

Quilting Times

2026

May

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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,

At our last meeting, we enjoyed a glimpse into a different crafty hobby, weaving. We thank Ligeia Brown for generously sharing her talent with us!

At the next meeting, we will invite a few of our fellow guild members, both long-time and new, to share with us their quilting journeys in a panel interview. Each of them has been following a different path leading them to the beautiful community of quilters and we are so grateful that they are the members of our guild.

We will also announce a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the creation of the 2026 guild raffle quilt. Stay tuned and join in the fun!

We are looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on May 9th.

Nadia, Lori and Julie – Your Leadership Team

Welcome new members!

Join the TRPQG Members Facebook page

Our Next Meeting

Saturday May 9, 2026

9:00AM Imperial Centre

Bring a Friend

Wear Your Name Tag

Return Borrowed Library Books

Tar River Piecemakers Quilting Guild Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2026

Lori Mann called the TRPQG meeting to order at 09:31 am and welcomed everyone. Lori wished Happy Birthday to all with a birthday in April.

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for March was made by Mary Selecky and seconded by Donna Allen. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for March was made by Pam Smith and seconded by Sarah Wade. Both motions passed.

Committee Reports:

Charity Outreach: N/A

Sunshine and Shadows: N/A

Library: Martha Blount: No news.

Newsletter: Michele Carpentier: No news.

Facebook: Jennie Wright: N/A

Programs: Leadership Team – See below under New Business.

Public Relations: Lin Varney: A photo of Jette Williams holding her quilt was published in the Rocky Mount Telegram!

Bee Keeper: Pam Smith: Business as usual. Looking forward to the Open Sew Saturday

Webpage: Harvey Sopher: Barbara Myers took photos of the guild for Harvey Sopher.

New Business: Duane Carpentier announced that a Quilt of Valor presentation would occur on May 24th at 100 S Englewood Drive. Duane can provide batting and backing fabric for Quilts of Valor.

Parking: If the Imperial Center parking is blocked in the future, members can park instead at the old pharmacy or library parking. Mandy Jackson asked able bodied guild members to please reserve the Imperial Center parking lot for people who have trouble walking, as honorary handicapped spots.

Membership Drawings: To incentivize participation, Jinx Abernathy announced that signing up as a greeter would be rewarded with 2 additional blue tickets and that signing up to bring food & coffee would be rewarded with 3 additional blue tickets.

Upcoming Monthly Programs:

1. August: A Barn Quilt Painting workshop will be after the regular August 8th meeting. It will be a couple hours long, with materials provided. Cost to be determined. Payment occurs when signing up.

Working on providing several classes for the public through the Art Center- Making ornaments for the holidays. More details to come.

Monthly Program: Ligeia Brown did a exhibition of her woven clothes and objects and explained how each loom worked. A small rigid pedal loom was demonstrated. She recommended the John C. Campbell Folk School in western North Carolina as an opportunity to learn all kinds of folk arts.

Membership Report: Jinx Abernathy: 39 members and two guests.

Drawings:

Donations: Rosalyn Ryers

Sew & Tell: Lisa Clark

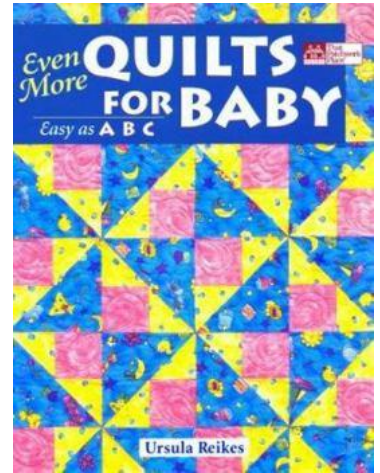
Membership: (blue tickets) Carol Christman

Next meeting will be on May 9th

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am

Respectly Submitted,
Sarah Oberlin, Secretary

Book Review
Even More Quilts for Baby
 By Ursula Reikes



I have reviewed this book before. It has been several years (I think). It is my favorite, so I think it is worth mentioning again, as we have many members who have joined the guild recently. I use the patterns in this book most often when I am doing a baby quilt or a smaller charity quilt. The instructions are clear and the quilts are easy to assemble. Who doesn't need a book like that.? The book is called Even More Quilts for Baby by Ursula Reikes. I have several of her books, but this is by far my favorite. I plan to cut out a quilt today using one of these patterns. There are twenty patterns in the book. I have probably used fifteen of them over the years. Ms. Reikes gives you the fabric yardage required. Then she tells you how to cut the strips. She gives a first cut from each fabric and then gives you the second cut. Therefore, when you are ready to start sewing, you should have all of the pieces needed and can proceed quickly and efficiently. While she may use a fabric more than once, she gives you the measurements for the borders separately, in case you wish to use a different fabric for the borders. If you wish to make the quilt a different size, you should be able to figure from her directions how to enlarge the quilt. I have used these patterns for baby quilts and for wheelchair quilts.

At the beginning of the book, there are basic sewing instructions. For the binding the author shows how to join the ends, so that the recipient of the quilt cannot tell where you started sewing the binding. I have made a copy of how to do this. I need to get it out each time I am binding a quilt to make sure I sew the diagonal line the correct way. There are instructions on how to add the borders, how to piece the backing when your fabric is not wide enough, and tips for machine quilting your quilt. I try to be quite careful on where I put this book. Once I took it with me to the fabric store (when Hancocks was in Rocky Mount). I bought the fabric and put the book inside the bag. I didn't make the quilt for some time. When I looked for the book, I thought I had left it at the store. I purchased a second book! Later I found my original copy. I now make copies of the pattern that I keep out when I am sewing, so that I don't misplace the book. In my opinion this book is a keeper!

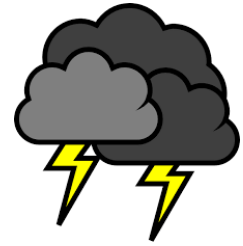
Your Quilt Librarian
 Martha Blount





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



MAY BIRTHDAYS



- Sandy Batchelor
- Vivian Burrus
- Frances Cooley
- Betty Gentry
- Nadia Pshenitsyna
- Jette Williams



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	\$7,263.75
QOV Grant Balance	\$3,955.82
Less Ck 2114 D Carpentier fabric	\$424.51
Less Ck 2115 D Carpentier batting	\$380.00
QOV Grant Balance as of 4/16/2026	\$3,151.31
Total Bank Balance as of 4/16/2026	\$10,415.06



*** Charity/Outreach Update: A delivery was made to Veterans Residential Services in Wilson of 2 Patriotic placemats and 14 mug rugs 4/7/26.***

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

SAVE THE DATES

TRPQG MEETING

May 9th Meeting: Imperial Centre
Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 25th

Cabarrus Quilters Guild Splash of Color, 601 Milestone Venue, Concord, NC

June 19-20



National Barbeque Month ~ May 2026 Courtesy Jinx Abernathy

National BBQ Month is celebrated throughout May to mark the start of the summer grilling season. The tradition was established in 1963 by the Barbecue Council to promote outdoor cooking. While originally aimed at encouraging charcoal grilling, it has evolved into a month-long celebration of American culinary tradition, heavily influenced by Caribbean, African, & European techniques.

The practice of cooking over fire is ancient, but the term "*barbecue*" originates from the Caribbean "*barbacoa*", a wooden, raised platform for cooking meat. Post-World War II suburban expansion sparked the rise of backyard culture in the 1950s, & the availability of meat helped turn it into a national staple. Organized by the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association, May serves as the peak time for BBQ awareness & community gatherings.

American BBQ features distinct regional variations centered on meat type, wood, & sauce. The four main regions include:

Texas: Focuses on beef brisket, ribs, & sausage, cooked over oak, often with a simple pepper rub, highlighting the meat over sauce.

Memphis: Known for slow-smoked pork ribs & shoulder, served either "dry" seasoned with a dry rub, or "wet", mopped with sauce.

Kansas City: The "melting pot style" of mixed meats with thick, sweet, molasses-heavy tomato based sauces & burnt ends.

The Carolinas:

Eastern North Carolina: Whole hog, cooked with a sharp vinegar & pepper sauce.

Western North Carolina (Lexington): Pork shoulder with a "dip" consisting of vinegar, pepper, & a small amount of ketchup.

South Carolina: Famous for "Carolina Gold" (mustard-based sauce used on pork).

Other prominent styles include: Alabama's chicken smoked with a mayo-based white sauce. Kentucky's mutton, slow-cooked over hickory & paired with a thin, tangy "black dip". And California's Santa Maria-style tri-tip beef cooked over red oak, seasoned simply with salt, pepper, & garlic.

Smacznego! Happy Eating!



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MAY 29: 12:30-5
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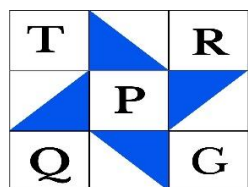
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TRPQG Official Charities

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

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

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

Comfort Bags: For Police department bags

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 11 APR 2026:
 64 Regular Members
 7 Founding Members
 2 Honorary Members
 1 Junior Members
74 Total Members

2026 Greeters
 May – Sarah Oberlin
 June – Carol Puckett
 July – Lisa Clark
 August – Jerri White

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

Coffee/Snack Table Volunteers will receive THREE extra Door Prize Tickets on the day they serve as volunteers!!! (See Membership for details)

Coffee & Snacks
 May – Marilyn Hooton
 June –
 July –
 August – Jerri White

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*)
 Banie 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

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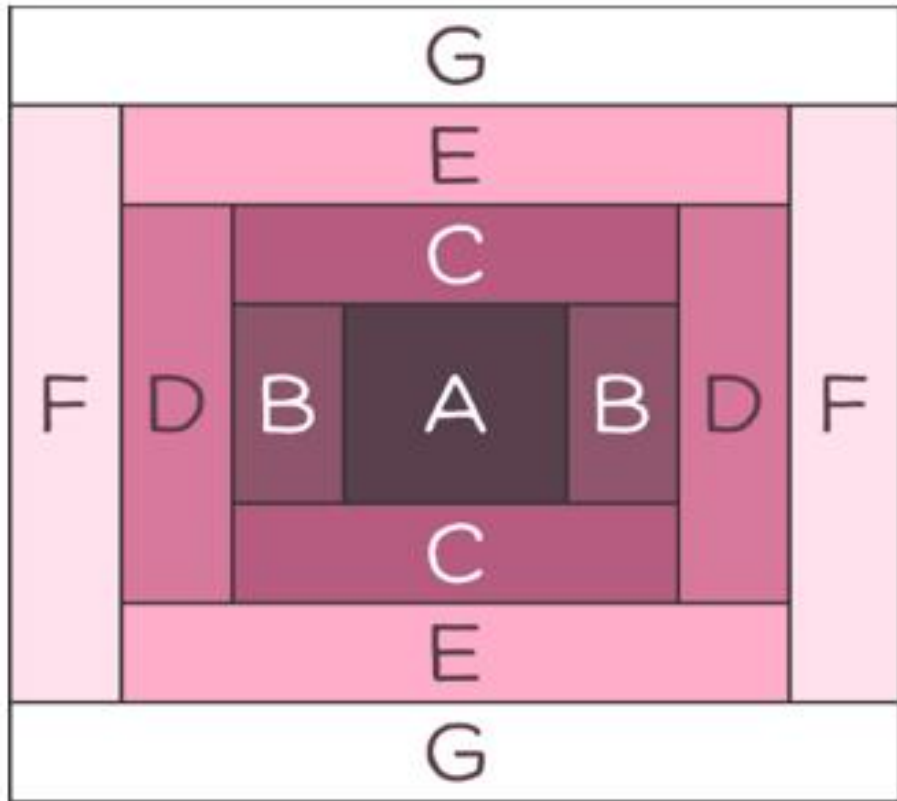


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QUILTOLOGY – May 2026
 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ May Giant Quilt Block ~ ~ ~ ~ ~



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

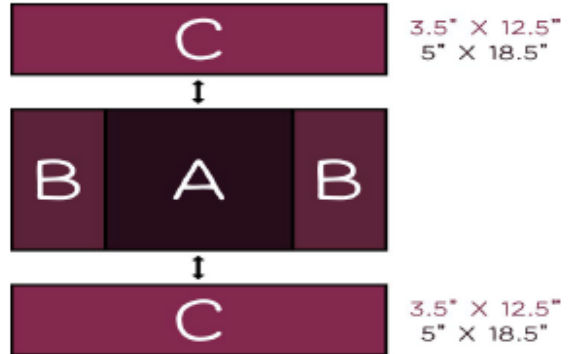
CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

	24" BLOCK	36" BLOCK
A	(1) 6.5" X 6.5"	(1) 9.5" X 9.5"
B	(2) 3.5" X 6.5"	(2) 5" X 9.5"
C	(2) 3.5" X 12.5"	(2) 5" X 18.5"
D	(2) 3.5" X 12.5"	(2) 5" X 18.5"
E	(2) 3.5" X 18.5"	(2) 5" X 27.5"
F	(2) 3.5" X 18.5"	(2) 5" X 27.5"
G	(2) 3.5" X 24.5"	(2) 5" X 36.5"

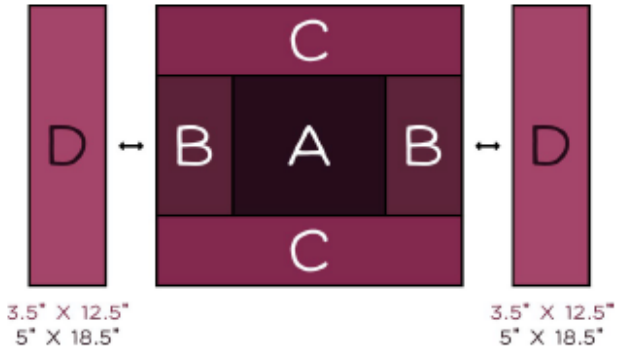
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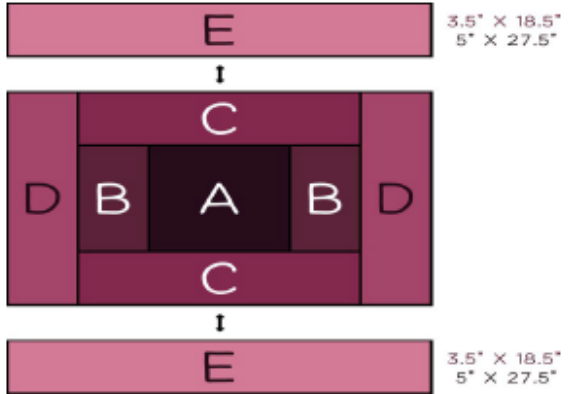
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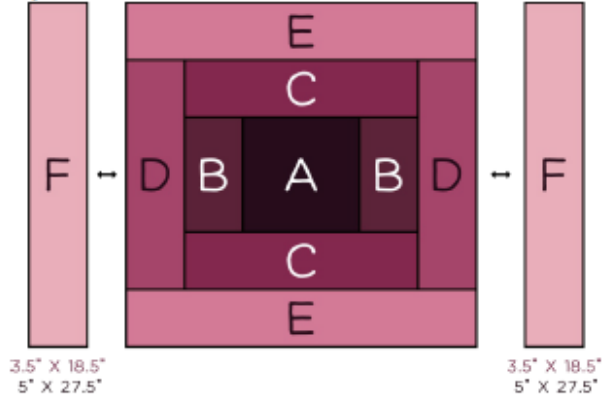
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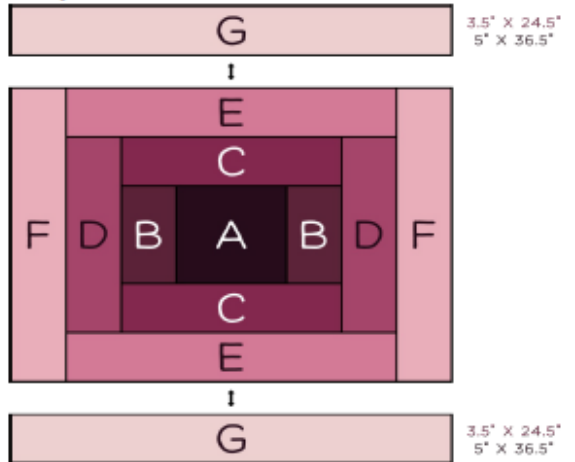
Step-4:



Step-5:



Step-6:



HAPPY QUILTING!!



Quilting Bees



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 2 nd 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 3 rd 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 3 rd 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 4 th 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. - 4 th Saturday of each month. Queen Bee is Debbie Nivison.
Patriotic	Meetings are on the 1 st 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 MAY 9, 2026

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

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

1. MOTION TO APPROVE & 2ND

TREASURERS REPORT APPROVED AS PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER

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BIRTHDAYS: Sandy Batchelor, Vivian Burrus, Frances Cooley, Betty Gentry, Nadia Pshenitsyna, Jette Williams

Committee Reports/Short summaries

- Outreach - Katherine Saunders/Bonnie Przelomski
- Sunshine and Shadow - Nancy Knapp
- Library - Martha Blount
- 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 – 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.
3. Freebee table- DO NOT put it in front of the exit doors.

NEW BUSINESS

1. June log cabin challenge – Remember to bring your finished quilts and drop them in the tub or basket provided at the door. This will ensure the secret identity of each entry.
2. In June we will announce the opportunity for another quilt challenge that will be due in January 2027.
3. August- Barn Quilt Paint Workshop. Show samples, talk about cost of class, sign ups will begin in June – payment will be required at the time of sign up.
4. Raffle Quilt – Members of guild will have an opportunity to choose 3 different blocks that will be put together to create a beautiful quilt that will be raffled off to our community to raise money for the guild.

SEW AND TELL

BREAK

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Jinx Abernathy

DRAWINGS

PANEL – MY QUILTING STORY

FINAL REMINDERS