

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 2nd Thursday of the month 2:00-4:00

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Greetings Quilters! It's almost March...Spring should be comin' round the bend sooner than later, at least according to Punxsutawney Phil. Let's hope we don't get any more ice this winter. I'm tired of that!

We've got a lot on our plate right now: Carolina Hurricane Project, Marathon Jam, Community Service Quilts, quilts for the library and the state park. I think it's really great how much you all do for our community. Give yourselves a pat on the back!

I'm looking forward to planning an event for the guild for this summer. Something we can all do together. I've thought of a picnic, a trip to Jonesborough, a trip to the Barter Theater, a trip to the Asheville Quilt Show. Got any other fun sounding ideas we can do as a group? Send me an e-mail with your ideas and we'll check them out.

We have a program by Carole Carter at our next Guild meeting. Her program is titled "Decisions, Decisions!!" and deals with the details to consider after the quilt top is made and before it is quilted. Considerations include thread and batting choices, reasons for using certain things, and tips to get more from your longarm quilting service. Plus, she'll have lots of items to show us to demonstrate what she's telling us. Should be an interesting program. Also, Carole will collect any quilts we have finished for the Carolina Hurricane Project. I hope we can show Carole what a productive group we are.

Happy March, Happy Spring (Let's hope it's near)! Ces



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Guild Meeting - March 14

Program: "Decisions, Decisions!"
With Carole Carter

Fat Quarter Drawing: Novelty Print
Bright green

Lynda Harris 3 Donna Sense 5 Nell Stanton 9 Carrie McNeill 13

Rita Skrobialowski 15 Ces Robison 27

Committee Chairmen

Community Service Quilts
Kathy Carpenter
Tammy Hutchinson

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Fundraiser Quilt
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Welcome & Membership
Wendy Stanley
Jean Sherrill

Ashe County Piecemakers Quilt Guild Meeting 14 February 2019 “Sharing the Art of past, present and future quilting”

President Ces Robison called the meeting to order.

Jean Sherrill reported 27 members, including one new member, Cindy Goforth, in attendance. Two visitors, Judy and A. D. Hawks, both very experienced quilters, also joined us.

Birthdays: February Happy Birthday wishes to Jean Sherrill (3rd), Rose Seaman (7th), Carl Stevens (12th), Dana Kumerow (14th), Judy Thew (20th), Elizabeth Kelbaugh (26th), Margie Miller (28th). Happy Birthday Everyone!

Brenda Cole won the Valentine's Day stuffed bear for being the fourteenth person to sign in on the membership register.

Sew and Tell:

- Susan Miller was so taken with the leaf blocks made several months ago that she went home and made twenty of them, with which she designed a lovely table runner.
- Ann Becker shared a beautiful One-Block-Wonder quilt made in Christmas colors. We all requested that she teach a One-Block-Wonder class.
- Carol Skroch displayed a lovely small bird-themed quilt, which she said would be the perfect size for hanging at the State Park.
- Dana Kumerow, Margie Miller, Carol Skroch, Dini Parsons, and Ces Robison showed a beautiful large quilt of greens and violets made by the Crumbees.
- Faye Martin shared the cheerful, predominantly yellow quilt she made for her great-granddaughter.
- Claudette Jacobs displayed a lovely artistic rendition of stylized trees.
- Gillian Winterton showed the Jacob's Ladder quilt sewn by David Smith, and quilted by Gillian, for the Carolina Hurricane Quilt Project.
- Catherine Finch shared Jacob's Ladder blocks made by Joyce Cain and Catherine, which she gave to Ann for incorporation into another Carolina Hurricane quilt.

- Gillian displayed a gorgeous needle-turned applique quilt made by Charlene Wilson, which Gillian quilted.
- Doris Phillips shared a quilt she made for a class she will teach in Classroom 1 on Thursdays, from 9:00-noon, beginning on February 21st. She also showed a bright top of pink/red/green as well as a quilt she called “Chicken Scratch”, made in lovely fall colors.
- Wilma McClure displayed Jacob's Ladder blocks and requested that members please help her out by making and providing more blocks which Wilma will be happy to sew into a quilt.

Presentation of 2018 Fundraiser Quilt: Candace Jones was present at today's meeting to receive the 2018 Fundraiser Quilt. Candace lives in Creston and said that she has a brand new bed upon which the quilt will live.

Business Meeting:

Minutes: Betsy Zirola made a motion, seconded by Wilma McClure, to accept the minutes from the January meeting, approved.

Treasurer's Report: Lynda Harris contacted Donna Sense prior to the meeting to report that the current balance is \$7005.00. When Lynda receives the statement she will reconcile the accounts and send a report to Donna.

Vice-President's Announcements:

Programs and Workshops:

- The program for April will be on mitred corners, conducted by Doris.

- Doris is planning a workshop on pieced borders, to be scheduled for some time in April.

Drawings: The drawing for March will be a novelty print fat quarter in greens containing some bright green. Ann Becker is filling in for Kathy; Beth Williamson won the Sister's Choice blocks in today's drawing.

Chairpersons' Reports:

- **Membership:** Joy Campbell asked if anyone needs name tags, which she will provide. Joy also noted that there is a current show at the Ashe Arts Council, titled "Anything Goes", in which Ron and Peg Hofstetter and Jennifer Ley have displays.
- **Community Service Quilts (CSQ):** Ann Becker is the point person for distribution of quilts to needy recipients and reported that the closet is short on full-size bed quilts. Janet Trembly donated two twin-size quilts hand appliqued by her mother and the Crumbees donated an oversize lap quilt. Two more quilts are needed to keep the available level at five.
- **State Park:** Carol Skroch will return quilts currently on display at the State Park in March and collect more at that time. Remember that the largest quilt size which can be hung is 36" x 36".
- **Sunshine:** Lorraine Roszkowski has sent three "Thinking of You" cards to Tammy Hutchinson, a get well card to Jean Sherrill during her bout with pneumonia, a sympathy card to Sandra Riegler on the death of her brother, and will send cards to Elaine Fox, who is suffering from pancreatic cancer, and Joyce Cain, who is coping with kidney stones. Tammy is due to finish her treatment soon and is doing well; Ron and Peg volunteered to take gifts or supplies to Tammy when they attend the AQS Convention in Daytona later this month.

Old Business:

- **2019 Fundraiser Quilt (FRQ):** Ces requested volunteer(s) to attach the appliqued leaves to the new FRQ, as well as quilt it. Ces and Paula noted that one or more new Quilt Mothers will be needed to shepherd the quilt through the coming season.
- Per the new criteria for fulfilling requests for Community Service Quilts from ACPQG, Ces requested that a quilter who does commission work please contact Kim Barnes (336-982-4588) at Ashe County Partnership for Children (ACPC) to discuss Kim's request for a quilt for ACPC's new offices.
- Today was the last day to pick up ornaments from TreeFest; remainder will be donated to the Boutique.
- Carolina Hurricane Quilt Project: Carole Carter and her husband will arrive in town on the date of our next regular Guild meeting around lunchtime. Any member who would like to join them and Kathy Carpenter for lunch should contact Kathy in time for her to arrange a venue. Ann noted that she is currently collecting Jacob's Ladder blocks to be passed on to Kathy and that completed quilts for the Carolina Hurricane Quilt Project are due at the March meeting. Kathy will continue to collect quilts and/or blocks to be made into quilts, which she will deliver to participating quilt shops for donation to the project.

New Business:

- **Marathon Jam** - Catherine reminded everyone of the fourth annual Marathon Jam, which will be held at the Ashe Arts Council on Saturday, May 18th, 2019, and distributed forms for those people who want to recommend a recipient. Quilts should be at least 72 inches long and 50-60 inches wide.
- Mary Rodgers provided information regarding the Fourth ACPQG Quilt Retreat, to be held at Laurel Ridge, May 14th through the 17th. Room charge will be \$50.00 per night per room; a sign-up sheet was passed around. A maximum of 20 people can be accommodated and a \$25.00 reservation fee for the sewing room needs to be provided to Mary asap.
- Ces suggested that members think of ideas for summer fun, such as a picnic, barbeque, Barter Theater, Asheville Quilt Show (Sept 27th – 29th), a trip to Jonesboro, etc. Please let Ces know what you think we could do to have fun in lieu of our Quilt Show.

The Smart Ashes, a men's Barbershop Quartet, paid the meeting a surprise visit and serenaded us with two songs "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and "Honey, Honey", which everyone enjoyed.

February Program: Jennifer Ley provided many excellent tips on binding during the program today:

- Rub your fingers along the edges of the binding and, if it isn't tight, it will wear faster. In addition, judges will

look for tight binding without lumps, if your quilt is being judged.

- You should not feel lumps where you've started/stopped your binding.
- Though most patterns will suggest a 2-1/2" strip for binding material, Jennifer likes to use 2" or less, depending upon the quilt, to help make the binding tight. In addition, though you'll sew a 1/4" seam (as accurately as possible), resulting in a 1/4" fold on the front side, there is nothing wrong with having a larger amount folded onto the back side of the quilt.
- Use straight grain fabric for square/rectangular quilts, bias cut binding for rounded sides.
- Measure the total circumference of the quilt and add 12" for the binding.
- Match thread to fabric and shorten the stitching so threads don't show as easily.
- Press seams open; fold in half but don't press.
- Lay out the binding around the quilt to ensure that seams don't land on corners; if that happens unavoidably, cut, adjust and re-sew the binding so the seam is farther from the corner.
- Jennifer demonstrated how to sew binding strips together to avoid a butted seam, which results in a smoother binding. She also shared quilted pieces with alternate techniques to finish a piece without binding.

Margie Miller donated a number of magazines and yarns for members to peruse and take. Carol Skroch has some upholstery fabric she is handling for a friend; contact Carol if interested.

The meeting was adjourned.

Announcements:

Next ACPQG Board meeting will be March 7th, 2019, at 10:00AM in the Library Board Room. All are welcome to attend.

Next ACPQG regular meeting will be March 14th, 2019 from 2:00 – 4:30 at the Senior Center.

Community Service Sew Day is an ongoing activity, first Thursday of the month, 1:00 until 4:00, Classroom 1 of the Senior Center. **None in March.**

Boutique Sew Day is an ongoing activity, every Wednesday morning, Classroom 1 of the Senior Center.

Star Quilters of Roanoke, Quilt Show, March 29-30, 2019, Roanoke, VA; deadline for entries February 8th, 2019. See website for more information starquilters.org/2019show/ .

ACPQG Quilt Retreat at the Moravian Center, Laurel Ridge, May 14th – 17th, 2019.

Fiber Day, Ashe Farmer's Market, June 1st, 2019.

Marathon Jam, Ashe Arts Council, Saturday, May 18th, 2019.

Blue Ridge Fiber Fest, Sparta, June 7th – 8th, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Donna Sense, 14Feb2019.

PLEASE NOTE: NO COMMUNITY SERVICE QUILT SEW DAY THIS MONTH (March 7)

March Drawing: The fat quarter drawing for March will be a novelty print in bright green.

2019 Alamance Piecemakers Quilt Show: March 20-23, 9 AM – 4 PM, Wednesday – Saturday

The Village at Brookwood, 1860 Brookwood Ave. Burlington, NC 27215

Quilting Demonstrations, Workshops and Boutique; Free Admission and Free Parking

Calendar & Notes

Mar 7	10:00-12:00	Board Meeting in the library conference room
Feb 7	1:00 – 4:00	NO COMMUNITY SERVICE QUILT SEW DAY THIS MONTH
Mar 14	2:00 – 4:30	Guild Meeting: Decisions, Decisions! With Carole Carter – Hurricane Quilts
Mar 20-23	9:00 – 4:00	2019 Alamance Piecemakers Quilt Show
April 4	10:00-12:00	Board Meeting in the library conference room
April 4	1:00 – 4:00	Community Service Quilts – Sew Day
April 11	2:00 – 4:30	Guild Meeting: Mitered Borders
May 3-4		America From the Heart Quilt Show: Winston Salem Fairgrounds
May 14-17		Quilt Retreat

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

Workshop: Boutique Sew Day Wednesday at 10:00 at the Senior Center – Classroom 1 (beginners welcome)

**High Country Doll-makers Club – 2nd Saturday of the month - contact Adrienne Sherrow for location as it varies:
336-858-0096 adrsherrow@gmail.com**

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

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

Marathon Jam: The Marathon Jam is May 18. Quilts honoring Veterans should be no smaller than 50 X 70 inches. This is a very special event and a very moving experience for both the Vets and the quilters who are presenting them with quilts. May will be here before we know it, so this is just a reminder of this event.

March Drawing: The fat quarter drawing for March will be a novelty print in bright green.

March Program: Carole Carter will be here with a trunk show and program entitled Decisions, Decisions! She will be collecting quilts for the Hurricane Project.

State Park Quilts: In March Carol Skroch will need to collect small quilts for New River State Park's visitor center. She will be returning the quilts that have been on display during the winter months.



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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
MAY 3-4, 2019, 9AM - 5PM

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ENTER GATE 9 ON 27TH STREET

In searching for items of interest to add to the newsletter, I came across this website. For those interested in quilting projects, crafts, etc., this site looked rather interesting.

<https://jacquelynnesteves.com/22-st-patricks-day-sewing-and-craft-projects/>

This month I am trying an experiment with the newsletter. Many folks have mentioned they would like to see the Sew-N-Tell pictures that are taken during guild meetings. There are usually too many to print in the newsletter since ink is so costly. Pictures can be seen on the guild's web page (ashequilters.org password acpqq) or on our Facebook page. I will be attaching pictures to the newsletter for those who get it by email. The attachments don't have to be opened if that is your preference, and can be deleted.

