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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,

Earlier this month many of us enjoyed exploring a new craft at our Barn Quilt class with Shellie Currin. We encourage the participants to bring their creation to our September meeting and share your experience with the guild.

At our September meeting we will celebrate the 26th anniversary of the TRPQG. There will be treats, there will be games, there will be prizes! We will also swear in new members of the guild leadership.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Nadia, Lori and Julie – Your Leadership Team

Welcome new members!

Join the TRPQG Members Facebook page

Our Next Meeting

Saturday September 12, 2026

9:00am Imperial Centre

Bring a Friend

Wear Your Name Tag

Return Borrowed Library Books

Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2026

Lori called the TRPQG meeting to order at 09:30 am and welcomed everyone. Lori wished Happy Birthday to all with a birthday in August.

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for July was made by Nancy Knapp and seconded by Harvey Sopher. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for July was made by Nancy Knapp and seconded by Jette Williams. Both motions passed.

Charity Outreach: Bonnie reminded everyone to fill out the time estimate sheet.

Sunshine and Shadows: Nancy Knapp: No news.

Library: Martha Blount: No news.

Newsletter: Michele Carpentier: No news.

Facebook: Jennie Wright: No news.

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

Bee Keeper: Pam Smith: No news.

Webpage: Harvey Sopher: No news.

New Business:

1. Everyone must pay dues by the end of the October meeting. People who are delinquent will be removed from the membership list until dues are paid.
2. Volunteers are needed to cut Christmas fabric and to run ornament making classes in the month of October.
3. Sarah Oberlin was nominated to the Leadership Team to replace Lori and was voted in unanimously. We are looking for a suitable candidate for the now empty Secretary role.

Monthly Program: September - Birthday Party for the 26th Anniversary of the guild, with games and prizes. October & November meetings will be at the Englewood Presbyterian location.

Drawings:

Sew & Tell: Jette Williams

Membership: Julie Green

First time Sew & Tell: Mary Ellen Arthur

Membership Report: Jinx Abernathy, in July we had 41 people in attendance, a new record. In August we had 38 people in attendance.

Next meeting will be on September 12th

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Oberlin

Welcome to the September meeting of the Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild!

Welcome, Tar River Piecemakers!

As we gather for our September meeting, we have a very special reason to celebrate—our guild's 26th birthday! For twenty-six years, the Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild has brought together friends who share a love of quilting, creativity, learning, and service. Through stitches and stories, workshops and projects, we have created not only beautiful quilts, but also lasting friendships and a caring community.

This anniversary is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the many quilts we have made, the skills we have shared, and the countless acts of kindness that have touched others through our work. Each member, past and present, has added a unique thread to the rich tapestry of our guild's history.

September is also a month of remembrance. As we gather, we pause to remember September 11, 2001, honoring those who lost their lives, the families and communities forever changed, and the first responders and service members who answered the call. May we never forget the courage, compassion, and unity that emerged during that difficult time.

As we celebrate this milestone and remember those who came before us, let us look forward to another year filled with inspiration, laughter, friendship, and the joy of quilting together.

Happy 26th Birthday, Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild! May our next year be filled with many more memories, meaningful projects, and wonderful friendships.

Submitted by Harvey Sopher



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Crayon Quilt Challenge (due in January 2027)

Everyone gets 2 crayons. Those two colors must be the predominate colors in your quilt. You may use a neutral background (white, off-white, black or grey). Quilt must be 40" square or larger and must be complete with binding to qualify. Please keep the crayons to bring back with your quilt.

For example, if your colors are red & blue...your quilt can be any shades of red/blue (brick red, Christmas red, light blue, navy etc...) with a neutral background. When someone looks at your quilt, they should be able to tell you what your two colors were without looking at your crayons.





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



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Donna Allen
Lucy Freeman
Anna Grace Niece
Rosalyn Ryers
Lin Varney
Sarah Wade



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



Beginning Balance

Add Membership Dues

Less Ck 2120 S Currin Barn Quilt

Less Ck 2121 J Green BQ material

Balance as of 8/8/2026

QOV Grant Beginning Balance

Ck 2119 D Carpentier QOV folders

QOV Grant Balance 8/8/2026

Total Bank Balance 8/8/2026



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

September "FOODIE DAYS"

September is packed with official & unofficial food holidays that celebrate everything from simple snacks to gourmet treats. Don't be afraid to try something new, something fun, or something different! Let's start out with the entire month of SEPTEMBER:

~ National Honey Month ~ National Chicken Month ~
~ Sourdough September ~ National Mushroom Month ~



The 2nd Saturday of September is the 1st day of the Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild's 2026-2027 Fiscal Year. Now YOU may not think this is an especially important date, but this year we are sharing the 12th of September with an annually celebrated National Holiday:

!!! National Chocolate Milkshake Day !!!

It is a food holiday dedicated to enjoying the creamy, frosty blend of milk, ice cream, & chocolate syrup. The word "*Milkshake*" first appeared in print, describing an alcoholic whiskey-& egg drink served as a tonic in 1885. Early 1900s, ice cream replaced the alcohol & eggs (THANK GOODNESS), transforming the drink into a sweet treat. In 1922: Stephen Poplawski invented the electric blender, making milkshakes smooth, frothy, & popular. Malt shops began popping up in the 1920s.

I don't think I need to tell you how to celebrate this holiday – but if you don't want to visit a local diner, fast-food chain, or ice cream parlor, make your own shake at home using chocolate ice cream, whole milk, and chocolate syrup. Top your creation with whipped cream, chocolate shavings, or a cherry.



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**Quilting in the
Pines Show
September 25-26
Pinehurst, NC**

**Durham-Orange
Quilt Show
September 25-27
Mebane, NC**

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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.

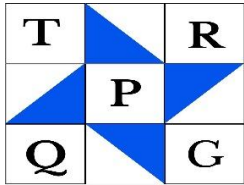
Submission Guidelines:

- 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:

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

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 08 AUG 2026:

70 Regular Members
7 Founding Members
2 Honorary Members
1 Junior Members
80 Total Members

2026 Greeters

September - Membership

Coffee & Snacks

September – Nadia P

MEMBERSHIP

STATISTICS



The Membership Table holds a supply of:

- *Information
- *Sew & Tell Slips
- *Sign-In Sheets for Greeters & Hospitality
- *TRPQG Documents: *By Laws; Newsletters; Outreach Overview; & much, much more!*
- *Most importantly ~



WE control the thermostat !!!

**RENEWAL
REMINDER**

Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild Bylaws
Revised as of August 12, 2023:

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual Dues shall be payable by the September meeting or upon joining the guild. Membership will become delinquent if Dues are not paid by the October meeting and the member will lose all privileges until membership dues are paid.

Annual Dues amount shall be reviewed each year for approval by the membership at the July meeting. The Executive Board can adjust the amount of Dues if needed but not to exceed what the membership has approved.





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Quilting Bees

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

New Bee Forming

☞ Open Sew Quilting Bee ☞

Join us on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 10-4 for an Open Sew Quilting Bee! Bring any sewing, quilting, knitting, crochet, or craft project you'd like to work on, or simply come enjoy fellowship and conversation with fellow crafters.

♀ Englewood Presbyterian Church
100 S. Englewood Drive
Rocky Mount, NC

✦ Work on your own project

✦ Share ideas and tips

✦ Meet new friends

✦ No experience required

Whether you're an experienced quilter or just enjoy good company, everyone is welcome!

Busy Bees	Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 10 am 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 @ 10 am. Meeting Place: is Englewood Presbyterian Church 100 S Englewood Drive, RMT Queen Bee is Ramona Orzell
Happy Hooper's	Meetings are on the 3 rd Saturday at 10am Meeting is at the home of Frankie Powell. Queen Bee is Frankie
Sew-Social	Open Sew Format will meet at Imperial Art Center Doors open at 9:30 am & the space is available until 4 pm Everyone is welcome – bring your UFO's, or any project you would like to finish. Upcoming Dates: 8/28 - 9/25 & 10/23, 1/23/27 Contact Pam Smith
Sit & Sew	3 rd Thursday of each month Meeting Place: Englewood Presbyterian Church, 100 S Englewood Drive, RMT Open sew format – please come to sew & chat. Contact Barbara Meyers 9/17 & 10/15
Patriotic	1 st Tuesday of each month @ 10 am. Meeting Place: Englewood Presbyterian Church, 100 S Englewood Drive, RMT Bee Leaders are Jinx Abernathy & Duane Carpentier

August 2026 Bee Buzz

Tar River Quilting Guild Bees

Where Creativity and Friendship Blossom 

 **TRQG Bees • Building Community One Stitch at a Time**

 **Why Join a Quilting Bee?** Quilting bees bring together makers who enjoy sewing and quilting.

 **Create**  **Learn**  **Connect**  **Belong**  **Sweet Friendships**  **Everyone Is Welcome!**

 **New Bee Forming!**  **Join the Hive!**  **No Experience Required** 

   **Open Sew Quilting Bee**   

 **Bring Your Projects & Pollinate New Ideas!**

 **Follow the Bee Trail to Creativity**

Third Thursday each month, 10:00am to 4:00pm at Englewood Presbyterian Church, RMT

 **Bee Directory**

Bee	When	Where	Leader
 Busy Bees	2 nd Tuesday 10 AM	Englewood Presbyterian Church	Lisa Clark
 Cutting Corners	3 rd Friday 10 AM	Englewood Presbyterian Church	Ramona Orzell
 Happy Hooper's	3 rd Saturday 10 AM	Home of Frankie Powell	Frankie Powell
 Sew-Social	4 th Saturday	Imperial Art Center	Pam Smith
 Sit & Sew	3 rd Thursday	Englewood Presbyterian Church	Barbara Meyers
 Patriotic Bee	1 st Tuesday 10 AM	Englewood Presbyterian Church	Jinx Abernathy & Duane Carpentier

 **Quilter Bucket List**

 **Attend a Bee Meeting**

 **Share a Quilting Tip**

 **Finish a UFO**

 **Teach a New Friend**

 **Learn a New Technique**

 **Help a Fellow Quilter**



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

MOTION TO APPROVE & 2ND

BIRTHDAYS: Donna Allen, Lucy Freeman, Anna Grace Niece, Rosalyn Ryers, Lin Varney and Sarah Wade

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:

- Bio Forms – Attention ALL new folks!! We want to get to know you! Give those to Sarah Wade or Michele Carpentier.
- Raffle Quilt – If you took kits to make blocks, please return those finished to the designated table

NEW BUSINESS:

- October and November meetings will be at Englewood Presbyterian Church
- October and November Program
- Membership reminder – annual dues payable today
- Committee opportunity
- New leadership vote

SEW AND TELL

BREAK

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Jinx Abernathy

DRAWINGS

GAMES WITH NADIA

FINAL REMINDERS