch, pin, or glue it onto the top of the tree.*

### STEP-3: Prepare Unit #2, the Gift Box Section:

> There are 4 rows to Unit #2, beginning at the top of the Unit:

> **Row-1:** From (BGF), cut & press one, 2+1/2" x 5+1/2" x piece.



> **Row-2: Gift Box Lid:** From (BGF), cut & press two, 1+1/2" square pieces.

>From the Gift Box Lid Fabric (GBLF), cut & press one, 1+1/2" x 3+1/2" piece.

>Attach a 1+1/2" (BGF) square to each end of the (GBLF) strip; Press seam flat.

>Attach Rows-1 & 2 together, with right-sides-together; Press seams flat.

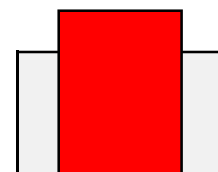


> **Row-3: Gift Box:** From (BGF), cut & press two, 1+1/2" x 3+1/2" pieces.

>From Gift Box Fabric (GBF), cut & press one, 3+1/2" square piece.

>From Gift Box Interior Fabric (GBIF), cut & press one, 3+1/2" square piece, & one, 3+1/2" x 4" piece.

>With right-sides-together, stitch the 3+1/2" square (GBF) & the 3+1/2" square (GBIF) piece together: Flip right-side-out & press.





- > Lay the 3+1/2" x 4" piece of (GBIF), right-side-up & the Gift Box, right-side-up, together.  
(GBIF), should be 1/2" taller than the Gift Box.
  - > Attach a 1+1/2" x 3+1/2" (BGF) strip to each side the Gift Box; Press seam flat.
  - > Attach Rows-1, 2, & 3 together, with right-sides-together; Press seams flat.
  - > There should be a 1/4" space between the Gift Box & the Gift Box Lid, showing the Interior Fabric.
- > **Row-4:** From (BGF), cut & press one, 1+1/2" x 5+1/2" x piece.
- > Attach Rows-1, 2, 3, & 4 together, with right-sides-together; Press seams flat.
  - > Square up the finished Unit & press. Unit #2 should measure approximately 5+1/2" x 7+1/2".

**STEP-4: Join the Units:**

- > With right-sides-together, stitch both Units together; Press seam flat.
- > Layer Backing, Batting & Mug Rug Top together.
- > Quilt using your favorite method; Hand, Machine, etc.
- > Bind Mug Rug.

**STEP-5: Finish:**

- > Attach Star-Shaped Button; stitch, pin, or glue it on.
- > Attach Bow on top of Gift Box; stitch, pin, or glue it on.
- > Place a Gift Card inside the Gift Box.
- > Wrap it up & present it to your favorite person!

*\*Don't forget to sew on a label!*



TRPQG AGENDA DECEMBER14, 2024

SOCIAL/SIGN IN: 9:00 to 9:30 AM – Submit quilts for the monochromatic quilt challenge

WELCOME: 9:30 AM

MINUTES OF THE PREV. MONTH APPROVED AS PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER

1. MOTION TO APPROVE & 2ND

TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED AS PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

BREAK

BIRTHDAYS: Bonnie Przelomski, Maryann Rettino, Shandra Stocks, Geri Womack

Committee Reports- Short summaries

- Outreach - Katherine Saunders
- Sunshine and Shadow - Nancy Knapp
- Library - Martha Blount and Maryann Rettino
- Newsletter - Michele Carpentier
- Facebook - Jennie Wright
- Bee Keeper - Pam Smith
- Programs - Leadership Team
- Public Relations - Harvey Sopher, Lin Varney
- Website – Harvey Sopher

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bio Forms to Sarah Wade/Michele Carpentier
2. Sign up for greeter and/or bringing coffee

NEW BUSINESS

- Upcoming Events

  1. January – Presentation by the TRPQG Bees
  2. February – Yard Sale

DRAWINGS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

SEW AND TELL – Reminder to refrain from talking while members are sharing their quilts.

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES