

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) in January, February and March. They are in-person at the above address from April through December. To receive an invite to a virtual meeting, please call or email an officer in the guild before the next meeting.

From our President, Sherri:

Happy May! I hope everyone is enjoying this warm Spring weather. It is nice to have longer days and warmer temperatures in those extra hours.

We have a super informative program for this month. A few years ago, Superior Threads produced a video on the different kinds of thread, their uses, and what needles to use with the threads. The type of thread used for piecing and quilting is important – besides being the "glue" which holds our patches together, thread can also play a co-starring role with our quilting stitches. Want your quilting stitches to "melt" into the background – reach for a lighter weight thread. Want them to shine? Grab a heavier weight one. Thread weights and plies don't have to seem like a foreign language. This video will demystify thread for you.

May 11 is our next Sew Day. Each session costs \$5 per person and we have the community center from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. to sew, talk, and laugh. It's always a good time and if you're free that Saturday; please make plans to drop by. It's floating – you can come and stay a few hours or the whole day. Usually our Sew Days are the Saturday after guild meeting, but in June it will be June 8th. Northwoods needs to use the building on our regularly scheduled Sew Day.

I am excited about the new ideas we talked about at our April meeting and I'm really looking forward to participating in them. I know everyone is busy, but if you can find the time to join a Round Robin or a block exchange or one of the other activities Juanita is cooking up, I guarantee you'll have a good time. I'd like to thank Alicia for heading up our Fabric Swap in July. She really organized this event well and for those of us participating, it will be so much fun! Nothing like coming home with new-to-you fabric you didn't have to buy! The executive board discussed taking any leftover fabric to Goodwill, but a few members mentioned there may be other organizations who could make better use of it. If you know of one and would be willing to take the leftover fabric to them, could you please let Alicia know? Otherwise, she will drop it off at a Goodwill Donations Center after the guild meeting.

Don't forget May's donations to Northwood's food pantry are canned vegetables and/or instant potatoes.

Hope to see you on May 9!

Love and Stitches,

Sherri

Officers, Chairs and Committee Reports:

Secretary, Wendy -

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Minutes of Meeting, April 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Birthdays for the Month of February are Elizabeth, Mary Beth.

Minutes for March 14, 2024, will be sent by separate email for approval.

Treasury Report submitted by Alicia: March ending Balance: \$16,151.10, deposits made: 393.00, checks cleared 895.00, March 2024 Current Balance: \$15,486.16. No checks or deposits outstanding.

Treasury Report: Motion to accept by Mary Beth, 2nd by Wendy.

Program for April:

Mark and Teri Craven presented a wonderful program about Gee's Bend quilts, the innovative quilts made in Alabama that are considered to be art and were commemorated on a US postage stamp. The program was informative and inspiring, with Mark and Teri telling the history of the quilts, how they met, why they were inspired by the quilts and quilters, and presenting a trunk show of their quilts, framed art, mugs and other items.

Heart of the Triad Quilt Guild's Raffle Quilt" Follow Your Heart". Cindy was present to sell tickets for the quilt. Tickets were \$1.00 or 6 for \$500. She was also promoting their quilt show on May 17-18, 2024. The times for the show: Friday 9 am - 4 Pm and Saturday 9 am - 3 pm, Winston-Salem Fairgrounds at 421 27th St., Gate 9. Admission is \$7.00

Juanita - Some suggestions for Guild participation:

- 1. Round Robin: One for advanced quilters and one for beginners starting in 2025. Choose a theme or color and change the quilts every 2 months. Participants can include fabric that they want in quilt or color choses.
- 2. Fat Quarter exchange. Maybe choose a color of the month.

Retreat: October retreat for 2024 will be held October 24-27. There is still one or two more spots available. The October retreat for 2025 will be October 16-19, 2025. The prices will be the same; no increase at the present time. Forms will be accepted in September, so as not to confuse money with this year's retreat.

3. Fabric Swap: fabric swap with fabric in our stash. 100% Quilting Cotton Fabric swap. This swap is designed to help change out our fabric stash, to replace pieces you are done with and bring in new options. The categories and rules were printed in the April 2024 newsletter. There is no presentation for this swap. Fabric that is brought in and not chosen will be donated for use on charity quilts or to another venue.

Susan - A raffle is being held with assorted items in a basket. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held in June. Susan said we could consider starting a mystery quilt or block of the month. \$5 for the first block, and when completed, the next block will be free.

Sew Day: Next Sew Day will be April 13 from 9 -6 at the Northwood Community Center. Bring your lunch for this one; the Furniture Market is in town.

Raffle quilt tickets are still available for sale. Remember that our programs are funded by this sale of tickets for the raffle quilt.

Membership: 33 members

Program for May: Video from Superior Threads, Part 1.

Donation for May: Canned vegetables or instant potatoes.

Show and Tell: Beautiful pillows, quilts, landscape quilts, wall hangings and shower curtains were shown. Members were encouraged to use their scraps to make "free" quilts and to check the free table for fabric.

Meeting as adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Treasurer, Alicia – Treasurer's report sent separately.

Fall Retreat, Sherri -

The 2024 Fall Quilt Retreat is October 24-27, 2024. We've had two cancellations, so if you would like to go or if you have a friend who would like to attend, please fill out the attached registration form and get it back to me asap. We have twelve folks attending now, but we would love to have a few more! For those of you who have registered, don't forget your final payment is due by the September guild meeting. I'll send out a reminder email in August.

The 2025 Fall Quilt Retreat is October 16-19, 2025. I will have registration forms for this available in September.

Additional Announcements -

REMINDER

Saturday Sit and Sew is May 11th. From 9:00 am to 5:00ish pm. \$5.00 donation for a day of fun and fellowship. Bring your own snacks, lunch and drink. There are also several eateries available nearby. Spend the day or come and go as your schedule allows. Guaranteed a great time!

JUNE Sit and Sew has been changed to JUNE 8 the Saturday before our regular monthly meeting. Sign-up sheet will be at the membership table.

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Food for Northwoods Food Pantry

May - Canned Vegetables/Instant Potatoes

June - Canned Fruit

July – Rice

August – Kitchen Staples (flour, sugar, spices, oils)

September – Coats

October - Cereals

November - Soups and Crackers

December - Snacks

Sherri

Upcoming Shows -

QUILT ART by the SHADY LADIES June 21-23, 2024 (Fri. and Sat. 10-5, Sun. Noon - 4)

Haywood Co. Schools Hazelwood Conference Center (Immediately Adjacent to Folkmoot)

112 Virginia Avenue, Waynesville, NC Admission \$5

EXPANDED SHOW FORMAT! * SHOW * SPECIAL EXHIBITS * CHALLENGE QUILTS * DEMONSTRATIONS * BOUTIQUE * GALLERY * TAKE HOME A PIECE OF SHADY LADY ART! *

Admission covers all three days of the show!

Attachments - None.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly