

# Sew On & Sew Forth Greenville Quilters Guild



## Presidents Patchwork by Lori Millsap

And suddenly it is May! This year is flying by, and as the days get longer, I find that my energy and enthusiasm for new projects grows, too. We have this narrow window of beautiful sunshine and limited bugs to enjoy a little outdoors time...but then it's the air-conditioning of my sewing room for me. How about you?

Hilda and Kelly have volunteered to co-chair a Learn to Quilt event and are hoping to get that on the calendar in the next few weeks. If you are interested in assisting them with any aspect of the event, give one of them a call so you can help. We need people to demonstrate quilting techniques, greeters, etc. It will be nice to get something so "normal" in our schedule again.

Please continue sewing for the various community projects we have underway in Comfort Quilts: port pillows, surgical caps for kids, placemats for Meals on Wheels, or comfort quilts for various community organizations. There is always a place to use your energies to support the community of the greater Greenville area. For our program this month, I'm going to give a demonstration of the "Burrito Pillowcase" method of making standard bed pillowcases with French seams. Pillowcases are a great way to provide a quick comfort item or a gift, and this technique is fun.

As we wrap up another strange year in Guild history, it's time to start thinking about new leadership for the guild. If you are willing to serve on the nominating committee for our new slate of officers, please let Sally or me know this month. We need three or four volunteers to fill the positions in time for us to announce the candidates at the July meeting. We vote for new officers in August at our Annual meeting, and the 2021-22 year commences in September.

Finally, Sally and I have served as guild co-presidents for three years, and do not intend to seek a fourth term. Please consider your willingness to serve in any of the Board positions and volunteer. Find a friend to co-serve alongside you. Three years ago, Sally and I were "sorta" friends and now she's very dear to me. You can grow your relationships with fellow quilters through service the guild.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our meeting on May 13!

Happy Sewing,  
*Lori*



### May 2021

**The next regular business meeting of the the Greenville Quilters Guild will be Thursday, May 13, 2021. Face coverings and social distancing required.**

**The next day guild meeting will be May 28th at the senior center at 1:00pm.**

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# Greenville Quilt Guild

## Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2021

### Call to order

Sally Hills called to order the regular meeting of the Greenville Quilt Guild at 7 pm on April 8, 2021 at The First Christian Church, Greenville North Carolina..

### Welcome and Thank you

Sally Hills thanked Diane Gregg for serving as hostess. New members are Karen O'Sullivan and Sharon Cirillo.

### Approval of minutes

Minutes from the March business meeting were approved as submitted in the Sew on and Sew Forth newsletter

### Treasurers report:

Cynthia Suggs provided the current bank account. Cynthia is accepting new member dues.

### Open issues

Instructions and paper patterns for children's surgical caps were provided by Sally Hills.

Save UPC proof of purchase labels. the labels may be used to receive a discount when batting is ordered for comfort quilts.

Chris Harris is collecting Christmas fabric to make Christmas stockings for military servicemen. She made 268 and has a goal of 500 by September.

Nominations Committee will be selected in May. All Board positions need to be filled. Committee Chairmen are needed.

Day Guild meetings will resume. The April meeting will be April 22 at 1:00 pm at the Council on Aging Senior Center on County Home road. The May meeting will be May 28<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at the Senior Center- Council on Aging located on County home road. There will be a limit of 16 people attending due to covid regulations.

### Committee Reports

**Membership:** Vicki Harrell reported current membership at 101 members

**Sunshine:** Members noted the death of Billy Stenson. Cheryl Boyce's husband is recovering from open heart surgery. Laura Clark's father suffered a stroke.

**Raffle Quilt committee:** 20 blocks are needed. Blocks will be collected at the May meeting. Sally Hills and Linda Campion have block kits and will collect completed blocks.

**Comfort Quilts:** 115 port pillows have been completed. The goal for the Vidant Cancer Center is 150 by the May meeting. Children's surgical caps for Maynard Children's Hospital are needed. The goal is 150 by the June meeting.

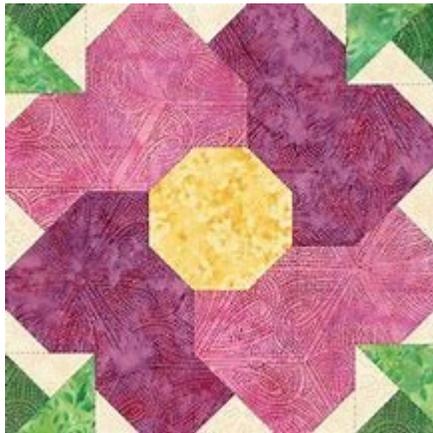
**Education Program:** Cathy Graham talked about English paper piecing using traditional hexagons. Several members shared their projects. Jann Brown explained using honeycomb shaped extended hexagons to make cross patterns. Sample kits from “paperpieces.com” were distributed. Kelly Ayscue was the first member to complete a flower from the hexagons.

**Show and Tell:** Betty Wheatley displayed a “Mommie Quilt”. She said she took a mystery quilt class at Sewing Creations. Betty had enough fabric left over from the class to make a second quilt. There were multicolor blocks with a stripe boarder. Carol Nisbet made a wonky star quilt with the fabric left over from her dance quilt. Carol finished a bargello pattern quilt for a friend. She also made a charity quilt. Carol showed a row-by-row quilt with a beach theme that was heavily embellished. A quilt with a large center medallion star was returned to Carol thanks to identification of the label. Mary Miller made a green batik wall hanging. She made a quilt top from fabric she received from Lori Millsap. Mary said she spent most of the pandemic isolation time painting. She made a quilt top with bright yellow and gold fabric. Another quilt was scrappy with circles and rails. Mary said she used the fabric from 5 baby quilts to make a colorful quilt. Mary shared a story of waking up at 4:30 am from a dream of making wedges to fit a cardboard circle pattern. She used the outer perimeter of the circle and an inner circle to position the wedges. Her first attempt to fill the inner circle space she used applique. The remainder of the inner circles she placed using a dressmaking technique used to inset sleeves. Mary Miller also shared that she had successfully lost 43 pounds during covid isolation. Diane Gregg finished a Geraldine Jong jacket with a hand painted panel. She incorporated some 1972 pillow panels and fabric beads that were a gift from a friend. Diane encouraged members to stop saving the good fabric and enjoy using the good stuff. She plans to make another Tibetan Tail coat using techniques she learned from her friend Rachel Clark. Diane said that she will wear her beautiful jackets to Publix and be the best dressed shopper until she is able to go places again. Chris Harris has been busy making Christmas stockings for active military servicemen. She made a cross stitch gnome. Vicki Harrell repaired a quilt from 1910 in cream and light blue. She said that most of the fabric was donated by quilter friends. Joanne Hughes showed a quilt she made for her quilt shop with a picnic theme. She used regular piecing, paper piecing, and vinyl work.

**Block Challenge:** The winner for April was Linda Koscianski for her umbrella girl. The theme for May challenge is an 8 inch finished flower.

**Adjournment**

Sally Hills adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.  
Minutes submitted by: Cathy Graham



# Comfort Quilts Update

## WOO HOO!

Way to go guild members! We've surpassed our goal for port pillows for the Cancer Center at Vident--229 were received, much more than our 150 goal. Dianne will be delivering those soon to the Cancer Center, along with some quilts and soft hats.

Forty surgical caps have been received for the James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital, to help children feel less frightened and anxious during treatment. Our goal is 150 by the June business meeting. Additional copies of the directions will be available at the business meeting. A 20" circle is required; if you're looking for paper big enough to make that large of a template, consider poster board or packing paper used when moving.

Think of using bright colors and novelty fabrics. Here are directions from their Facebook page:

1. Cut a 20" circle by laying the template on the fold line of fabric.
2. Press under 3/4" all around the edge; stitch close to the edge to create a pocket for the elastic.
3. Leave a 1" opening at the end.
4. Using a blunt thread passer; thread an 18" length of 1/8" elastic through the pocket and overlap the ends.
5. Stitch lock into place or tie ends together. Stitch the 1" opening closed.

As always, if you use Hobbs batting, please give the UPC from the packaging to Dianne Walters or Sally Hills. That will give us a discount when we order batting for comfort quilts. Please let us know if you would like a kit, turn in a comfort quilt item, etc. Fritzie Leon will also accept comfort quilt items at her store, Greenville Vacuum & Sewing on Fire Tower. Some kits are available there as well.

Dianne Walters and Sally Hills can be reached at [gggcomfortquilts@gmail.com](mailto:gggcomfortquilts@gmail.com) or call/text Sally at 252-481-1392.



### IN SEARCH OF....

Hilda Alford is in search of an embroidery hoop if anyone has one they no longer need or use. Her granddaughter has asked for one for her May 11th birthday. If you have one you can part with, call or email Hilda and she will pick it up.



## Continuing Special Request!

Chris Harris is asking for any Christmas fabric scraps at least 2 1/2" square to be used for a project to be given to NC Packs for Patriots. If you have Christmas fabric you would like to donate, please bring to the next guild meeting or call Chris to arrange a time to meet. Chris will be working on this project until September so you have time to search your Christmas stash. The sooner, the better!

## Upcoming Events

June 12-19 Mid Carolina Run Quilt Shop Hop ([www.midcarolinarunshophop.com](http://www.midcarolinarunshophop.com))

June 12: The GQG Learn to Quilt event is set at First Christian Church from 8:00am (set-up) until 4:00pm. Volunteers needed to demonstrate various aspects of quilting. More information to come

### Placemats for Meals on Wheels



The next theme for placemats is spring and summer Materials. Since July 4th is coming up soon, patriotic is also a good option. Please contact Hilda for more information or to turn in finished placemats!



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

Kathleen King 5/4  
Linda Koscianski 5/9  
Rosena Grott 5/17

Jann Brown 5/22  
Norma Nabut 5/22  
Jackie Liberty 5/25

## Committee Chairs

## Guild Executive Board

Position	Name
Co-Presidents	Lori Millsap Sally Hills
Past Presidents	same
Co-Vice Presidents	Elizabeth Weidner Cindy Smith
Co-Secretary	Cathy Graham Jann Brown
Treasurer	Cynthia Suggs
Asst. Treasurer	Sharon Wallio
Member at Large	Vicki Harrell
Member at Large	Hilda Alford
Member at Large	Kelly Ayscue
Member at Large	Brenda Fincher



Committee	Name
Membership	Vicki Harrell
Sunshine	Gwen Lee-Tyson
Programs	Cindy Smith Elizabeth Weidner
Pitt Co Fair	Brenda Fincher
2020	Vivian Purvis
	<b>CANCELLED</b>
Guild Photographer	Kelly Ayscue
Newsletter	Jann Brown
Learn to Quilt 2021	<b>Cancelled</b>
Comfort/Military Quilts	Dianne Walters Sally Hills
GQG Quilt Show 2021	<b>NEED</b>
	<b>NEED</b>
2020 GQG Day of Sharing	<b>CANCELLED</b>
	Brenda Fincher
Web Administrator	Kelly Ayscue
Facebook Page Admin	Diane Gregg
Raffle Quilt 2021	Joyce Sealey Linda Campion

## Regular Guild Meetings

Every Monday Night: BYOP Sewing Club at Jaycee Park. 6p-8p

Every Wednesday: BYOP Quilting Bee at Alice Keene Senior Center, 12:30-5pm \* **Note Day Change**

2nd Thursday of the month: (1st Tuesday in November) Evening business meeting at First Christian Church, 6:30pm-Until

4th Friday of the month: Day Guild Meeting 1-3pm at The Senior Center \***Note new location**

2nd and 4th Saturdays: 10a-5p BYOP Workdays at Alice Keene Park Arts and Crafts Room. Cost: Donations to support Meals on Wheels Program

## Annual Guild Events (More info on Guild Website)

Jan: Fort Caswell Retreat

Feb: Romancing Eastern NC Shop Hop/Beach retreat at Pine Knoll Shores

Feb/March: Mid Atlantic Quilt Festival (Hampton VA)

March: Learn to Quilt Day

Fall: Pitt County Fair – GQG Booth

September: Quilt Show (odd years)

October: Columbus Day Weekend Caswell Retreat

December: Day of Sharing Brunch

