





## Presídents Note -

Spring is just around the corner and I'm ready for flowers, vibrant colors or pastels, greens, pinks, yellows - I don't care! Easter comes early this year, March 31, so get to work on those Easter items and bring them to the March 21 meeting to inspire the rest of us.

Speaking of being inspired. I can't wait for the program this month on Scrap Quilts. Whether you are the most traditional quilter or the most modern quilter, whether you like landscapes or abstracts, whether you do EPP or machine applique - you will find something to love using scraps. Connie Carr will have you inspired before you leave the meeting.

There's so much being planned this spring/summer from the Consortium, Sit and Sew classes, retreats, bus trips, etc. Don't miss out on anything - read your newsletter.

See you at the March 21 meeting at Crossroads. Angie

Bring one or more "Fat Quarters" to our meeting and you will be eligible to win a stack of Fat Quarters. Each meeting someone will choose a theme or color fabric for our next meeting. MARCH MEETING, FAT QUARTER DRAWING " PURPLE NOVEMBER WINNER'S WERE: Shelly Kelley, Paulette Bruggeman

Remember a fat quarter is a fabric cut 18" x 22".

#### V.P. Programs – Audrey Pantas

#### All meetings are at Crossroads Christian Church in the sanctuary.

All **Sit & Sews** will tentatively be held at the Crossroads Christian Church.

For Weather Delays, Cancelations, & Rescheduling, we will be posting on emails, Facebook, & website.

#### <u>Calendar</u>

March  $21^{st}$  – Monthly meeting – 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Crossroads Christian Church in the Sanctuary April  $4^{th}$  – Sit & Sew

Join us at the March meeting for inspiration on organizing and creating scrappy quilts. Connie Carr and Mona Doss will be leading this month's program.

For show and tell, bring a recently completed project or something scrappy.

The third UFO is due. Please bring your completed UFO to share and get credit for completing. If you cannot attend the meeting, please text or mail me a picture of your completed UFO <u>before</u> the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Upcoming Programs:

We will be doing another swap at the April meeting. This time we will be swapping homemade pin cushions.

I will be asking for volunteers to do demos at a future meeting. Start thinking about what unique sewing tip you could share with the guild. It'll be done in small groups, so no worries about talking in front of a large group.

Audrey

## **Charity Corner**

WOW! We had huge deliveries last month to the Ballad Cancer Care Center, Niswonger Children's Hospital, and Hope House - 20 quilts in all, and several hats and other donated items. Two Quilts of Valor using the star blocks made by members were also delivered. Many, many thanks to all who use their time and talents to bless our charities!

At the meeting this month, we will be collecting finished quilts from the kits that were distributed last October, as well as any other finishes you have for delivery to our charities. Any twin-size children's quilts will be held for Sleep In Heavenly Peace for delivery at a later date. We already have 7 in the stack ready to go to them.

Diane Lutton

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> <u>February, 2024</u>		
	2024 February	\$5,606.05
Deposit	Membership	60.00
Debit	AAA Storage	-900.00
Interest		0.47
		\$4,766.52



March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Laurie Blayney 5<sup>th</sup> - Barbara Kirk 5<sup>th</sup> - Chrissy Lawson 7<sup>th</sup> - Judy Bellamy 15<sup>th</sup> - Linda Lewis 31<sup>st</sup> - Renee Pitts April 9<sup>th</sup> - Jody Kaczmarek

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2024-25

According to AHQ By-laws a Nominating Committee needs to be selected at the March meeting. Their job will be to contact members to create a slate of officers for the coming year. The slate of officers will be published in the April newsletter with additional nominations received from the floor at the May meeting. I will also have the basket and forms for your feedback on officers at the March meeting as I did in Feb. This gives our nominating committee a starting place and is really appreciated. PLEASE consider serving on the committee or better still serving on the Board. Officers needed are:

President, VP for Programs, VP for Quilt Show, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Chaplain. I am not listing Corresponding Secretary because as long as Donna Flynn will do the job of getting out this newsletter and sending out notification emails - she has the job!

## TRI CITY GUILD CONSORTIUM (TCGC) NEWS

The TCGC board has been very busy planning activities for this spring and summer. Jump in where you can for some fun and fellowship.

1. TCGC now has its own Facebook page thanks to our Zoe. Check there for news and updates. We have an email, <u>tricitiesguild@gmail.com</u>, and a bank account also.

2. A "Gathering of the Guilds" is being held as a 2-day Drive-In Retreat on April 19 and 20. Friday, 4/19, will be 6:00-9:00 pm, and Sat., 4/20, will be 9:00-4:00 pm. We will

meet at Our Savior Lutheran Church at 212 Sunset Dr in JC. It is free for all guild members, and you can bring a friend for only \$5. You can also participate in a Mystery Quilt for only \$5 for the pattern. Please respond at the TCGC email if you are interested in attending and if you want the Mystery Quilt pattern.

3. A TCGC bus trip is being planned for June 11, 2024. We will be going to Pineapple Fabrics in Archdale, NC, with a stop at Schoolhouse Fabrics in Floyd, VA. The day will be approximately 8:00-6:00 pm and the cost is \$45 for guild members and \$50 for guests. We will be using a Todlow bus which holds 56 people. AHQ will only have 1/4 of those seats though, so be ready at the March meeting to pay your money and get your name on the list!

#### QUILTS OF VALOR

Please note that Karen Campbell is the local contact for Quilts of Valor and is glad to answer your questions and take any completed tops or finished quilts you want to donate. Please note the information below:

Karen Campbell 423-292-1482

#### LONG ARM QUILTING GROUP

An interest has been voiced in starting a "Long Arm Quilters` group with the goal of sharing ideas and learning from each other. If you are interested, please contact Liana Thompson, 850-797-5163.

#### MOUNTAIN QUILTFEST GUILD CHALLENGE

The guild challenge at Mtn. Quiltfest (June 3-6, 2024) this year is "Celebrate" and we will need a minimum of 5 entries to enter as a guild. An email with specifics has been sent to everyone, but if you have any questions, please contact Angie, 423-677-5990.

Quilt at Gray Library March Giraffe Gang Top Made by: Annas Clark Quilted by: Brian McCoy



These adorable giraffes are from Canadian designer, Lorna McMahon. Other designs include ostriches, alpacas, cats, dachshunds, and dragons.

This design is very appropriate with our much-celebrated baby giraffe at our local Brights Zoo.

#### APPALACHIAN HERITAGE QUILTERS MINUTES 2/15/24

The meeting was called to order by President Angie Harris at 6:00, at Crossroads Christian Church.

Angie welcomed members and visitors.

Portia Sams asked for prayer requests and presented the devotions. Prayer requests mentioned were for members Laurie Blayney, cancer treatment; Karen Mustain, cancer diagnosis and treatment; Portia Sams, mobility issues; and a friend of Melinda Measner – Allison.

Upon a motion by Betty Tester, seconded by Donna Flynn, the minutes of the November 2023 meeting were approved as submitted. Due to the Christmas holiday in December and bad weather in January, no meetings were held so there were no minutes to be approved for those two months.

Upon a motion by Connie Carr and seconded by Mary Deadman, the Treasurer's Report as submitted in the current newsletter was approved.

Angie announced that the new website coordinator is Janet Henne and this announcement was met with everyone's approval.

Tony Grohs recently sent out an updated directory of all paid members and will work with Donna Flynn to keep it updated.

Diane Lutton and Linda Lewis gave an update on charity quilts and announced that Vickie Lowe has made a donation of fabric. Diane showed the third Quilt of Valor quilt made by blocks submitted by members and it will be given to Karen Campbell for the QOV program. Next month is the last month to bring charity quilts made from kits that were handed out in the fall. Please wash the quilts before turning them in.

Angie reminded the guild that the Nominating Committee will be appointed in March and will start soliciting names to be nominated for officers for next year. Angie passed out a form to be used to suggest people that might be interested in serving. These names will be passed on to the nominating committee. The slate of officers will be presented in April and voted on in May.

Zoe Sibling gave an update on the Guild Consortium and announced a tentative date for a Drive In Retreat and a mystery quilt project. The consortium is working on a possible bus trip to Pineapple Quilts (Keepsake Quilting) in the summer. More information will be provided later. Also, there are tentative plans for a meeting in the fall with a speaker. A Facebook page is being set up by the consortium which will provide all information as details are finalized.

Jessica Steedman is working with a tour bus company on a possible trip to Paducah but the date will have to be in 2025 due to the bus availability. Another possibility is a trip to Missouri Star Co. Due to the expense and short timeline it was the general consensus that discussion of this trip also be postponed until 2025. Angie reminded the guild about the Mountain Quiltfest in Pigeon Forge in June and the guild usually enters. We need at least 5 participants to enter and the theme is Celebration. Zoe volunteered to take entries to be submitted but everyone will need to pick up their own quilts after the show.

Lynn Veith gave an update on the Challenge which will be held in October. The theme is Monochromatic. The binding also has to be monochromatic but the backing does not. Perimeter must be 160" or less. If you are making anything besides a quilt, such as a purse, everything you see must be monochromatic (lining, straps, etc.).

The Fat Quarter drawing 1<sup>st</sup> place was won by Shelly Kelly, second place was Paulette Bruggeman. Color for March Fat Quarter is purple.

Audrey Pantos led the program which was show and tell and swap of the Mug Rugs.

Audrey announced that at the Sit and Sew on March 14 she will be teaching Mega Bag.

Cost is \$25 and you need to register with Audrey if you are interested in taking the class so she will have enough patterns for everyone.

Show and Tell was held and UFO turn in and reimbursements were made.

Tony Grohs presented an interesting program on 'Designing Your Own Paper Pieced Block" along with a discussion of copyright laws.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Barbara Kirk

#### 2023 - 2024 OFFICERS

President – Angie Harris,423-677-5990 <u>harrisah1@yahoo.com</u> V.P. Programs – Audrey Pantas 585-957-1405 <u>audrey.pantas@gmail.com</u> V.P. Quilt Show – Mary Deadman 707-235-8969 <u>marymary9385@protonmail.com</u> Treasurer – Renee Fox 741-5599 <u>reneefox@comcast.net</u> Recording Secretary – Barbara Kirk 423-335-5860 barbstick@charter.net Chaplain – Connie Browder 423-247-2818 dan-connie@hotmail.com Corresponding Secretary – Donna Flynn 203-232-3646 <u>donna.e.flynn@gmail.com</u>

#### CHAIR-MEMBERS

Charity Coordinator –Diane Lutton 703-598-0325 diane.lutton@gmail.com Sit & Sew – Lynn Veith, Connie Carr, Laurie Blayney Membership – Paulette Bruggeman, Sharon Copas, Robin Noel Fall Retreat – Angie Harris Drive-In Retreat – Mary Deadman, Connie Browder Quilt Challenge – Lynn Veith, Zoe Sibley T-Shirt Coordinator – Portia Sams Website Coordinator – Janet Henne

# A special Thank You to each member for their service to the guild!