

High Point Quilt Guild Newsletter

January 2024 Volume 11, Issue 1

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From our President, Sherri:

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is ready for a fun-filled 2024 guild year. We have lots of good programs in the future, as well as our Sew Days. The Sew Days have proven to be super-popular for many of our guild members. The next one is January 13 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. It's a "floating" sew-in. You don't have to be there when it starts, and you don't have to stay until it's over. Come and stay the whole day or come and hang out for a few hours. Fun is guaranteed.

Our speaker for the January meeting is Steph Skardall. She's giving a program on creativity. Steph won Best of Show at 2018 Quilt Con. Everyone needs their creativity rejuvenated and the beginning of a New Year seems like a great time to do this. Don't forget this is a Zoom meeting. I will send the link out a few days before the guild meeting.

At our December meeting the theme for our 2024 Challenge: Your Favorite Holiday. The rules are:

- It must be a recognized holiday, such as Christmas, Easter, Labor Day, New Year, etc., nothing obscure like "National Lasagna Day."
- 2. It can be any size.
- 3. Purple must appear somewhere in the project.
- 4. It must be begun and finished in 2024.
- 5. Do not bring them to guild or put them on social media until the December 2024 Christmas party.

Finally, here is the list of donations for the food pantry at Northwoods Community Center:

January – Feminine Hygiene Products

February – Dried Beans

March - Pasta and Pasta Sauce

April – Canned Meats/Stews

May – Canned Vegetables/Instant Potatoes

June – Canned Fruit

July – Rice

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

September – Coats

October – Cereals

November – Soups and Crackers

December - Snacks

Have a wonderful rest of January! I'll see you at our January 11th Zoom Guild Meeting!

Love and Stitches,

Sherri

Officers, Chairs and Committee Reports:

Secretary, Wendy -

High Point Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes December 14, 2023

President Kelly called the meeting to order welcoming members and guests at 6:35pm.

Membership - Karen - welcomed members and guests and December birthday wishes were given. Karen also thanked everyone for their caring, best wishes and prayers for the loss of her father.

REMINDER: 2024 membership dues (\$35.00 non-refundable) are due. Our meetings for January, February and March are via Zoom, so please mail your dues to: High Point Quilt Guild, PO Box 2036, Jamestown, NC 27282.

November 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes - Diantha - A motion by Alicia, seconded by Cindy to approve the November 9, 2023 minutes was made. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report November 2023 - Alicia - The Treasurer's Report was emailed to the membership on December 12, 2023. Beginning balance \$12,616.78, income \$979.00, expenses \$329.68 with one outstanding check for \$20.00. Ending balance \$13,266.10. A motion by Wendy, seconded by Elizabeth to approve the November Treasurers Report was made. All in favor.

Show and Tell - Outstanding! So many beautiful things. You are an inspiration to all.

President Kelly's Challenge 2023 - Pantone color of the year - Viva Magenta. Kelly reminded everyone to vote for both categories - quilting and non-quilting. The winners are:

Quilting: Non Quilting: 1st. Karen. 1st. Jeanne 2nd. Janet 2nd. Elaine 3rd. Sherri. 3rd. Robin

Fund-Raising - President Kelly has asked for suggestions from the membership on fund raising for the Guild in 2024. Do we want to do another "raffle quilt" or a "raffle bundle" as discussed at the November meeting? Do we want to limit our programs or possibly raise membership dues? Fund-Raising is a very important part of any organization, as is membership input on how to raise the funds. Your suggestions are greatly needed.

President Kelly thanked the Board of Directors and membership for a great year, great retreat, programs, fund raisers and all for your assistance in 2023.

Retreat 2024 - Sherri - Retreat registration forms are at the membership table. The initial deposit is due January 1, 2024 for overnight campers.

January Program 2024 - Steph Skardal Quilts - via Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed in advance from Sherri. If you have Show and Tell, please email a photo of your items to Sherri a couple days before the meeting on January 11, 2024.

2024 President - Sherri - Sherri presented President Kelly a gift from the Guild members and thanked her for a job well done in 2023.

President's Challenge 2024 - President Sherri gave the instructions for the 2024 President's Challenge.

- 1. Project a recognizable holiday themed item.
- 2. Any size.
- 3. Purple must be somewhere in the project.
- 4. Project must be started and finished in 2024.
- 5. Do not bring or reveal the project until the 2024 December Guild meeting.

January 2024 Donation - Feminine Hygiene Products. Due to January, February and March being Zoom meetings all donations will be collected at our April meeting.

December 2023 Holiday Party - Thank you to our members and guests for a great holiday party. The food and desserts were awesome and all participated in our Dirty Santa fat quarters game. Fun was had by all.

President Kelly adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Diantha, Secretary

Treasurer, Alicia – Treasurer's report sent separately.

Programs, Kelly – Steph Skardall – Zoom Meeting. Don't forget to make sure you have the link before the meeting.

Charity Quilts, Angie -

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! In 2023,

76 quilts were donated to Hayworth Cancer Center with year to date of 1446 quilts donated since we began making quilts for them.

I would like to thank those who have helped me with their time and donations in getting this many completed this year. I appreciate it and I know those who received them appreciate what you are doing to help them out in such a difficult time in their lives.

So in 2024, let's get busy and beat 2023's total.

Angie

Additional Announcements -

Please see the forwarded information from Angie about a quilt exhibit.

Here are the "Quilting Trends for 2024" as determined by Vinh Lam in ArtShine Newsletter:

As we approach 2024, the world of quilting fabric is expected to see several exciting trends that will inspire both new and experienced quilters alike. Here are some of the top quilting fabric trends to watch for in 2024:

- 1. **Bold, Bright Colours:** The use of bold, bright colours is expected to be a major trend in quilting fabrics in 2024. Expect to see fabrics featuring vibrant shades of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. These colours will be perfect for creating eye-catching quilts that make a statement.
- 2. **Natural Fabrics:** In recent years, there has been a growing trend towards using natural fabrics in quilting. This trend is expected to continue into 2024, with quilters choosing fabrics made from materials like cotton, linen, and wool. These fabrics not only offer a more sustainable option but also provide a softer and more luxurious feel to the quilt.
- 3. **Geometric Prints:** Quilting fabrics featuring geometric prints are also expected to be a popular trend in 2024. These prints, which include shapes like triangles, squares, and circles, will add a modern touch to traditional guilting designs.
- 4. **Metallic Accents:** Adding metallic accents to quilting fabrics will be another trend to watch for in 2024. These accents can come in the form of metallic threads woven into the fabric, or metallic foil applied to the surface of the fabric. This trend will add a touch of glamour to any quilt.
- 5. **Nature-Inspired Designs:** Nature-inspired designs, such as floral and botanical prints, will also be a popular trend in quilting fabrics in 2024. These prints will be perfect for creating quilts that reflect the beauty of the natural world.
- 6. **Textured Fabrics**: Textured fabrics, such as those featuring raised designs or embossed patterns, will also be a trend in quilting fabrics in 2024. These fabrics will add depth and interest to any quilt.
- 7. **Batik Fabrics: Batik** fabrics, which are made using a traditional dyeing process that creates unique and intricate patterns, will continue to be a popular trend in quilting fabrics in 2024. These fabrics offer a one-of-a-kind look that is perfect for creating truly unique quilts.
- 8. **Digital Prints:** Digital printing technology has made it possible to create quilting fabrics with incredibly detailed and intricate designs. This trend is expected to continue into 2024, with quilters using digital prints to create stunning and complex quilts.

Overall, the world of quilting fabrics in 2024 is expected to be full of exciting trends and possibilities. From bold, bright colors to natural fabrics and intricate prints, there will be something for every quilter to explore and experiment with.

A GIGANTIC THANK YOU to Elizabeth! Her company gives a donation to a non-profit for a "Day of Giving" and Elizabeth worked through the proper channels to have them write a check to our Guild for \$600! Elizabeth, thank you so much for your efforts on behalf of our Guild. I was completely blown away.

Kelly

SIT AND SEW - January 13, 2024 - 9:00am to 5:00pm. Northwood Community Center (where our regular meetings are held). Provide your own drinks, snacks and lunch. There are also several eateries close by. You can spend the day or come and go as your time allows. The cost is a donation of \$5.00 per person non-refundable. Additional donations are always appreciated. Those that attended last year will tell you we had loads of fun and we even completed a project or two. Please consider joining us for a fun and relaxing day.

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Check out these quilt shops in our great state!

Sew There 27 E. Depot St Angier, NC 27501

Mountain Thread Company 1098 Main St Blowing Rock, NC 28605

Quilt N Code 208 East-West Blvd Burnsville, NC 28714

Cary Quilting Company 935 N Harrison Ave Cary, NC 27513

Attachments - none

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly