

Next Meeting

March 10, 2008 at
Parkway
Presbyterian
On Silas Creek
Parkway
6:30 Social
7:00 Meeting

Remember to Bring

Name Tag
Show and Tell
Library Books

Ps & Qs Deadline

Please e-mail or US mail
your items for the next
newsletter by March 14,
2008. Send the items to
Karen Oghalai at
rogalai@yadtel.net
or call her at 940-2219.

Quilting Pleasures Quilt Show

Our quilt show is scheduled
for June 13-14, 2008 at the
New Hope Presbyterian
Church on Harper Road in
Clemmons. The reception
for members and their
families will be at 7 p.m. on
June 12, 2008 at the New
Hope church.

The Forsyth Piecers and Quilters Guild, Inc. (FPQG) is a non-profit organization governed by Guild Officers and operates under set bylaws. Committee Chair members help to promote quilting within the Guild and the community through local and regional projects and educational programs. The Guild also preserves traditional methodologies and adds to its history by developing and encouraging new fiber art concepts.

Quilter's Gallery Trunk Show

Patti Cline and Cindy Page will display their beautiful quilts at our March meeting. Owners of Quilter's Gallery in Gastonia, Patti and Cindy are well-known to many of our members. They assure us that most of the quilts they're bringing are new ones made since they last visited our guild. So whether you have seen their work before, or are meeting them for the first time, their program should be a delight to the eyes.

Join us Monday, March 10th, for this display of quilted color! Social time begins at 6:30 p.m. The business meeting begins at 7:00 p.m., with the program following immediately.



New On-line Quilt Shop Now Open

Here's the website -

www.yeoldefabric.homestead.com

They are retailers for Warm and Natural Batting and Superior Threads as well as many fabrics. They have access to over 80,000 quilt supplies as a retailer so if you have a gadget you want to order, contact them for a free price quote. Also, check out the discounts when you order multiple products especially on Superior Thread and whole yardage order of fabrics.

National Quilting Day

March 15, 2008 is National Quilting Day. Plan to take time to reflect on the rich tradition, the continuing changes and the contributions made to family and community by quilt makers over many generations. If possible, take time to quilt on this day!

N C Quilters Spring Meeting

Attention all quilters. NC Quilters Spring meeting is coming on March 28-29. If you are not a member, consider joining for opportunities to learn from regional teachers, meet quilters from all over NC and spread the quilting virus to others.

The membership form is available at the website, www.northcarolinaquilters.org. Registration for the conference is \$100 or \$65 for Saturday only. You are in for a great day of quilting and fun. The conference registration form is available from Martha Claire Henzler at MCquilt@traid.rr.com. Ignore the deadlines on the forms and send the full amount as soon as you are able to the address on the registration form.

See you at Camp Caraway Conference Center.

Martha Claire Henzler

By-Law Amendment Notice

The board members suggest that Article X. Term of Office should be amended so that it reads, "The elected officers (i.e. President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) shall serve for one year per office, but may be re-elected. The term of these officers shall be limited to a minimum of one (1) year and a maximum of four (4) years."

This issue will be open for discussion at the March meeting, and will be voted on during the May meeting, along with the election of officers for next year.

For your reference, the current Article X of the by-laws states: *The elected officers shall serve for one year per office.* The elected officers are President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

YOU NEED TO HAVE MORE FUN

The old adage, "You only get out of it what you put into it." is true. Being more involved in our guild will yield more fun for you. Now is the time to start thinking about volunteering for a position on the 2008-2009 board. Be a part of this group of planners and organizers as they shape the guild and move it forward.

As of now, the positions that will be opening will be:

- ◆ 1st Vice President (Program Chair)
- ◆ Librarian
- ◆ Newsletter Editor
- ◆ Publicity
- ◆ Quilt Show Co-Chairs
- ◆ Sunshine

Contact the members of the nominating committee for more information or to volunteer for a position. The slate of board members will be presented to the guild at the May meeting.

Nominating Committee:

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Preemie Quilt Guidelines

- Hospitals prefer 36" by 36" and the maximum size is 40" by 40".
- Cotton materials are no longer required.
- Guild provides batting and backing fabrics, available at each Guild meeting.

March Greeters

Members with a birthday in March will be greeters at the next meeting: Birgit Gudszend, Becca Macy, Mary Beth Smith, Helen Aneskewich, Gail McNeill, Margaret Varner, Carol Helm, Pat Martin, Faithe Cote, Rowena Gilstrap, Shirley Dungan, Peggy Bruton and Opal Manning.



Greeters Duties

- Arrive by at least 6:30 pm and check-in at the Membership Table.
- Help greet new members and visitors. Find a member for them to sit beside and introduce them to each other. Never let a visitor sit all alone.
- Help with Show & Tell by holding the quilts and assisting guest speakers as needed.
- Return greeter nametag at end of the meeting to the Membership table.

CALENDAR

Please mention this newsletter when you call for class registration.

Now-5/20 EXHIBIT: "Pieces of History: Threads That Bind Us," Crab Orchard Museum, Taswell, VA, Contact Joan Yates (276)988-6755, jyates@craborchardmuseum.com

3/1-26 SHOW: "Priceless Pieces," Roanoke Island Festival Park Art Gallery, Manteo, NC, free.

3/12-16 SHOW, CLASSES: "Mountain Quiltfest," Pigeon Forge, Tenn. See mountainquiltfest.com.

3/18-24 SHOP: Tidewater (VA) Shop Hop & Dessert Social. Contact Mary Beth Dodd, (757)547-2552, shophopfun@aol.com

3/28-29 MEETING & CLASS: NC Quilters, Caraway Conference Center. See ncquilters.org

3/28 – 4/11 EXHIBIT: "Fabled Fibers," Rosenthal Gallery, Fayetteville State Univ., N.C. (910)672-1057, www.fabledfibers.com

3/30 – 4/14 EXHIBIT: Hope for our World, Duke University Chapel, Durham, Fiber art show featuring quilter Hollis Chatelain, free, www.chapel.duke.edu

4/10-13 CLASSES/SHOW: International Quilt Festival, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL, See www.quilts.com

4/19 CLASS: "There's Always Room to Grow", 9a.m. – 4 p.m., Parkway Presbyterian Church.

4/26 WORKDAY: Make items for the boutique, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Parkway Presbyterian Church. Come and stay as long as you can; bring a lunch.

4/28-29 MEETING: NC Quilters Guild, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro, www.NorthCarolinaQuilters.org

5/29 – 6/1 SHOW/LECTURES: Quilting by the Sea, UNC-Wilmington. For registration materials, send your name, address and check for \$4 made out to "NCOSI 2008" to Bev Cochran, 4920 Coronado Drive, Wilmington NC 28409. www.ncqsi.org

6/12 RECEPTION: 7 p.m. at New Hope Presbyterian Church for members and their spouses/significant other.

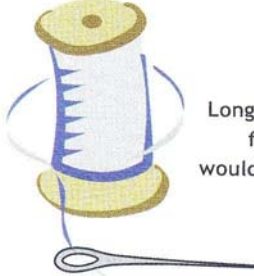
6/13-14 SHOW: "Quilting Pleasures," Forsyth Piecers & Quilters, New Hope Presbyterian Church, Harper Road, Clemmons, NC

7/25-27 CLASSES/SHOW: Long Beach (new Show), Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center, Long Beach, CA

10/28-11/2 CLASSES/SHOW: Geo. R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX



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Your newsletter delivery depends on it! Contact Carolyn at: cba215@triad.rr.com.

Update Directory

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QUILTS NEEDED FOR DISPLAY

Our guild is sponsoring the Forsyth County Public Library On the Same Poem event featuring North Carolina Poet Laureate, Kathryn Stripling Byer. Her poem, "Mountain Time", will be read at a poetry luncheon on May 1 at 12 PM at Forsyth County Central Library, and at 7 PM at a reading in Shirley Recital Hall at Salem College Fine Arts Center.

Quilts are needed for display in the locked display cases in the entrance of the Central Branch. They are to be displayed starting April 1 as a build-up to the poetry reading and question-and-answer luncheon on May 1. Quilts have also been requested as a backdrop for the speaker's table at the readings on May 1.

This comes at a wonderful time for us as our quilt show will follow shortly after this event, and our guild can gain publicity for our show through our participation. All those who have quilts they would like to donate for display should contact Jennifer Lane (jennylane@att.net, 969-4392).



Sunshine

Please continue to inform Martha Linnell, our Sunshine chairperson, of new sunshine needs. She may be reached at 922-5160 or at rlinnell@triad.rr.com. This month.

2008 Forsyth Piecers and Quilters Quilt Show
“Quilting Pleasures”
June 13—14, 2008
Winston-Salem, NC
Quilt Show Rules & Entry Form

Please Read Carefully

1. Entrants must be members of the Forsyth Piecers and Quilters Guild as of the February 2008 membership meeting.
2. Each entered item must have its own entry form.
3. Entries cannot have been entered in a previous Forsyth Piecers and Quilters Guild quilt show.
4. Entry must have been completed within the previous five (5) years.
5. Items must be quilted items (i.e. no knitted, crocheted or other crafts will be accepted)
6. The show committee and/or judges reserve the right to divide or combine categories and to move entries to a more appropriate category. Hand, domestic machine and professionally long arm quilts may be judged separately.
7. Prioritize multiple entries in the event that more entries are received than can be displayed.
8. Entries must be completed and clean.
9. All bed quilts and wall quilts must have a four inch hanging sleeve securely attached.
10. Entries must have a label on the back lower left corner with the quilt name, maker name, address and phone number. Cover the label with a separate piece of muslin.
11. Entry forms must be received no later than May 19, 2008.
12. To enter, please mail your completed entry form. Mail to:
Lisa Alley
FPQ Quilt Show
2749 Maplewood Avenue
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
12. Quilts must be received no later than June 8, 2008.
13. Quilts may be dropped off at Sew Original on Robinhood Road during regular business hours or at Forsyth Piecers and Quilters guild meetings (April and May meetings).
13. Quilts may also be dropped off at Lisa Alley’s house on Sunday, June 8 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (from I-40 Business, take Knollwood Road exit. Go south on Knollwood toward Stratford Rd. Cross Stratford Road and after the light at Queen Street, take the 3rd right onto Maplewood. 2749 is the 9th house on the right—the small white house just past the big brown house.)
14. Each quilt must be placed in a pillow case with the name of the quilt, entrant name, address and phone number clearly labeled on the outside of the pillowcase.
15. All quilts must be picked up on Saturday, June 14, 2008 between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at New Hope Presbyterian Church.
16. Entries will not be returned by mail.
17. You must present the entry claim card in order to claim a quilt. (This card will be given to you or mailed to you once your quilt is received by FPQ.)

2008 Forsyth Piecers and Quilters Quilt Show Entry Form

(Please print clearly)

Entrant's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Name of Entry: _____ Priority Ranking: _____

Size in inches: _____ inches wide by _____ inches long

Name(s) of everyone who stitched on this quilt:

Brief Description of Quilt for Show Booklet (30 words or less—attach additional sheet if needed)

If you are entering more than one item in the quilt show, please prioritize your entries in case the number of entries need to be limited due to display space. Please indicate the rank of this entry (ranking of "1" being top priority): _____

Techniques (check all that apply)

Appliqué Piecing Embroidery Trapunto Other _____

Quilting: Hand Domestic (Home) Machine Professionally Quilted

If professionally quilted: Name of Quilter: _____

Category (choose one):

Large Bed Quilts—perimeter greater than 320"

Pieced Appliqué or Mixed

Small Bed Quilts—perimeter less than 320"

Pieced Appliqué or Mixed

Group Quilt (any technique made by three or more people)

Miniature Quilt—width 24" maximum; length 24" maximum; all aspects of quilt are in reduced scale

Large Wall Quilts—perimeter greater than 144"

Pieced Appliqué or Mixed

Small Wall Quilts—perimeter less than 144"

Pieced Appliqué or Mixed

Art Quilts (innovative, original designs/techniques)

First Quilts (must be constructed by one person including quilting—i.e. not professionally quilted)

Kit Quilts (quilts made from kits, blocks of the month where fabric choices not those of the maker)

Miscellaneous (wearables, accessories and other quilted items)

Exhibit Only (entry will be displayed but will not be judged)

I understand that Forsyth Piecers and Quilters will take every precaution to protect my quilt. I realize they cannot be held responsible for acts of nature or other acts beyond their control.

Signature: _____

Mail entry package to:

Lisa Alley
FPQ Quilt Show
2749 Maplewood Avenue
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Deadline for entry to be received:
May 19, 2008

FP and QG Bee Information

by Ann M. Harris, the Bee Keeper

A great way to learn more about quilting and acquire some more friends that share your interest is to attend a Forsyth Piecers and Quilters Bee.

The Forsyth Guild currently has six active bees. A quilt bee is a small group of Guild members that meet at regular times to quilt. Please feel free to visit any of our bees. Please contact the bee leader ahead of time and let her know that you would like to attend. Sometimes our bees have a change of time or meeting place.

We all enjoy sitting, talking and sewing together. This is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow guild members! Should you have an interest in starting a bee or other questions, please contact Ann Harris at 336-499-5617 or amph82@earthlink.net



1. The Quilting Friends

Held at the Old Town Recreation Center on Shatalon Rd., Winston-Salem
Wednesdays 9:30 am to noon. Bee leader Marianna Morgan 924-0178. New members welcome.
This group works on their own projects and supports the guild projects.

2. BEEfriendly

Held at member homes, each member takes a turn at hosting, on the fourth Monday of each month, 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm.
Bee leader Suzette Brown, 277-8890 day, 723-6184 evening. New members welcome.
This group works on their own projects and supports the guild projects.

3. BEEtweens

Held at the Quilting Corner, 6332 Cephis Dr, Clemmons, 766-6208
First and third Tuesday of each month 1:00 to 4:30 pm. Bee leader Ann M. Harris,
499-5617. New members welcome.
This group works on their own projects and supports the guild projects.

4. Pablo BEEcassos

Held at Little Creek Recreation Center on 610 Foxcroft Dr. on the fourth Tuesday of each month 9:30 am to noon. Bee leader Gail McNeil, 721-9150. This group will be changing bee leaders every six months so please call Ellen for updates. New members welcome.
This group focus is non-traditional quilting techniques, group challenges and supports guild projects.

5. Miss Bee Haven

Held at member homes, each member takes a turn at hosting. This bee is currently full and unable to take new members at this time. Bee leader Leanne Marshall, 922-4298.
This group works on their own projects and supports the guild projects.

6. Last Thursday's Bee

Held at Sew Original on Robinhood Rd., Winston-Salem on the last Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. Bee Leader Becki Bostick, 788-2530. New members welcome.
This group works on their own projects and supports the guild projects.

A Funny Thing Happened to Me While I Was Quilting...

By Ella Nix

I always thought it would be a rotary cutter that would someday send me into an emergency room, but that was not the case.

It was late afternoon on the Saturday of a Memorial Day Weekend. I had been sewing on my Janome for several hours and I took a break on my patio for a small glass of wine. I reflected on what a wonderful job I was doing and convinced myself I could make even more progress if I pushed myself another hour at the machine.

The next thing that happened is still a bit blurry in my mind. All I know is that I was sewing along at a high speed, doing some kind of decorative stitch when I decided to reach in close to the needle area and give the fabric just a tug to the left. When the machine beeped and shut itself down, my first thought was, "Darn I must've broken a needle again." (We all know there are many emergency room patients who have had a speed related accident! Or an accident in which alcohol is involved! Well, excess speed and alcohol had brought me this injury!)

Well, those Schmetz needles are very strong and very sharp. The needle had pierced through my fingernail and extended out the other side of my middle finger and that needle tip was still very sharp. Now, I had heard from one quilting instructor or another to change the needle each time I completed a sewing project because the tip could get dull. Well, this needle had just gone through fingernail and muscle and out the other side, still in perfect condition. *I will never again change the needle at the end of the sewing project because it "might" be dull!*

I was thinking, that if I could just pull this needle out of my finger it probably could go back into the sewing machine sharp as ever! (And I'd save a nickel!) But I could not pull the needle back out, not even with a pair of tiny pliers. I resigned myself to the fact that since my family doctor's office would not be open until Tuesday, then, I'd have to go to the Emergency Room.

Although my son screamed at the site of my injury and wanted to call an ambulance, I ended up driving myself down to the hospital for a five-hour wait. My injury, you see, was very low priority in that busy ER. I sat and sat while every ambulance and every patient went ahead of me. Even some 8-year-old boy who came in hours after me and was bouncing from one chair to another and then running up the aisles, yelling and laughing, went in to see the doctor before me, because he might have "strep." I began to contemplate what other symptoms I might declare to speed things up a bit. I prayed that no terrorist was planning an immediate strike on Winston Salem, because then, the doctor might not ever see me!

Eventually, the needle was removed, and I was bandaged up to go home. "Keep that finger elevated!" the doctor advised and off I went to the cashier's office to pay a \$500 bill with my arm up and middle finger held high in what appeared to others as an obscene gesture. But I was just following the doctor's instructions! I thought I might have damaged the Janome from all this, but fortunately it worked just fine and I was back to sewing again the next day...without another glass of wine.

Do you have a funny quilting story? It's your turn now to write an article of your choice for the newsletter! Ella Nix.

There's Always Room to Grow

Spring is in the air, and with it comes the joy of growing things. Our spring workshop is designed to help us grow also as quilters. It is entitled "25 Years of Mistakes: There is a Better, Faster, Easier Way." Rather than making a specific project, students in this class will work on improving their skills and solving problems. In fact, registrants will have the opportunity to influence the content of the workshop.

The owners of Quilter's Gallery, Patti Cline and Cindy Page, will conduct the workshop on April 19, 2008, at Parkway Presbyterian Church, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with an hour for lunch. While the class will be based on one of their standard workshops, they have agreed to customize it to meet the needs of those attending. For an idea of the scope of topics available, visit their website at <http://quiltersgallery.net/wacky.htm> . The cost of the workshop is \$30, and class size is limited to 20 students.

A registration form is located elsewhere in this newsletter. Note that there are places for you to indicate which skills you most want to work on, and what problems you most often encounter. Two weeks before the workshop, we will tally registrants' requests and send the top five topics to Patti Cline. Deadline for registration is our general meeting on April 12, but those who wish their topic requests to be counted must register by April 1.

Plan to bring your sewing machine, a representative sampling of your fabric stash, and one of your UFO's that's giving you a problem. Patti and Cindy will guide the group through some practice pieces that will help each student improve her proficiency in various aspects of quilting. Fabrics the students bring will allow us to explore fabric selection and color theory. Then, the teachers will consult with each student one on one regarding the particular problem she brought in. Patti says, "We're not miracle workers, of course, but we'll be glad to apply our years of experience to help each student solve her problem."

If you've ever thought, "I wish I knew where to go from here," this will be your chance to ask. Send your registration form and check to Forsyth Piecers & Quilters, P. O. Box 15334, Winston-Salem, NC 27113. Make checks payable to Forsyth Piecers & Quilters Guild.

Workshop Registration

Please register me for "There's a Better, Faster, Easier Way," the FP & Q workshop to be held Saturday, April 19, 2008. My check for \$30.00 is enclosed.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Skills I most want to improve: (list up to three)

Problems I most often encounter: (list up to three)

Please indicate whether you are willing to bring an iron and ironing board: Yes No

You may bring this form to the March meeting or mail it to:

Forsyth Piecers & Quilters Guild
P. O. Box 15334
Winston-Salem, NC 27113

Work Day for Boutique Items


Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is the workday to make sewing machine covers, rotary cutter keepers and other items. These creations will be sold in a boutique at our quilt show in June. Set aside some or all of this day to help create these useful products as a fund raiser for the guild.

Come when you can and stay as long as you can. Bring a lunch and bring your sewing machine and sewing supplies.

Please search your home for needed supplies to donate for this effort:

- fabric, batting, lining fabric (or pre-quilted fabric), cable cord and thread for the sewing machine covers.
- for the rotary cutter cases, we need 10 inch square scraps of batting and lining fabric and fold-over braid, wide bias tape or fabric to cut for binding.

You will have the pleasure of more space and less clutter; the guild will gain tools for this project. Bring any supplies you can donate to the March or April monthly meetings. This will help Marlene Land and her crew decide what else they must obtain for the workday.

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