

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!

I think summer has arrived. Is everybody getting ready to celebrate our nation's birthday? I hope you have something fun planned. Speaking of fun, Mary Rodgers is going to take care of planning our guild's trip down to the Asheville Quilt Show. It's at the end of September. She'll talk about it at the next guild meeting. There's a discount on your ticket if it's paid for in advance.

At our next guild meeting we'll have our challenge quilts to view and vote on. That should be fun. Have you got your challenge quilt ready to show?

There are lots of quilt shows coming up. Smokey Mountain Quilters of Tennessee just sent us an invitation. Their show is in Knoxville, August 2nd and 3rd. Tennessee Sunrise Quilt Guild is sponsoring a free exhibit of Southern Appalachian Quilts dated before 1970 in conjunction with the Long Journey Home celebration in Mountain City, Tennessee August 30th and 31st. We'll have more information on these shows and others at the guild meeting on July 11th. Maybe a fun weekend away from home? 'Til then, happy quilting, Ces



Guild Meeting - July 11

Program: Challenge Quilts

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Laura Micklon 3 Jean Williamson Hall 20 Michele Hayes 21 Betsy Zirolì 21

Ashe County Piecemakers Quilt Guild Meeting

13 June 2019

“Sharing the Art of past, present and future quilting”

Committee Chairmen

Community Service Quilts
Kathy Carpenter
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Quilt Fair
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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 36 people in attendance, no guests or new members.

Birthdays: Happy Birthday wishes to Mary Knapp (3rd), Janet Trembly (7th), Wilma McClure (8th), Barbara McCabe (9th), Mary Rodgers (11th), Diane Upson (11th), Alice Potter (15th), Jeanne McBrayer (22nd), Ann Becker (24th), Joy Campbell (25th), Cheryl Peterman (26th). Happy Birthday to All!

Introduction of Nominees and Vote for Officers: Betsy Zirolu will replace Doris Phillips as Vice President. Members voted unanimously to accept slate of officers: Ces Robison, President; Betsy Zirolu, Vice President (who will be assisted by Susan Miller, Tammy Hutchinson, and Kathy Carpenter); Donna Sense, Secretary; and Lynda Harris, Treasurer.

Sew and Tell:

- Catherine Finch displayed the first 2020 Marathon Jam quilt, “America the Beautiful”, made by Cheryl Peterman, and quilted by Doris Phillips.
 - Kathy Carpenter shared her lovely pink and purple “Purple Monster” quilt, which was made through an on-line quilting group. This was also her first attempt to quilt a large quilt free motion on her long-arm machine.
 - Mary Rodgers and Ces Robison showed a cheery quilt top made by the Crumbees as a donation.
 - Michele Hayes shared a cozy hand appliqued, heart themed quilt she donated to the Community Service Quilts. She also showed an adorable paper pieced animal themed block quilt she made for her hairdresser's baby.
 - Barbara Barkley and Gillian Winterton displayed a stunning appliqued quilt with a flower and birds theme quilted by Gillian.
- Susan Miller shared her “Study in Neutral” table topper she made for her bedside stand (she says to cut down on dusting), made solely from neutral fabrics.
 - Susan, Kathy, Tammy Hutchinson, and Dana Kumerow showed the Catz blocks currently being put together for the new twin sized Community Service Quilt.
 - David Smith shared a striking banner quilt based on his 2019 Marathon Jam that he is making in honor of his Mom who was a WWII nurse.

Business Meeting:

Minutes: Catherine made a motion, seconded by Mary Smalley, to accept the minutes from the May meeting, approved.

Treasurer's Report: Lynda Harris reported the Treasury contains \$6,672.22. \$450.00 have been collected from annual dues.

Vice-President's Announcements:

Programs and Workshops:

- Challenge Quilts are due in July, which will be the program for that month.
- Ann Becker agreed to conduct a “Christmas Crackers” workshop, time, place and date will likely be one or two Fridays in July, provided there is enough interest in the class. Ann gave a brief description of the class and also distributed a handout (attached). Please contact Ann if interested.

Drawings: There will be no drawing in July; the August drawing will be a block design to be explained at next month's meeting. Tammy Hutchinson and Carole Landy won the batik fat quarters at today's meeting.

Chairpersons' Reports:

- Community Service Quilts (CSQ): Catz quilt is underway; please join the group the first Thursday of each month, with the exception of July, which will be Wednesday, the 3rd, to learn how to make half- and quarter- square triangle blocks.
- Sunshine: Cards were sent to Jean Sherrill due to her recent surgery. The Sunshine Committee will begin to send follow-up cards and messages via email whenever possible. The subject line on the email will say "Wendy sent you this greeting from Blue Mountain!" and will appear to come from ecards@bluemountain.com. Please include this email address in your Address Book or "Safe Senders" list to receive messages.

Old Business:

- 2019 Fundraiser Quilt (FRQ): The quilt will be picked up from the Wilkes Welcome Center at the end of June, in time to be available on July 6th at Christmas in July. A sign-up sheet was distributed; additional volunteers are needed. Kathy reported that the quilt has so far raised \$83.00 at the Farmers' Market Fiber Day and \$15.00 from member sales. A number of people have offered to buy the FRQ outright.
- 2020 Fundraiser Quilt: A planning meeting was held Wednesday, June 5th, at 10:00 in the Library to select possible themes representative of Ashe County for the Ashe County Sampler Quilt. Committee members were assigned three designs each and asked to find examples of patterns as well as appropriate background fabrics. Additional meetings will be scheduled to select designs.
- 2020 Quilt Retreat: Mary Rodgers announced dates of May 12th through the 15th, 2020 for the fifth annual Quilt Guild Retreat. Cost will be \$30.00 per person; two or more people may share cost if unable to attend for the entire four days.
- Michele Hayes has scheduled a workshop on June 26th, at 10:00am in Classroom 1 of the Senior Center to make Christmas ornaments for TreeFest.

New Business:

- Those members who had not yet voted for a Guild Summer Event did so at today's meeting and the event chosen is a trip to the Asheville Quilt Show in September.
- Catherine reminded everyone to complete their challenge quilts per their chosen number (else she will be calling!).
- Peg Hofstetter said that the Ashe Arts Council brochure contains a lovely article about ACPQG, complete with photos of quilts by various members.
- Jean Stevens stated that there are entry forms available for the Alleghany Quilt show and encouraged members to enter their quilts.
- Ann Becker installed the officers with a clever play on the various tools for quilting that matched the role of each officer. A pot-luck lunch, organized by Laura Sage, was enjoyed by all.

Note: A quilt rack was loaned to Barbara McCabe, for use by Imagination Ashe, for which Barbara thanked the Guild on Facebook.

Announcements:

Next ACPQG Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 3rd, 2019, at 10:00AM in the Library Board Room. All are welcome to attend.

Next ACPQG regular meeting will be July 11th, 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, except for July, when it will be on Wednesday, July 3rd.

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

Fairs and Festivals:

Quilt Speak: Uncovering Women's Voices Through Quilts, Ongoing, NC Museum of History, Raleigh, NC.

Quilt and Needlework Show, June 18-19, 2019, Upper level 4th St Civic Center, Wytheville, VA.

Jennifer Franz, Wall Hangings Show at Wilkes Art Gallery through June 21st.

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

Alleghany Quilt Guild Quilt Show, July 12-13, 9:30-4:00, Alleghany County Fairgrounds.

Sunflower Festival, July 12-15, Mountain City, TN.

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

Original Sewing & Quilt Expo, August 1-3, 2019, Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh, NC.

Asheville Quilt Show, September 27-29, 2019, WNC Agricultural Center, Davis Event Center Pavilion, Asheville, NC.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Donna Sense, 22June2019

Calendar & Notes

July 3 **WED.** 10:00-12-00 Board Meeting in the library conference room **Note change of day please.**

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July 6 Christmas in July

July 10 6:30 – 8:30 PM Doll Artist Ankie Daanen reception at the Arts Council

July 11 2:00 – 4:30 Guild Meeting: Challenge Quilts

July 12-13 9:30 - 4:00 Alleghany Quilt Guild Show at the Alleghany County Fairgrounds

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.

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Challenge Quilts: The Program for the July guild meeting is the Challenge Quilts. Members will be voting for their favorite.

Doll Artist: There will be a Wine and Cheese Reception for Ankie Daanen, internationally known Dutch doll artist on July 10, from 6:30-8:30 at the Ashe County Arts Council. She is in Ashe County to hold a workshop on doll making. Ankie will give a short talk about her dolls, then mingle and talk with guests.

15 Tips and Tricks for Quick and Easy Quilting

(#15 is a promo for a sewing class)

1. Use chenille stems for cleaning your machine.

They are very inexpensive and easy to find at craft stores. They can be bent or looped to fit into tiny, out of the way spaces. They collect the dust and lint and can be wiped off and reused. Also, if you trim them or keep folding them, you can use them multiple times.

2. Wind bobbins with almost empty spools of thread.

When piecing scrap quilts, use up these different colors of thread. A very scrappy quilt can have red, purple, orange and white thread and it will be your secret. No one will ever be able to tell as long as you don't use very dark thread with very light fabrics, then it may shadow through.

3. Keep lots of very sharp pencils for marking fabrics.

Sharpen a handful of pencils at a time. They are most accurate when the tip is very tiny.

4. Drag the pencil lightly on the fabric at a low angle.

This will prevent skipping and stretching. The marking will show with almost no pressure at all. This also works for white marking pencils on dark fabrics.

5. Layer fabrics right sides together when cutting.

They can be sewn together without taking them apart and there is no need to pin.

6. Rulers and cutting mats have multiple uses.

When moving lots of small cut pieces from the cutting board to the machine, use a ruler or small cutting mat to keep them in order.

7. Create your own small mats.

For very old and worn cutting mats, simply use a power saw or hand saw to cut them into pieces that fit your space. A quick sanding of the edges will remove any dust or rough spots.

These smaller mats are great for little cutting surfaces near your machine or for traveling to workshops and retreats. They also make great bottoms for handmade totes and purses. They can be cut to fit any size, and they are already marked with straight lines!

8. Use the edge of the ruler to scrape up trimmings from patchwork pieces.

The edge will collect even the tiniest threads and they can be pushed into a bin. Keeping things tidy while you work will make clean up easier later.

9. Keep a small basket nearby.

This is great way to collect trimmed off corners or scraps large enough to use again. These can be saved for another step, or another project all together. If you aren't going to use them soon, put them in a clear baggie with a note that says how many there are and what size they are.

10. Press seams.

Press seams closed to set the threads in place, then press from the back of the patchwork, and finally flip it over and press from the front side. Remember not to move the iron back and forth with pressure as that will distort and stretch fabric.

11. Never put water in your iron!

The iron will last much longer and there will never be any unfortunate leaks or spitting. Use a small spray bottle of water or pressing product instead. A quick spritz with a spray bottle is super effective and easily refilled.

12. Buy old printer's trays from flea markets or antique shops.

They are perfect for storing threads, are easy to hang with a couple of screws and they are pretty. Arrange thread in rainbow order, or in a way that is practical for your use.

13. Use return address labels.

They are great for identifying rulers, mats, rotary cutters and other small tools you take with you on retreats and workshops. If they are left behind, the finders will know how to contact you!

14. When you finish a big project, reward your machine with a nice cleaning.

Also, refold and store unused or leftover fabrics. File the patterns and tools that were needed. Refill bobbins, replace rotary blades if needed and restock any supplies that were used up. A quick tidy of your sewing space will leave it ready for a new project!

15. Did you know that every Craftsby class is filled with wonderful hints and tips, just like these?

When you take a class, you not only will learn a skill or technique, but you will also learn lots of little things along the way that help make quilting quick and easy!

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