



From the President I hope all of you have been enjoying this beautiful Spring sunshine. Many hours have been spent in the flower beds pulling weeds. The hummingbird feeder is out in anticipation of seeing them and the regular feeders are still there for those birds that spent the winter with us.



Wilkes County Quilters will meet this month, April 27th, at the Ag. Center, 416 Executive Dr., Wilkesboro, NC 28697. We will meet at 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm. I will need a volunteer for each meeting to scan temperatures at the lower entrance near the offices. We will wear masks and stay 6 feet apart. We can have no food or drinks. We are also asked to sign in with our name and phone number. Be sure to bring your beautiful creations for "Show and Tell".

This year there will be the Mid Carolina Run Shop Hop. It is June 12th-19th. I will make copies of the shops involved and have them at the guild meeting. Sounds like a fun way to spend a few days!

Brenda

Ways and Means: Let's decorate our Boutique Christmas Tree! Our project for this month is a fast and simple to make Folded Fabric Star Ornament.

The directions for these can be found @ <http://www.felicityquilts.com> [[felicityquilts.com](http://www.felicityquilts.com)]. This is just a suggestion. I would love to see a variety of your beautiful creations on our tree.

Thanks for all you do to support Ways & Means,

Kathy Hamby



Sunshine Committee: Please let Patsy Clanton or any committee member know of member concerns when a card or heart/ fat quarter shower might add a little sunshine (surgery, death in family, etc.). If you wish to donate heart blocks (6 1/2 inches square unfinished), please label them for Sunshine Committee and leave with Libby at Sew Blessed Quiltworks.

Thanks!
 Patsy Clanton

Community Service: Special thanks to Brenda Willis and my sister, Lisa Johnson, for helping me choose fabrics for kits on the workday we had at the shop a few weeks ago. Twenty-eight kits were completed and several have been picked up at the shop and at the Laurel Ridge retreat. We still have ten kits available at the shop. Please stop by and take one!



Also, special thanks to Judy Martin who has donated 122 pair of crocheted baby booties!!! We really appreciate her handiwork!

Last week, we received a fabric donation from Christina Byers. We will use what we can to create more Ebenezer kits and pass some of it along to the Ways and Means Committee.

Happy quilting,

Libby

Membership: PLEASE READ!! Those who paid in 2020 your dues will be rolled over to 2021. You can also donate your 2020 dues to the Guild and pay dues for 2021. If you have a question about whether you paid dues in 2020 please e-mail me and I will check my receipt book to see if you did pay. My e-mail address is drbball1968@yahoo.com.

Google Group: wilkescountyquilters@googlegroups.com

If you are not on the Google Group, please email me and let me know that you wish to be on it. I need your permission before I can put you on the group. My email address is in the Guild Roster (sorry don't want the whole world to have my email address, the newsletter goes on our web site!). I am also the only Prater in the Wilkes phone book.

If you are still having trouble getting on the group, please let me know. You must put the google address in your address on your email.

Madra

Member Bio's: And Here's..... Becky Ball!!

I am a native of Wilkes County, but my family moved to Winter Park, Florida in 1955. That's just next door to Orlando, so we got there before Disney. But we always came back in the summers to spend 2-6 weeks with my mama's family. Great memories. When Dennis and I retired in 2011 we decided to move back to Wilkes. Actually I didn't give him much choice...lol.

My husband and I have been married 52 wonderfully blessed years. Dennis and I have four children, two girls and two boys. The girls came first, then 9 1/2 years later along came the boys. Boy! were we surprised.

Dennis and I both attended Gardner-Webb College. We were married with two children. Dennis was 28 years old when he started and after two years I started college at the age of 30. I was an American



History major with concentration in the American Revolution Era. So I was juggling a full time college schedule, working 20 hours a week, a husband and one child in the house....whew! During this time our oldest daughter Beth was living in Florida with my parents so she could attend a special school as



she is autistic. That's the short version of a long story. After Dennis graduated we moved to Wake Forest, NC for him to attend Southeastern Baptist Seminary. We have served churches from High Point to Rocky Mount. Our last church before retirement was just outside South Boston, VA. When I retired I was the Children's Librarian for the Halifax-South Boston Library System.

I have only been quilting for about 7 years. My cousin and I went to the Wilkes Senior Center and joined the Tuesday-Thursday quilt group. My cousin had quilted before, but I had never quilted even though I had always wanted to learn. The only other sewing I had done was to make some clothes for myself and my girls.

I enjoy traditional and modern quilting. Scrappy quilts are my favorite. Found out I hate paper piecing. Applique is something I am looking forward to trying. I like all kinds of fabrics. Here lately I've done a lot with 30's fabric. Novelty fabric and panels are another group of fabrics I like working with.

How did I come to join the Guild.....you can blame that on Theresa Sirman. Dennis and I attended a Gideon's dinner for pastors and we were seated at the same table as Theresa and Gene. I got Theresa to join the quilt group at the Senior Center and she got me involved with the Guild. My favorite thing about the Guild is the people. Everyone is ready to help with any problem you might have, you can talk about anything and if you're stuck, you can get plenty of advice.

My husband has described my quilts as colorful and made from the heart. My son laughed and said they were time- consuming. I just hope everyone who receives one of my quilts enjoys them.

Becky Ball