



**From the President:** The months do roll around fast. These hot humid days are perfect for staying indoors to work on a quilt. The cold days of winter are also ideal for working on quilts. I think maybe there is not a bad day for quilting!

I rarely share with my Mama things that are stressing me out, but one day this week I did. Her response was, "Brenda, you just need to do The Hokey Pokey! That will take your mind off everything else!!! Well when that call ended I did the Hokey Pokey (picture that) and for sure you can't cry and do the Hokey Pokey! It is possible if we had joined together in doing the Hokey Pokey during 2020 we would have felt better!



I'll see you Tuesday, July 27 at 1:00 and 6:00 at the Wilkes Extension Center. They have asked us to enter quietly, take temperatures, and sign in on a separated sheet with phone numbers.

Brenda

**Ways and Means:** What does your Sewing Room/Area look like right now? Can you find what you need for the quilt you are working on? I find that I enjoy sewing more when my environment is neat and organized. Now is the perfect time to clean your quilting space and get rid of some of that stuff you don't need anymore. Do you have quilt kits; puzzles, notions or rulers that you no longer have a use for? Sort through those quilting books and quilting magazines. You may have just what someone else has been looking for. You can donate these items to our Quilt Show Boutique. But please, hold on to your items until Thursday, September 9, 2021 and bring them to The Stone Center.

Thanks for all you continue to do to make our Guild so awesome!  
Kathy Hamby

**Membership:** Hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. Just a gentle remainder, there are still a few members who haven't paid their dues for this year, 2021. If you wish, you can mail your dues to: Wilkes County Quilters, P.O. Box 563, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659. You can check with me if you can't remember if you paid your dues or not. Just e-mail me at [drball1968@yahoo.com](mailto:drball1968@yahoo.com) (make sure there are 2 b's & 2 l's and only one 1).

Becky Ball

**Quilt Show:** As I'm writing this we have 55 days until our 2021 Quilt Show, Quilts: Love Made Visible! Quilt Show registration forms are due at the July Guild meeting. These forms are on our website [wilkesquilters.org](http://wilkesquilters.org) [[wilkesquilters.org](http://wilkesquilters.org)].



First: we will have a judge after all. Lisa Alley will be our judge!

Second: Madra Prater has donated a very nice tote bag containing 3 Jelly Rolls and a 10 pack of Sulky thread! This will now be an additional Grand Prize! I am donating a Jelly Roll to this as well. If you would like to donate a precut fabric item, we will appreciate it.

We are still collecting 1/2 yards of fabric for our first Grand Prize so please contribute. I hope everyone is getting excited about the show and plans to pitch in to make it a great success!!

Thank you,  
Lynn and Theresa

**Programs:** Hello everyone!!!!

I know this is short notice, but the programs had to change for this month due to an unforeseen illness of a member of the presenter's family. Instead of what we had planned, the Program Committee will sponsor our guild's "YARD SALE" during both the day and night meetings on Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>!

If you have sewing/quilting items you would like to sell, please price them and bring them to the meeting(s) this month!

Please mark yardage and price for each fabric using a sticky note or index card pinned to the item. Prices for other items should be secured to each item. We will provide tables for you to display your goods.

Again, we apologize for the short notice and any inconvenience. If you have any questions, feel free to call Terri Jo (336-262-2406) or Libby (336-902-0999). See you on the 27<sup>th</sup>!

**Member Bio's: And Here's..... Sharon Cellemme!!**

I was born in Providence, Rhode Island and our family moved to my mother's home town of Burrillville, RI when I was in first grade. I'm the oldest of 3 girls. My mom hasn't left her hometown since she moved back. She's now in a nursing home and just turned 98!

My mother didn't sew, so I didn't learn to sew at home, as many of you did. I learned to sew in a home economics class when I was in high school. I got a pretty bad grade on my first project and, when my mother went to parent's night at the school, the teacher told my mom that it was because I wouldn't ask for help! Believe it or not, I was really shy in high school! How things have changed!! The really good thing that happened in that home ec class was that it helped me realize that I liked all things home ec related.... like cooking, nutrition, sewing, child development, consumer economics, etc. So, when it was time to head to college, I chose to major in home economics education. I taught high school home economics for 3 years. I taught in North Haven, CT for 2 years and spent my 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Burrillville high school –my alma mater!

I spent 6 years working for the Providence Gas Company. My official title was consumer affairs specialist, which was a fancy way of saying I was a jack of all trades. I was a guest speaker at schools and group meetings, I helped write the company newsletter, I tested recipes for a monthly recipe sheet that we sent to customers and, best of all, we had a call center that customers could call into with questions about cooking, nutrition and anything else food related. We were allrecipes.com before there was internet!!

While I was working for the gas company, I decided to enroll in an MBA program. I didn't finish my MBA but I did find my husband, Ray. Once we had our first daughter, I became a stay-at-home mom. When our daughters were 4 and 2, we moved to Statesboro, GA. (Within 2 or 3 months of living there, I was told I was nice ...for a Yankee!)



After 5 or 6 years, on to Fayetteville, NC. We spent 3 years there. I started a Masters Program in Reading and Literacy at UNC-Pembroke and then, had to transfer to UNC Charlotte because we were on the move again. Got my Masters in Reading, Language, and Literacy and became a Reading and Study Skills Teacher at Central Piedmont Community College and South Piedmont Community College.

When my husband retired, we decided to buy a home in the mountains. FINALLY, I arrived in Wilkes County! Luckily, my friend and neighbor, Jennie Schardt, asked me to take a quilting class with her. We signed up with Libby, who invited us to visit a quilt guild meeting, and the rest is history!

We've since moved to Mocksville, which gives us a shorter (and less aggravating) drive to see our girls. Stephanie lives in Charlotte and Brianne and her husband Stephen live in Durham.

I like both traditional and modern quilting, depending on the pattern. I love batik fabric, it's so pretty! Also, in almost everything I've quilted, there has been a polka dot fabric.

I have two favorite things about being a guild member. Since I'm not particularly creative, I love seeing how creative other people are. It amazes me. I guess I'm hoping it rubs off! Also, I am so impressed with how helpful and encouraging the guild members are. Thank you so much for that.