



Quilters' Chatter December, 2019



Burke Quilters' Guild meets the
second and fourth Monday of each month.

NEWS YOU CAN USE!!

- Officers**
President
 Judith Pearson
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 Linda Myers
Committee Members
 Freda Berry,
 Susan Briggs,
 Linda Henson,
 Sharon Gillian
2nd Vice President/Membership
 Diane Carpenter
Secretary
 Dinah Weaver
Treasurer
 Nancy Harris
Member at Large
 Joyce Wall, Diane Carpenter
Advisor
 Debbie Mangold

- December Birthdays**
 1- Mary Stang
 4 -Martha Jarman
 7- Pat Bell
 9 -Annette Beam
 9 -Sandra Richardson
 11- Karel Johnson
 27- Debbie McGough
 31- Linda Myers

Dear Friends,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. My family did. Lots to eat and good fellowship. I had a meal for my husband's family (they are mine too, after 22 years) on Thanksgiving Day. One member of the family I was extremely glad to see and get a big bear hug from. His name was Harold Horton. He was my step-daughter's husband. On Friday he had a massive heart attack and passed away yesterday. Always remember to tell the people you love that you love them because you might not get another chance. I am sorry, I didn't mean to go there.

I really enjoyed our meeting this month. Our speaker was so informative and entertaining. We have had excellent programs this year. Special thanks to Linda Myers and her program committee!

In case you weren't at the meeting, guess who was there? It was our very own "Wonder Woman". Freda Berry was there after undergoing brain surgery just a few weeks before. You just can't keep a good woman down.

Show & Tell is one of my favorite parts of the program. Some beautiful quilts were shown and enjoyed by all.

This is the next to last letter I will write as your President. Just wanted everyone to know I so enjoy getting together with all of you and talking about quilting. We are a sisterhood with a special bond. I hope everyone is planning to attend our last meeting of the year on Dec. 16th and enjoy the good food and fun times our hospitality committee has planned for us. It starts at 11 o'clock. Bring a covered dish and plan to have a jolly time.

Yours Truly, Judy Pearson



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President Judy Pearson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking if there were any visitors. There were 2 who were introduced by the members who brought them.

New Members: Judy also had the newest members stand and introduce themselves. They are Judy Cobb and Barbara Stroud. Sharon Guillen's granddaughter was also recognized.

Announcements: Judy welcomed back Freda Berry. Everyone was so glad to see her back. Freda said the "God is good!" and she was feeling good. Judy called her "God's miracle".

The minutes from October were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Harris presented the budget information for 2020 with a handout. She explained various line items. She mentioned that several members have a concern about the large amount of money in the treasury and explained that as treasurer she would never let the balance go lower than the amount of money needed for the next year because it is not a good idea. Nancy then asked for questions. There was one on the library and one on fund raising. A call for a vote resulted in a unanimous acceptance.

Membership report: Dianne Carpenter passed around pages from the past yearbook for members to correct any changes on their information. Carp also encouraged members to pay their dues for 2020 so they will be included in the new yearbook. The yearbook needs to be passed out in January and not later like last year.

Committee Reports:

Wee Care Quilts: Susan Briggs had no report. Judy explained the project for the new members and visitors.

Veteran's Quilts: Terri Martino, who attended the Veteran's Day ceremony to present our quilt this year, was asked to tell about her experience. Terri said it was a lovely ceremony and encouraged more members to attend next year. However, Terri had several suggestions for next year. She was not expected to speak during the ceremony and Terri feels the Guild should take more of a part and explain the guild and what we do. She thinks the Guild should present the quilt and tell a little about the recipient.

Karel Johnson told of the two Veterans who received quilts made by Dawn La Duc for Calvary Lutheran Church. Karel passed around a very nice thank you card from one of the recipients after telling how she had run into him at Wal-Mart buying the card.

Scrapbook: Debbie McGough had no report and Judy gave her several articles from the paper for the scrapbook.

Sunshine and Shadows: Phyllis Fox reported that she had sent a card to Freda Berry. She also sent "Thinking of You" cards to the members who are taking care of their husbands. She got a nice phone call from Martha Jarman. friend who had died.



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Library: Pat Bell showed several books that are new to the library. One was given in honor of her mother by Dianne Hubbard. Another one was given in memory of her husband by Linda Henson. Pat suggested perhaps we should start a pattern library to share some of the many patterns laying around our houses. Many members seemed interested, so Pat will set one up. Debbie McGough suggested we buy a subscription to a quilting magazine for a year, then sell the individual issues at the end of the year to pay for the next year. Dawn La Duc announced that she has several books from her quilting friend who had died.

Hospitality: The Christmas Luncheon is Monday, December 16th at 11am. There will be games and prizes along with great food. (See the list in the newsletter of what you signed up to bring.)

Yearbook: Linda Henson had the sheet of the quilt shops from the yearbook page and asked for opinions on whether to keep several of them on for the next year. Several members gave opinions and those shops were dropped. Linda also announced that she and her husband were given a certificate of appreciation by Catawba County Children's Advocacy and Protection Center. Linda has made contributions of beautiful quilts to this program for many years,

Our new president for 2020, Joanne Hinkle, discussed a program thru Amazon that gives donations to non-profit organization. We can log on to **smile.amazon.com** and type in **Burke Quilters Guild Inc.** – then place your order as usual. Amazon will pay a percentage of your order to our guild, **and it will NOT add to YOUR cost!!!!**

There was a drawing for a book which was won by Shirley Speagle. Linda Myers thanked her program committee. Susan Briggs introduced the speaker.

Program: Cath Evans, from High Country Quilts, introduced two friends that she brought along with her and told about her quilt shop in Butler, TN. Cath then showed us her method of cutting strips which she thinks is much faster than even Accuquilt. She stressed washing your material and ripping it to find the straight of the material. Then she folded it and used a 12.5 inch Omnigrid square to cut accurate strips. She gave each member a packet with her measurement on flash cards. She also recommended a straight ruler by Omnigrid.

Next Cath talked about the BlocLoc system of rulers. She demonstrated her three favorite rulers from that company: flying geese, log cabin, and half square triangles. She told of a class of 30+ women who all cut out a log cabin square with the ruler and sewed it together. At the end of class **every** block was the exact size. That's how accurate BlocLoc rulers are. Cath's theory is: cut your pieces, sew them together, and then cut them again to make them perfect. BlocLoc rulers help with that precision.

Cath handed out a list of all the rulers BlocLoc available at her shop and explained that she sells them at cost. You can get in touch with her at:

High Country Quilts: 423-768-0768 or www.highcountryquilts.com

Show and Tell came next. Afterwards, items left from the recent craft fair were on sale. Members who had items they had made that were not sold, were asked to take them home.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Myers in the absence of Dinah Weaver



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RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR GUILD

Earn money for the Burke Quilters Guild by shopping on Amazon without any additional cost to you. Amazon gives a small percentage of your purchase to the charity of your choice. Your charity would be **Burke Quilters Guild Inc**

Log into **smile.amazon.com and register**. Type in **Burke Quilters Guild Inc** as your charity then you can continue to shop. Every time you log in under smile.amazon.com, the guild will continue to benefit from your purchases. You can ask your friends and family to do the same. If you have any further questions, please contact:

Joanne Hinkle



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Greetings from your incoming President.

Thank you for your confidence in electing me as your new President for the upcoming two years. I wanted to let you know a little about the person you elected. I first became acquainted with quilting through my Grandmother and Aunt. My Grandmother would hand quilt all the quilts and anyone who came to visit her would be handed a needle and thread and given the opportunity to help out. It was many years later that my mother got me started in quilting. I first started just helping her with any cutting for her quilts. Then I finally got started on making my first quilt (that one still isn't finished!). As my mother got older, I helped her more and more. Now I am on my own for making quilts. I am a person who is usually working a few projects at the same time. I enjoy helping others and learning from others as well - especially if it makes things easier.

I want you to know that I kid a lot and want us all to have fun together. And I also want my term as president to be one where WE build the quilt guild. Following are a few of the things that I would like for us to accomplish.

I want all of you to be honest with me and if there is something you dislike I want you to feel free to talk to me and let me know. This is a way to resolve any issues that may arise. I want to have a suggestion box where both good and not so good information can be shared. It is very important that we all welcome any new visitors to our meetings. I have heard from a number of people that the friendliness of the guild members is a deciding factor in their joining the guild. Unfortunately, there have been occasions where due to the perception of unfriendliness or "cliquishness," some people have not joined our guild. To help remedy this situation, I want the visitors to have a different colored name tag so we can recognize and welcome them immediately. I have really appreciated past experiences where individuals have invited me to join them. Another thing is that we need to find a way to help each other in individual ways where we are having challenges in our making quilts - be able to ask questions and receive feedback from the mistakes of others or their expertise.

Remember, I do tend to kid a lot - you only kid with those you like. If I offend you with my kidding or something I say, please come to me first so we can discuss it.

Looking forward to serving you!

Joanne Hinkle



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A list of the dishes for our Christmas luncheon. Looks delicious

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| Diane Hubbard | ? | Kathy Davilla | drinks |
| Cindy Konarski | Pizza thins | Joanne Hinkle | salad |
| Terri Martino | ? | Marcie Bandy | Cranberry Salad |
| Kimberly Crawford | dessert | Linda West | Meat |
| Barbara Stroud | Meat/ ham | Deb Mangold | ? |
| Pat Bell | ? | Barbara Whipple | Fruit salad |
| Susan Briggs | ? | Carol Campbell | meatballs |



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| Phyllis Beck Fox | vegetable | Judy Cobb | casserole |
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A continuation of the above list- everyone is being so helpful! Please join us for the luncheon.

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| Carol Raines | dessert | Linda Myers | dessert | |
| JoAnn Estes | Deviled eggs | Linda Henson | casserole | |
| Lori Gervasio | ham/potato casserole | Patsy Carraway | dessert | |
| Judy Pearson | vegetable | Karel Johnson | ? | |
| Judy Brittain | chicken pie | | | |
| Dianne Carpenter | Grape Salad | | | |
| Opal Woody | Vegie salad | | | |
| Connie Yokum | ? | | | |



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A Special Thanks to Those Who Participated in the Craft Fair

Thanks to all of you who participated in the November Craft Fair at the Senior Center. It went so much better than the fair back in May since it was better timing. At the risk of missing someone, I want to list the people who donated items for sale: Dianne Carpenter, her friend Pat Berry, Karel Johnson, Opal Woody, Judy Brittain, Judy Pearson, Lori Gervosio, Judy Cobb, Susan Briggs, Cathy Davila, Glenda Huffman, Linda Henson, Carol Campbell, Joanne Hinkle, Dinah Weaver, I apologize if you brought an item and I didn't know it. We had lots of beautiful hand crafted items.

I'd also like to thank the members who volunteered to work the fair. They were: Dianne Carpenter, Marcie Bandy, Linda Henson, Julie Pearson, Deb Mangold and Opal Woody. Again, apologies to anyone I missed.

(Check the treasurer's report to see the final total, but as of Friday at closing time, we had made \$166.50.)

Thanks to all the ladies mentioned above. Without you, it wouldn't have happened!

Linda Myers