

## President's Patchwork by Co-President Lori Millsap

Hello, October! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! The 2019 Greenville Quilters Guild Quilt Festival was a rip-roaring success! A special thank you to our show Chairmen, Peggy Notestine and Dianne Walters, for daring to repeat their stellar performance from 2017 and take it one step further. I would like to thank the show committee members for all their behind-the-scenes efforts for MONTHS in order that it would appear effortless for two days for the public. And to all the rest of our guild, that pitched in and did all the odd jobs that need doing, plus maintained a pleasant and hospitable demeanor as we welcomed old and new friends to view our quilts, you are all the bomb-diggity! (Perhaps you noticed that I tend to invent words when I am exhausted...)

I could just go on and on and gush about all the parts of the show I adored: the fact that our vendors said it was their most profitable show ever bodes well for future support; the smiles, laughs, and cooperation I witnessed everywhere; the delicious food and the fact that those tables were almost never empty; the lovely quilts loaned for the vintage bed turning, and the excellent job done preparing and setting up that new and improved venue; the guilds from Eastern North Carolina that travelled far and wide to come to our show; and last but certainly not least, the amazing quilts and the fabulous diversity of colors, shapes, textures and patterns that illustrates so beautifully how uniquely and wonderfully made each of us are. Your individual contributions to our community are what makes Greenville Quilters Guild the special organization that it is.

Yet, here we are in October, and we cannot rest on our laurels. Coming up this month, we have Marie Hamra guest-speaking at our meeting on October 10, and then teaching an all day workshop on October 28. Please bring \$25 for that Monday class to our next meeting if you are interested in attending. After October 10, I will open available seats to our neighboring guilds, so sign up no later than our evening business meeting.

We will sew together on October 19 and November 16 at Jaycee Park for our Saturday Sew Days to prepare for the Day of Sharing we host on December 7. There are still numerous favors to make and ways you can contribute, so see the list in this newsletter for ways you can still plug in and help.

**Finally, I wanted to highlight that our NOVEMBER business meeting will fall on the THIRD Thursday, *November 21*, in order to avoid conflict with First Christian Church's Christmas Bazaar. Save the date to your calendar so you don't arrive a week early!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 11-14 Fort Caswell retreat (registration finalized)
- October 18-19 Splash of Color Quilt Show, Cabarrus County
- Quilters Guild, 325 McGill Ave NW, Concord
- October 19 Saturday Sew Day, noon-4pm, Jaycee Park
- October 19 Memory Bear Workshop, Vidant Wellness Center. See Diane Gregg for more details.
- October 25-26 Twin Rivers Quilters Guild Quilt Show, New Bern

- October 28 Marie Hamra workshop, 9am-4pm, FCC. Pre-registration required.
- November 2 Holiday Art Sale, 10am-4pm, Jaycee Park
- November 8-9 Randolph Quilters Guild Quilt Show, 347 W. Salisbury St., Asheboro
- November 16 Saturday Sew Day, noon-4pm, Jaycee Park, including Day of Sharing prep
- November 21 GQG Business Meeting
- December 7 Day of Sharing, FCC

## ***Greenville Quilt Guild***

### ***Meeting Minutes***

September 12, 2019

#### **I. Call to order**

Lori Millsap called to order the regular meeting of the Greenville Quilt Guild at 7 pm on Sept. `12, 2019 at The First Christian Church.

#### **II. Welcome and Thank You**

Guild Members were welcomed to the new fiscal year of the Greenville Quilt Guild. The newly elected board will serve Sept. 2019 to Aug 2020. Cynthia Suggs, Treasurer will be accepting dues. Members are encouraged to verify profile information in 'members only' section of the website. Thank you to Jan Brown and Hilda Alford for serving as hostesses for the meeting. Thank you to Norma Nabut for providing a beautifully decorated cake. Thank you to Kelly Ayscue, Lynne Faulkner, Cindy Smith and Elizabeth Weidner for providing snacks. Thank you to Vicki Harrell and Brenda Fincher for representing the Guild with a booth at the Pitt County Fair scheduled Sept 17 – 22.

#### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Lori Millsap called for review of pending minutes submitted to newsletter *Sew On and Sew Forth*. Minutes accepted as submitted. Sharon Wallio gave an itemized list of deposits and withdraws from the Guild checking account. Treasurers report accepted. Cynthia Suggs is the current treasurer with Sharon Wallio as her assistant. Sharon plans to continue Treasurer responsibilities through the Quilt Show.

#### **IV. Committee reports**

- a) **Membership:** Vicki Harrell will provide an up to date membership list at the October business meeting. Members with paid dues will receive the new password for the "members only" section of the website
- b) **Workshops:** Marie Hamra will present a workshop Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration and \$25 fee required. Photos on fabric will be incorporated into quilts. Participants may print a digital photo on an ink jet printer. Fabric may be ironed on a medium temperature using freezer paper. Printable Treasurere and EQ Printables are commercial brands of photo fabrics. Vicki Harrell, Lori Millsap and Laura Clark will assist with printing photos. Members from other guilds may register for the class Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> if space is available.

**Sunshine;** Laura Clark asked for prayers for her mother in Ahsoskie. Jill Miller is caring for her mother. Barbara Myers is scheduled for additional surgery.

- c) **Okrakoke donation quilts;** Lori Millsap is accepting blocks and finished quilts to deliver to Okracoke. The Okrackoe Cracker Block has 4 strips 2 inch wide with a red and a blue strip near the center with additional colorful strips to form a 6.5 inch center area surrounded by 5.5 inch blue half square triangles. 42 blocks per quilt. See Island Time Quilting on Instagram for additional information.
- d) **Quilt Show;** Sunday Sept 22 is the last day to turn in quilts for the show. Quilts will be accepted by Anne Humphrey and Peggy Notestine. Once quilts are accepted the owner of the quilt will receive a half sheet of paper that is required to pick up the quilt after the show. The “bags baskets and bowls’ are complete for raffle sales.
- e) **Memory Bear Workshop;** Volunteers needed October 19<sup>th</sup> at Vidant Hospital to help family member create a Memory Bear. Volunteers bring sewing machines and sewing supplies. Diane Gregg, Sherrill Boyce, and Rosena Grott are resources to answer questions.
- f) **Farmville Middle School Sewing Club;** Volunteers needed to help beginning student quilters. See Laura Clark for additional information
- g) **Day of Sharing;** Save the date - first Saturday in December. See Cindy Smith for directions to make tissue holders. Brenda Fincher has directions to make Sunbonnet Sue style angles. Brenda will provide all the wings.
- h) **Retreats;** Betty Smith discussed the Beach Retreat at the Inn at Pine Knolls Shore. Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> to match the dates for Romancing Eastern NC Shop Hop. The big room will be provided by the hotel. Betty Smith is requesting a discount room reservation charge for “Friends of Quilting” A catered meal is being discussed. See Vicki Harrell for information about the January 2020 Ft Caswell quilting retreat. The retreat has been extended to 4 nights.
- i) **Quilting Opportunities:** Elizabeth Weidner invited members and friends to sew at the Pitt County Council on Aging, Senior Center the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month 10 am to 4 pm.

## V. Show and Tell:

Tracey Pollard made burp cloths with alligator designs for her grandson. She made a baby blanket using soft Minky fabric. Tracey showed a black and orange table runner with tumbler pieces. Jen Elks made pillow covers from Dollar General placemats. Jessica Burdette completed a Halloween pumpkin quilt that she started last year. Her 6 year old daughter Emmeline make port pillows for cancer patients. Emmeline also embroidered initials in a hoop. Last lock in Mary Miller made an orange quilt. Laura Clark said her son loves orange. Laura machine quilted Mary Miller’s orange quilt. Jackie Liberty made placemats for Meals on Wheels. She is planning to make quilts for future grandchildren from

60's fabric that her children had when they were little. Lynne Faulkner made a king sized quilt for her son and his fiancé. Lynne used a technique of cutting layers of fabric then putting them back together with other colorful fabrics. Laura Clark used her home machine with a 6 inch throat to machine quilt the king sized quilt. Jan Brown shared a quilt made by her mother, Jeppy Calhoun. Jan completed the binding. Lori Millsap machine quilted a star pattern using gold thread on the red and blue fabric. Cindy Smith used a curtain to make a "Jill's bag for her daughter. Cindy said she had to use plan B for the zipper. Cindy Smith made a quilt for her daughter that featured a central star. The quilt finished 124 inches by 124 inches. She explained her method of quilting in sections using her home machine. Kathleen King displayed a quilt using a panel with planets for the backing. Karen Chaudoin showed the contents of a subscription box from Fig Tree. She said that she enjoyed the Moda fabric selection for the mini quilt but had concerns about the directions. Karen's subscription is \$50 per box each third month. Karen said she would not highly recommend the Fig Tree boxes. Barbara Myers recommends the Fat Quarter brand fabric monthly subscription. Linda Mandell made a purple and white quilt with matching pillowcase. Linda said she had a flower design on the front and a leaf design on the back. New member George, hand pieced and hand quilted a blue and gray nine patch quilt.

**VI. Prize Winners;** 50/50 Martie Dale, Attendance Christine Harris

**VII. Adjournment;**

Lori Millsap adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.  
Pending minutes submitted by Cathy Graham

## **UPDATED COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

### **New Year, New Volunteer Opportunities!**

**Business Meeting Hostess/Food/Drink Volunteers Needed:** Each business meeting each month (on the second Thursday night typically), we need four-five volunteers to play key roles in welcoming both members and guests to our Guild. Hostess sits at the front table until the meeting begins, welcoming members and guests as they arrive, offering attendance tickets and 50/50 drawing tickets for sale, and answering questions or directing traffic. Two to four people can share the load of bringing refreshments (light, not a dinner meal) for the group to share. Attendance is typically in the 40-60 people range, so sharing the load means less for each to bring. Sign up sheets for these positions are on the front table and you can volunteer for any month of the year.

**Raffle Quilt Committee 2021 Needed!** Please email Lori or Sally if you are interested in planning our NEXT raffle quilt. It is not too early to start. Lori has already planned the calendar of things that need to be done, so just let us know if you would like to help choose our next quilt. We have had volunteers to chair the committee, so your part would NOT be leadership.

**Public Relations Committee Needed!** It would benefit EVERY event we hold if we had anyone willing to interact with the local media (tv, radio, newspaper) to notify them and arrange announcements. Surely we have some journalism or communications majors in our group who aren't using their degrees?

**Day of Sharing Committee:** Our next major event for the guild is our Day of Sharing on December 7, 2019. The committee began work this summer, and now that the quilt show is over, will need lots of help from all of our members to make the party we throw for our sister guilds in eastern North Carolina a success. We have had a few announcements about the DoS in our regular business meetings, but here are a few more details that have been decided.

Theme: The Night Before Christmas    Brunch will be served.

Favors per guest: Christmas Fat Quarter, Water Bottle Cozy, Tissue holder

We will be making Sun Bonnet Sue Angels for table decorations.

Optional Challenge: Make and decorate a Christmas stocking 6 inches to 18 inches in length Prizes awarded to: Overall Favorite, Most Original, Closest to Theme. Winners will be chosen by attending guests.

Door Prizes: 1 large Christmas basket and 10 Themed baskets: Cozy Reading, Hexie, Batiks, Horse, Bird, Flowers, Red & White, Shades of Blue, Civil War, and Let's Quilt.

We need help making Sun Bonnet Sue Angels (see Brinda Fincher, she has pattern and instructions), The water bottle cozies (see Cathy Graham) and the tissue holders.

We need donations of Christmas fat quarters and all kinds of items including fabric for the baskets. And we need lots and lots of food. We also need help setting up on Friday, December 6.

Day of Sharing Committee: Brenda Fincher, Nancy Johnson (co-chairs) Cindy Smith, Cathy Graham, Vicki Harrell and Sally Hills. Cindy Smith is in charge of the food.



October is for Ocracoke! For our “raffle block of the month”, we are making Ocracoke Cracker blocks to donate to quilts for the residents of Ocracoke Island that were affected by the flooding from Hurricane Dorian. These blocks are 9” unfinished (8.5” finished), and are sewn with 2” strips and 5.5” squares, cut once on the diagonal. Ocracoke blocks typically have a red strip in the third position in the strip set in the center of the block, so for our blocks we are using a blue and red in the center, with any color strips to the outside. When you sew four 2” strips together, your resulting unit should be 6.5” wide. Cut these strip sets into 6.5” squares, and then sew blue triangles on all four sides. Trim your finished block to 9”, making sure you leave ¼” seams at the points of the strips. Pictures and further instructions are available at <http://islandtimequilting.blogspot.com>