

**From the President**

As the weather warms up and COVID 19 restrictions are lifted, we begin to think of vacation. I'm sure where you go there will be a quilt shop or two. Won't it be nice to stop in and see what is new in the quilting world!! Don't forget the Mid Carolina Run Shop Hop happening June 12-19. It should be a lot of fun.



As best I can count we have 78 members in the guild. Madra says there are 71 on the Google groups email account. Please contact her if you are not in the group and would like to join. A lot of information is posted to the group. Please check it out to get more information.

We are having in person meetings as we are able. Last month's meeting was at the Wilkes Ag Center. It is so good to get together. Please try to join us there for meetings at 1:00 and 6:00 pm on Tuesday May 25, 2021. The last I heard from Sam was that masks are required.

At our Board Meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>, Anna Jo Patton was approved for Lifetime Membership. She was both humbled and pleased to receive this honor.

Lois Faw, a member of the guild, passed away May 8, 2021. She was not able to attend meetings, but loved quilting.

At the May 25<sup>th</sup> meetings, we will be voting on a change to our Bylaws:

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AT LARGE AND PROGRAM COORDINATOR-  
Section 16: Annual Statements regarding Conflict of Interest: Each elected officer of WCQ, Inc> shall bi-annually sign a statement which affirms:

The Board proposes that Section 16 e changed to:

Annual Statements regarding Conflict of Interest: Each elected officer of WCQ, Inc> shall sign a biennial statement which affirms:

Brenda

**Quilt Show:** We have a name for the 2021 Wilkes County Quilters, Inc. Quilt Show!! "QUILTS: LOVE MADE VISIBLE"

We're excited to report the Stone Center has given the full go ahead to have our show!! The show dates are Friday and Saturday, September 10 & 11, 2021 with setup Thursday the 9th.

We are asking for donations of half yard fabric this year for the Grand Prize drawing.



Each Guild member may enter 3 quilts in the show and a quilt in the Challenge, "Put a Heart On It". Registration forms will be available at the Guild meeting and online as soon as I get to Terry.

Thanks,

Lynn and Theresa

**Special Events:** WCQ summer get together will be June 12, 2021 at Sagebrush Restaurant in Wilkesboro. We will meet from 11:30 to 1:30 and have a great time. There will be a sign in sheet at the next meeting to get an estimate of attendance. No obligation by signing in and you can come if you don't sign in.

Special Events committee please meet at 5:30 on May 25 before our night meeting for a planning session.

Thanks

Nila Johnston



**Community Service:** More Ebenezer kits have been cut and packaged! They can be picked up at Sew Blessed Quiltworks during normal business hours.

Crocheted baby booties will be delivered on Monday, May 17th to the New Beginnings Birthing Center at the hospital and to the Wilkes Pregnancy Care Center.

Special thanks to Judy Martin for making these booties to keep our Wilkes County babies' feet warm!

If any of you have any children's fabric you don't need and would like to donate, please bring it to Libby's shop or to our next guild meetings. We have plenty of solids but very little children's prints to make kits with.

Any and all donations will be appreciated!

Short Story: There's a lady named Barbara from the Alleghany guild who frequents my shop. On her last visit to the shop, she noticed an Ebenezer quilt on my long arm and asked about it. I told her that the Wilkes guild makes and donates quilts to our local children's home (Ebenezer). Barbara asked if her granddaughter could donate a couple of small quilts to our guild to help out and of course I said, "yes"! Today, Barbara again shopped at my store and brought me two quilt tops, backing, batting, and binding! I'll quilt and finish them soon and bring them to our meetings for Show and Tell! I thought that was a nice gesture and worth recognition

Happy sewing,

Libby

**Ways and Means:** I have been quilting and collecting fabric for close to twenty years now and have accumulated a sizable stash. I have recently been sorting through my fabric. I am separating it by colors and keeping Christmas; Halloween, 4th of July, Civil War and 30's reproductions separate. In sorting through, I have found good sized pieces that were left over from my many quilts. I'm sure many of you, like me, also have left over fabric or fabric you don't know why you have.

I'm asking you to sort through your fabric and find fabric you want to part with. Bag it up in Quart or Gallon freezer bags and we will sell fabric bags in our Quilt Show Boutique.

Your scraps will be just what someone else wants or needs.



Thanks for all you do for Ways & Means

Kathy Hamby

### **Member Bio's: And Here's..... Kathy Hamby!!**

I was born at Wilkes General Hospital in North Wilkesboro, NC. Over the years I have heard people say they couldn't wait to leave Wilkes County, but I've never felt that way. I love it here. I enjoy traveling, but this will always be my HOME.

I got my first job when I was just 14. I was "flipping burgers" in the concession stand at The Starlite Drive In Theater. It was a great first job. Garland and Vergie Morrison ran the drive in. They didn't have kids of their own, but were very patient and kind to their mostly teen age workers. I left there to work as a cashier at Lowe's Supermarket for a short time. After graduating from Wilkes Central

High School, I had planned to attend Wilkes Community College, but before classes began in the Fall I was hired to work at Stroud Insurance Agency in Wilkesboro. In high school I had taken primarily business courses, so for an 18 year old girl, who was in love with her "high school" sweetheart, it seemed like the thing to do. I went to work there in October and Kevin and I were married the following July. We were both 19 years old. We had our only child, Brian just three

years later. We now have a beautiful daughter in law Shannon and three handsome and smart Grandsons: Carter (14), Scout (12) and Deacon (10). Kevin and I will be celebrating 50 years of marriage on July 30, 2021.

After working almost 9 years at Stroud, I quit and went to work at the North Carolina Department of Transportation as a Clerk Typist III. Those business classes paid off by providing me with a 30 year career there. It was a job with benefits. I was fortunate to retire from there with thirty years service in 2008.

I learned to sew at Wilkes Central in Fern Caudill's Home Ex Class and also at home with help from my Mama. It was the 1960's and polyester was popular, especially for garment making, because it didn't unravel like cotton fabric.

I finally did get around to taking some classes at WCC when I was 50 years old. My friend Sherrie told me about a Beginning Quilting Class taught by Betty Brame and I enrolled. Betty was the perfect teacher for me. She was never critical of my less than perfect seams. My first quilt was a sampler quilt. That class was the beginning of my quilting obsession and also many new friendships. It



wasn't long before Betty invited her class to join Wilkes County Quilters and I'm so glad I did. I haven't found many fabrics I don't like. My favorite is probably Civil War reproduction fabrics. I have enjoyed making quilts for my family and friends. When I give a quilt, I hope the recipient can feel the love and warmth I put into it.

Wilkes County Quilters, Inc. has made my life happier and fuller. The members are my friends. What a JOY there is in meeting with "like minded" Quiltmakers!

I always enjoy our annual Quilt Show. What a spectacular display of creative shapes, colors and workmanship.

Never underestimate the talent of a small town girl.

Happy Quilting,

Kathy Hamby