

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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Hi Quilters,

Joy is sitting outside on a nice warm afternoon with the sun shining, birds chirping, baby animals playing in the fields (I have 24 baby goats behind my place) and flowers popping out in all sorts of beautiful spring colors. I love this time of year. I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter with family, a big Easter dinner or a quick trip to the beach. Maybe most of our snow birds are back from Florida now and will rejoin us.

I hope many of you are busy finishing off those quilts for the Marathon Jam. Don't forget, they're due at our next guild meeting. Also at our May guild meeting, we're having our garage sale (quilting items only, please!) The guild is not asking for a percentage of the money you make...just man your own table and clean up afterwards. Who knows, you might make enough money from those unwanted items to go out and buy that piece of fabric you've been eyeing!

And don't forget! Challenge quilts are due at our July meeting! Happy quilting! Ces



Majestic Flight
Joanne Baeth
Paducah Quilt Show

Guild Meeting - May 9

Program: Yard Sale

See details below

Marathon Jam Quilts due

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Judie Ashbaugh 2 Dorothy Rubano 6 Mary Lou Keyes 15 Jennifer Ley 15 Debbie Seatz 26

Jean Stevens 28 Susan Miller 29 Patsy Kanagy 30 Carol Skroch 31

Ashe County Piecemakers Quilt Guild Meeting

11 March 2019

“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
Faye Martin
Historian
Wendy Stanley
Librarian
Michele Hayes
Newsletter
Brenda Cole
Program
Doris Phillips
Publicity
Kathy Carpenter
Quilt Fair
Dana Kumerow
Doris Phillips
Refreshments
Laura Sage
Sunshine
Lorraine Roszkowski
Webmaster
Michele Hayes
Welcome & Membership
Wendy Stanley
Jean Sherrill

President Ces Robison called the meeting to order.

Wendy Stanley reported 33 people in attendance, no guests or new members.

Birthdays: April Happy Birthday wishes to Beth Williamson (1st), Liz Beck (2nd), Arlene Blasberg (4th), Sheila Reedy (4th), Sara Moore (10th), Janet Ward (19th), Sue Bradshaw (20th), Wendy Stanley (25th), Carole Landy (30th). Happy Birthday Everyone!

Sew and Tell:

- Four beautiful Marathon Jam quilts were displayed by Wendy Stanley, Laura Sage, Lynne Hayes and Debbie Seatz, two of which were made by the Toddlers; one by Kathy Carpenter; and one by Michele Hayes.
- Kathy Carpenter shared the tie dyed piece she made at a quilt shop in Hanoi as well as an appliqued wall hanging and quilted purse she purchased while in Vietnam.
- Jean Sherrill displayed a stunning blue and white quilt, quilted by Doris and intended for Jean's bed.
- Laura Sage showed baby items made for the Boutique on behalf of Laura Micklon.
- Lynne Hayes also shared baby items made for the Boutique as well as a lovely fall leaf table runner.
- Gillian Winterton showed a beautiful pink and purple quilt made by Karen Martabano, quilted by Gillian which she is giving to her granddaughter. Gillian also shared a lovely small wall-hanging face quilt.
- Ann Becker displayed a gorgeous log cabin patterned quilt made from bright Ombre fabrics with a stunning city skyline backing.

Business Meeting:

Minutes: Mary Rodgers made a motion, seconded by Susan Miller, to accept the minutes from the March meeting, approved.

Treasurer's Report: Lynda Harris reported the Treasury contains \$6,788.71, as of the end of March.

Vice-President's Announcements:

Programs and Workshops:

- A workshop on pieced borders will be held on April 26th, 2019, from 10:00 to 3:00, in Classroom 1 of the Senior Center; cost will be \$15.00.
- The May program will be a yard sale, quilting items only. It will follow the Business Meeting and each member is responsible for his or her sale items. A sign-up sheet was available at the meeting for those interested in selling.
- Ann Becker agreed to conduct a “One Block Wonder” workshop, time, place and date TBD.

Drawings: Michele Hayes won the Spool blocks at today's meeting. There will not be a drawing in May in order to encourage everyone to finish their Marathon Jam quilts.

As it was National Barbershop Day, the Smart Ashes paid us a visit and serenaded us with a couple of old tunes, one of which was “Hello Neighbor”.

Chairpersons' Reports:

- **Community Service Quilts:** Kathy reported that the closet contains 2 Queen-size, 0 Full-size, 1 Twin-size, 7 Lap-size, 0 Crib-size quilts. Goal to have available at all times is: 2 Queens, 2 Fulls, 4 Twins, 15 Laps, and 2 Cribs. There have been 3 Queens made, with 1 donated; 15 Fulls made, with 16 donated; 1 Twin made, with 1 donated, and 1 Lap made. Kathy said the Nine on Nine CSQ top is finished and she is in the process of quilting it.

- The Wilkes Welcome Center has requested one large quilt and one wall hanging to display at the Center in June; quilts to be picked up or delivered to the Center in May. If complete, there is a possibility the 2019 FRQ could be displayed at the Center during June. Doris will confirm.
- **State Park:** Carol Skroch will need at least twelve quilts to hang at the State Park Visitors Center in May. This month there was a shortage of available quilts. Remember that the largest quilt size which can be hung in the Park Welcome Center is 36" x 36".
- **Sunshine:** Lorraine Roszkowski has sent cards to a number of members this month: get well cards to Jean Sherrill, Janet Ward and Jo Seagle; thinking of you cards to Elaine Fox, Tammy Hutchinson, Wilma McClure and Carole Landry.

Old Business:

- **2019 Fundraiser Quilt (FRQ):** A quilt mother, or mothers, is/are needed for the 2019 Fundraiser Quilt. Gillian displayed the 2019 FRQ which she is quilting and suggested that a border of Prairie Points be added, which will set it off beautifully. Doris will schedule some sew days for addition of the Prairie Points (Post meeting note: a sew day has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 17th, 9:00am in Classroom 1 of the Senior Center).
- A new committee, comprised of Doris Phillips, Kathy Carpenter, Gillian Winterton and Donna Sense, was formed to develop the design and select fabrics for the 2020 Fundraiser Quilt. This committee will work independently of, and simultaneously with, the current year's FRQ committee. This plan will continue in future, with two committees, one working on the current year's quilt and the other on the subsequent year's quilt. In this manner, it will be possible to stay ahead of schedule for our FRQs. Gillian displayed a quilt with a Christmas theme and the various blocks depicting country life. Everyone approved the design though we may choose a different season for the blocks.
- **Marathon Jam** - Catherine reminded everyone to keep quilting for the fourth annual Marathon Jam, which will be held at the Ashe Arts Council on Saturday, May 18th, 2019, Noon to Midnight. Quilts should be at least 72 inches long and 50-60 inches wide.
- **Challenge Quilts:** Catherine reiterated that our Challenge Quilts are due at the July meeting.
- Mary Rodgers said that there are spaces available for attendance at 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 maximum of 20 people can be accommodated and a \$25.00 reservation fee for the sewing room needs to be provided to Mary asap. Mary invited members who do not choose to stay the full four days to come when they wish.

New Business:

- Most of the members were in favor of a summer Guild fun event. Ces will provide ballots at the next meeting to select one, either picnic, barbeque, Abingdon (Quilt Week runs July 26th through August 4th), Ashville Quilt Show (September 27th -29th), Jonesborough, or Warm Company batting factory tour.
- Ces requested members sign up to "buddy" a new member; new members are strongly encouraged to attend a sew day or contribute to a committee.
- Lynda Harris and Michele Hayes will head the committee for the 2019 Arts Council Tree Fest. Lynda showed an example of a possible crazy quilt ornament.
- Doris and Wendy volunteered to participate as quilting demonstrators for Frontier Day at Saloon Studios May 4th. If the 2019 FRQ is completed Doris may take it to show.
- Adrienne Sherrow announced that Kay England will be at Sew Original in Boone on April 30th and May 1st to conduct a paper piecing class. Contact Sew Original (828-264-1049) for details.

April Program:

- Doris presented an informative demonstration on mitering borders. She also distributed a hand-out for reference. A suggestion was made to have a workshop on simple mitered borders; the quilts made in the workshop could be donated to hang in the State Park.

Announcements:

Workshop on various borders April 26th, 10:00-3:00, Classroom 1 of the Senior Center.

Next ACPQG Board meeting will be May 2nd, 2019, at 10:00AM in the Library Board Room. All are welcome to attend.

Next ACPQG regular meeting will be May 9th, 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.

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

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

Fairs and Festivals:

America from the Heart Quilt Show, Heart of Triad Quilt Guild, May 3-4, 2019, Winston-Salem Fairgrounds.

Frontier Day, Saloon Studios Live, Saturday, May 4th, 2019, West Jefferson.

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

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

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

Christmas In July, July 6th, 2019, West Jefferson.

Smoky Mountain Quilters Show, August 2-3, 2019, Knoxville Expo Center, TN.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Donna Sense, 12Apr2019.

Calendar & Notes

May 3-4		America From the Heart Quilt Show: Winston Salem Fairgrounds
May 14-17		Quilt Retreat
May 2	10:00-12-00	Board Meeting in the library conference room
May 2	1:00 – 4:00	Community Service Quilts – Sew Day
May 9	2:00 – 4:30	Guild Meeting: Yard sale by members (Contact Ces Robison to reserve table)
May 18		Marathon Jam
June 6	10:00-12-00	Board Meeting in the library conference room
June 13	2:00 – 4:30	Guild Meeting: Annual meeting – induction of officers for 2019 - 2020

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.

State Park Quilts: Carol Skroch will need at least twelve quilts to hang at the New River State Park Visitors Center in May. This month there was a shortage of available quilts. Remember that the largest quilt size which can be hung in the Park Welcome Center is 36" x 36". Quilts hang for two months and then are returned at the guild meeting where new ones are picked up. Please be preparing quilts for hanging at the Park. It does not matter if they have been displayed before. New visitors arrive and have not seen them. The park staff has been very helpful to the guild by allowing us to use their facilities for classes and picnics free of charge. That is how they show their appreciation for letting them display our small quilts.

Challenge Quilts: Please remember that these quilts are due at the July meeting. If you have questions, or have not received your challenge assignment, please contact Gillian Winterton or Catherine Finch.

May Guild Meeting information: There will be no block drawing this month. Members may reserve a table to sell quilting related items. All proceeds belong to the seller. The guild will not be taking a percentage of your sales. If you would like to reserve a table, please contact Ces Robison.

Membership: This month we will be voting for officers. Also, Membership Renewal begins. You will receive an envelope with your information attached. Please check to see if your contact information is correct. Your \$25.00 dues should be placed in the envelope and returned to the membership table. We would like to have ALL dues paid at or by the JUNE meeting. An updated membership list will be provided as soon as possible after June.

Quilt Mother: A quilt mother is still needed to arrange for showing our fundraiser quilt. The "mother" is responsible for getting the sales equipment to and from the event site. Volunteers will be needed to man the table to sell tickets. The quilt "mother" can be one person, a group of friends, a committee of some kind, etc. If no one steps up, then selling tickets on our fundraiser quilt will be greatly hampered. This is the main source of income for the guild – especially important in a year when we are not having a fair. Please let Ces know if you would be willing to take on this responsibility.

Quilt Retreat: Mary Rodgers said that there are spaces available for attendance at 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 maximum of 20 people can be accommodated and a \$25.00 reservation fee for the sewing room needs to be provided to Mary asap. Mary invited members who do not choose to stay the full four days to come when they wish. Please contact Mary if you are interested in attending this event.

5 Favorite Quilting Tips and Tricks www.craftsy.com/quilting/article/favorite-quilting-tips-and-tricks/

1. Pre-wind neutral bobbins.
2. Chain piecing.
3. Increase accuracy.
4. Prepare and stack pieces.
5. Maintain your machine.

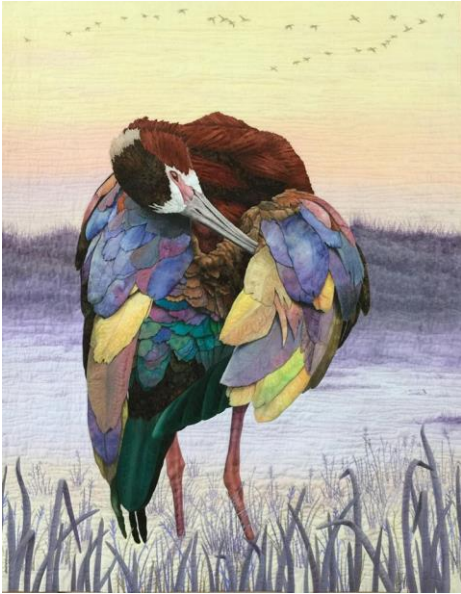
[Machine Quilting Tips and Tricks - dummies](https://www.dummies.com/.../quilting/machine-quilting-tips-and-tricks)

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Using straight-line **quilting** for the beginner. 2. Load the bobbin with all-purpose thread in a color to match or coordinate with your backing fabric. 3. Set the **stitch** length on the machine at 6 to 10 stitches per inch. 4. Place the unrolled center area of the **quilt** in the machine and take one **stitch**.

Quilt week in Paducah: <http://www.quiltweek.com/workshops/spring-paducah-2019/?portfolioID=9800>

I thought you might be interested in seeing a couple of the winners from the International Quilt Market



You'll have to do a double take... this is a quilt, not a photo! "Keeping Up Appearances" by Jan Reed was awarded an Honorable Mention in the Art-Pictorial category of the IQA Judged Show.



For everyone asking about the other winners in the category, visit

<http://quilts.org/winners.html> and look under the "Art-Pictorial" category! Mesa Verde Cliff Palace by Kathy Adams and Joanne Baeth won first place.

<https://www.bing.com/images/search?q=international+quilt+expo+2019&qpv=international+quilt+expo+2019&FORM=IGRE>