

# Ashe County Piecemakers' Fat Quarterly

**Sharing the Art of Past, Present, and Future Quilting**

Meeting at the Ashe County Senior Center on Ray Taylor Road 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month 2:00-4:00

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Greetings to All,  
Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas full of Love, Joy and Peace.

2018 is going to be an exciting year for our Guild, opportunities to present our new Fundraiser Quilt, a new venue for our Quilt Fair, many workshops to help us all learn new techniques and brush up on old ones. I know everyone is going to be fully engaged in making this year even better than 2017, if that's possible.

Winter time is a perfect time to finish those UFOs that we all seem to have or start that new project you have been longing to work on. I know the Boutique ladies always welcome new and fun items for their boutique for our Fair.

Stay warm and cozy! Be Safe and well!

See you at our January meeting!

Happy Quilting,

Paula



Guild Meeting  
January 11

Program: Jennifer Ley

“I bought this fabric - now what?”

Striped Fat Quarters for drawing

**Happy Birthday this month to:**

**Betty Horne 1   Karen Martabano 2   Ann Stone 5   Joyce Cain 10**

**Jo Seagle 11   Laura Sage 12   Ron Hofstetter 25   Lynne Hayes 27**

ACPQG December Guild Meeting 12/14/2017  
"Sharing the Art of Past, Present, and Future Quilting"

**Committee Chairmen**

Community Service Quilts  
Kathy Carpenter  
Tammy Hutchinson

Directory  
Brenda Cole

Fundraiser Quilt  
Paula Riggs  
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Historian  
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Newsletter  
Brenda Cole

Program  
Faye Martin  
Tammy Hutchinson

Publicity  
Kathy Carpenter

Quilt Fair  
Doris Phillips  
Dana Kumerow

Refreshments  
Laura Sage

Sunshine  
Lorraine Roszkowski

Webmaster  
Michele Hayes

Welcome & Membership  
Cheryl Peterman  
Wendy Stanley

Forty-four members attended the December meeting, which was called to order by President Paula Riggs.

Members with December birthdays were wished a Happy Birthday: Pat Farmer (5<sup>th</sup>), Irene Bebbler (7<sup>th</sup>), Rheta Kirk (16<sup>th</sup>), Elaine Fox (17<sup>th</sup>), David Smith (19<sup>th</sup>), Barbara Phillips (23<sup>rd</sup>), and Sandra Riegler (28<sup>th</sup>).

**Business Meeting:**

Susan made a motion, which was seconded, that the November Meeting Minutes be accepted; all approved. A clarification was made to the December Board Meeting Minutes, in that it is the 2017 Fundraiser Quilt that needs a label.

Betsy reported \$6,560.29 in the Treasury.

Christmas wreaths, made by Guild members at the November meeting, were presented to Bevin South, Administrator for the Assisted Living facility. A check and twelve quilts were accepted by Terri Hopkins on behalf of the Senior Center. Lee Sanderlan, from the Ashe Post and Times, photographed the event for the paper.

**Vice President's committee announcements:**

**Jennifer Ley** will conduct a program titled "I Bought This Fabric – Now What?" at the January meeting. She will discuss fabrics and how to incorporate them into projects, particularly all those fabrics we purchase on impulse with no project in mind.

**Susan Miller** announced workshops each Wednesday beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup> to continue through May in Classroom 1 of the Senior Center. Time is 9:30 – Noon and purpose is to make items for the Fair Boutique. This is a great way for beginners to learn new skills and experienced quilters to share their knowledge.

**Tammy** said the drawing in January will be for striped fat quarters.

**Sunshine:** Lorraine sent a sympathy card to Faye Martin, due to the recent loss of her son.

**Chairpersons' Reports:**

Kathy said there is nothing new to report for Facebook or Publicity.

Tammy reported that quilts were given to two people who suffered home fires, Ariel Mead and Morgan Casey. Amber Dixon requested a bed-size quilt for a Welcome Home basket. Members who had donated Community Service (CS) quilts during the past year were recognized, as well as anyone who had completed a kit from the closet, quilted a top for the CS cupboard, or made a Bingo block for the CS quilt. At Tammy's request, Craftsy donated items presented to Michele Hayes, Carol Skroch (for the Crumbees), Joyce Cain and Catherine Finch for exemplary service in donating quilts and time to the CS projects.

**Old Business:**

Jennifer updated members regarding the registration form for the Arts Council exhibit in February and March. The form was distributed via email and is available on the web site. In addition, copies were available at today's meeting. At the next meeting, Jennifer will demonstrate how to prepare the quilts for hanging.

The 2018 Fundraiser Quilt top was displayed for the first time to the Guild. Titled "Seasons of the Mountains" it is now ready for Ann to quilt.

**New Business:**

**Doris Phillips** informed everyone that the fair is slated for the last weekend in July, the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, with drop-off on Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup>. We will have full use of the high school lobby, hallway and two gyms. "Vendor Village" will be located in one of the gyms. A "White Elephant" table is planned, which can include patterns, magazines, etc. Items need to be priced and dropped off on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Several committees still need chairs, publicity most urgently. Committee chairs are responsible for organization of their volunteers. Doris warned us that if some committee chairs are not identified soon, she will contact volunteers who've signed up for those functions to obtain chairs.

**Laura Micklon** won the hand-crafted quilt rack donated to the Guild by Randall Nelson.

**Sew and Tell:** Many members shared a wide variety of beautiful quilted works of art with an array of themes. Susan Miller displayed Christmas runners; Jennifer Ley showed a quilt of tree blocks, each one made by a member of her former guild. Betsy Ziroli shared the Christmas stockings made in Jennifer's class as well as a Cathedral window ornament. Jeanne McBrayer displayed a dimensional quilt of snowmen and Santas. Laura Sage, Laura Micklon, Wendy Stanley and Lynne Hayes showed off aprons which they will donate to Sweet and Savory. Peg and Ron Hofstetter displayed gift quilts, one with an Alaskan theme and the other of a church panel. Sara Dosser Moore shared a watercolor quilt which won Fourth Place in the NC State Fair. Michele Hayes displayed a quilt which she had quilted in two parts and then joined in the middle – without being able to see the join. Wilma McClure showed a beautiful Thanksgiving quilt, Carol Skroch a tree quilt of fabrics which faded into color gradations so that the quilt had a trompe l'oeil effect. Paula Riggs and Faye Martin displayed lovely Christmas tree skirts made in Doris Phillips' class last year. Faye also shared the quilt top she made from fabrics left from making bandanas for dogs. Janet Ward had three quilts to share, a Dresden plate table topper, a Christmas home entry door panel and a church panel. Wendy Stanley displayed the quilt she made using a Go machine tumbler die, as a gift for her niece.

**Lee Sanderlan** drew the winning ticket for the 2017 Fundraiser Quilt; the winner was Edy Gilreath, a resident of Louisiana.

The meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed great food and a fun game with our Christmas fat quarters called Left, Right, Center, Hold, conducted by Catherine Finch. The game involved knowing our left from our right, following directions and answering clever questions to win prize bags. Prizes were donated by a variety of people, including Guild members.

**Announcements:**

Next Board Meeting is January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - 10:00am, in the Ashe Library Conference Room. Board Meetings are open to all Guild members.

Next Guild Meeting is January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 2:00-4:30pm, in the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, by Donna Sense, Secretary.

(Guild Website: [ashequilters.org](http://ashequilters.org) – member password is **acpqg**)

**Calendar & Notes**

<b>Jan 3</b>	<b>9:30 – 12:00</b>	<b>Workshop</b> for Boutique. January's project is table runner or placemats. See information in Notes section of newsletter.
<b>Jan 4</b>	<b>10:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>Board Meeting:</b> Library conference room
<b>Jan 11</b>	<b>2:00 – 4:30</b>	<b>Guild Meeting:</b> "I bought this fabric – Now what?"

**Please remember to silence your phone during meetings to avoid distractions. Thanks!**

**Workshop: Every Wednesday at 10:00 at the Senior Center – Classroom 1 (beginners welcome)**

**High Country Doll-makers Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month - contact Adrienne Sherrow for location as it varies:  
336-858-0096 [adrsherrow@gmail.com](mailto:adrsherrow@gmail.com)**

**Critters (Crochet and Knitters) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month - 10-12 at the Senior Center.**

**Community Service Quilts – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month - 12:30 to 4:00 (beginners welcome)**

## NOTES:

**Boutique '18** approximately one project per month, beginning in January, weather permitting. (School cancellation rule) Wednesdays at Senior Center classroom 1, 9:30 until noon or as late as 4, relaxed, lunch on your own, and beginners welcome.

1. Jelly roll or coordinating fat quarters for table runner/placemats beginners practice cutting strips from fat quarter, sewing straight 1/4 " seams, pressing direction, sandwiching, binding
2. Microwave bowls all cotton parts, 2 prints, 12" square, Lynn will guide us, beginners learn alternative to binding edge finish
3. Basket liners or table toppers using piecing techniques. Disappearing 9 patch and other blocks from coordinating scraps
4. Mugs and rugs, coordinating cotton scraps-Wendy will bring sample, beginners learn wonky and traditional log cabin, scrappy quilt piecing
5. Stuffed Pumpkins, cotton scraps in fall colors, polyfill, wooden stem, beginners practice free motion quilting

Experienced quilters please feel free to suggest other projects popular with boutique shoppers which will serve as a teaching tool for beginners.

Thanks for your interest and help. Susan

Community Service Quilts are made by Guild members and are given from the Guild to people and groups in our mountain community for purposes of comfort, education, and appreciation. All members are encouraged to make Community Service Quilts on their own or in groups. These individuals and groups are welcome to use the fabrics and tools in the Guild closet at the Senior Center.

Guild quilters can choose different paths when making a quilt for our Community Service cupboards: some adopt kitted up blocks and fabric from the Community Service kit box; others win a block raffle and make a quilt; and others use their own scraps, sometimes supplemented with fabric from the closet. It is easy to find what you **might** need in the closet because the Guild's fabric is organized in labeled tubs.

On the afternoon of each first Thursday of the month (after the Board meeting and lunch) Guild members are invited to come to classroom #1 at the Senior Center to work on a group Community Service Quilt. These afternoons are a wonderful time to catch up with or make new friends, practice the basics, learn (or teach!) new skills, or try a new pattern. All are welcome to come sew, unsew, cut, press, or just watch. In 2017, on first Thursday quilts alone, 13 people have worked a total of 272.5 hours on 6 quilts -- 4 of which were completed. Technically, a whole lot more people worked on one of these quilts. Remember the Quilt Bingo game from last spring? All of those blocks are now in a quilt that is next in line to be quilted. Our current quilt is called "Weave" and is a variation on the rail fence pattern. We will next be working on this quilt on January 4<sup>th</sup> following the Board meeting and lunch, at the Senior Center. We hope you'll join us!

**January's guild program will be in two parts. The first will be an exploration of fabric and help you come up with ways to handle that piece in your stash that doesn't quite work with anything else. We will also explore the ways in which different types of fabric work (or don't) to help your quilts sing.**

**The second part of the January quilt program will be about ways in which you can prepare your quilt for hanging at the guild's Ashe County Arts Council show next month.**