

Sew On & Sew Forth Greenville Quilters Guild



Presidents' Patchwork
Lori Millsap, co-President
February 2020

Well, that escalated quickly!

Quilters, in this era of unprecedented events, who could fathom the changes that would be made to our schedules, our lives, and all our plans? I am reminded of so many great people from history who struggled through extraordinary events in their time period with grace and hope. I pray that all of you are

persevering in your personal spaces with a similar grace and hope.

What then are we called to do among such chaos? Well, there are many perfectly acceptable ways to respond. First, obedience to the mandate to stay home as much as possible, limiting essential trips for food or medicine to as infrequently as you can manage, is the best community guideline we can follow. In an area that is used to hurricanes and flooding causing community to pull together, it is essential that we "hunker down" with all our creature comforts of electricity, water, and even Internet in order to support our first responders and protect the most vulnerable in our communities. Instead of social isolation, think of it as social responsibility.

Second, you might find ways to serve our community while you are at home. Several members of our Guild are sewing medical masks, either for use by the medical community in case of an emergency shortfall of regulation personal protective equipment, or just to supplement their supplies, or for themselves and family to wear into town when running those essential errands. There are so many versions of these mask patterns available online, so please watch a video or follow a printed pattern and make as many as you feel called to make.

Perhaps you don't feel led to make masks. Then by all means continue to work on charity quilts for the community, or blocks to contribute to charitable efforts, or even a baby quilt to welcome a new wee one into this crazy world. As I write this letter, my daughter's best friend is delivering her new baby girl, and I cannot imagine a scarier time to be a first-time parent. But it gives me hope to hear of the new babies, and normal life continuing around us.

Please don't isolate yourself so well that you feel lonely. Reach out through social media, phone calls, texts and let us know how we can help you. Share pictures on the Facebook group of things you are sewing, or if you don't do Facebook, then feel free to email the pictures to Lori and Sally at gqgpres@gmail.com and we'll brag on you!

As for future plans...we received an official cancellation for Kelly Cline's workshop in April. Kelly expressed her remorse and hopes to reschedule with us in the fall. With the governor's announcement that schools will not resume until at least May 15, we will not meet as a group in April or May for our usual business meetings. Please stay tuned for "virtual" meeting opportunities as we consider web-hosted platforms.

Thank you all so much for your support in this trying time. Sally and I began our presidency with back-to-back Hurricanes Florence and Michael, and are now in the middle of a pandemic. I think that this might be a sign that it's time for you all to consider who you would like to nominate for your new leadership when we are able to resume meeting hopefully in June!

Love you all bunches,

Lori

April 2020

The next regular business meeting of the the Greenville Quilters Guild will be Thursday, June 11, 2020 if circumstances permit.

Day Guild Meeting will be on Tuesday June 22, 2020 if circumstances permit.

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Contact a member of the guild executive board if you need the member password for the website.

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Inclement Weather Policy

Guild meetings are cancelled if local schools are closed; however, members should exercise caution and put their safety first, as conditions can vary. Follow all cautions put out by local authorities as well as conditions can change rapidly.

Greenville Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2020

Call to order

Sally Hills called to order the regular meeting of the Greenville Quilters Guild at 7pm on March 12, 2020 at The First Christian Church.

Welcome and Thank You

Welcomed members and visitor, Loretta Boone. Loretta has been attending a Vicki Harrell class. Thank you to hostesses Sharon Wallio and Bernell Skinner. Refreshments provided by Nancy Johnson and Jann Brown. Drinks provided by Vicki Harrell. A delayed thank you for member service at the February meeting. Thank you to hostesses Betty Wheatley and Joyce Sealey. Thank you to Brenda Fincher and Lynne Faulkner for refreshments. Thank you to Jackie Langley for drinks.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from January meeting were accepted with no revisions.

Treasurers Report

Cynthia Suggs presented the current bank balance. Treasurers report accepted. The Audit committee will meet March 31st, 6pm, in the home of Sharon Wallio.

Committee Reports

See page 4 of newsletter

New business

Sally Hills described the need for Quilt Guild storage. Vicki Harrell moved that Sally Hills lease a 10 foot by 10 foot climate controlled storage area. Motion seconded by Anne Humphrey and passed by unanimous vote.

Positions available for Quilt Show Committee 2021, Pitt County Fair, Communications, and Public Relations. See Co-presidents for information or suggestions. Nominations Committee will have positions available.

T-Shirt Shag Rug Presentation by

Gwendolyn Lee-Tyson; Gwendolyn described the steps to make a shag rug using scraps from T-shirts. Gwendolyn provided a handout of the instructions. She referred to a YouTube video on Mother Earth News called "how to make a shag rug". Gwendolyn Lee-

Tyson won an award for her rug at the Convention Center Unnatural Resources Fair.

Retreat Availability; Kelly

Ayscue described the Bonnie Hunter Quiltville Inn near the Virginia border. No date has been set. Contact Kelly Ayscue for additional information. Vicki Harrell will collect registration down payments for the October Caswell Retreat. See Vicki for additional information.

Memory Quilt; Vicki Harrell

will be collecting 9 inch blocks (9.5 unfinished) Any block style is acceptable using medium blue and yellow. If a third color is required for the block use white. Contact Co-presidents or Vicki Harrell for additional details.

Show and Tell; Leona Moyer

made a quilt for her grandson. She said she started the quilt for him when he was 12. He is 13 now and the quilt featuring a football theme is complete. Leona included a "from grandma" label. Vicki Harrell repaired a vintage 1930's quilt with Sunbonnet Sue blocks. Betty Wheatley hand quilted a panel donated by Maureen Heidel. Betty used a pieced binding on an Okracoke Quilt. Linda Champion moved from Indiana in 2010 she showed a bag from her old Indiana quilting group. Linda used a twisted bargello technique to make a United We Stand flag quilt for her mother. Dianne Walters made a bag with macramé cord



Upcoming Events have been canceled or postponed for the next two months.

Any events that are rescheduled will be posted in upcoming newsletters.

Minutes continued...

handles. She made a log cabin block quilt in shades of green with a red center block. Dianne talked about the learn to quilt class through Jaycee Parks and Recreation center. 6 people signed up for the class. Dianne taught the participants to make a quilt with half square triangle and 9 patch blocks. The next class at Jaycee Park will begin at the end of March. Dianne Walters talked about the anticipated arrival of her nephew's baby. She knitted a hat with a sprout that she designed because her nephew calls the baby "Sprout". Blair Hines is working on a king size mystery quilt. Blair explained that progress has been slow on the quilt as she enjoys time with her 1 year old son, Ronnie. Blair is using her father's football team colors. 98 blocks are complete. Fritzie Leone made a scrappy quilt for her Marine father in law. Cindy Smith made an orange and black quilt for her nephew. She followed Lori Millsap's instructions from the Saturday Sew day. She forum the blocks quick and easy. She mad a second quilt from the scraps using Lori's instructions for her leftover quilt. Cindy made a quilt to be used for a celebration by her employer. The quilt had red, gray, black and white fabric with science prints.

Prize Winners; 50/50 - Cindy Smith, Attendance – Hilda Alford

Adjournment

Sally Hills adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Catherine Graham



Clara Cloud 4/2
 Anne Humphrey 4/5
 Betty Wheatly 4/6
 Michelle Warren 4/7
 Carol Nisbet 4/8
 Cindy Smith 4/18
 Linda Connor 4/28
 Mary Miller 4/30

Committee Reports



Professional Workshop; Cindy Smith and Elizabeth Weidner are seeking volunteers to serve on their committee. Cindy's vision is for an ongoing committee to allow for future events. Cindy explained that future planning is needed to secure professional speakers. Cindy has made contact with several speakers including Peggy Notestine's friend Teri Tope. Teri is preparing a presentation for 2021 titled 'Thank you Elizabeth'. The lecture will include information about Queen Elizabeth the first's wedding gown. **Kelly Cline trunk show and workshop canceled for April. Will look to reschedule possibly in the fall.**

Learn to Quilt; Lori Millsap was pleased to announce that 25 participants are registered for Learn to Quilt Day. Lori thanked Kelly Ayscue for providing advertisement for the event. The facebook advertisement and newspaper ads were successful. Lori said she attended the Twin River Quilt Guild business meeting. Many of TRQG challenges were similar to the GQG challenges. Lori Millsap encouraged guild members to view the TRQG website to see a picture of a striking Civil War era, styled quilt. Lori announced that Mike Leone and Fritzie Leone, owners of Greenville Vacuum and Sewing shop will host the lunch for Learn to Quilt Day. Sylvia Wheless is the Lunch Chairman for the day. Set-up at Jaycee Park auditorium, Friday, 21st 12 till 2:30. Bring sewing machines Saturday. **(Subsequently, LTQ Day was canceled due to Covid-19)**

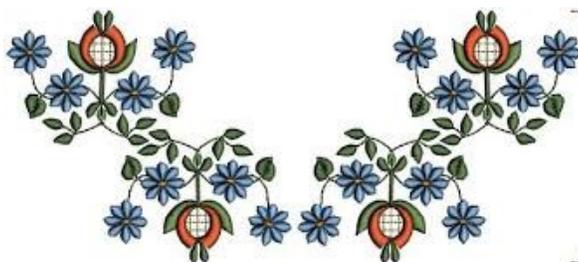
Comfort Quilts; Dianne Walters requests a committee co-chair. The position became available when Peggy Notestine announced that she will be moving to Indianapolis. Linda Mandell requested information about the comfort quilt survey. Dianne Walters will continue providing donated fabric to assist members in making comfort quilts.

Sunshine Committee; Gwendolyn Lee-Tyson invited all members and guests to enjoy the beautiful day. Gwendolyn was sad to announce that Louise Noga passed away in January. Pat and Peter Geraghty are expecting their first great great grandchild. Norma Nabut is experiencing kidney failure. Dianne Walters shared that her nephew and his wife are expecting "baby Sprout". to celebrate the occasion Dianne knitted a green sprout shaped hat for the baby.

Membership; Vicki Harrell reported membership of 98. She said the Ayden Quilt Lizzy location has newly refurbished windows. Vicki said the Ayden town manager was hopeful that the store would have a grand opening before Labor Day.

Website; Anne Humphrey announced that she will vacate her position at the end of her term in August. She wants to train her replacement. Contact the Co-presidents or Anne Humphrey for further information.

Raffle Quilt; Joyce Sealey distributed voting cards to members in attendance. The cards were placed in baskets to indicate a vote for the desired quilt block to be featured in the 2020 Raffle Quilt. A block with multiple small stars was selected.



What Have Our Members Been Up To this Month?

Making Masks



Rosena's finished products



Kathy Belski models a mask



Diane Gregg cranks them out!



Finishing UFO's as Laura Clark did to the left

or

Finishing a first quilt as Jill Miller did to the right



Sally Hills pulled out her spring wall hanging for National Quilt Day!



Vicki Harrell finished repair to an antique Sunbonnet Sue

AND THE WINNER IS.....

The Raffle Quilt Committee presented 3 options for the next raffle quilt and after careful consideration, everyone that attended the March Quilt Guild Meeting was able to vote for their favorite pattern. After all the votes were counted the favorite pattern was:

On the Bright Side



On the Bright Side - 22 votes
Confetti Cabins - 9 votes
Post Cards from Sweden - 2 votes

We look forward to acquiring the fabric needed and getting it ready for sewing!!

Committee Opportunities

We need your help! We are looking for people to help with two committees, the Comfort Quilts committee and a website steering committee.

Dianne Walters needs a co-chair for our Comfort Quilts committee. The co-chair will work with Dianne to be one of the points of contact for the Comfort Quilts committee, to collect and distribute finished items, and to encourage the making of comfort items. Please contact Dianne for more information.

We are forming a website steering committee to work with Anne Humphrey and Kelly Ayscue about our website and the displaying of photos from our meetings. The committee will advise the board on the direction we should go with our website and any major changes we should consider. Please see Anne or Sally for more information.

Greenville Quilters Guild 2019-2020 Monthly Raffle Block

This program is like a monthly raffle quilt! Similar to last year, this year we are all making ONE block, but you get to choose our colorway. We will enter your name into the drawing one time for each block you make, and draw both a TRADITIONAL block winner and a MODERN block winner. Two guild members will go home with a nice stack of premade blocks ready to assemble into a quilt top of their own! Participate if you can; it's more fun the more people who join in. We will repeat the drawing at the Day Guild meeting, so you have four opportunities to win (and incentive to attend our Day meeting if you can).



Continental block design

Choose a dark and light fabric. Cut:

Light Fabric

Cut SIX 3" squares and once on the diagonal.

Cut FOUR 2.5" squares.

Cut FIVE 1.5" squares.

Dark Fabric

Cut SIX 3" squares, and once on the diagonal.

Cut FOUR 1.5" squares.

Cut FOUR 1.5x2.5" rectangles.

Either choose **TRADITIONAL** prints or **MODERN SOLIDS**. Backgrounds should be white or off white, or light to match your color of choice.

Continental , 9" finished (9.5" unfinished)

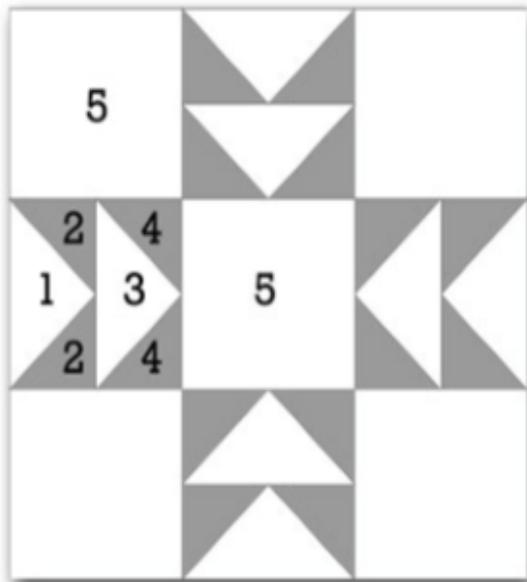
Make 12 half square triangles from your light/dark 3" squares cut on the diagonal. Trim those HSTs to 2.5". Make the four corners from three HSTs and one background 2.5" square. Make pairs of 1.5" light/dark squares. Add the 1.5x2.5" rectangles (piece 6) to the light square. Assemble the rest of the block.

Complete your Continental block to exchange at the MAY Guild meeting. May you enjoy stitching up a Continental block this spring!

Since there will be no May meeting, bring these to the June meeting as well as the ones for June. You have two whole months to make two blocks. You can do this!

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Double T design

Choose a dark and light fabric. Cut:

Light Fabric

Cut FIVE 3.5" squares.

Cut EIGHT 2x3.5" rectangles.

Dark Fabric

Cut SIXTEEN 2" squares.

Either choose **TRADITIONAL** prints or **MODERN SOLIDS**. Backgrounds should be white or off white, or light to match your color of choice.

Double T block , 9" finished (9.5" unfinished)

Make 8 Flying Geese units using the "sew and flip" method. HINT: Always sew from the wide part of the unit to the point. Sew your geese together into pairs, then assemble the block like an ordinary nine-patch!

Complete your Double T block to exchange at the JUNE Guild meeting. Double T looks especially nice in strong, dark colors!



And See what you can do with all the Greenville Quilters Guild 2019-2020 Monthly Raffle Blocks we have had this year? During her time staying at home, in between working on Ocracoke Quilts, Lori took each of the blocks that have been shared this year and made this beautiful sampler quilt. So get to it, ladies!

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 Chairs

| Committee | Name |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Membership | Vicki Harrell |
| Sunshine | Gwen Lee-Tyson |
| Programs | Cindy Smith Elizabeth Weidner |
| Pitt Co Fair | NEED |
| 2020 | |
| | |
| Guild Photographer | Anne Humphrey (AUG) |
| Newsletter | Jann Brown |
| Learn to Quilt 2020 | Lori Millsap |
| Comfort/Military Quilts | Dianne Walters NEED CO-CHAIR |
| GQG Quilt Show 2021 | NEED |
| | NEED |
| 2020 GQG Day of Sharing | NEED |
| | Brenda Fincher |
| Web Administrator | Anne Humphrey |
| 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)

December: Day of Sharing Brunch