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October

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Quilting Times

Join us!!

Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild

Meets at 9:00 the second Saturday of every month, October and November meetings will be held at Englewood Presbyterian Church, 100 S Englewood Dr, Rocky Mount, NC 27804.

From The Leadership Team

Greetings Quilters,

This past month we celebrated the guild's 26th birthday. I feel so grateful to join this thriving community of quilters as part of the leadership team.

We encourage people to sign up to help with upcoming classes at the Imperial Center. Please bring your completed blocks for the raffle quilt and wish our new secretary, Mary Ellen Arthur, well in her new position as secretary. Please also remember that the October guild meeting location will be at Englewood Presbyterian for our Embroidery demonstration.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Sarah, Nadia and Julie – Your Leadership Team

Welcome new members!

Join the TRPQG Members Facebook page

Our Next Meeting

Bring a Friend

Saturday October 10, 2026

Wear Your Name Tag

9:00am Englewood Presbyterian Church

Return Borrowed Library Books

Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2026

Nadia called the TRPQG meeting to order at 09:35 am and welcomed everyone. Lori wished Happy Birthday to all with a birthday in September.

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for August was made by Jette Williams and seconded by Mary Selecky. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for August was made by Jean Doyle and seconded by Harvey Sopher. Both motions passed.

Charity Outreach: Bonnie emphasized that preemie caps and baby quilts size 36 x 36 are needed.

Sunshine and Shadows: Nancy Knapp: No news.

Library: Nadia announced that we need a volunteer to take over from Martha Blount.

Newsletter: Michele Carpentier: No news.

Facebook: Jennie Wright: No news.

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

Bee Keeper: Pam Smith: There is a new Sewing Bee, named the Sit n' Sew.

Webpage: Harvey Sopher: No news.

New Business:

1. Some blocks for the raffle quilt are missing; please return them ASAP.
2. Sarah Oberlin and Mary Ellen Arthur were voted in as Guild Officers, to the leadership team and secretary position, respectively.
3. October will be an embroidery demonstration, presented by our own gifted members.

Monthly Program: We celebrated the guild's 26th birthday and all had fun playing quilters bingo.

Drawings:

First Time Sew & Tell: Vivian Burrus

Sew & Tell: Barbara Myers

Membership (blue tickets): Jette Williams

Donations: Marilyn Hooton and Duane Carpentier

Grand Prize: One of our newest members, Laura, took home the Stripology ruler!

Membership Report: Jinx Abernathy: 36 members and 2 guests were in attendance.

Next meeting will be on October 10, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 11:20am

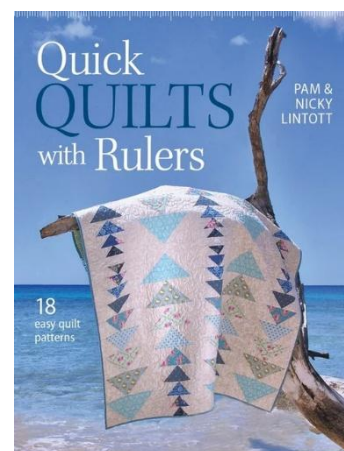
Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Oberlin

Book Review

Quick Quilts with Ruler

By Pam and Nicky Lintott

I have been on a quest to find quilt patterns which use a variety of colors that are used in one quilt. This is the third book I have examined in my hunt for the best pattern to use for fabric that I already have. Many of the patterns in this book use the multi-size non-slip 2 Peaks in 1 Triangle Ruler by Creative Grids. I think the quilts could be used with your standard rulers; the authors just think this ruler makes cutting easier and faster. There are eighteen different quilt patterns in this book. Six of them are composed of Flying Geese. The flying geese block is made by combining a 90-degree center triangle with a 45-degree triangle on each side of the center. By sewing the side triangles to the center triangle, you will have straight edges on all four sides of the flying geese block. This makes the block not have bias edges which can easily stretch.



I found two patterns that I really liked. The first one is called Flower Power. It has thirty-five repeated blocks plus a border. The blocks combine many different fabrics that are set on a white background. The print fabrics are red, pink, yellow, and blue for the most part. The palette could easily be changed to colors you prefer. The flowers are pinwheels with a center circle. The authors show the quilter just how to use the 2 Peaks in 1 Triangle Ruler. I can see that it would be helpful in cutting the side triangles from the background fabric that go with each floral fabric triangle. There are thirty-five blocks in the quilt. The background fabric is incorporated with each of the pinwheels as they are being constructed. The scraps left are used for the circles in the middle of each pinwheel. The quilt is very happy looking. The quilt is finished with a 2" border. With additional fabric, the quilt size could easily be increased, as all of the blocks are constructed in the same way.

The next quilt pattern that I found particularly interesting is called Circular Motion. It is a smaller quilt (49 1/2" x 49 1/2"). Four pinwheel blocks are paired with two side triangles. The side triangles are cut from two different colors that coordinate with the pinwheels. They are combined with a four patch block. The side triangles are rotated, so that they seem to make a circle around the pinwheels. I think it would be possible to make a king-sized quilt by making four of these small quilts. The size given in the pattern would make a lovely wall hanging. While this quilt does use multiple fabrics, it is more color coordinated than the fabrics used in the first quilt I described (Flower Power).

Your Quilt Librarian,
Martha Blount



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Crayon Quilt Challenge (due in January 2027)

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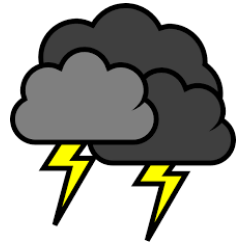
For example, if your colors are red & blue...your quilt can be any shades of red/blue (brick red, Christmas red, light blue, navy etc...) with a neutral background. When someone looks at your quilt, they should be able to tell you what your two colors were without looking at your crayons.





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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Diann Aycock

Jean Doyle

Marilyn Hooton

Billie Howell

Mandy Jackson

Joyce Kirby

Lori Mann

Jerri White



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



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



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****Charity/Outreach Update****

8/24/2026 2 quilts delivered to Danny Talbot Cancer Center. 2 child quilts delivered to Nash UNC Women's Center.

8/27/2026 2 fleece blankets delivered to Tarboro ECU Hospital.

9/23/2026 4 child/infant quilts delivered to Nash UNC.

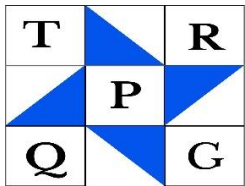
9/23/2026 3 adult quilts and 8 adult chemo caps delivered to Danny Talbot Cancer Center.

9/25/2026 2 quilts and 14 chemo caps delivered to Tarboro Hospital.

Total hours reported 43



Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild



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Leadership Team:

Julie Green
Sarah Oberlin
Nadia Pshenitsyna

Secretary: Mary Ellen Arthurs

Treasurer: Rosalyn Ryers

Sunshine & Shadow: Nancy Knapp

Membership:

Jinx Abernathy

Amanda Jackson

Joyce Kirby

Library:

Beekeeper: Pam Smith

Website: Harvey Sopher

Newsletter: Michele Carpentier

Facebook: Jennie Wright

Charity Outreach:

Carol Gates

Bonnie Przelomski

Public Relations: Lin Varney

Harvey Sopher



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.



Contact Jerri White or Duane Carpentier for tickets
Drawing will be November 21st





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.

As of 08 AUG 2026:

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

2026 Greeters

October-

Coffee & Snacks

October-

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 ~



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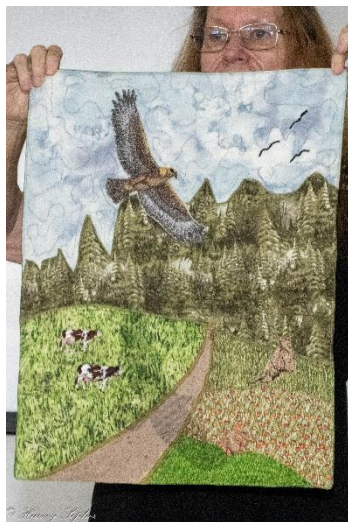
RENEWAL REMINDER

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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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

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|  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

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BIRTHDAYS: Diann Aycock, Jean Doyle, Marilyn Hooton, Billie Howell, Mandy Jackson, Joyce Kirby, Lori Mann, Jerri White

COMMITTEE REPORTS/SHORT SUMMARIES

OUTREACH: BONNIE PRZELOMSKI/CAROL GATES

SUNSHINE AND SHADOW: NANCY KNAPP

LIBRARY:

NEWSLETTER: MICHELE CARPENTIER

FACEBOOK: JENNIE WRIGHT

BEEKEEPER: PAM SMITH

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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

SEW AND TELL

BREAK

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Jinx Abernathy

DRAWINGS

EMBROIDERY

FINAL REMINDERS