



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,

Happy Christmas in July! At our next meeting we will demonstrate several no-sew Christmas decor ideas. We will include them in our upcoming community classes this fall. Please consider joining the class to share the craft with the community. Thank you to everyone who participated in our Log Cabin challenge and huge congratulations to our winners! Your creativity is truly inspiring.

The sign up is open for the August Barn Quilt class. If you want to participate, do not forget to sign up and pay for the class at our July meeting! We will continue working on our raffle quilt. If you took cutting instructions or block kits home, do not forget to bring them back. We will also have more kits to take home and sew.

Looking forward to seeing you all on July 11th.

Nadia, Lori and Julie – Your Leadership Team

Welcome new members!

Join the TRPQG Members Facebook page

Our Next Meeting

Saturday July 11, 2026 9:00AM

Imperial Centre

Bring a Friend

Wear Your Name Tag

Return Borrowed Library Books

Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2026

Lori Mann called the TRPQG meeting to order at 09:37 am and welcomed everyone. Lori wished Happy Birthday to all with a birthday in June.

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for May was made by Julie Green and seconded by Nancy Knapp. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for May was made by Mary Selecky and seconded by Sarah Wade. Both motions passed.

Committee Reports:

Charity Outreach: Bonnie Przelomski: Donations are ongoing and are now documented in the newsletter. Carol Gates has put a lot of work into making labels.

Sunshine and Shadows: Nancy Knapp: No news.

Library: Martha Blount: No news. **Newsletter:**

Michele Carpentier: No news. **Facebook:** Jennie

Wright: Not present.

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

Bee Keeper: Pam Smith: Open Sew Saturday continues as usual.

Webpage: Harvey Sopher: No news.

New Business: Please sign up for 2027 greeters.

Upcoming Monthly Programs:

Christmas in July "Mystery" Program.

Barn Quilt August: The July meeting is the deadline to pay either Mary Selecky or Rosalyn Ryers.

Monthly Program: Rotary Party, to work together on a raffle quilt. The raffle quilt has no deadline and is intended as a fundraiser for the guild.

Membership Report: Jinx Abernathy: 38 people, with 34 members and 4 guests.

Drawings:

Donations: Julie Green

Sew & Tell: Duane Carpentier

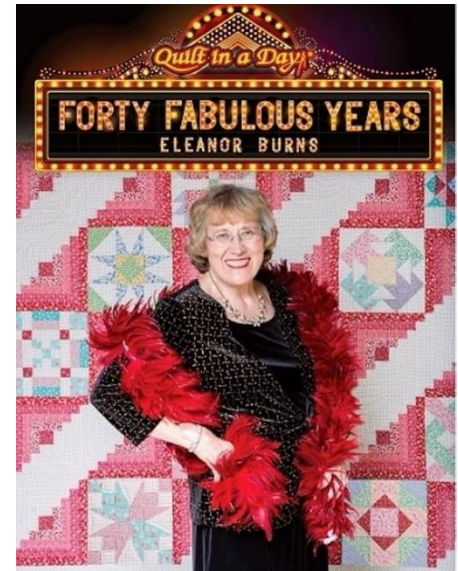
Membership: (blue tickets) Mary Selecky

Quiltfolk Magazine: Mandy Jackson

Next meeting will be on July 11th Meeting
adjourned at 11:37am

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Oberlin, Secretary

Book Review
Forty Fabulous Years
by Eleanor Burns



I have several books with Eleanor Burns quilt patterns. This one is very different, as the whole book is dedicated to making one quilt. She says the book is a collection of blocks that tell about her life. The setting is in log cabin format. She says that was her first book *Make a Quilt in a Day, Log Cabin Pattern*. She includes both 6 and 12" blocks, so that you can customize with borders to fit your bed size. She suggests starting with a large scale print that will be your focus fabric. She also suggests looking at the selvage edge for their suggestion on coordinating colors. That is always a good idea, no matter what the quilt. She also suggests selecting a background with texture that appears from a distance to be a solid fabric. Lastly, she suggests that you choose a fabric with a tiny dot that blends with your other fabrics. In all, she suggests collecting fourteen different prints to use in the blocks to provide variety.

You are given a paste-up page to keep track of where each fabric goes. Ms. Burns suggests that the blocks not be pressed with an iron after each step as pressing can distort the block. Instead, she says one should finger press away from the center. You should sew in an assembly line fashion. Continue doing this until you have used all of the fabrics on your chart. Then each block should be pressed from the right side and then from the wrong side. Check to make sure all of the blocks are the same size. If some are smaller, repress them until they are the correct size (either 6 ½" or 12 ½").

The reader is shown how to square up the half square triangles. They are used in several of her blocks. Directions are given for flying geese. They are used in four of the blocks. Each chapter features a different block that is used in the finished quilt. There are fifteen blocks in all. The next to last chapter tells how to put the quilt together. After your quilt is assembled, you have the option of doing straight borders or making scallops. I have never done a scallop border so I am definitely interested in the information on how to do this. As always, she gives excellent instructions. This is a good book to own.

While this book constructs one quilt, there are instructions on doing many traditional blocks that might be used in any quilt you decide to make. I have always found that she gives excellent instructions. She is a master teacher.

Your Quilt Librarian
Martha Blount

Happy July, Tar River Piecemakers! Summer is in full swing, bringing longer days, bright sunshine, and hopefully a little extra time to enjoy our favorite hobby – quilting. Whether you've been stitching in the cool comfort of your sewing room, traveling with a handwork project, or spending time with family and friends, we're delighted you've joined us this month.

July is a wonderful time to celebrate creativity and community. As we gather together, let's share our latest projects, encourage one another, learn something new, and enjoy the friendships that make our guild so special. Every quilt shares a story, and every member adds a unique thread to the fabric of our guild.

As we celebrate Independence Day, we're also reminded of the many ways quilts have brought comfort, honored service, and preserved our nation's history. Thank you to everyone who continues to share their talents through community service projects and Quilts of Valor.

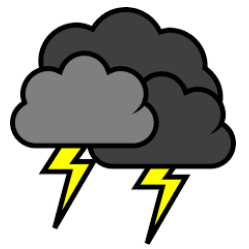
Whether you're beginning a new quilt, finishing a long awaited UFO, or simply looking for inspiration, we hope you leave today's meeting energized and ready to create.

Welcome to our July meeting – we're glad you're here! Let's enjoy another wonderful month of quilting together.



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



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Shirley Baker

Michele Carpentier

Lisa Clark

Lianne McLaughlin

Carol Puckett

Rosemary Toedter



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



Charity/Outreach Update: Donation deliveries were made to:

5/27/26 Tarboro Hospital - 4 quilts and 1 fleece throw

6/16/26 The Gardens in Nashville - 3 quilts

6/16/26 UNC Nash Women's Center – 3 child quilts/blankets and 1 knitted preemie blanket and cap

If you have any questions about Charity/Outreach please reach out to Bonnie Przelomski or Carol Gates.

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 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

2026 Log Cabin Challenge Submissions

Sandy Bachelor

Martha Blount

Duane Carpentier

Lisa Clark

Marylin Hooton

Lori Mann

Bsrbara Myers, 3rd Place

Rosalyn Reyers, 1st Place

Sarah Wade, People's Choice

Jerri White, 2nd Place

Jette Williams (2)

Gerri Womack



KOZY AT HOME

STUDIO & BOUTIQUE

1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Weeklong Sales!

July 14th-18th

25% off
BTY
Fabric*

2 for \$5
Fat
Quarters*

30% off
Patterns
& Books

Raffle Drawing & Daily Deals

Come Celebrate One Year of Cozy,
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*excludes Tilda



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**Have a happy
4th of July!**

We will be closed!



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commemorating its 30th
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win free gift!**
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AND PRIZES!!**

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FREE GIFTS
WITH PURCHASE OF
570QE OR 770QE PRO!**

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VALUED AT \$3,425
WITH PURCHASE OF
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MACHINES!**



BERNINA
made to create

We are thrilled to announce the Sandhills Quilters Guild 2026 Quilt Show and invite you to share your beautiful creations with our community! Whether you are a master quilter, a beginner, or a modern textile artist, we want to see your work on display.

Show Details:

- Dates: Friday and Saturday, 9/25 and 9/26 from 10 AM to 5 PM
- Location: Historic Pinehurst Fair Barn, 200 Beulah Hill Road South, Pinehurst, NC.

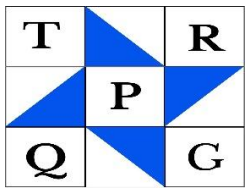
Submission Guidelines:

- Eligibility: All skill levels welcome! All submitted quilts must be clean, completed, and feature a hanging sleeve. See <https://www.sandhillsquilters.org/s/2026-Quilt-Show-Rules-Final.pdf> for quilt show rules.
- Entry Limit: Up to 4 entries per person.
- Entry Fee: The fee is \$7 per entry for guild members and \$12 per entry for nonmembers if submitted by August 18, 2026. After August 18 2026, the fee is \$10 per entry for guild members and \$15 per entry for nonmembers. There is no fee for Junior Entries.

How to Submit: Complete and submit the official registration form online at <https://pci.jotform.com/form/260934364826060>.

Please email Patricia Stack at pstack01@centurylink.net with any questions. We can't wait to celebrate your craftsmanship and creativity.

Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild



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Leadership Team:
Julie Green
Lori Mann
Nadia Pshenitsyna

Secretary: Sarah Oberlin

Treasurer: Rosalyn Ryers

Sunshine & Shadow: Nancy Knapp

Membership:

Jinx Abernathy

Amanda Jackson

Joyce Kirby

Library:

Website: Martha Blount
Harvey Sopher
Beekeeper: Pam Smith
Newsletter: Michele Carpentier

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Facebook: Jennie Wright

Charity Outreach:

Bonnie Przelomski

Carol Gates

Hospitality: Lin Varney

All area codes are 252 unless noted



TRPQG Official Charities

QOV: preferred size 60"x80", minimum size 55"x 65". 100%cotton preferred. Patriotic fabric themes are encouraged, but not mandatory.

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: 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:lap size quilts and mug rugs

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

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

Comfort Bags: For Police department bags

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

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

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 michele251970@gmail.com. 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.



If you are a member of the TRPQG and you machine quilt for others please send your name, phone number and email address to michele251970@gmail.com In future issues of the newsletter I will list your contact information so TRPQG members can contact you for their quilting needs.

As of 13 JUN 2026:

66 Regular Members
7 Founding Members
2 Honorary Members
1 Junior Members
76 Total Members

2026 Greeters

July – Lisa Clark
August – Jerri White
September - Membership

Coffee & Snacks

July – Sarah Wade
August – Jerri White

Greeter Volunteers will receive TWO extra Door Prize Tickets on the day they serve as volunteers!! (See Membership for details)

List of Foods to Donate for the Backpack Program at Englewood Presbyterian Church

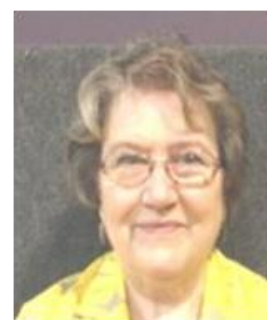
Peanut Butter Crackers (*SINGLE Serving*)
Mac & Cheese (*Family-Size Box*)
Canned Pasta (*Chef Boy-R-Dee or Store Brand – Pull-Tab*)
Instant Oatmeal (*SINGLE Serving*) Applesauce (*SINGLE Serving*)
Pork & Beans (*SINGLE Serving - Pull-Tab*)
Beanie Weanies (*SINGLE Serving - Pull-Tab*)

More items MAY be added in the future

If you have any questions about items to donate, please contact your Queen Bees, Lisa Clark, Ramona Orzell, Julie Green, or Duane Carpentier

MEMBERSHIP

STATISTICS



Returning Former Member

Lucinda Deans

Coffee/Snack Table Volunteers will receive THREE extra Door Prize Tickets on the day they serve as volunteers!!!





Meet Shellie Currin!

Shellie Currin is a wife of Dennis for 33 years. She is a mom to 3 and mother in law to 3. Since retiring she is a foster mom of 8 and counting. She considers herself to be a Fabric Artist. Born and raised in rural North Carolina, she attended North Carolina State University School of Design. She designed furniture for Vanguard furniture for 3 years then decided to stayed home with babies for 11 years. Shellie taught Art at Faith Christian School for 16 years and was dedicated to designing sets for Activate Drama for 11 years. Shellie is now retired and continues to take care of parents. Shellie is devoted to the Lord always.

Shellie will be sharing with us on Saturday, August 8th. She will be sharing her love of fabric and art, combining those to aspects and turning them into beautiful works of art. As you can read in her bio, she has a lot of experience and we are excited for her to share that with us.

You will not want to miss this event!

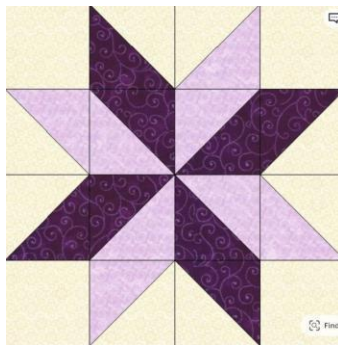
Shellie will share with us during our normal program time and then conduct a class. We will get to paint our own type of Barn Quilt on Canvas. You must register for this class portion of the program. Cost is \$30. You do not need to bring anything with you. We will have all the supplies for you...but again, you must register before the July meeting.

You can select from the following quilt blocks:

Ohio Star



Eight Point Star



Variation Eight Point Star





Firecracker Potato Salad ~ July 2026

Courtesy Jinx Abernathy

Level: Easy Total Time: 1:25 minutes Yield: 4-6 Servings

Ingredients:

- 3 lb. russet potatoes (about 5 medium), chopped
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt, plus more for the water
- 6 slices bacon
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese (about 8 oz.)
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup chopped jalapeños
- 3 Tbsp. yellow mustard
- 4 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
- 4 scallions, thinly sliced, plus more for topping
- 3 sweet gherkins, chopped (about 1/4 cup)
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper

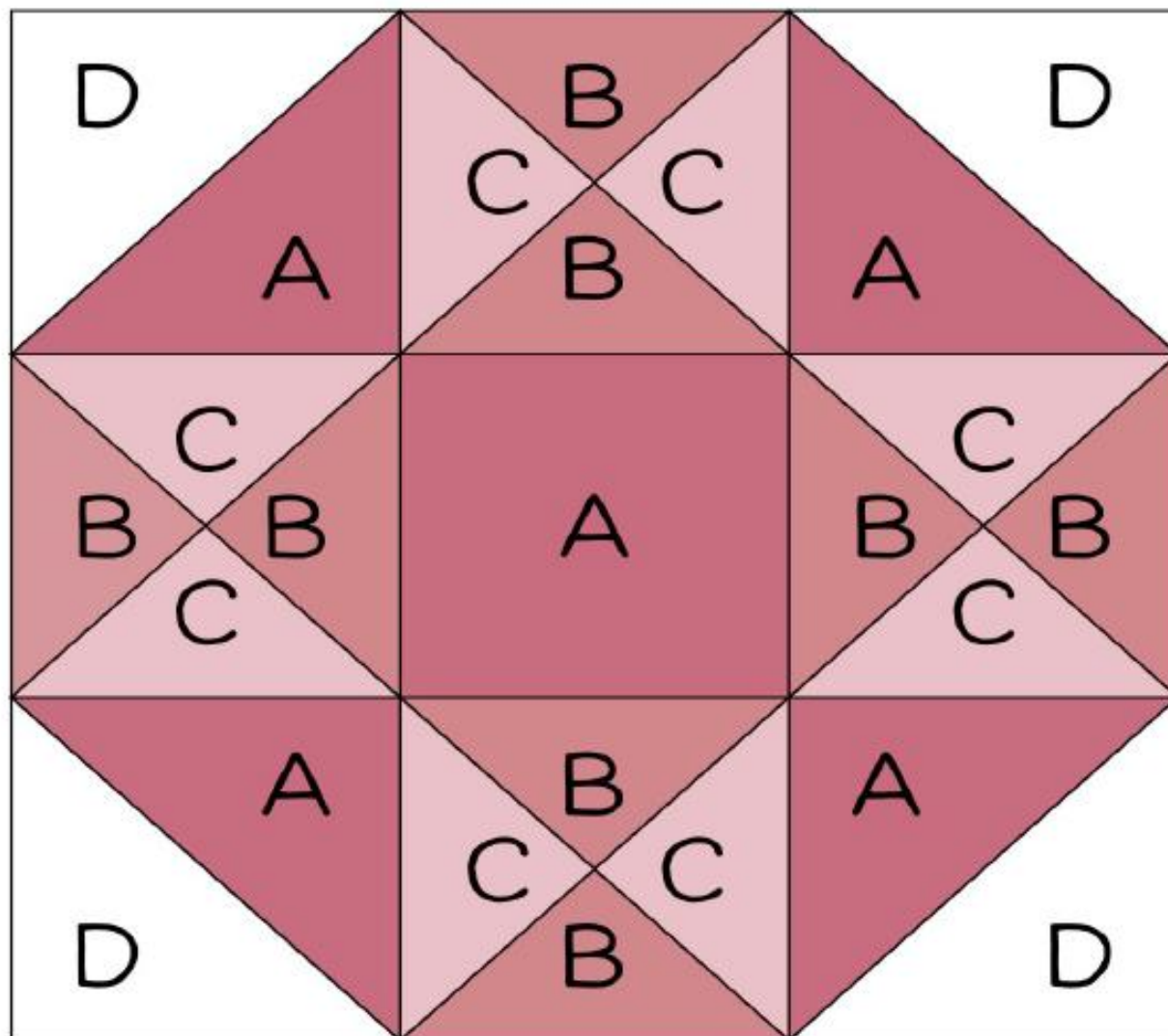


Directions:

1. Put the potatoes in a large pot; Add enough water to cover plus 1".
 - >Season with salt; Bring to boil over high heat & cook until potatoes are fork-tender, about 15 minutes.
 - >Drain & mash the potatoes.
2. Meanwhile, cook the bacon in a large skillet over medium heat, turning, until crisp, about 8 minutes.
 - >Drain on a paper towel, then chop.
3. Scrape the potatoes into a large bowl.
 - >Fold in half of the bacon & the remaining ingredients.
 - >Serve the potato salad warm or cover & refrigerate until chilled, at least 1 hour or overnight.
 - >Top with the remaining bacon & additional scallions before serving.

!!! Happy 250th Birthday!!!

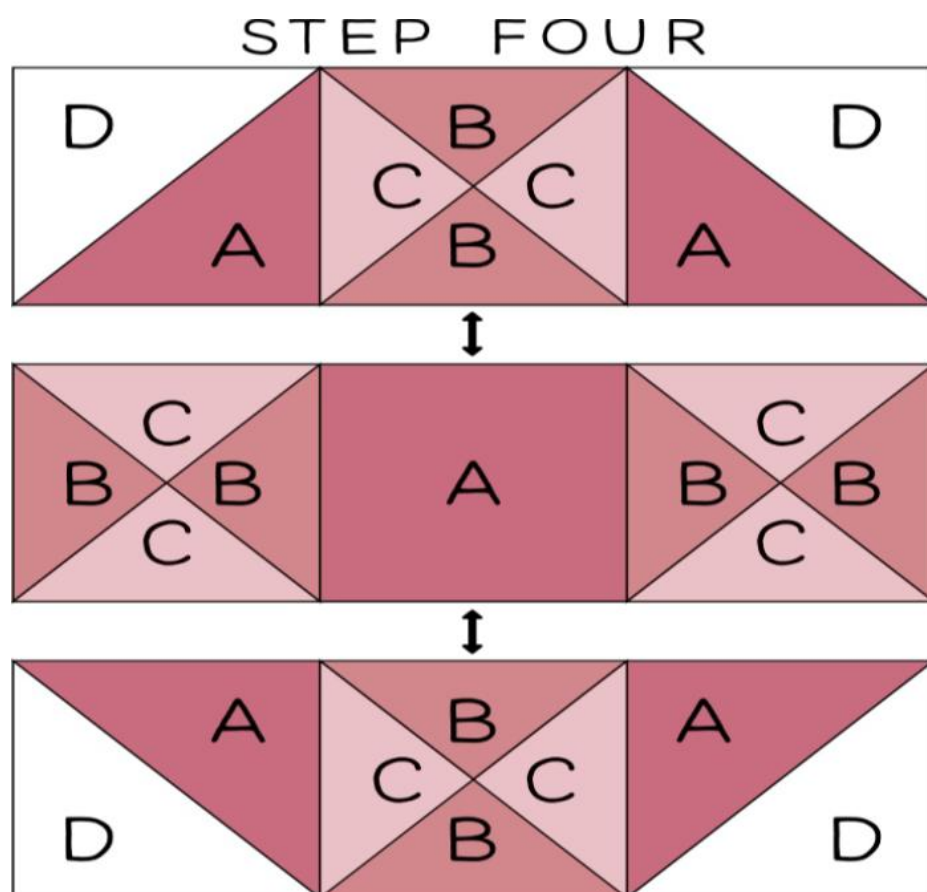
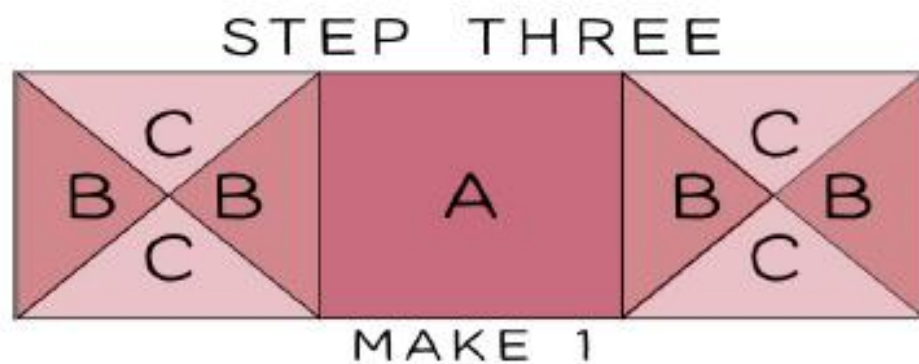
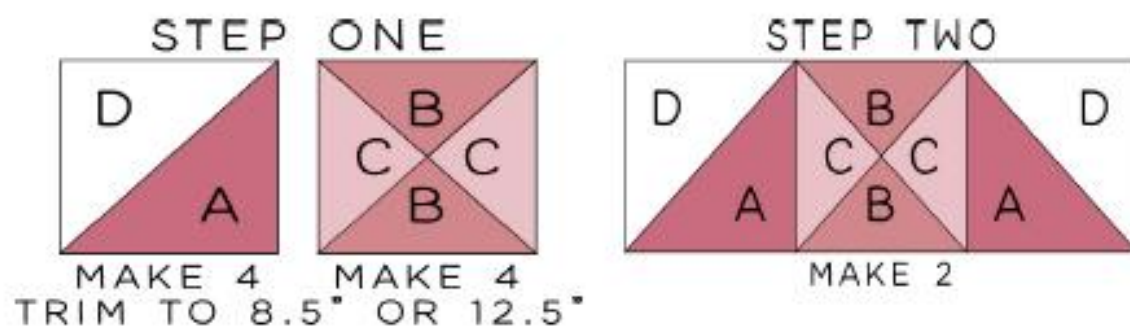
QUILTOLOGY – July 2026
 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ July Giant Quilt Block ~ ~ ~ ~ ~



Listed below are cutting instructions for making a 24" or 36" block.

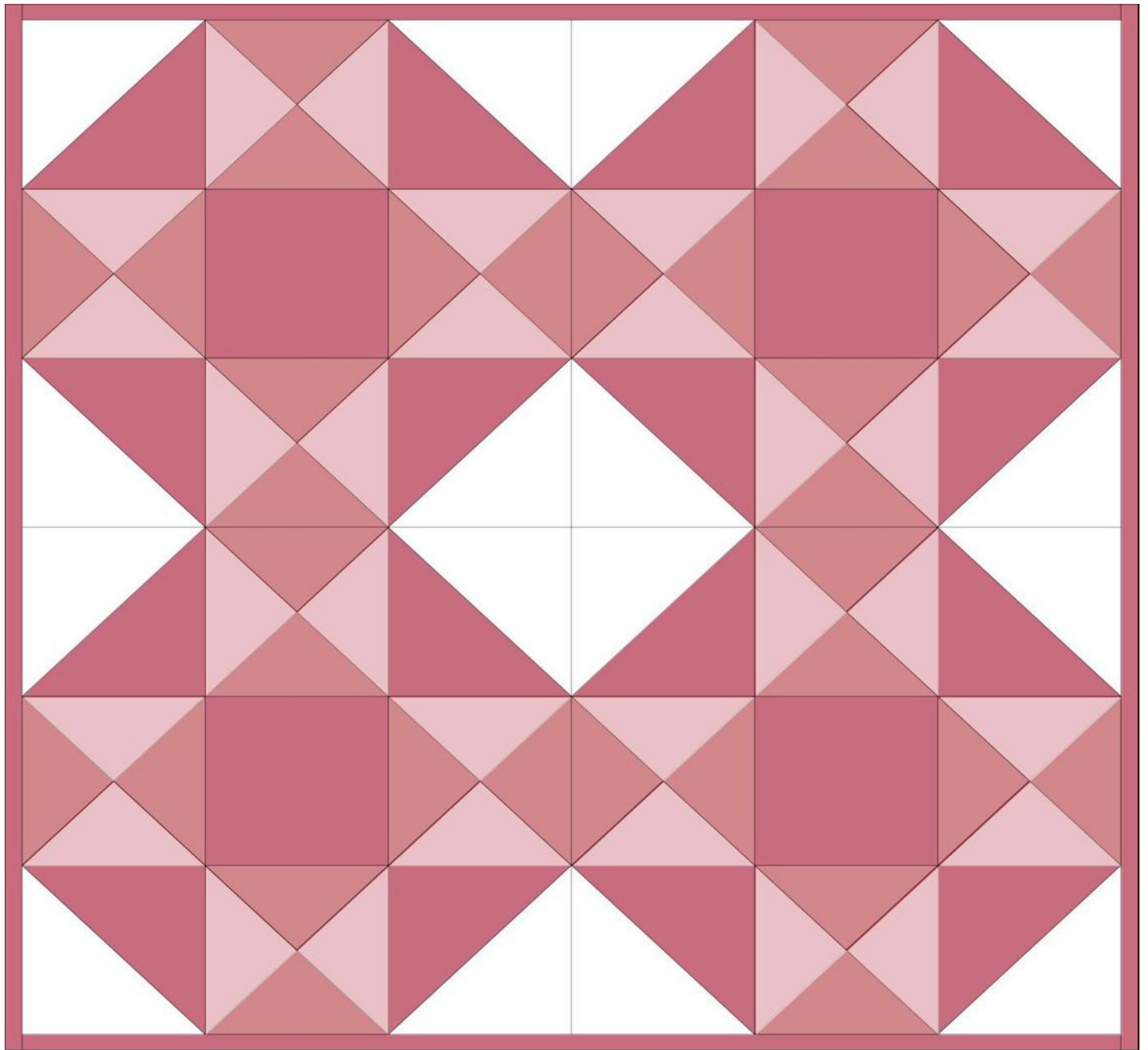
CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

	A	B	C	D
24" BLOCK	(1) 8.5" X 8.5" (2) 9" X 9"	(2) 9.5" X 9.5"	(2) 9.5" X 9.5"	(2) 9" X 9"
36" BLOCK	(1) 12.5" X 12.5" (2) 13" X 13"	(2) 13.5" X 13.5"	(2) 13.5" X 13.5"	(2) 13" X 13"



24" QUILT BLOCKS ~ Finished Quilt Size 48" Square

Make (4) 24" Blocks





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

Busy Bees	Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10AM Meeting Place is Englewood Presbyterian Church 100 S Englewood Drive RMT Queen Bee is Lisa Clark.
Cutting Corners	Meetings are on the 3rd Friday of the month at 10AM Meeting Place is Englewood Presbyterian Church 100 S Englewood Drive RMT Queen Bee is Ramona Orzell.
Happy Hooper's	Meetings 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 Centre on the 4th Saturday of each month. Door to the Education Building open at 9:30AM. Everyone is welcome – bring your UFO's, or any project you'd like to finish or just come chat and see what projects are being worked on. Please contact Pam Smith.
EQ8 Electric Quilt	Imperial Art Centre 10 am. - 4th Saturday of each month. Queen Bee is Debbie Nivison.
Patriotic	Meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10AM Meeting Place is Englewood Presbyterian Church 100 S Englewood Drive, RMT Bee Leaders are Jinx Abernathy & Duane Carpentier.





TRPQG AGENDA July 11, 2026

SOCIAL/SIGN IN: 9:00 – 9:30

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

MOTION TO APPROVE & 2ND

TREASURERS REPORT APPROVED AS PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER

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COMMITTEE REPORTS/SHORT SUMMARIES

OUTREACH: BONNIE PRZELOMSKI/CAROL GATES

SUNSHINE AND SHADOW: NANCY KNAPP

LIBRARY: MARTHA BLOUNT

NEWSLETTER: MICHELE CARPENTIER

FACEBOOK: JENNIE WRIGHT

BEEKEEPER: PAM SMITH

PUBLIC RELATIONS: LIN VARNEY/HARVEY SOPHER

WEBSITE: HARVEY SOPHER

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bio Forms – Attention ALL new folks!! We want to get to know you! Give those to Sarah Wade or Michele Carpentier.
2. Sign up to be a greeter or coffee/snacks.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Barn Quilt Class for August cost is \$30 (cash only, give to Rosalyn) at the time of sign up. Deadline to sign up is July meeting.
2. Raffle Quilt: Quilt Guild members are asked to bring fat quarter size scraps in reds and blues to make kits for the Raffle Quilt. Each member can then take 2-3 kits to make at home and return by deadline TBD.
3. Christmas ornament classes in the Fall.

SEW AND TELL

BREAK

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

DRAWINGS

CHRISTMAS DEMOS WITH JULIE, NADIA AND LORI

FINAL REMINDERS