

# Riverwalk Quilt Guild Newsletter

May 2021

## *From the President's Desk*

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather we've been having. It makes it a hard decision to stay in and quilt or go outside and work in the garden! Luckily, there is time for both!

I look forward to seeing many of you at our May meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 13th at 6:00 pm at the Newland Christian Church located at 2800 Miller's Gap Hwy in Newland. Our program will be on making backpacks presented by BJ Mickel-Close.

We held our monthly Quilting Workday on April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Newland Christian Church. There were about 8 sewers present and everyone was pleased to be sewing together and many placemats were completed. We will plan to meet at the Christian Church again on **Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** from 10am to 3pm. Hope to see you there!

Don't forget to bring your placemats for Meals on Wheels to the meeting on Thursday. We have a goal of 85 placemats, and with all the ones in progress, we should have enough. Thanks to everyone who has helped with this project!

Thanks,

Tiffany

## *Our Mission*

- To preserve our mountain heritage of quilting
- To be a source of education and inspiration for quilters
- To encourage excellence in quilting and related arts
- To be of service to the community
- To provide fellowship to people with a common interest

## *Guild Leadership*

President – Tiffany Melchers  
Vice-President – Vicki Stansbury  
Secretary – Grace Ingram  
Treasurer – Linda Campbell  
Photographer – BJ Mickel-Close  
Community Outreach – open position

## *Treasurer's Report*

*Respectfully submitted by Linda Campbell, Treasurer*

3/31/2021	Balance	\$3,159.80
	Deposits	160.00
	Expenses	(360.50)
4/30/2021	Balance	\$2,959.30

## *Service Opportunities*

Placemats.....

Veterans Quilts.....

# *Minutes from the April Meeting*

Riverwalk Quilt Guild

Minutes of the Meeting of April 8, 2021

Tiffany called the meeting to order at 6:00. She mentioned that last month's minutes had a correction. February's minutes had not been approved. Leslie made the motion to approve, and Joyce seconded. Then Sheri motioned to approve the March minutes and Leslie seconded. Both month's minutes were then accepted.

Our program presenter, Kathy Hill from Sew Original was introduced. She spoke about 2 Shop Hops that Sew Original would be participating in this year. The first is the Carolina Shop Hop with 12 shops included. Prizes include weekend getaways, \$150 gift certificates, 120 fat quarters, and a free fat quarter. Passports are \$3 with a \$2 pattern included. This takes place June 12-19 plus June 22.

The second the All Carolina Shop Hop goes on throughout the months of October and November and included 50 shops in NC and SC. There are links on an e-mail list.

Sew Original also host a quilt club Block of the Month on the 2nd Saturday of the month. It can be accessed by Zoom and sometimes on Facebook. Sew Original is also having a color challenge and June's color is purple. July is green, beige or white. Winners receive a gift certificate for the store and a coupon for the fabric of color. Kathy encouraged us to sign up as Sew Original is also hosting lots of virtual classes. OSD, Sew Steady, Schmertz(?) And Accuquilt to name a few. They also intend to give some prizes away. Lots of new things are coming. Kathy also gives free classes if you buy stuff from them. There is a serger class as well as a long arm class. The long arm can be rented.

Kathy then demonstrated the Accuquilt which cut 2 ½ inch strips and pointed out that there were a variety of 17 strip cutters available. The cubes which are available come in 6, 8, 9, 10 and 12 inch sizes. The 4 inch cube is coming out soon. Accuquilt has 1000's of free patterns. 70 quilt blocks can be made with one cube and 216 blocks can be made with any cube and an accessory cube. It was a very intriguing and inspirational.

Old Business: Tiffany brought up the newly revised Bylaws. Leslie made a motion to accept them as presented and BJ seconded. The guild approved them.

Leslie and Cindy delivered the pillowcases to Jonas Ridge on March 20, 2021. The residents were excited to receive them. Forty-six pillowcases were given. There will be a photo in the Avery Journal. We have some left over and we may do another rest home. Roan Mountain Highlands was suggested as they also house some Avery County Residents.

We still need some placemats. We are estimating we will need 84 or 85 and we are about a third of the way there. We can work on them on our next work day which is April 17th. Sheri has some to quilt. Members are encouraged to make some. We will have it here at the church from 10-3. Members had so much fun at the previous one.

New Business: BJ brought up the new business of making back packs for the children in foster care as and additional service project. The Baby Lock website encourages people to be a difference maker and may have a pattern to be used for back packs.

Noel asked if upholstery fabric could be used for back packs. Walker bags were also mentioned. In about ten minutes or so a placemat can become a walker bag. Sheri wanted a demonstration on how to make a back pack and BJ agreed to do one.

## Minutes from the April Meeting *cont.*

Pene has started another Veterans quilt. Leslie has also started one and has another to put the binding on. The Guild discussed how to present the Veteran's quilts. We want to do an in person program around Veteran's Day. Leslie knows of three possible recipients. Sheri has a pattern she could use for a Veteran's quilt. Leslie announced that we have fabric to use. Please let Leslie know if you know of a Veteran that you would like to receive a Veteran's quilt. Cindy said she had two in progress. We can also work on Veterans' quilts on work days.

### Show and Tell--

Vickie-- trip around the world made with 30's fabric, 2) strip squares pillow



Sheri- placemats- several ones in various colors



Leslie- bear panel with bear paw blocks in green which Sheri has quilted with bear, tree and leaf designs on the back.



Noel-- 2 bags for bridesmaid's gifts with 5 girls appliqued on them



Betty Winters- Christmas placemats in a log cabin pattern in red, green and white.

BJ- a large glass she decorated with flowers and an apple glass



Lolly- cross stitch pieces and magazines and rotary cutters to give away. Some were put in the birthday basket.

The birthday basket was passed around.

BJ and Joyce won the door prizes.

Thoughts and prayers go out to JoMarie.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Ingram, Secretary

## *May Birthdays*

Cindy Booth	May 5th
Frances Brown	May 11th
Tiffany Melchers	May 12th
Doris Moody	May 12th
Carol Ingham	May 29th
Linda Baker	May 30th
Amy Burnette	May 31st



## *Classified Ads*

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