



Meeting Date: TBD

From the President:



I'm sure there are some of you who really like the cold and bare landscape of winter. Winter to me is just the necessary link between the beauty of fall and the freshness of spring. Even to the lovers of winter the sunshine and warmer temperatures last week were welcomed. Seeing flowers blooming and trees budding give a renewed hope of better things ahead. Of course there will be more cold weather but on warm, sunny days take a break from quilting and let the sun shine on your face!

Brenda

Ways and Means:

Our Ways & Means project for this month will be, "All Things Baby". We will be making flannel receiving blankets. These are so simple to make. Here's how:

You need two pieces of flannel with a theme and/or color appropriate for a baby blanket measuring approx. 30"X34"

Press and cut flannel. Put right sides together, sew all the way around, leaving an opening to turn. Turn, Press and Top Stitch all the way around. That simple!

You can also make a matching burp cloth using the same method. Burp cloths measure approx. 9" X 26".

Crib blankets; small baby quilts, bibs, tag blankets would also be appreciated. Make anything that would make a nice baby gift.

WAYS & MEANS WORKSHOP
at OAKWOODS BAPTIST CHURCH
SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021 @ 1:00 PM until

You can pick up tickets for our Raffle Quilt at the workshop.

Thanks,
Kathy Hamby



Intraquild: What a wonderful three days we had at the in-town retreat! 17 guild members either came and sewed or visited during the three days. As Terry Staley said, it was good to do something normal. Celebration Church was a great venue. Thank-you Shirley Camenzind and her son for suggesting using the church and doing all of the leg work to make it happen. Enno also helped us set-up. Lots of inspiration was available as we watched our fellow quilters work on some beautiful quilts. Ways and Means benefited as Theresa Sirman and new member Melissa McGuire and others worked on lanyards, receiving blankets, burp cloths, fabric bowls, cell phone holders. Melissa is the lanyard queen as she produced lots of lanyards. Clean-up was easy as everyone helped put their area in order and Kathy Hamby, Terry Staley, and Jeanne Cook stayed to make sure all the tales were put back in place, garbage disposed of and the bathroom



cleaned. "Many hands make light the work." I want to thank Shirley for all the many things she did to make this possible. Shirley you're the best!!!

Our next opportunity to be together is the week of March 29th at Laurel Ridge. I am already getting excited about that time together. If you would like to participate by coming for the day let me know this week.

I will be sending another email with information about the guild challenge. I sent it out in January but I had many questions regarding it so I will send it again through the guild google account.

Happy Sewing

Ellen

Community Service: Hello everyone! I hope everyone is staying healthy and finding the time to sew and quilt!

The Community Service Committee needs your help! We are planning a "kit cutting day" on

Saturday, March 20th from 11:30-2:30. We need cutters, copiers, and packers. I will provide patterns

and packaging materials. We have a good supply of fabrics that have been donated to the guild to use

for Ebenezer and baby quilts. We hope you can attend. Please call me at the shop to confirm if you can

be there! 336-818-0852 or text me at 336-902-0999.

Thanks in advance!

Happy quilting,

Libby

Member Bio's: And Here's..... Lynn Osborne!!

The beautiful mountains of Ashe County is where I was born and raised. The second born of six children and the only daughter of parents that were also Ashe County natives. By the time my youngest brother was born my oldest brother was 12 and I was almost 10. Mama always said I was a second mama to my little brother. Probably from the time I was 11 or 12 years old and because Mama and Daddy both worked at Ashe Memorial Hospital, leaving for work before 6:00 am, it was left for me to get the five oldest of us up and ready for school including fixing breakfast.



My Daddy was also a farmer growing burley tobacco and pole beans, tending cattle and mowing and baling hay. Since he was the only boy with 4 sisters he was out in the fields with his Dad, but his sisters didn't have to work as much outside the house. I believe he begrudged this, so he had me work in the fields almost as much as my brothers. I never cut the tobacco nor hung it in the barn, and I couldn't throw the bales of hay but for just about everything else I was right in there with the boys.

Northwest Ashe High School is where I learned the basics for sewing in a nine-week Home Economics class my freshman year. But my real training came from sewing at the dining room table with Mama in the kitchen helping me whenever I got in a jam. My favorite compliment was when I overheard Mama telling someone, probably one of her five sisters, that I had the most patience when sewing and ripping out seams and starting over. In the 70's it was as cheap or cheaper to make clothes than to buy so I made most of my clothes. Remember elephant leg pants which followed bell bottoms? I made both of those along with tops, dresses, prom dresses and bridesmaid dresses. I even made my wedding dress. When my daughters made us a family via adoption, I sewed many outfits for them, but my favorite was the Daisy Kingdom dresses. They were so stinking cute.

In Fall, 1976 I went to Wilkes Community College where I earned a degree in Business Administration. While there I was a Work Study student working in the college bookstore for Betty Thompson. Philip, my high school sweetheart, and I got married December 21, 1977, while he was home on leave from the Marine Corps. He was stationed at Camp Lejeune Marine Corp Base, so we moved to Jacksonville, NC. After his four-year stint in the Marines ended in October 1978, we returned to Ashe County. When Philip decided to attend Wilkes Community College, I sought a job back in the bookstore and was hired part-time, becoming full-time the next July. We both earned our bachelor's degrees from Gardner-Webb in 1986.

For mysterious reasons unknown to medical science Philip and I were unable to conceive children. After many, many medical procedures we decided that the main thing we wanted was to have a family, so we choose adoption. This is never an easy or quick process. After waiting over a year I made a call to our Social Services liaison for adoptions, frantically telling her that we were willing to take two or even three if they were siblings. Upon relating what I had said to my husband he said "Three, three!! We talked about two! We never said anything about three!" In October 1991 we were introduced to two little sisters that needed us almost as much as we needed them, so they moved into our home and our hearts.

Betty Brame taught me to quilt. How many of us Wilkes County Guild members can make this same statement? I think it was Fall, 2005 I took my first class – it was a sampler using 6.5" blocks. My colors were blues (surprise), some greens and a little red for the log cabin centers. I hand quilted it using the Baptist Fan pattern as my Grandmother, "Mom Roten", had always done. Our next class was a Bargello pattern in which we made four small wall hangings, Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer. Looking back, I must have been crazy trying

Bargello after only one quilt class! But 13 short years later I finished them, joined them together with fabric tabs and put them in the 2019 Quilt Show.

After retiring from WCC in July 2015 I took over the WCC Quilt Class at Betty Brame's request. I believe she was ready for retirement too. Philip and I are also "Temp Workers" at Appalachian State University Bookstore.

I love quilting and I love being a part of the Guild where I have made so many friends.

Lynn Osborne