

# 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, Quilters.

Here comes March and hopefully some spring weather, although it really hasn't been a bad winter so far. I'm knocking on wood so that we don't get a blast of winter weather in March.

I hope you're all working on your challenge quilts. Remember, they're due at our April meeting. It'll be fun seeing how everyone uses stripes. I'm also anxious to see our new 2020 Fund Raising quilt. We're supposed to have it on display at our March meeting.

Our thanks to Debbie Seatz for organizing our treats at the February guild meeting. It's nice having cookies and coffee and chatting occasionally.

Check out (after March 2<sup>nd</sup>) our display at the Visitor's Center in W. Jefferson. Thank you, Donna Sense, for putting this display together. It's always a good thing to get some free publicity and to show off some of our beautiful work. We have a lot of talented people in our guild!

Hope to see you at our meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>! Ces

## Happy Birthday

**Lynda Harris 3    Donna Sense 5    Nell Stanton 9**

**Rita Skrobialowski 15    Ces Robison 27**

**Guild Meeting  
March 12**

**Program: Neva Hart  
Appraisal/Judging Prep  
And so much more**

**Fat Quarter Drawing:  
Landscape prints**

## Calendar & Notes

### **Committee Chairmen**

Community Service Quilts  
Kathy Carpenter  
Tammy Hutchinson  
Directory  
Brenda Cole  
Historian  
Wendy Stanley  
Librarian  
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Newsletter  
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Program  
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Quilt Fair  
Dana Kumerow  
Doris Phillips  
Refreshments  
Debbie Seatz  
Sunshine  
Lorraine Roszkowski  
Webmaster  
Michele Hayes  
Welcome & Membership  
Wendy Stanley  
Jean Sherrill

**Mar 5 10:00 – 12:00 Board Meeting:** Library Conference Room

**Mar 12 2:00 – 4:30 Guild Meeting:** Neva Hart

**April 2 1:00 – 3:00 Board Meeting: Library BASEMENT**  
**NOTE CHANGE OF TIME AND PLACE**

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

**Workshop: Boutique Sew Day** is an ongoing activity every Monday morning (10:00)–  
**Classroom 1 (beginners welcome)**

**High Country Doll-makers Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month - contact Rebecca Williams 336-846-2201**

**[rlherman@skybest.com](mailto:rlherman@skybest.com)**

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

**Critters: (Knitting and crocheting) – The Critters have joined forces with the Crafters at the library. They meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 10 – 12 in the library Conference room. Call Library for information.**

**Classrooms: When a classroom is mentioned for a class/workshop, it is at Ashe Services for Aging – site of our guild meetings.**

**Winter guidelines: please remember that the guild follows the Ashe County Schools weather schedule. If there is NO SCHOOL, there will be no guild meeting or class that day.**

### **Future Project Dates:**

**Marathon Jam: May 16<sup>th</sup>, Ashe Arts Council, West Jefferson, NC.**

**Challenge Quilts: “Just Stripes”, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**Quilt Show: Silent Auction items, due in July 2020; Boutique Items for Quilt Show, as completed, final date July Guild meeting 2020.**

**TreeFest: November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**Tammy Hutchinson will conduct a half-square triangle workshop, limited to six people, March 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> – weather dependent.**

**State Park: Carol will collect small quilts for display at the State Park at the March meeting.**

**Laura Sage: the kits for baby bibs, blankets, and bowl cozies that were handed out at the February meeting should be turned in at the March meeting.**

**National Quilt Day is the Third Saturday in March. (in case anyone wants to know.)**

From Quiltinghub.com



### **1. Bring Layers to Wear and Comfy Shoes**

Remember, there will only be one thermostat and lots of friends. You want to be able to add and subtract layers to stay comfy and you want comfy feet since you may spend a lot of time cutting or [pressing](#).



### **2. Small High-Quality Battery Operated Lamp**

If you can't see you can't stitch effectively and seldom do you find a room where the lighting is perfect for everyone. If your lamp is battery operated you won't have to worry about how close you are to an outlet or whether you will trip a breaker by plugging in too many items.

### **3. Simple Fun Group of Projects**

Remember that part of the fun of retreat is visiting with your friends. If you pick out projects that require lots of tedious cutting or difficult layout you might miss out on visiting with your friends or spending too much time with your seam ripper.

### **4. Take A Variety of Hand and Machine Projects in a Rolling Suitcase**

You don't want to run out of projects or encounter an issue with your lone project and end up frustrated. The suitcase will make it easy to transport your projects and can be stored under your worktable out of the way during retreat.



## 5. Multi-Purpose Pillow

It can be used in your lap when you are doing handwork to rest your arms on so that you won't end the day with sore shoulders or neck. The pillow also can be used to sit on if your chair is a bit short or a bit too firm.

## 6. Favorite Tools and Eye Glasses

If you use special rulers, hemostats, seam rippers, pins, etc. at home, make sure they are in your travel tool bag. Another good idea is to identify your tools with your name or a "signature color" paint so that you may share freely while not losing track of your tools. Some suggestions are nail polish dots, painted handles, or a small piece of ribbon.

## 7. Well-Prepared Sewing Machine

Take your favorite sewing machine that has been cleaned, oiled, and is ready to give you that perfect stitch you desire. Also check to make sure that you pack your power cord, lint brush and any special feet you will need. Nothing can stop you in your tracks faster than no power cord and this is one item your friends will probably not have to lend you.



## 8. Extra Fabric for Your Intended Projects and Incidentals

Take "extra"! Even if you have all of your projects cut out completely and ready to stitch, things can happen, or you may want to share a bit with a friend. You also may see a new technique as you visit with friends and want to try it out immediately.

## 9. Well-Rested Positive Attitude

Most importantly, take your best well-rested attitude and be ready to have a blast. Retreats are a great opportunity to make new friends and become even closer with your current friends. It is also a great opportunity to learn new techniques and share your quilting knowledge. Have fun, after all that is the main reason to go on a retreat.



## 10. Final Packing Instructions

When packing your vehicle, remember to separate the items you will need in the work room from those you will need in your sleeping quarters. That way you can get to stitching as soon as possible. Also, when you head back home it is a great idea to pack a wonderful smelling treat in the center of your vehicle. That way when you get home your family will want to help you unpack so that they can get to the hidden "goodies".