



Meeting Date: TBD

**From the President:** It has been my plan to spend a lot more time piecing quilts in 2021. Maybe 6, 7 or 8 years ago I cut strips for a Bonnie Hunter workshop. I pieced 2 or 3 blocks before leaving the workshop. Two years ago at a Laurel Ridge retreat a couple blocks became a couple dozen blocks. Upon arriving home, the box of strips was put away in a cabinet. Well, when trying to keep my promise to do more piecing, I pulled the box out and began to make more blocks. Our daughter has seen the blocks and wants me to finish the project for her! Now there are about 40 blocks and more strips are being cut. Does anyone know how many 9 inch blocks it takes to make a king size quilt??? I'm sure a lot more than I want to count at this time! Hope I can finish it this year! If I don't share a very scrappy king size quilt this year, don't you dare ask!!  
Happy stripping,  
Brenda



**Ways and Means:** By now most of you have made masks for yourself, family and friends. It looks like we will be wearing masks for awhile longer, in order for everyone that will to get their COVID-19 vaccine. Our guild is planning to have our annual quilt show in September. This will probably require everyone wears a mask. Therefore, my suggestion for February is for you to use your favorite pattern and make some masks for us to sell in our Quilt Show Boutique. There are lots of free patterns and videos online.

I have ordered photos of our raffle quilt and will be getting tickets to our members to sell real soon.

Thanks for all you do,  
Kathy Hamby



**Sunshine:** Please let Patsy Clanton know of any need for cards or heart blocks. If you wish to make blocks using applique or piecing, please leave them with Libby at Sew Blessed Quiltworks with a note for the committee. Be creative!!  
Thanks,  
Patsy

**Intraquilt:** There are two opportunities for us to gather as a guild in the month of March.

*IN TOWN RETREAT:*

WHEN: Thursday, March 4th—9:00am-9:00pm

Friday, March 5th—9:00am-9:00pm

Saturday, March 6th—9:00am-4:00pm

WHERE: Celebration Church—The door for us to enter is to the right of the main entrance.

Plan to come for any or all three days. Come for an hour or two whatever you feel comfortable doing. There will be plenty of space for social distancing. Bring your sewing machine or hand work or just come to chat and be with fellow quilters. If you are planning to sew there are plenty of outlets but we might need some extension cords. I would like to know how many plan to be there Thursday night as I plan to provide dinner. Lunch and dinner except for Thursday will be up to the individual. I will bring water and Shirley will bring a coffee pot.

For any questions concerning the In Town Retreat you can call Shirley Camenzind or Ellen Rhyne.

### *LAUREL RIDGE:*

WHEN: March 29-April 2

Currently we have 12 people participating. If you haven't made your final payment I will be in town for the In Town Retreat, you can pay me then or I can meet you so you can get that taken care of. It is still possible that we might add people either for the day or overnight, but you will need to let me know as soon as possible.

Hopefully you received the email with our Intraguild Guild activities for the year. They are basically the same as last year—String Quilt Block exchange and the Half Yard Drop, Tear, and Pass (we will plan do that at the first meeting that we can be together).

Hope you are all well and feel comfortable coming to the In Town Retreat.

Ellen

### **Member Bio's: And Here's Anne Miller.....**

Hello, I am Anne Miller, and I joined the Wilkes County Quilter in January 2019 at the urging of instructor, Lynn Osborne; my friend, Vickie McInnis; and other classmates in the Quilting Class at Wilkes Community College. For many years, I was aware of the Guild because I attended the annual Wilkes County Quilt Show admiring the beautiful quilts. When Vickie and I were Girl Scout leaders together, our troop made a sampler quilt which was displayed at the Quilt Show in the early 2000s. It was exciting to participate in the 2019 Quilt Show as a member and display the first large quilt I ever made.

As a teenager and young adult, I sewed many of my own clothes. I even won an award, as a teenager, for a pants suit I made for a competition offered by Sears Department Store. After my daughter, Amy, was born, I joined a beginning quilting class in Boone offered by Caldwell Community College. The quilt method taught was a sampler lap quilt with 12 traditional blocks all hand pieced and quilted. Unfortunately, I never finished the quilt because we moved to Wilkesboro, and my daughter is now 35! I have six blocks in various stages of completion which I should now finish as a small quilt for my granddaughter.

Over the years, I stayed interested in quilting and made a few small projects. In 2003, I made a small wall-hanging quilt telling the story of creation for a class project in one of my masters' programs. I completed this project entirely by hand using the "Memory" quilt block. Ten years later, I learned machine piecing when making a t-shirt memory quilt for my daughter as a gift for her wedding shower. That project sold me on machining piecing! After retiring in 2018, I started taking quilting classes offered at Wilkes Community College.

At this point in time, I do not have a favorite type of quilting. I enjoy learning new techniques offered in the quilting classes.



I like using batik fabrics because of the vibrant colors and interesting patterns. I am drawn to blue colors and a blue fabric of some type is usually the inspiration for my quilt projects.

My husband, Darrell, and I have been married 42 years. We met in 1976 working summer jobs on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Blowing Rock. He is a native of Ashe County. I was born in California and lived in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Virginia as a child. I have a BS from Virginia Tech in Forestry,

a MA from Appalachian State and a MA from Loyola University-New Orleans. We have lived in northwest North Carolina all our married life. We moved to Wilkesboro from Boone in 1988 for Darrell's job at Wilkes Community College and my job with the Girl Scouts. In addition, I worked for United Way of Wilkes County, Wilkes Community College, and the last 14 years of my career as a program auditor with the North Carolina Community College System. Our daughter, Amy, is married to Nick and they live in Connecticut with their 11-month-old daughter, Caroline.

Since retiring, I am working on my goal of becoming more involved in quilting. I am now trying to finish the class quilt projects in a reasonable time frame. I enjoy the quilting process. It is a journey selecting the pattern and fabrics, making the first cut, and seeing the fabric pieced together to make something new. I am learning to machine quilt smaller projects, but larger ones are professionally quilted. When I show family and friends my quilts, they ask when I will make them one. And hopefully now, I will make quilts for my extended family and friends with inspiration from friends in the Wilkes County Quilters.