A Word from the President

Serving as your President has been an amazing experience for me this year. Did I want to be President? Not really. Did I feel qualified for the job? Definitely not. Have there been problems along the way? Of course. Could I have done better? I’m sure that’s for certain. Am I glad that I accepted the call and persevered? You bet.

For me, the blessings have been enormous. I have gotten to know so many of you in a way that wouldn’t have happened otherwise and I have, hopefully, learned to be a better listener when issues have arisen. I know I’ve made mistakes - some of which have told me about and others which I have figured out for myself. I would, in a perfect world, wish for the Wisdom of Solomon but, in this world, I miss the mark by a country mile. The blessing has come when people realize that we are each doing the very best that we can in any given situation.

So . . . many thanks to each of you who have made this year possible. In particular, thanks to Bonnie Hartel who has been there in so many ways beyond that of Secretary and to Kathy Grogan who has come to our Guild with years of experience in financial matters and has spent many, many hours working on the structure of our Guild funds. Thanks to the Board Members who have shown up for the meetings and offered varying opinions on any given issue. Consensus has always been the goal and I think we did a pretty good job of getting there.

Kay Thomas is the Crown Jewel for our Guild. Not only has she been a member for many years but she also is the omniscient memory for everything that has gone before. Whenever I needed to know the background in a situation, she could provide it - which is a godsend when you've only been a member for two years. And what would we have done without Elizabeth Leff's diligence with the Newsletter? I know she actually reads each thing that goes into it because she has come back to me upon occasion to fact-check an article. And now, she’s going to take on Membership next year. Thanks, Elizabeth.

And have you thought about the work that goes into Membership? Becky Reid and Carin Rupp have been very gracious each time I’ve run up to them at the beginning of a meeting to ask them how many guests and new members there are. Keeping track of all that - even with a spreadsheet - is a large task.

This list could go on and on. The important thing is that I hope that each of you who has been there for me this year knows that you have my gratitude and thanks for all that you have done - both for me as President and for the Guild as a whole. THANK YOU.

Judy Heyward—judyheyward@gmail.com

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CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON -- LAST CALL!
(and important information for attendees)

Deadline for sign-up is Friday, December 1st. If you haven't signed up but want to, contact Dawn Kucera at 696-0524 or dawnkucera@mac.com.

The Christmas luncheon will be on Thursday, December 14, starting at 12 noon. The location is First Congregational Church, in Laurel Park, 1735 5th Ave. West. If you are at the Post Office, head away from downtown along 5th Avenue, and it’s about a mile out of town.

Please bring a Christmas themed quilted item you've made - we're going to hang an "instant quilt show." Since we don't have to pay for using the Fellowship Hall, we're asking each attendee to bring three items of non-perishable food for IAM as your "admittance fee." If you forget, we'll be happy to take $3. Please bring a serving utensil for your potluck dish and bring your happiest face and plan on having a great time!
OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2018 & 2019

PRESIDENT ......................... Bridget O’Malley
VICE PRESIDENT ..................... Linda Gillette
SECRETARY ..................... Bonnie Hartel
TREASURER ....................... Kathy Grogan

ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

NEWSLETTER EDITOR ............ Jean Jones
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PUBLICITY .............. Sheila Solen
PROGRAM CHAIRS 2018 ............ Bonnie Lucas, Susan Trotter
PROGRAM CHAIRS 2018 & 2019 ............ UNFILLED

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

LIBRARY ............. Mary Hinkle, Barbara Ruff, Judy Smith
2019 QUILT SHOW ........... Jane G., Kennedy, Kathy Grogan
NATIONAL QUILT DAY ......Margaret Wills, Jeri Schneider
SUNSHINE ..... Pat Yurick
NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION ..... Bonnie Hartel
YEARBOOK ..... Jean Jones

Thanks to all who have agreed to serve in 2018 and 2019!

Scholarship Fund Reaches Goal Thanks to You All and Recipient Gives Thanks

Thanks to last minute cash contributions by members at the November Guild meeting AND a generous contribution from the Quilt Trail Project from funds remaining after completion of that project. The Scholarship Fund now has enough money to offer a new scholarship in 2018 in addition to continued funding of the two students already in the pipeline.

The following letter from our first awardee illustrates the value of the Fund:

“I just wanted to take a minute and let you know that I am well and enjoying my fall semester at Columbia International University in Columbia, SC. I am currently working toward a degree that will help me pursue a career in Biblical archaeology. Last we communicated, I was unsure of my plans after getting my AA at Blue Ridge College and just wanted to give you an update. I want to express my gratitude to the WNCQG for investing in my future. You have all been so kind and your generosity has been greatly appreciated.”.

Erin McKenzie Crabtree

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Western NC Quilters Guild Board Meeting
November 10, 2017

Judy Heyward called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm at her home with the following members present: Sarah Bookspan, Linda Gillette, Bonnie Hartel, Judy Heyward, Jane G. Kennedy, Dottie Koopman, Elizabeth Leff, Bonnie Lucas, Didi Salvatierra and Kay Thomas.

Jane started off stating she and Kathy Grogan would chair the quilt show for 2019. Discussion was held about the location (Bonclarken) and the security of the storage unit.

Membership will be asked for location suggestions but the concern was to get the show consistently at the same place. The location of keys to the storage unit is not under control so it was decided that a new lock will be obtained and copies given to Landrum. Didi suggested and the Board agreed that a $20 deposit will be made when a key is borrowed from the individual who oversees the storage unit. When the key is returned they will get their deposit back. Bonnie Hartel will obtain the lock and write up the instructions for the Grainlines and the Yearbook. The sign out sheet will be made more prominent in hopes that the usage is documented.

Judy read an e-mail from Francia Tartar stating that the Scholarship committee is short $186 & the cost of a sewing machine for the 2018 scholarship. The Board agreed that the silent auction of one of Judy’s donated quilts will be used to help finance the scholarship. No budget line item will be established. Judy related the state of the nominating committee: we have 4 positions unfilled. Discussion followed and suggestions made. Linda Gillette from Area 1 agreed to be the vice president. The other positions are pending.

The Board agreed that at the November Guild meeting the membership will be asked to approve the changes to the By-Laws and the Budget. Both were printed in the October Grainlines. The Yearbook for 2018 will be free online with a hard copy available for $3.00. The increased cost of membership for 2018 was approved to be $30. Individuals that paid $25 earlier still owe $5. Elizabeth stated that she will move to membership and Jean Jones will be doing the Grainlines for 2018. The group introduced themselves to our new VP and the meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM. Bonnie Hartel, Secretary

Western North Carolina Quilters Guild Minutes
November 16, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President, Judy Heyward at 10 am and guests were introduced, including past president Tim Cochran. Judy reminded members to read the Grainlines as it contains important information about what is going on with the Guild. The minutes from the October meeting were approved as written. Treasurer Kathy Grogan spoke about the financial concerns for the Guild explaining that Symposium does not provide the money for the amount of work required. She went through our income and expenses making suggestions to insure a solid future for the Guild. Programs, one of the greatest costs will come under the Treasurer to consolidate finances. Kathy addressed several questions from the members and Jane Kennedy proposed acceptance of the budget and the membership approved.

Jane Kennedy and Kathy Grogan have agreed to chair the guild quilt show in 2019. We have a reservation at Bonclarken but Jane asked to be contacted if another venue might be better.

Francia Tartar stated the Scholarship committee is short $186 & the cost of a sewing machine and $186 for the 2018 scholarship award. They are taking donations, have a quilt for silent auction and hope to have the resources to provide this scholarship.

Judy reminded members if they renewed for $25 they still owe $5 as the membership dues increased for 2018.

The changes to the By-Laws were printed in the Grainlines. As there were no questions from the membership, Kay Thomas proposed we approve them and the membership agreed. Judy introduced the slate of officers for 2018 to include: President- Bridget O’Malley; VP - Linda Gillette; Secretary- Bonnie Hartel; Treasurer – Kathy Grogan; Program Operations- Bonnie Lucas and Susan Trotter; Membership- Elizabeth Leff and Amy Gillen; Newsletter- Jean Jones and Publicity- Sheila Solen. We still need Program Planners (2) but have some time as they arrange the programs for 2019. Sarah Bookspan motioned that the slate be approved and the membership approved.

Dawn Kucera provided an overview of the Christmas luncheon. The details are in the Grainlines. Show and Tell was followed by a break and then our speaker from Easley, SC, Paige Alexander gave an informative talk and quilt show on Modern Quilting. The meeting adjourned at noon. Bonnie Hartel, Secretary
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**Library News**

**What’s new?**

- The Modern Quilt Workshop by Bill Kerr and Weeks Ringle
- Cabin Fever: 20 Modern Log Cabin Quilts by Natalia Bonner
- WALK: Master Machine Quilting with Your Walking Foot by Jacque Gering
- Jo’s Little Favorites II: A Classic Collection of 15 Small Quilts by Jo Morton

(These books will be available at our January meeting since we have no regular meeting in December).

Books or DVDs checked out of the library are due at the January meeting or may be returned to Barbara Ruff at the holiday luncheon.

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**Sunshine Report**

No cards were sent this month.
Please notify Pat Yurick in person, by phone or email of anyone needing a card on behalf of the guild.

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**Almost 2018**

January is coming and new projects abound. Come be inspired with quilts from the trunk. The program is “Quilts! Quilts! Quilts!” With Susan T. This is an evening meeting, January 18, at 7 pm. We look forward to greeting all members who can’t get to daytime meetings especially those in Area 9. In the event of bad weather, all meetings for the Western North Carolina Quilters Guild will be cancelled if the Henderson County Public School System dismisses early or cancels classes.


March 22, at 10am, program - Augusta Cole, formerly of NC, presents “A Collage of Tricks, Tips and Tidbits”. There will be an afternoon workshop -12:30-3:30 pm on use of the block “Cracker”. Sign up soon with your check.

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**Asking for Input:**

It is time again to start thinking of the 2019 Quilt Show. That seems so far away, but by January, 2018 we will be “off and running”. As new 2019 show committee co-chairs, we are looking for your input in obtaining suggestion as to the best location for the quilt show. Many have felt that Bonclarken Conference Center was the perfect spot for Symposium and Quilt Show 2017, but we want to hear suggested if you have a better idea. Please remember that we have used the Community College and the Armory in the past. Be aware also that we need use of the building/location for 5 days: Tuesday—Saturday, so churches may have a problem with our need of time commitment. Please consider parking. For your information, we do have Bonclarken booked for the dates of first week of May, 2019. This gives us security in having a date and location locked in. If we decide to go elsewhere, we need to release our commitment to Bonclarken as soon as possible.

Thank you.
Kathy Grogan and Jane G. Kennedy
Area News

Area 1
Area Rep: Jane E. Kennedy 828-290-0197
jkseadreams@gmail.com
When: 1st Thursday -
Where: Trinity Presbyterian Church
Time: 10:00 am
Agenda: No Meeting.

Area 2
Area Rep: Joanne Shafer 698-2927
joanneshafer@live.com
When: 2nd Wednesday - December 13
Where: Beginnings Quilt Shop
    1038 Greenville Hwy Hendersonville
Time: 2:00 pm
Agenda: A “get-to-know each other” group for new members with no area specified. All guild members welcome. Sit and chat, show and tell; bring hand work.

Area 3
Area Rep: Dawn Kucera 696-0524
dawnkucera@mac.com
When: 4th Wednesday -
Where: Brookdale Assisted Living
Time: 9:30am
Agenda: No Meeting.

Area 5
Area Rep: Linda Voltz 884-6332
When: 3rd Tuesday
Where: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd,
    Brevard, across from Ingles.
Time: 9:30 am
Agenda: No Meeting.

Area 8
Area Rep: Hardy Chandler 674-6272 or
    Kris Kingson 290-8474
When: 4th Thursday
Where: Grace Lutheran Church
Time: 10:00 am
Agenda: No Meeting.

Area 9
Area Rep: Ann Klimstra 674-0686 or
    annklimstra@gmail.com
When: 1st Wednesday
Where: Jackson Park/Henderson Co. Ext.  Office
Time: 6:00 pm
Agenda: Call rep.

Events of Interest

The North Carolina Quilt Symposium 2018
Hosted By The Asheville Quilt Guild
And The
North Carolina Quilt Symposium, Inc
May 31, June 1-3, 2018
University of North Carolina Asheville

Maggie Ball         Rami Kim
Melinda Bula        Heide Lund
Patt Blair          Lea McComas
Georgia Bonesteel   Kathy McNeil
Susan K. Cleveland  Barbara Olson
Rosalie Dace        Karen Ponischil
Gyleen X. Fitzgerald Weeks Ringle
Cara Gulati         Marge Tucker
Reeze L. Hanson     Jamie Wallen
Luke Haynes         Carol Ann Waugh
Jean Impey

Our WNQG 2018 Challenge has begun!
Our theme for this year’s National Quilting Day Challenge is “Our Feline Friends”. It’s all about cats; use a traditional pattern or create your own vision. A portion of the black fat quarter fabric (sold at guild meetings for $3) must be used.
Your quilt may be any shape but must have an outside perimeter of 96 inches or more, 24” x 24”.
Quilts are due on or before March 15th.
Any questions please contact: Margaret Wills
704-787-4099 nursedance@yahoo.com or Jeri Schneider 828-685-2994 jschnei2@bellsouth.net
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