

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**

Meeting Date: September 28, 2021

Time: 1:00 pm

Wilkes County Library

10th St, N. Wilkesboro

6:00 pm

Sew Blessed Quiltworks

201 Sparta Rd, N.
Wilkesboro

From the President: I'm sure everyone who attended the quilt show will agree that it was one of our best! The quilts were beautiful, but a lot can be said about the time we got to spend with each other! Thank you Lynn, Theresa, and Kathy.

Our 1:00 September meeting will be held in the downstairs meeting room at the Wilkes County Library on 10th Street in North Wilkesboro. As you enter you will see one of the fabulous quilts from our show. If you get a chance go upstairs and peek in the office window near the research room to see a Carolina Lily quilt made in the 1870's in Caswell County, North Carolina.



Our September 6:00 meeting will be at Sew Blessed Quiltworks at 201 Sparta Rd. Please bring a chair to this meeting.

There will be a Board meeting after the 1:00 meeting.

Remember North Wilkesboro has said that all people attending an indoor meeting should wear a mask.

Brenda

Ways and Means: I would like to thank everyone that contributed their time and talent to make our Boutique a huge success. Our Boutique was filled with an abundance of beautiful handmade items which included: "Dog Bone" Pillows; Lanyards, Wristlets, Salvage Fabric Bags, Baby Blankets, Burp Cloths, Bibs, Prayer Quilts, Lavender Sachets, Puppies, Dish Cloths, Table Runners, Quilts, Fabric Bowls, Pin Keeps, Pin Cushions, Books, Patterns, Magazines and so much more.

A special thank you to Anna Jo Patton for her generous contribution of quilting goodies. Also thanks to Debbie Jones and Sherrie Royster for thinking of Ways & Means when they decided to do donate some of their fabrics; books and quilting notions.

It was so good to join together again, to work toward achieving our goal of promoting the art of quilting!

Kathy Hamby



Intraquilt: It was really fun seeing all of the challenge "Put a Heart On It" pieces at our show. Thanks to all who made a challenge piece this year.

I am looking forward to our October meeting where we get to see all of the Half Yard Tear projects. So, you have 2 months to complete them!

Happy Quilting,
Ellen

Community Service:

First of all, I would like to commend all the guild members, volunteers, etc. on a successful quilt show this year. Without everyone working together, this show would not be a success! Congratulations to all the ribbon winners. ALL of the quilts were winners in my book!

Second, I have been going through the stash of Ebenezer and baby quilts that I have left and they still need labels attached to them. There are about 15-16 left. If someone could come by the shop and sew them on, I would really appreciate it.

I have about 25 more that need to be quilted and would love to have some help with those if anyone is inclined to do so. I also have sorted and boxed up 295 more pair of crocheted baby booties that will go this week to The Birthing Center and the Wilkes Pregnancy Center. (BIG THANK YOU to Judy Martin for this donation!)



Third, I am planning a couple of workdays at the shop for kit-making (Ebenezer and baby quilts). I have sorted many fabric donations and I'm in the process of hunting coordinating fabrics to complete the kits. I will announce the workdays at our September guild meetings. If you don't like to cut kits, we also need volunteers to quilt quilts and bind quilts, which you can do at the shop or at home.

Fourth, my shop recently became a member of the Quilts of Valor Foundation. This is a national organization that recognizes with a quilt, all living veterans of any of the armed services that have been touched by war. I have application forms to nominate a service man or woman. I have these available at the shop and also plan to bring some to the guild meetings. These should be returned to me so I can get the nominees registered with QOVF. If any guild members would like to make a quilt for a serviceperson, they would have the opportunity to present that quilt to the nominee during their ceremony. I have more details if you are interested! (size of quilt, pattern designs, etc.)

Stay safe and well my quilting friends,
Libby

Programs: I have been asked to do our program this month on judge's comments. If anyone has something to share, please bring it to the meeting.

Thank you,
JoAnn

Special Events: Special Events team will meet after the day meeting to set a date for the Christmas party.

Thanks,
Nila Johnston

Sunshine: Please continue to let me know of needs for cards or heart showers. Hope we aren't missny anyone.

Thank you,
Patsy

Quilt Show: Quilts: Love Made Visible Quilt Show 2021 was great!! Visitors were down but we expected that.

The quilts were amazing!! The Challenge was so interesting with each person's interpretation of the theme "Put a Heart On It".

This show came together beautifully and everyone who volunteered are the best! We could not do it without you. Theresa and I cannot begin to thank you enough and please know you were truly appreciated!

Lynn & Theresa

Member Bio's: And Here's..... Donna Greene!

I was born in Wilkes County and have lived here all my life. I have been married to my husband, Steven, for 11 years. We are a blended family and have 2 daughters, 1 son and 1 granddaughter.

I graduated from West Wilkes High School in 1988, obtained my Associate Degree in Nursing in 1992 and my Bachelor's Degree in Nursing in 2010. I have been a nurse for 29 years. I have worked in Medical-Surgical, Home Care, Intensive Care and Informatics nurse during my career. I currently work in Information Technology assisting to maintain the emergency department documentation systems.

I grew up with my grandmother making scrap quilts that she tied. She used old shirts, fabric scraps, feed sacks, etc. I remember when my grandfather would get feed, he would say "I have to save that one for Mom!". I can remember sitting under the quilt with her when I was really young "helping" tie the knots. You know she had to go back and retie the ones I helped with!! But that didn't keep her from letting me help. ☺ As a teenager, a friend taught me to cross-stitch. This is the only needle and thread crafts I did for many years. But, I always loved quilts and admired them. I kept thinking maybe someday I can make a quilt....



I had been talking about wanting to learn to quilt, and for our third anniversary, Steven bought me my first sewing machine. And then, two months later, Libby Whittington was teaching a beginner sewing class at our church. During the last weeks of our classes, she taught us to make our first quilt and I fell in love with quilting. I was hooked!

My favorite quilting technique is traditional piecing. I like traditional, modern, foundation paper pieced and EPP quilts. I think I am an eclectic quilter! I like all kinds of fabrics, but I seem to be drawn to bright colors!

Libby Whittington told me about the guild, and invited me to come. I joined during my first meeting! I love how talented and created all of you are. You inspire me! But, my favorite part about being a guild member is the friendships I have made. All of you have taken me (and Megan) in and treat us like family. I am truly blessed and treasure the friendships I have made.