JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Meeting Date: January 28, 2020Kulynych Family Life CenterTime: 1:00 and 6:00 pm(across from the courthouse)

From the President: Here we are; well into January of 2020. I hope you are busy finishing up last year's projects or diving into some exciting new ones. It is not too early to begin quilts for our September quilt show!

Thanks to Madra for setting up the new Yahoo group,

wilkescountyquilters@yahoogroups.com. She has entered the email address of all 2019 members and invited you to join the group. This site is used for announcements to our group. There are some issues that Madra will address at the January meeting.

There will be a Board meeting at 4:45 on Thursday, January 23 in the downstairs meeting room at the Wilkes County Library.

I look forward to serving with you this year as we continue to promote the art of quilting in our community.

Brenda Willis President

Community Service: I had hoped to give you a talley of the 2019 quilt donations for Community Service by the end of the year but I kept waiting for more quilts. They never came! I knew of about 12 that were in process but I guess Christmas got in the way so I assume they will come under Libby's watch and that is fine. Maybe we will start the year off with a bang! Thank you to all of you who have donated quilts and other things along the way. They are greatly appreciated.

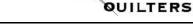
Here is what we did in 2019:

Hospital Birthing Center: 39 baby quilts 336 baby booties 1 receiving blanket 1 crochet blanket 45 knit hats Ebenezer Children's Home: 46 quilts, 8 of which with pillowcases 1 afghan 1 toy 4 pillowcases 13 doll quilts

Hometown Hero : 1 quilt given to local disabled veteran

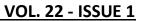
Habitat for Humanity: 3 quilts on hand and ready to give when houses are completed

Thank you one and all. That's not too shabby for a little rural quilt guild, huh?! Betty









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meeting.

The 2020 Community Service Committee would like to invite members to sign up and serve on this committee this year! We will be introducing several new patterns for baby and Ebenezer quilts and be showing examples of each at the January guild meetings. We hope to set one day per month for a Sit and Sew/Workday to be held at Sew Blessed Quiltworks' classroom in Suite B and would love for you to join us. We'll need people to cut and prep kits, make copies of our patterns, piece quilt blocks, sew quilt blocks together, quilt quilts, bind quilts, etc. – anything to help our committee run smoothly and benefit our community!

Thanks, Libby

Membership: Remember dues of \$25.00 is due by the end of March.

The membership committee is going to have a "strip tease" two and a half inch fabric strip tease, that is. So beginning in February at each meeting for each $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strip you bring in (up to 3) you will be given a chance to win all of the strips. So if you enjoy "stripping" bring in your strips and join in the fun!



Becky Ball and Ellen Rhyne

Quilt Show: Please be thinking of a name for the 2020 Quilt Show. I will pass out papers at the guild meeting and ask that you write your name for the show and your name. We will give a \$20.00 gift certificate from So Blessed Quilt Shop to the person whose show name the Quilt Show Committee selects.

Madra

<u>Retreat</u>: Our annual retreat has been planned for May 5-9 at Laurel Ridge. I will have more information and registration forms at our January meeting. I will need to get firm numbers of those attending and 50% of the cost as I will need to pay a deposit the first of February. So with that in mind, please plan come to the meeting ready to pay 50% of the cost. If you are unable to be at the meeting, please call me so that we can make arrangements to get you registered. Our retreats have always been a lot of fun, so I hope that you will consider joining us.

Ellen

<u>Yahoo Chat Group</u>: You must have a Yahoo or Gmail address to be a member of the group. If you already have one of the address, follow the steps below to request membership. If you don't have one of these addresses, go to Yahoo and set up one. Be sure to write down your address and password as you may need it again. If you do not use Yahoo or Gmail, you can go back to your email page and follow the steps below.

Go to Yahoo.com (Home Page), look at the top right of the screen and click on "More". Or type in your search box "Yahoo Products and Service", go to the "G" and click on Group. On the next page in the search box type in wilkescountyquilters and click on Search Group. When wilkescountyquilters comes up, go to the bottom of the screen click on "Join". You will get a message about not recognizing your address, just ignore it. I will approve your request and send you an email letting you know that you are a member.

The only difference between this and the old group is that emails are not posted to a board and you can reply to all the group or to just the person that sent the message. If you have any questions, please call me.

Madra

<u>Ways and Means</u>: I am excited to be Ways & Means Chairman. My biggest focus is to "Build Our Boutique". If we all contribute, we can achieve this without too much work for anyone and have some fun doing it. Our Boutique will be what we make it. Each month I will give you a suggestion for something to make. This month will be Pillows. Choose your own pattern or make "Dog Bone Neck Pillows". I made these pillows as Christmas gifts for my family and they loved them. The free pattern I used is online @ sew4home. Novelty fabrics work well for these. Please do what you can to help make our Boutique a great place to shop for gifts and all things "quilty".

Kathy Hamby

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Announcements:

<u>The Quilting and Needle Art Extravaganza</u> Statesville Civic Center 300 South Center St. Statesville, NC Friday, Jan. 24, 2020 from 9am - 5pm Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020 from 9am - 4pm \$6.00 admission. Discount ticket at <u>www.quiltersgallery.net</u>.

January Birthdays

Terri Jo Ingram 1/29 Rickylee Minton 1/19

February Birthdays

Sharon Church 2/1 Carolyn Broyhill 2/20 Vickie McInnis 2/4 JoAnn Nichols 2/24 Linday Phillips 2/8 Sylvia Pipes 2/5 Carla Smith 2/3 Libby Whittington 2/13 Julie Willis 2/6



