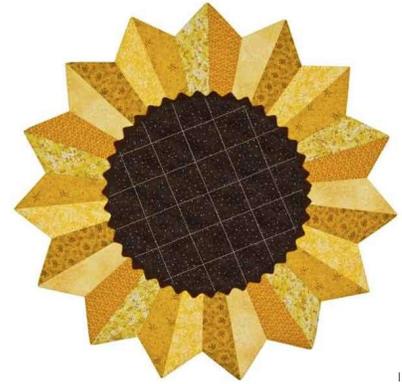


From the President: As of today, Sunday, I count 25 days to Quilt Show setup. A lot of you have everything finished and are just waiting to take your quilts to the Stone Center. Good for You! Then there are some of us who are still working on quilts and hoping to get them finished and delivered by 10:00 September 9th. Just speaking for myself - with a two-year time frame, why am I still working on show quilts? We will get them finished and our show will be magnificent as usual. One of the most beautiful sights is the Stone Center full of quilts!



This month's meetings will be at the Ag Center. Looking forward to seeing all of you there August 24th at 1:00 and 6:00.

I would also like to have a short Board meeting after the 1:00 meeting.

Brenda

Ways and Means: This is your reminder to bring your Villa Rosa gift baskets, quart and gallon fabric scrap bags, books and magazines to The Stone Center on Thursday, September 9, 2021. We have a great selection of handmade pillows, table runners, lanyards, prayer quilts, fabric bowls, pin cushions, baby blankets, burp cloths, bibs and more. Please tell your family and friends to come and Shop our Boutique. It's not too early to do some Christmas gift shopping.

Thanks to everyone that made and or gave items.
Kathy Hamby

Quilt Show: From Monday, August 16th we will have 24 days until Quilt Show Setup on Thursday, September 9th!!! I'm getting excited and I hope you are too!!



We will have two Grand Prizes this year!

One is a generous donation by Madra of a large Americana tote bag with jelly rolls and Sulky thread. Other members have added more precuts to make a fabulous Grand Prize. But we need more half-yard cuts or fat quarters to put in our Grand Prize gift box. So if you haven't donated already please consider doing so.

At the Guild meeting there will be sign-up sheet opportunities for helping with the Quilt Show. Please plan to help as much as you can. We need you!

Between the Day meeting and the Evening meeting we will have a Quilt Show Committee meeting. If you are a member of the committee, please try to join us.

Thank you,
Lynn and Theresa

Intraguild: Hope you all are working on your challenge piece for our quilt show. I don't know about you, but I am excited to see what wonderful quilts everyone has been working on for the last two years. I am sure it will be a fantastic show.

Then in October we will get to see all of the half yard tear creations.

Happy sewing,
Ellen

Member Bio's: And Here's..... JoAnn Nichols!!

I was born in Caldwell County and have lived here all of my life. I have been married to my husband, Lloyd, for 61 years and we have 2 sons and a daughter. Another son died in an automobile accident at the age of 16. We have 5 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter.

I graduated from Happy Valley High School (now Hibriten High School) in 1959. My latest occupation was Executive Assistant at La-Z-Boy Casagoods where I worked for 35 years, 23 years for the president and after retirement, I was asked to return and worked in finance.

My mother taught me to sew and when I was 5 years old I began making doll dresses. The thing I remember best was that the sleeves would fall out. As I aged, I improved and eventually designed and made my own clothes. Then came the children and I made jeans for my sons, dresses for my daughter, men's suits, prom dresses, wedding dresses, bridesmaid dresses, window treatments and bedspreads.

My sons played all the sports and my daughter was a cheerleader and took piano lessons, therefore I spent a lot of time at ball fields and waiting for piano lessons. Some of the ladies in the office where I worked were going to the community college and learning to quilt. They would bring their quilts to the office to show them. At that time, most everything was done by hand and I saw that as something I could do while sitting at a ball field or piano lessons and I started quilting but didn't really get serious about it until I retired in 2004.

My favorite quilting technique is hand applique. I like traditional quilts, paper piecing, and my goal is to make a modern quilt (sometime). COLOR always gets my attention, the brighter the better.

I began attending Wilkes County quilt shows when they were at the Holiday Inn. I found the people to be very friendly and welcoming. I inquired about joining the guild and became a member in September 2005 (I think). I like being involved, making new friends, and socializing. I have done trunk shows at many guilds so there is no doubt that Wilkes County Quilters is my favorite.

I have entered quilts in shows from North Carolina to California, Florida to New York, and everywhere in between. My greatest accomplishment related to quilting has been winning national awards from American Quilter's Society (Best Hand Workmanship). My daughter liked the red dress (Elegance in Red) quilt so much that she had a barn quilt made showing it and it is on the end of my house.

