

Riverwalk Quilt Guild Newsletter

November 2021

From the President's Desk

Hello Everyone!

Greetings to you all on this lovely November day! Hard to believe the holidays are fast approaching, but the calendar says it's true. Luckily there is still time to work on gifts and get them finished for giving.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our November meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 11th at 6:00 pm at the Newland Christian Church located at 2800 Miller's Gap Hwy in Newland.

Our program this month will be presented by BJ Mickel-Close. She will be presenting a 'Smocked Christmas Bell'. If you do not know what Smocking is, the simple explanation is; 'Embroidery Stitches on top of Pleats'. This will be a simple project, but one you'll have for years to come, or for a gift! **Please bring a pair of small sharp scissors, and a size 7 Crewel needle if you have one.**

Our workday last month was cancelled due to a scheduling conflict with the church – my apologies for the last-minute notice to those attending. Our workday this month would be November 20th, but due to our Veteran's Day presentation, I suggest we don't meet.

Please note that we will vote on 2022 Board Positions at the November meeting. See article following for the details.

I feel I'm a little behind schedule, but I would like some input on whether you all would like to have a Holiday Dinner in December. I believe in the past we have met at Kay's Kitchen for dinner and a gift exchange rather than holding our normal meeting. I will add this to the agenda for the meeting, or please reach out to me if you have thoughts and won't be in attendance on Thursday.

Our Veteran's Day presentation will be Saturday, November 13th at 2pm. We have 11 quilts to award to our Avery County Veterans. Please plan to attend, and if possible, come as early as 12:30 to help with set-up.

Piece and Blessings,

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 (515-494-9963)
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

9/30/2021	Balance	\$2,858.39
	Deposits	0.00
	Expenses	(167.00)
10/31/2021	Balance	\$2,691.39

Service Opportunities

Veterans Quilts....

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

The following people have volunteered to serve on the Board in 2022. We will be voting on them during the November meeting. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please reach out to me prior to Thursday so I can get you added to the ballot.

- President – Sheri Elderfield
- Vice-President – Co-Chairs Cindy Booth and Tiffany Melchers
- Secretary – Grace Ingram
- Treasurer – Linda Campbell
- Photographer/Newsletter Distribution – BJ Mickel-Close
- Community Outreach – Tiffany Melchers



All Carolinas Shop Hop
October 1 thru November 30th

The **All-Carolinas Shop Hop** brings together sewing and quilting enthusiasts from across North and South Carolina as well as neighboring states. The event will run October 1 through November 30 in 2021.

The **All-Carolinas Shop Hop Magazine** is your guide to all things about the event, participating stores and sponsors. The Magazine also includes valuable patterns, projects and articles along with the official passport and map. The magazine acts as your passport and is available to purchase for \$9.95 at any participating store. Each participating store offers the exclusive Shop Hop fabric, along with other giveaways, raffles and prizes. Stores in our area include:

- Sew Original – Boone
- The Cotton Quilt – Granite Falls
- The Last Stitch – Lenoir
- Bill's Sewing Machine Co - Hildebran

Participants have their passport stamped at each store they visit to qualify for additional prizes. There are over 100 prizes being given away, with multiple levels of prizes to win. Entry level prizes start at just 5 stamps being required. Check out their website at <https://allcarolinasshophop.com/event/> or purchase a Magazine for more information.

Minutes from the October Meeting

Riverwalk Quilt Guild
Minutes of the Meeting of October 14, 2021

Tiffany called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm welcoming everyone.

Cindy announced that she had brought some give away fabrics and free items and some candy to enjoy.

Visitors were given a warm welcome as well.

Leslie made a motion to approve the minutes and the Treasurer's report. BJ seconded and they were approved.

Minutes from the October Meeting cont...

Tiffany asked members to update her on the backpacks asking if any are out and not turned in. There were 2 out. Cindy had some cords to put in them.

New Business

A workday would have normally occurred on the third Saturday which is in 2 days of our meeting. Cindy made a motion to postpone it for a week due to the upcoming Woolly Worm festival. Sheri seconded. We will be working on Veterans Quilts. Cindy mentioned that she needed labels for Veterans Quilts and Leslie indicated that she had them.

We have a meeting 2 days ahead of the presentation ceremony, which is scheduled for November 13, at 2:00 pm. Leslie has mailed several letters to the Veterans. Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments. Come between 12:30 and 1:00 to set up tables and chairs. A show of hands revealed 9 people planned to come to help. Leslie would like to surprise our speaker with a Veterans Quilt.

Cindy had talked to Elizabeth at Crossnore. They need quilts and blankets and new toys and new clothes. Cindy will see if Elizabeth can come to the next meeting and give us more details.

Jo Marie suggested that as the Guild is a part of the Chamber of Commerce, that we develop a one-page flyer to promote the Guild. BJ can do it with the newsletter. It can be updated from one which we did in the past. We can put it in the Avery Chamber of Commerce.

Tiffany reminded the members about election of Officers. Linda and Grace declared they were willing to continue their positions of Treasure and Secretary. BJ retained the newsletter. Tiffany and Cindy are willing to be Co- Vice Presidents. Sheri is willing to serve as President. A Community Outreach position is available if anyone wants to volunteer for it. We will vote next month on these nominations.

Pene relayed cancer news about Kay Hodges. There's hope for Kay to make a full recovery and members were encouraged to send cards, prayers and well wishes to Kay.

Cindy has some Accuquilt Go Pro square dies which belong to the Guild. She was encouraged to make a list of them and share the list with the Guild.

Cindy also indicated that she wanted to be relieved of the patterns and yo-yo makers she had available to give away.

Vickie Stansbury gave a program on how to make miniature pumpkins and provided kits with which to make 2 pumpkins. Members enjoyed sewing, stuffing and gluing the project together. They were cute when they were finished.

Door Prizes were won by Cindy Rehmar, Stephanie and Amy.

Show and Tell

Amy encouraged people to go thru their stuff and clear out some of their clutter.

Minutes from the October Meeting cont....

Barbara- rabbit kit, 2) a baby bib crossed stitched with Chow Time



Mary Noble Santa block, 2) she announced that the Church of the Savior had distributed 8 quilts to foster care 3) she had an eagle panel for a Veteran quilt. We will have it for next year. 4) Veteran quilt- started with a panel and added to it. Leslie volunteered to put the label on it.



Diane-Hunter star block, 2) Donation quilt for the Church of the Savior, a crazy quilt made with an AccuQuilt die in pink and red



Cindy has kits for the Christmas Block quilt. It may be raffled off for a quilt guild member.

Jo Marie- US states quilt for Grandson - it was a fun project. 2) Puppy dogs in teal brown and tan for her sister-in-law.



Tiffany- Memory quilt for her friend from her dad's shirts- with pockets in shirt on gray background. 2) a second one for her Momma with navy blue background and backed with big squares of shirt material



Vickie- 2 squares of fabric scraps



Cindy Booth- Gail Culbert's Red, White and Blue quilt for Daughters of the American Revolution to be donated to a Veteran won in a raffle, 2) Big star in Red White and Blue



Mary Nolte -- Pumpkin wall hanging with leaves with black and white background
2) Table runner with blue and orange pumpkins, 3) orange pumpkins table runner, 4) Maple leaves table runner in red, yellow and brown, 5) a wall hanging with Cinderella pumpkins.



Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Ingram, Secretary

November Birthdays

Karen Sluder
Gayle Culbreath
Diana Trivett

November 13th
November 20th
November 27th



Classified Ads

Long-Arm Quilting Services

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