

2025

March

Volume 27 Issue 7

# Quilting Times

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,

I hope everyone enjoyed learning about all our "Bees" at last month's meeting and that maybe it inspired you to join one! At our next meeting we will have our yard sale. This will give members a chance to sell some of those items we no longer use and make some money. We ask that you bring items in good condition & if it is fabric, that it is clean and measured. Also, please let one of the Leadership team know how much space you will need for display so we will have enough tables set up. Please bring cash. For those of you participating in the applique challenge, we will try to answer questions and offer help to those who need it. Duane plans to be at Open Sew on the 4th Saturday to offer help as well. Nadia will be taking the lead in the Mystery Quilt challenge which we will kick off in April. Our hope is to offer something of interest to everyone & maybe learn a new skill! Even though winter is not quite done with us yet, Spring is coming!

Stay warm and see you on March 8th!

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**

### Our Next Meeting

**Saturday March 8, 2025**  
**9:00AM Imperial Centre**

**Bring a Friend**

**Wear Your Name Tag**

**Return Borrowed Library Books**



## Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild Meeting Minutes 02/08/25

Mary Selecky called the TRPQG meeting to order at 09:33 am and welcomed everyone. Mary wished Happy Birthday to all with a birthday in January and February.

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for December was made by Harvey Sopher and seconded by Sarah Wade. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for December was made by Katherine Saunders and seconded by Michele Carpentier. Both motions passed.

### Committee Reports:

Charity Outreach: Katherine Saunders: Many placemats were donated to the Veterans residential services of Wilson.

Sunshine and Shadows: Nancy Knapp: Not present.

Library: Martha Blount/Maryann Rettino: No news.

Newsletter: Michele Carpentier: No news.

Facebook: Jennie Wright: Not present.

Programs: Leadership Team – See below under New Business.

Public Relations: Harvey Sopher and Lin Varney: No news.

Bee Keeper: Pam Smith: See below under Monthly Program.

Webpage: Harvey Sopher: No news.

### New Business:

Duane Carpentier: The Patriotic Bee won a \$3750 grant from the Ride of Honor Foundation for their Quilts of Valor work.

Nadezda Pshenitsyna: Mystery Quilt program for 2025 will be starting in April. See her for more information on fabric and color choices.

Duane Carpentier: The guild challenge for the first half of 2025 is Applique. All quilts should be 24 inches by 24 inches or larger and they are due at the June meeting. Duane is available on Open Sew Saturdays for applique tips.

Jinx Abernathy: A Comfort Bag construction walkthrough was demonstrated. 1 yard of fabric can be made into 3 Comfort Bags.

### Upcoming Monthly Programs:

March: "Yardsale", with all proceeds to the original owners, of fabrics etc.

May: There will be a "Perfecting Piecing with Flying Geese" workshop, by Lee Monroe of May Chappell Designs.

### Monthly Program: Quilting Bee History and Current Bees

In the late 1700s, the quilting bee was intended as a meeting of neighbors to unite labor for the benefit of one person. Bees became less popular after the 1920s. Online quilting bees became more popular during covid as a social outlet.

We have 5 active bees with 42 active members.

**Busy Bees:** Covers a variety of crafts and projects, ex: yoyo tree, shoebox project, placemats for Meals on Wheels, QOV quilt collaborations. 11 active members. Meets at the Braswell Memorial Library on the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 10 am. Queen Bee is Lisa Clark.

**Cutting Corners:** Learning bee dedicated to skill acquisition, ex: comfort bags, fabric ornaments, stained glass tutorial, glue basting. Members take turns giving various tutorials. Braswell Library on the 3rd Friday of the month @ 10 am. Queen Bee is Ramona Orzell.

**Happy Hoopers:** Covers machine embroidery projects, ex: embroidered quilts, towels, monograms. Small group. Meetings are held on 3rd Saturday of each month @ 10 am at the home of Frankie Powell. Queen Bee is Frankie Powell.

**Sew-Social:** 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. Building closes at 4 pm. Queen Bee is Pam Smith.

**EQ8 Electric Quilt:** digital program for making quilts via mockups. Currently an inactive bee. Can ask Duane Carpentier for help.

**Patriotic Bee:** The goal is to help veterans, ex: Quilt of Valor quilts, walker bags. Meeting time is usually used to make items. Jinx and Pat have a library of patterns. Meets at the Braswell Library on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10 am. Queen Bee is Jennie Wright.

**Membership Report: Jinx Abernathy: 40 people in attendance, of which two were guests and 3 were new members.**

### Drawings:

First Time Sew & Tell – Macey Tyndall

Sew & Tell – Martha Blount

Membership (Blue Tickets) – Marilyn Hooton, Ann Davis

Next meeting will be on March 8th, 2025. Meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary, Sarah Oberlin

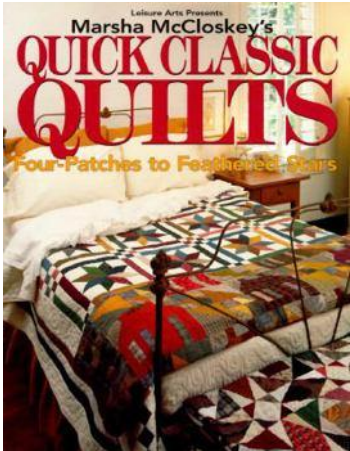


**Book Review**  
**Quick Classic Quilts**  
By Marsha McCloskey

Quick Classic Quilts by Marsha McCloskey is this month's book review. Though the book was published in 2007, it is a very basic quilt book and is quite relevant to making quilts today. There are two blocks I hope to try in the near future. One is a feathered star medallion; the other is a radiant star. I plan to just make a block of each, not a whole quilt! A friend told me that she had made a feathered star block from her directions and that it turned out well.

At the beginning of the book, Mrs. McCloskey says that she got her first sewing machine as a child. She says it was a toy sewing machine with a hand crank. She made doll clothes with it and didn't get a real sewing machine until she was going to college. I am amazed that she stuck with sewing. She has gone on to have a great career teaching others how to make quilts.

In the book she gives the directions for many classic quilts, e.g. Log Cabin, Flying Geese, Burgoyne Surrounded, Sawtooth Star, and the basic Four Patch. She says that alternating blocks is one of her strategies in designing quilts. She shows a quilt she made alternating a Schoolhouse block with Old Maid's Puzzle, a block I was not familiar with. The combination makes a very pleasing quilt. The directions for each quilt include making various sized quilts. She tells how to rotary cut the pieces and then gives a template so that one can compare the pieces for accuracy before piecing. I think this is a great book to add to your collection.



Your librarians,  
  
Martha Blount  
Maryann Rettino







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# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**APRIL: QUILT RESTORATION AND REPAIR WITH CATHY SMITH**

**MAY: LEE MONROE PERFECTING PIECING WITH FLYING GEESE**

## **Welcome to the 2025 Mystery Quilt Challenge!**

We will kick off in April, and piece and assemble the top by January (finished size: 61 x 61 in). There will be 10 clues in total, this first being the selection of fabrics. Each month you will receive another clue explaining a few simple steps to advance with the quilt. The main technique used is half-square triangles (HST). I hope this process helps you learn new techniques along the way and have fun too!

Clue 1: Pick your fabrics.

This mystery quilt features a background fabric and 4 colors:

- Background (2 yards)
- Color A (3/4 yard)
- Color B (3/4 yard)
- Color C (3/4 yard)
- Color D (1...1/8 yard)

Fabric options:

Option 1: You can pick the background and 4 coordinating fabrics. Fabric B is good for showcasing a large or medium size print (if desired), while fabrics A, C and D would be better with a small print or solids.

Option 2: Instead of picking four single fabrics, each of the same pattern, you can use four colorways for a scrappier look. Assemble the total amount of each A, B, C and D from similar colorways (for example, reds, greens, yellows, blues etc).

Option 3: Using background and 2 main colorways (for example Red, Blue and White). My suggestion would be to have fabrics A and C in one main color, B and D in another main color, and white as the background.

Option 4: For ombre effect, my suggestion would be to arrange colors from the darkest to the lightest (or from the lightest to the darkest) as A to B to C to D.

## **A Quilter's Tale**

My name is Ligeia Brown. My hometown is Union City, TN. I've sewn, literally, as long as I can remember. I have been quilting since 2015. I started quilting to make quilts for my children's college graduations. I love combining colors and choosing styles for whomever I am sewing for. My favorite go to quilt pattern is the one I'm working on at any time. I'm a new member. My other hobbies are weaving, painting, piano and reading.



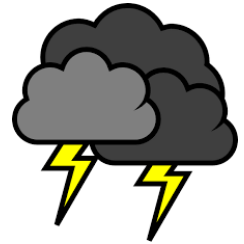






## Sunshine & Shadow

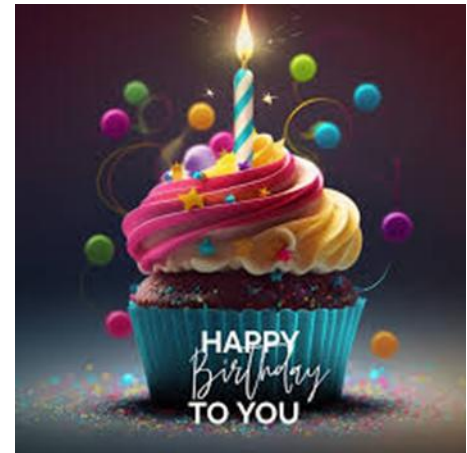
We don't want you to go through it alone! If you have anyone you want remembered, please email: Nancy Knapp at [HUDSONPUPPY@earthlink.net](mailto:HUDSONPUPPY@earthlink.net)



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Susie Baker  
Lucinda Deans  
Laura Earp  
Dell Forrester  
Cynthia Griner  
Joyce Klett  
Ann Layton  
Sharon Wilson



### 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





American Patchwork & Quilting



Many to choose from, beginner to advanced

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/quilt-patterns>

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





## SAVE THE DATES

### TRPQG MEETINGS

**March 8th 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

## March Madness March 2025

By Jinx Abernathy

**TIME: 30 minutes YIELD: 2 dozen**

### Ingredients:

- 1 package, 8 refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1 small apple, peeled, cored & cut into 24 thin slices
- 6 pieces sliced Gouda cheese, quartered (*24 pieces*)
- 24 smoked cocktail sausages
- Honey Mustard

### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°.
2. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper; set aside.
3. Unroll crescent rolls & separate into 8 triangles.
4. Cut each crescent triangle lengthwise into 3 thin triangles.
5. On the wide end of each triangle, place 1 apple slice, 1 piece quartered cheese slice, & 1 smoked sausage; roll tightly.
6. Place the rolls, point side down, 1" apart on the baking sheet.
7. Bake until golden brown, 10-12 minutes.
8. Serve with Honey Mustard.

Happy Eating! "Veel eetplezier!" (Dutch – Netherlands)





## QUILTOLOGY – March 2025

March Winds Blow Mug Rug - 8"x10"

*\*All seams are measured at 1/4"*

### Supplies for 8"x 10" Mug Rug:

Backing Fabric: 9"x11"

Cotton Batting: 9"x11" (*Polyester COULD melt*)

Background Fabric: 9"x11"

Coordinating Fabric Scraps, 3" squares

Heat 'n Bond Lite Iron-on Adhesive

Binding: about 40"-43"

Purchased 1" Fashion Button

Scissors or Rotary Cutter; Cutting Mat & Basic Sewing Tools

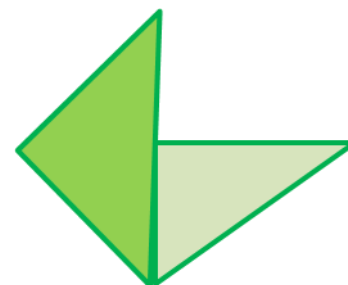


### STEP-1: Prepare the Backing Section:

- > Cut & press Backing Fabric; lay it flat, WRONG-SIDE-UP.
- > Cut the Batting; lay it flat, on top of the Backing.
- > Cut & press Background Fabric; lay it flat, RIGHT-SIDE-UP, on top of the Batting.
- > Pin or clip the Backing Section & set aside until the Whirlygig Pattern is finished.

### STEP-2: Prepare the Whirlygig Pattern:

- > Cut two 3" squares out of each Coordinating Fabrics.
- > Stack the four Coordinating squares together.
- > Cut the 3" squares in half, diagonally = eight half-square triangles.
- > Alternating colors, sew the triangles together, as shown.
- > Turn raw edges under & press.
- > Cut the Heat 'n Bond to fit the Whirlygig Pattern.
- > Press the Heat 'n Bond to the Whirlygig, according to package instructions.



### STEP-3: Prepare the Top Section:

- > Place the Whirlygig Pattern where you want it on top of the Backing Section; pin in place.
- > Cut a piece of binding 2" to 3" long; place one end under the Whirlygig Pattern, as the "stick"; pin in place.
- > When you find the placement you like, remove the paper from the back of the Whirlygig & press in place.
- > Applique around the Whirlygig Pattern & the "stick".
- > Quilt the mug rug with any design you like.

### STEP-4: Final Touches to the Mug Rug:

- > Bind the mug rug.
- > Hand stitch the purchased Button in the center of the Whirlygig Pattern. FINISHED!

*\*If this is a donation, don't forget to sew on a label!*



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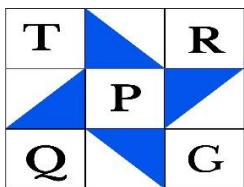
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All area codes are 252 unless noted

## 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



### Viking Topaz 50

Not heavily used. Embroidery unit, extra hoops (magnetic). Lots of feet, including walking foot, some date back to 2006, but in good condition. Manual and foot book. Price is \$500, just looking for someone to use and enjoy.

Contact Frankie Powell (252) 908-4172





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.

## 2025 Greeters

March- Beverly Couch  
April- Mandy Jackson



Ligeia Brown  
Member Since 08 Feb 2025



Vivian Burrus  
Member Since 08 Feb 2025



Carol Christman  
Member Since 08 Feb 2025



Joyce Klett  
Member Since 08 Feb 2025

As of 08 FEBRUARY 2025:

70 Regular Members  
7 Founding Members  
2 Honorary Members  
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**81 Total Members**



Can you provide Coffee & Cookies, or a snack, just ONCE?

If you can,  
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**MEMBERSHIP**







## 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>	Imperial Art Centre on the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 10 am Queen Bee is Lisa Clark.
<b>Cutting Corners</b>	Braswell Library on the 3rd Friday of the month @ 10 am. Queen Bee is Ramona Orzell.
<b>Happy Hooper's</b>	Meetings are held on 3rd Saturday of each month @ 10 am at the home of Frankie Powell. Queen Bee is Frankie Powell.
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<b>EQ8 Electric Quilt</b>	Imperial Art Centre 10 am. - 4th Saturday of each month. Queen Bee is Debbie Nivison.
<b>Patriotic</b>	Braswell Library – 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10 am. Queen Bee is Jennie Wright.





## TRPQG AGENDA MARCH 8, 2025

SOCIAL/SIGN IN: 9:00 to 9:30 AM

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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BIRTHDAYS: Susie Baker, Lucinda Deans, Laura Earp, Dell Forrester, Cynthia Griner, Joyce Klett, Ann Layton, Sharon Wilson

Committee Reports- Short summaries

Outreach - Katherine Saunders

Sunshine and Shadow - Nancy Knapp

Library - Martha Blount and Maryann Rettino

Newsletter - Michele Carpentier

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OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Events

1. Mystery Quilt Block
2. Quilt restoration and repair by Cathy Smith April 12th

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

BREAK – Set up tables for Yard Sale

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

DRAWINGS