

Sew On & Sew Forth Greenville Quilters Guild



Presidents Patchwork By Lori Millsap

“MERRY NEW YEAR!” as we like to exclaim in the Millsap household, a la Eddie Murphy in his iconic role in Trading Places. Merry wishes, indeed. I do hope that however you celebrate the change in the calendar, your home is a place that is healthy, happy, and productive in this new calendar year.

Do you set quilting resolutions? Or choose a quilting word of intention for the year? Or reflect on your past year (or five) with gratitude? I would imagine that everyone is a little leery of setting “plans” for the new year, after we saw what happened to our best-laid plans last year!

I am a first-born daughter of a first-born daughter, and as such, planning, purpose, and perfectionism have been a weight around my shoulders for decades. I can’t be the only one in our guild that struggles with the insistent voice of trying to be “better” creatively or that I’m “not good enough” to try some project, or looking at myself and my work and primarily focusing on the flaws and areas that demand attention. I have a sense of peace with my goal-setting, checklist-making, and self-critical voice at this point in my life. I am also blessed to be married to a second-born kid, and mothered and grandmothered second-borns...and my younger granddaughter Bev, upon receiving a ukulele for Christmas, strummed it passionately and said to my husband, “Listen to me, Grampy, I am awesome at this!” Oh, that we all would approach something new and be willing to be SO AWFUL and yet proclaim in joy, “I am awesome at this!”

So, 2021...whether you think you have areas to work on to improve, or areas to enjoy because you are awesome at them already—I hope things come up smelling like roses for you!

I am not going to declare 2021 “The Year of the UFO” or anything like that. In fact, I’m going the other way with my personal quilting goals. I have decided to give myself permission to play. I can start and stop any project that gives me joy, using any fabric that I own or buy, and finish only whatever works out that way. NO RULES. Only fun.

But if you have a rule or two that serve you, and need help accomplishing those goals—we are here for you. Don’t forget to tap into our mentor list (everyone loves a phone call or email), and share, share, share so that we can be inspired by your work. Above all, please be kind to yourself and others. Let’s ease into this new calendar year with hope, gratitude, and a carefree creativity. You are here, and you are awesome at this!

Happy Quilting!
Lori

January 2021

The next regular business meeting of the the Greenville Quilters Guild will be Thursday, January 14, 2021.

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Greenville Quilt Guild

Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2020

(Reprinted from last month's newsletter sans Show and Tell
To be voted on at the January Business Meeting)

I. Call to order

Lori Millsap called to order the regular meeting of the Greenville Quilt Guild at 7pm on November 12, 2020 at the First Christian Church, Greenville North Carolina.

II. Thank You and Welcome.

No visitors present. Refreshments deferred due to Covid precautions. Thank you to Lori Millsap and Sally Hills for sanitizing meeting area. Thank you to members for food donations.

III. Approval of minutes

Oct. 8th meeting minutes submitted for approval in the newsletter *Sew On and Sew Forth*. No request for change or addition. Minutes approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Lori Millsap presented the bank balance. She passed out copies of the proposed 2020 – 2021 budget for review by members. A budget vote will be requested at the January Business meeting.

V. Open Issues

Sally Hills gave a random prize for bringing food donations.

Vicki Harrell described the January Ft Caswell quilting retreat. Deposits are due. Total cost \$400 for double room all meals included. See Vicki for additional details

VI. Committee Reports—

Sunshine:

Dianne Walters father passed away. Lucy Summerlin's husband is improving but will have some permanent disabilities. Hilda Alford will have a shoulder revision surgery Tuesday. Kathy Belski will be moving to South Carolina Monday. There will be a baby boy in May and a baby Girl in January joining her family.

Comfort Quilts:

Sally Hills will collect placemats for Meals on Wheels as Hilda Alford recovers from her surgery. Several comfort quilts are in storage if members know of a need in in our quilting area. The Vidant Hospital Cancer Center needs pediatric surgical caps and port pillows. Sally Hills thanked members for the

items donated at the meeting.

Ocracoke Quilts:

Lori Millsap described her recent trip to the island. The community is mourning the demolition of the school as progress is being made to replace the school with a grant funded school. Several businesses including Jason's restaurant and a bookstore have closed due to Covid 19 restrictions. Lori said 75 quilts will be delivered prior to Thanksgiving and an additional 75 quilts is the goal for May delivery. Lori needs 3,000 blocks to make the quilts. She will collect blocks at the January and February business meetings.

Children's book recommendations:

Sewing School, Sewing School #2 and Sewing Quilts by Andria Lisle and Amie Plumley were recommended by Jessica Burdette. Lori Millsap recommends The Little Ghost Who Was a Quilt by Riel Nason.

Newsletter deadlines are the 25th of the month.

Contact Jann Brown with submissions.

Nominations: Most board members have served in a position for 4 years or have been board members for 5 years. This is the term limit of our bylaws. Board members and Committee chairmen are needed to continue the Guild projects and programs. Contact any board member with recommendations.

VIII. Challenge Blocks:

January 8 inch finished size with any technique snowflake. February 8 inch finished block depicting a February holiday.

IX. Adjournment

Lori Millsap adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

Minutes submitted by: Cathy Graham for approval.



Upcoming Events

January 15-19 - Fort Caswell retreat (registration and payment finalized)

February 24-27 - Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival Online, <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/httpswww-onlinequiltfestival-com/>



Comfort Quilts Update

Wanted: people willing to bind comfort quilts! We now have 6-7 quilts that have been quilted, and need binding attached. They range from baby quilt sized to large throws. If you are willing to bind quilts, please contact Dianne Walters or Sally Hills. We can arrange a time to drop one or more off to you or will bring them to our next meeting.

While we are continuing to make comfort items for our usual charities, we do have some available for a person or family in our community that has experienced a hardship, such as a house fire, loss of a family member, etc.

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 gqgcomfortquilts@gmail.com or call/text Sally at 252-481-1392.

Happy Birthday

Sandy Weathersbee 1/3

Lucy Summerlin 1/15

Joanne Hughes 1/5

Bernell Skinner 1/16

Summer Smith 1/10

Cynthia Suggs 1/27

Nancy Williams 1/12

Tracey Pollard 1/30

Yolanda Sheppard 1/13

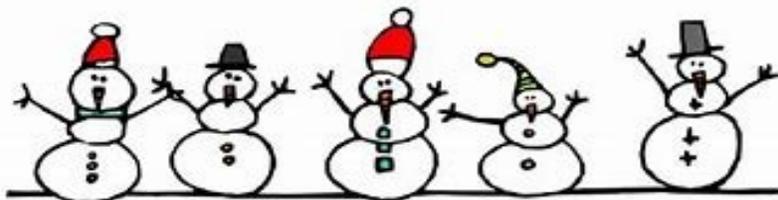
Sharon Wallio 1/30

Don't Forget the Monthly Challenges

January 8" Snowflake



Any February Holiday or Observance



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
	CANCELLED
Guild Photographer	Kelly Ayscue
Newsletter	Jann Brown
Learn to Quilt 2021	NEED
Comfort/Military Quilts	Dianne Walters Sally Hills
GQG Quilt Show 2021	NEED
	NEED
2020 GQG Day of Sharing	CANCELLED
	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 Thursday: BYOP Quilting Bee at Alice Keene Senior Center, 12:30-5pm

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

4th Tuesday of the month: Day Guild Meeting 1-3pm at Jaycee Park

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