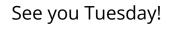




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From the President Nila Johnston







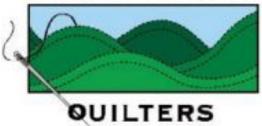
Membership Anne Miller

It's time to renew your Wilkes County Quilters membership for 2023. Annual dues are \$25.00 for adult members and \$12.50 for Junior members. Please bring your dues to the March meeting or mail them to: Anne Miller, WCQ Membership, 318 Fieldstone Drive, Wilkesboro, NC 28697.

Photos will be taken at the March meeting of new members and anyone who wants to update their photo for the roster. Please see Missy Severt or Shirley Camenzind for photographs at the meeting in March.

Membership cards and the updated photo roster should be ready by the March meetings.

Please welcome the new member, Brenda Brooks, to the WCQ.



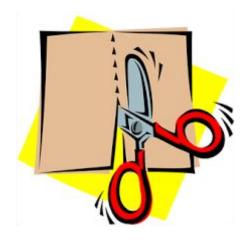
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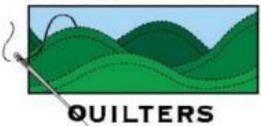
Programs Sheila Nichols

Intraguild Shirley Camenzind

Wednesday, March 22th at 9am, we'll gather at the Ag Building to sew our Quilted Everything Bag. Saturday, March 25th at 9am, we'll gather again at the Ag Building to sew our Tool Bag Kit. Diana Struckmyer, aka the Mondo Bag teacher, will be back teaching both classes. Bring your Kits, fabric, thread, sewing machine, and sewing supplies. Lunch, pizza, and water will be provided. If you have questions, text me at 336 466 0274.

The March afternoon and evening Guild Meeting programs will be ... QUILTER'S BINGO! Learn some new quilting terms. Have fun! WIN PRIZES! The Fussy Cut Bags are absolutely exciting. There are unique and interesting fussy cut fabrics just waiting to be made into a new creation. These bags will be given out at the March meeting. When you receive yours, do not open your bag. You will not know who's you have and no one will know if you have theirs. Let's make it a big reveal. Instructions for the project will be in your bag. Please contact me if you have any questions.





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Sunshine Committee Nancy Jones

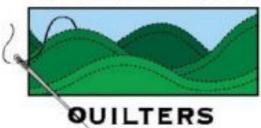
Ways and Means Lynn Osborne

Wow, you really came through last month when I challenged you to make some heart blocks for heart month! Thank you! All the beautiful blocks you create bring joy and a smile to your fellow members who receive them. Remember to let me know if there is a member who is ill, having surgery, or has a death in their family. I will also at times send encouragement cards. Nancy Jones: 919-691-7243, nljones2you@gmail.com



April 15th, 9:00 am -3:00 pm, at the Wilkes Agricultural Center, I have scheduled a workshop to make items for the Boutique. Come for the day or part of the day.

I will have the raffle tickets available and hope you will help sell these tickets.



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Quilt Show Committee Melissa McGuire

Dates:

Set Up: September 7th

Show: September 8th and 9th

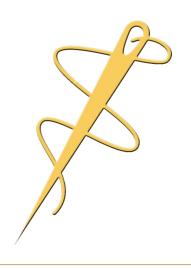
Lester Mullis, from Ashe Sewing Center, has graciously offered to donate a nice, brand-new, Janome sewing machine as one of our quilt show grand prizes.

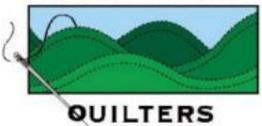
We are still in need of various cuts of fabric donations for our other grand prize of a decorative box full of fabric. Cuts of fabric can be yardage, fat quarters, jelly rolls, charm packs, mini charm packs, etc.

This year, in celebration of our 25 year anniversary, we will be providing commemorative gifts to those who work at this year's quilt show. Please make plans to be involved in working at our show this year, even if it is only for one 2 hour shift. We need everyone to work at the show to make it a success. Please note, all work at the show is not physical, some work only requires you to sit in a chair. We have many opportunities for everyone.

We would love to have a large show this year, to show off the amazing skills everyone has in our guild. I would like to encourage everyone to do their best to have 3 quilts plus one challenge quilt submissions in this year's show. Quilt Show Challenge Shirley Camenzind

In honor of our 25th Anniversary we will be using the idea of "Silver Threads and Golden Needles." The challenge piece can be no larger than 36" x 36". It must be quilted with 3 layers (top, batting and bottom). These entries are displayed for an opportunity to win ribbons and money at the quilt show.





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Oak Island Beach Retreat Shirley Camenzind

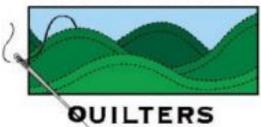
Road Trip Shirley Camenzind

We've paid our next installment to Fort Caswell. I think that means they're still letting us come. I can almost smell that salt air and feel those balmy breezes. Plan out your retreat and be organized so you can relax and enjoy the best of the beach. We will have another meeting before we go to retreat. Beach retreat is May 15-20.



Make sure to keep Wednesday, July 12th available on your calendar for our fun bus trip. Join other members as we take a journey to explore new ideas, new fabrics and time to get to know each other. All of you have worked for many years to put on a great quilt show. Our reward was to share our love of quilting with others. Now share in the fun on a road trip. Our guild is not supposed to be all work, but fun and joy with our craft.

We will have a sign up sheet at the May meeting. We will only have room for 54, and the cost is \$10 plus your own lunch at Golden Corral. We will go to Sew Much Fun in Lowell. They have over 10,000 bolts of fabric and lots of sale fabrics. Ms. Liz Dougherty will share her knowledge and skills using Free Spirit and Kaffe Fassett Fabrics.



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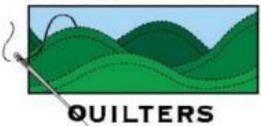
Members Call

Educational Fund

We need your help! If you have any newspaper articles or photographs of guild events or members, please make us a copy. We are trying to compile a historical account of the last 25years of Wilkes County Quilters. We have some gaps and years without any documentation. If you have anything from 1998-2014 particularly, that would be very helpful. We don't want to take your originals, but would appreciate a copy. Please give copies to Betty Brame or Shirley Camenzind.

A few years ago the board established an educational fund for the guild. Members who want to take a class at a quilt show, online or at a quilt shop can apply for funds to pay for the class. You can learn new skills to advance your quilting. We hope that any new skills you learn you will share with the guild. There are so many amazing classes online as well as other venues. Please see President Nila Johnson for an education application. This is the guild's investment in the future of our art.





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Handgroup

Handgroup is open to any member of the guild. We meet at the Wilkes Library from 10 -2 pm. You are welcome to join us the second Wednesday of each month. We gather in the downstairs meeting room. Bring something to work on, and sit and visit. It's a great way to get to know other members. We go to lunch afterwards for those that want to come. You don't have to stay the whole time if you have other things to do on that day.

Sew Blessed Studio Creations Libby Whittington

Sew Blessed has a new name and a new address! We are now Sew Blessed Studio Creations – 335 Meadowview Lane, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659. We are located 2 miles north of our present location.

Directions: Turn left onto Ruritan Park Road (where the Little Dipper Restaurant used to be), Go .2 mile to Meadowview Subdivision on the right. Turn right on Meadowview Lane. SBSC is the 6th house on the left. It's a little 2-story country cottage with a big front porch! (For lots of front porch sittin' and quilty stitchin'!) We will be open Thursday and Friday 11-6, and Saturday 11-3 by appointment.

March Birthdays!

Jo Scorof 3/19 Deb Blue 3/20 Emma Cox 3/21 Donna Greene 3/26 Arlene Lampley 3/26





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Important Dates

March 22nd: 9:00 Quilted Everything Bag Learning Workshop at Wilkes Ag. Center

March 25th: 9:00 Zipper Tool Bag Learning Workshop at Wilkes Agricultural Center

March 28th: 1:00 and 6:00 regular meetings

April 12th: 10:00-2:00 Hand Group at Library

April 15th: 11:00 Quilt Show meeting at Library

April 18th: 6:00 Quarterly Board Meeting: Community Service, Scrapbooking at Wilkes Library upstairs Genealogy Room

April 25th: 1:00 and 6:00 regular meetings

May 15th-20th: Retreat at Oak Island

May 23rd: 1:00 and 6:00 regular meetings

June TBD: Summer Picnic

June: Committee selected to secure new officers

June 27th: 1:00 and 6:00 regular meetings

July 12th: Bus Road Trip

July 18th: 6:00 Quarterly Board Meeting at Wilkes Library downstairs meeting room

July 25: 1:00 and 6:00 regular meetings

August 22nd: 1:00 and 6:00 regular meetings

August: Golden Needle committee

September 7th-9th: Silver Jubilee Celebration Quilt Show

September 26th: 1:00 and 6:00 regular meetings

October 24th: 6:00 meeting only (combined meeting)

November 7th: 6:00 Quarterly Board Meeting at Wilkes Library downstairs meeting room

November 28th: 1:00 and 6:00 regular meetings

December: Christmas party (TBD), installment of 2024-2025 officers, raffle quilt drawing, donations of group selected recipient, Golden Needle Award. No regular meeting.



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New Local Retreat Center

Sarah Broyhill Chapman, daughter of former member Carolyn Broyhill





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