



High Point Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Please join us the second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at Northwood Community Center, 2409 Ambassador Ct, High Point, NC 27265. This site is on the corner of Eastchester and Ambassador, very near to the old Dragonfly Quilt Shop. Our meetings are virtual (online through an email invite) and in person. To receive an invite to a virtual meeting, please call or email an officer in the guild before the next meeting.

From our President, Kelly:

What a great meeting we had last month with all of the delicious food. Thanks so much to Susan and Karen for organizing and getting the BBQ, and Donna, Diantha and Karen for setting it up. Thanks so much to Donna, Karen, Elaine, Sarah and Diantha for cleaning up, along with everyone else who pitched in. Team work makes the dream work!

Premier Needle Arts has released the results of the annual Quilter's Survey. I found it interesting to read that in 2022 the average quilter was a woman in her 60s, who is retired and has a minimum household income of \$65K. Seventeen percent of quilters have full time jobs, and most spend more than six hours per week working on quilting projects. The average quilter is comfortable with technology, has been quilting for more than ten years, and starts ten to twelve quilt projects a year, (mainly lap- or queen-size) in a traditional style. Does this describe you?! In addition, the most famous quilt pattern is Log Cabin.

This Thursday we will have Elaine, Julie and Melanie doing the presentation. I am looking forward to it. I hope you will be able to come and will be inspired. Also remember that Saturday will be our August sit-and-sew. Please sign up as soon as you know you will be able to come.

It has come to my attention that because we will be voting on officers in November, we will probably have to have an in-person meeting and not meet on Zoom. Please make this note on your calendar for November 9th and we can also discuss this further.

The Executive Board has been speaking about Spring Retreat. We will discuss this at our meeting on Thursday, but our Bylaws require that we have a Spring Retreat. Our Treasurer has proposed an Amendment to our Bylaws to remove this as a requirement. We have had much less interest from our members in the last few years for a Spring Retreat. Please think about this and let's discuss it at our meeting.

Hope to see everyone there!
Kelly

Vice President, Sherri:

After I showed my Reverse Applique quilt at the Guild meeting in June, I had several requests for a workshop. We have one scheduled for September 30, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The cost for the kit is \$26 (+the room fee) and I do ask that you purchase the kit – it contains all the basic supplies you need, including the pattern.

You will need to bring a yard each of two different batiks which are high contrast (such as one pink and one green, one red or one blue, I don't recommend using black for your first reverse applique project). You will also need a small, sharp pair of scissors to cut fabric with, scotch tape or painter's tape, thread conditioner or beeswax (if you use it), extension cord, sewing light, and safety pins. You do not need your sewing machine. If you have a light box, please bring that, also. If you have an extra light box that you'd be willing to share, I'd appreciate it!

You will also need thread to match your fabric. I recommend 50 weight, two-ply (such as Aurifil available at redrockthreads.com or Bottom Line thread from Superiorthreads.com. Wonderfil is also great if you can find it). I don't recommend silk thread for this project.

This is an all-day class, so either plan to make a lunch run or bring a bag lunch. I need a minimum of five folks for the class to make, and I can take a maximum of 15. If you have any questions, please email me at sherrickiltsalot@gmail.com or call or text at 336-209-9623.

I promise you'll have a good time!

Sherri

Officers, Chairs and Committee Reports:

Secretary, Diantha –

High Point Quilt Guild
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2023

President Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, welcoming members and guests.

Minutes June 8, 2023 - Diantha, Secretary - A motion by Julie, seconded by Alicia to approve the June 8, 2023 meeting minutes was made. All in favor.

It was brought to Kelly's attention by Alicia and Nancy that "January, volume 1" was printed on last month's newsletter, instead of "July, volume 7". Alicia corrected this before she loaded the newsletter to our website – thank you, Alicia.

Treasurer's Report May 2023 - Alicia, Treasurer - The Treasurer's Report was emailed to the membership 7/09/23. A motion by Nancy, seconded by Janet to approve the June 2023 Treasurer's Report was made. All in favor.

Membership - Karen - July birthday wishes were given.

Kelly announced there is a board meeting by zoom on July 24, 2023 at 6pm.

Saturday Sit-and-Sew - Our next Sit-and-Sew will be August 12, 2023 from 9:00 to 5:00. Signup sheet is at the membership table. Tons of fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

Fall Retreat 2023 and 2024 - Sherri – There is still room at our Fall Retreat for anyone who is interested.

Raffle quilt – Sherri showed our beautiful quilt, which has been returned by the professional long-arm quilter.

She stated that we are at the stage where we must order tickets and begin sales as soon as the quilt is bound and labeled. Alicia and Janet have agreed to handle the tickets. Sherri presented the guild with two options for handling ticket sales:

Option 1: Order only 1000 tickets, charge \$5 per ticket and advertise audaciously that limited tickets are available and you stand a better chance of winning. As soon as the 1000th ticket is sold, we draw for the quilt. We put 10 tickets in each envelope and each guild member must sell two packets. With our 32 current members, this means 640 tickets will be sold. This will leave 390 tickets to sell at Pineapple's Warehouse Sales or other venues. We do not reorder tickets. We keep the number at a firm 1000 tickets only. This will bring us \$5000 gross.

Option 2: We order the same number of tickets as we did with the last raffle quilt. We charge \$5 for three tickets or \$2 per individual ticket. We put 60 tickets in each envelope and have each guild member sell two packets. This would mean 1920 tickets are sold, and the amount garnered would depend on if the tickets were sold in groups of three or as individual tickets. It would leave us with approximately 1,080 to sell at Pineapple and other venues. Depending on how the tickets are sold, could yield \$5000 or less. The question with option 2 is when would we draw for the quilt.

*The membership took a vote and chose Option 1.

We still need one person to coordinate venues for sales. We have historically sold the most tickets at venues. This person would need to line up volunteers and be in charge of assuring the quilt gets where it needs to go.

Susan has agreed to sew the binding to the front of the quilt and Diantha will hand stitch it to the back.

We still need someone to make a label, preferably with an embroidery machine.

*The guild voted to forego selling tickets at Mendenhall on August 12, 2023, and instead attend the Saturday sit-and-sew at guild.

Program – Karen said the blessing and the food for the July Summer Potluck was delicious. Thank you to everyone for bringing a dish. We played a couple games and awarded prizes.

Guild fundraiser - Raffle Basket - Fall Grandeur - Janet spoke about items in the basket. The fall raffle basket drawing will be at the September 14, 2023 at the guild meeting. Tickets 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

Show and Tell - Beautiful items were shown including quilt tops, wall hangings, quilts and an afghan. Thank you all for sharing.

Northwood Community Center August Donation – Snack foods. Thank you to everyone who has donated.

President Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diantha

Treasurer, Alicia – Treasurer's report sent separately.

2023 Raffle Quilt, Sherri –

Our quilt is back from the quilter and it's beautiful! Alicia will have ticket information soon. Remember we all need to sell two packs of tickets in order to fund all the fun stuff and great speakers we have.

Sherri

Programs – Kelly –

Next month's program will be Carl Stevens speaking about Quilting from a Man's Perspective. Everyone will go home with a door prize, so be sure to try to make the meeting on September 14.

Kelly

Fall Retreat, Sherri –

We are full! We have 23 quilters coming! If you haven't paid your balance, please do so by the September guild meeting. Checks should be made payable to High Point Quilt Guild, and you can give them to Alicia Carter at the August guild meeting or snail mail them to PO Box 2026, Jamestown, NC 27282.

Sherri

Charity Quilts, Angie –

Ten quilts were delivered to Hayworth Center for the month of July. The staff has told me how much they are appreciated by the Center and the patients who received the quilts. It brings the patients some love and comfort.

Angie

Additional Announcements –

From Susan:

We have two workshops in the planning stages for 2024.

Quilt As You Go with Ellen Freeman. Cost is tentatively \$15 per person and the charge for the room rental. All payments are non-refundable.

Quilter's Gallery - They offer a variety of workshops. Some come with additional charges for kits and rulers. The workshops vary in skill level. Please take the time to go to their website <http://www.quiltersgallery.net> and look over the workshops. I would appreciate your input on what interests you have. We have had them here previously for the Embrace Your Curves workshop, the Dresden Divas workshop and the St. Louis Star workshop. I'd rather not repeat any of those, as many of our members have already taken them.

I would suggest we take The Mystery of the Magic Lantern and the 60 Degree Triangle workshop. The kit cost is reasonable (\$5) and with these skills you can make a variety of different blocks.

To give some idea of the cost, a Saturday workshop will cost the Guild approximately \$500. This includes the workshop cost, mileage, lunch for Patty and Cindi, and room rental. Kit cost is

extra. The more members who attend, the less expensive the cost will be. Our maximum is 20 members for the size of our meeting place. For example, \$50 per person with 10 members, \$33 per person with 15 members and \$25 per person with 20 members. You would be expected to pay when you sign up. All payments are non-refundable.

I will continue to search for other workshops and would appreciate any input. Workshops are invaluable for learning a new skill or vastly improving on one you already have.

Susan

From Angie:

Guild members may be interested in taking this class:

<https://emmajane.podia.com/arpilleras-presentation>

Angie

From Sherri:

2024 Fall Quilt Retreat

If you missed signing up for the 2023 Quilt Retreat, don't despair! We have another one in 2024! This one is October 24-27, 2024 at Haw River State Park. The 2024 fees have increased slightly, so be sure to read the registration form (attached) carefully. If you want to join us for a weekend of fun, laughter, good food, and creative inspiration, fill out the attached registration form and get it back to me. I need your \$70 deposit by January 1. You can either give it to me at the Christmas party, or snail-mail it to PO Box 2036, Jamestown, NC 27282. Checks should be made payable to High Point Quilt Guild. A few registration forms will also be available at the guild meeting.

Sherri

Request from community member:

Hi there! I would like a contact of a local quilter that would be interested in making a small, simple quilt out of my daughter's dresses

Thanks so much!

Lisa Ball

336-688-8970 lisa.g.ball@gmail.com

From Alicia:

Proposal to vote on at Guild meeting as follows:

For review by the HPQG - proposed new amendment to bylaws to remove requirement for a Spring Retreat.

AMENDMENT THIRTEEN: This amendment removes the wording "and organizing a spring retreat" from the First Vice President's responsibilities referenced under amendment seven.

Alicia

Attachments – Haw River 2024 Registration Form

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly