

# PRICKLY FINGERS QUILTERS GUILD

MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

## President's Message

Lou Ann Martin, President

Thank you to Grace Hershberger, Dona Haun, Sue Swan, and Diane Schonauer for allowing the Foothills Chorale to use their quilts as backdrops for the Spring Concert held at Trinity Baptist Church in Seneca on Sunday, April 27. (Photo below)

At the moment, Prickly Fingers is planning to participate in the Anderson County Ag & Art Tour on Saturday, May 17, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. More information will be forthcoming at the guild meeting in May. See you then!

# This Month's Meeting & Workshop

**Meeting Time:** May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month **Program: Paper-Piecing 3 Ways - Round Robin Demonstrations** Today, members will be divided into three groups to visit each learning station to watch and learn the ins & outs of English Paper Piecing, Foundation Paper Piecing and No Paper- Paper Piecing. Demos are led by our guild members. Open sew after meeting today. Contact Renee Smith to order your lunch from Groucho's or bring your own if you like.



# ICYMI In case you missed it...





PFQG Celebrated 35 Years in March. Here is a photo of the beautiful display at the Anderson County Library. (Above).

(Left) Trinity Baptist Church was the venue for the Foothills Chorale in April. The pews were draped with quilts from our area's talented quilters, including a few from Anderson guilds.



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# **Philanthropy News**

Looking for a way to give back to the community? Join us at the Sew Inn at 3010 Manchester Circle in Anderson every Wednesday from 9:30-Noon, (except guild meeting day). Sew with your friends or pick up supplies to make 3 yard quilts, Christmas stockings, and tote bags for local charities.

Contact Stamie Cline, Philanthropy Chair, for more information on how you can contribute or visit the website.

### Pouches & Totes & Free Patterns

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this project! 148 pouches - both zipper and snap will be taken to the Malawi Women's Conference in May. They were made by guild and QOV members, and other local sewers. For some, it was their first attempt at making pouches or sewing a zipper. I held two workshops for beginners with help from experienced quilters.



If you are interested in making pouches or have made some to donate, Anderson Pregnancy Care would like to have pouches for their clients in their boutique on an ongoing basis. They continue to appreciate the bespoke Tote Bags made by guild members. There is heavier weight fabric available at the Sew Inn for these projects.

If you need patterns, <u>click here</u> to go to our website to download them or contact Becky Hastings via text only 470-774-0285 because I might miss your email and I can't take phone calls when overseas.



#### Social Events Committee Chair

Do you like to throw a party? Are a 'Hostess with the Mostest'?

The annual Holiday Party held at the December meeting needs a leader. Please contact Lou Ann Martin for more information.

#### **Quilt Show Help**

- Advisory Board
- Registration
- Booths
- Hospitality

Contact Kathy Koon or Linda Reeves for more information.



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# Upcoming Programs & Events

#### May 17: Anderson County Ag & Art Tour

PFQG is considering participating in the event as a vendor. More details will follow as information becomes available. If you're interested in helping, please contact Lou Ann Martin.

- June 3: Quilt Appraisals by Brenda Grampsas, Certified Quilt Appraiser, will be available at the Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild meeting. Verbal appraisal is \$25 and written appraisals \$65. All fees go directly to Brenda and there is no limit on the number of quilts you can have appraised. Contact Leslie Reid at lesliereid@yahoo.com by May 15 to schedule your appraisal appointment. Appraisals will be done at Lee Road United Methodist Church, 1377 E. Lee Rd., Taylors, SC.
- June 11: June Guild Meeting, 9:30am with presentation by PFQG member Nancy Archibald. Workshop time: 1-3pm; 'August Stars' by Jaybird Quilts. Tuition is \$20; Supply list available at registration.
- July 9: July Guild Meeting, 9:30am. Afternoon program is a good old fashioned Sit & Sew! Bring your sewing gear and work on your latest project among friends. Today's time can be used to work on philanthropy projects too.
- **October 20-24: Fall Retreat** is in Black Mountain, NC! Exciting programs and complete details will be announced soon. Scholarships available. Contact Linda Reeves for information.



## 2026 QUILT SHOW

The Opportunity Quilt for next year's raffle is 'Ocean Waves' and is well underway thanks to donations from guild members. Hundreds of half-square triangles in bright and neutral colors are being used and will soon start to be assembled.

The Quilt Show Advisory Board is being created. If you would like to participate in the quilt show in any area, please contact Kathy Koon or Linda Reeves for more information.

Mark Your Calendar - 2026 Anderson Area Quilt Show is July 17 & 18, 2026

## Guild Challenge - Purple Watermelon!

More details about the guild's fun challenge! The theme is "Purple Watermelon" for us to create an 18" square quilt. Purple needs to be the dominant color and there has to be a watermelon of any color in the block. Have fun with it this summer and bring your finished quilt to the September meeting for Show & Share.





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