



# The Piecemakers News

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## UFO CHALLENGE

WOW! What a wonderful showing of the #1 UFO projects at Guild Meetings in January. Thank you for your enthusiasm and determination to complete those projects--there were 36.

At the March meetings, #5 UFO project is due. Bring your completed project to the UFO table, show your label, sign up for a chance to win a FQ and a prize at the end of the year, and show your completed project at the UFO Show and Tell. Don't forget, you also get a piece of candy!

REMINDER: If for any reason you cannot bring your completed project to a Chapter Meeting in March, you may ask another Guild member to bring it for you.

If you have completed your UFO Project #5, you may begin working on Project #6. It is due in May.

Questions:

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- Nancy Shrout, 898-4174; [bandnshrout@verizon.net](mailto:bandnshrout@verizon.net)



## March

Debbie Martin	3/1
Wanda Thomas	3/7
Jane Sundberg	3/9
Anne Jones	3/10
Patty Swan	3/11
Sharon Potter	3/14
Cathey Stanley	3/15
Dana Michaud	3/17
Allison Baker	3/23
Joyce Robbins	3/23
Susan Waddles	3/26
Barbara Hass	3/28
Andrea Kondor	3/?

Please note I have a new email:

[donnadamelio@verizon.net](mailto:donnadamelio@verizon.net)

Thanks, Donna

## Check This Out!

If you missed February 2014 night chapter program by JoAnne McPherson and Janice Bougard, you missed the handout that had some wonderful links to quilt block shortcuts. Go to [ppqg.org](http://ppqg.org) and click on the links tab. Once you are on the links page, just click the link, **Block Shortcuts** (it's in the first bullet), and you'll open a page where you can simply click each link to go to all the shortcut websites!

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Night Treasurer	Trishia Madrid	240-5944
Night Secretary	Theresa Baker	851-4325
Day Coordinator	Kitty Tully	851-8726
Day Treasurer	Carol Pittman	877-7206
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Challenge 2013	Michelle Rives	763-8074
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### Day Chapter

Day Monthly Minis	Susan Virden	277-9443
Day Block of the Month	Trishia Madrid Raquelle Hill	240-5944 223-1232
	Janice Bougard	766-1978
Day Hospitality	Pat Sappenfield	224-0427
	Janice Ward	877-3198
Day Programs	Crystalann Duarte Yvette Cienski	887-8991 234-0232
Day Parliamentarian	Margaret Kwiatkowski	258-4909
Day Historian	Georgene Huggett	868-9785
Day Librarian	Carole Waters	988-8746

### Night Chapter

Night Monthly Minis	Joy Duke Nancy Garnett	838-1043 838-1716
Night Block Drawing	Jeanne Surber	719-6676
Night Greeter	Sandy Barnes	833-8233
Night Hospitality	Goldie Fields	766-8503
Night Parliamentarian	Susan Kopczyk	766-9294
Night Librarian	Tracey Mitts	(518) 522-9770
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# A Few More Tips

## Fabric

- To restore old blocks/quilts, try the following recipe:  
1 Gallon Water  
1 Quart Buttermilk  
1 Tablespoon Lemon Juice  
Soak quilt in mixture then wash in mild detergent. Your colors will return to their original brilliance.
- To remove pencil marks, according to the August issue of Lady's Circle Patchwork Quilts, "Quilt Patch Queries" by Sue Nickels and Pat Holly, suggests the following:  
*"Make a solution that is one part water, three parts rubbing alcohol, and one or two drops of Palmolive or Joy dishwashing liquid. Do not use Dawn -- it may bleach out the fabric. Use a cotton swab to apply and gently scrub with a soft toothbrush. Wipe dry with a cloth. Again, test this before applying to your whole quilt. We hope this helps and remember to TEST, TEST, TEST! We also want to let you know that many a priceless, beloved antique quilt still has pencil marks on it."*
- Roll leftover fabric strips on an empty toilet tissue roll. Be gentle so as not to stretch the fabric. You won't have to re-iron or search for that certain strip. Line them up in a shoe box, mark box as to color.

## Paper Piecing

- Always remember to cut any pieces of fabric so that the edges of the foundation are cut on the grain of the fabric. Fabric stretches and this is where the grain is most important.
- Cut the fabric into strips the width of the largest piece, then sub-cut the strips into squares, rectangles, etc. This does two things: (1) keeps your fabric straying off grain and (2) gives pieces that will fit.
- I use a very light weight sew-in interfacing for paper piecing instead of paper. It can stay in,

you can see through it, and it is cheap. Pigma pens are great for tracing onto it.

## Pins

- Keep a bar of non-moisturizing soap on the table next to your quilting chair. When you sit down to quilt, thread about ten needles with thread, stick them all into the soap, and Voila!! You have sharp, threaded needles waiting! When finished with each one, stick the empty needle back into the soap! They remain sharp and rust free for ever so much longer!!
- Make your own "sharps container" for storing broken needles and pins to keep them out of the trash can (or carpet), so someone doesn't get stuck accidentally. Use an empty pill bottle from your last pharmacy refill-- use the child-proof type top, or tape the top to the bottle. Make a small hole in the top with a corkscrew, ice pick or cup hook. When a needle breaks, or gets dull, put it in the container. When the container is full dispose of it in the trash. This way no one



gets hurt.

## Seams

- When pressing the seams in your quilt block, always press the seam flat first, the way it was sewn. This sinks the thread into the fabric and reduces the bulk of the seam. This habit can eliminate the "hanging-up" on the walking foot while machine quilting.

## Storage

- I love to buy gallon and half-gallon sized glass jars with wide mouths for my sewing room. For ribbons, thread, buttons, all those miscellaneous tools i.e., marking pens, purple thangs, small rulers, bobbins, etc. Keeps stuff dust-free and easy to see!
- To store your BOM squares, purchase an unused pizza box from your local pizzeria. It keeps the blocks protected during the year, is sturdy and stores practically flat.

I discovered these tips by DebLynn K. Her website is:  
<http://www.quiltaholics.com>  
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## Day Chapter Minutes for February 2014

The Day Chapter meeting for February 14, 2014 was called to order at 10:00AM by Day Coordinator, Kitty Tully. Kitty expressed welcome to all and asked for three volunteers with Show and Tell items to visit the preschool at the break. Also, the directions for the blocks from the Night Chapter program are on the website.

### Announcements consisted of:

- Tricia Lent announced that Carol Richardson has resigned as President of the Guild. Tricia is now President. Sherry Behun has volunteered to be the coordinator for the Quilts of Valor. However, since Sherry only attends the night meeting, a volunteer is also needed for the day meeting. We have a quilt to be raffled. A volunteer is needed to be the Day Chapter point of contact. Tricia read a thank you note from Natasha House for the 18 quilts that were donated to them last year. Patti Hempen from Texas will conduct 2 classes—one on March 13th and one on March 15th. Class cost is \$40.00. See Tricia to sign up.
- Susan Virden displayed the monthly mini items. One was donated by Susan and the other was donated by Bonita Dodson.
- Jenny Ballou expressed thanks for support of the Quilts of Valor program. Last year 80 quilts were sent to Iraq and 80 quilts were delivered to Walter Reed Army Hospital. JoAnne McPherson is donating a quilt to be raffled. Proceeds will benefit the Virginia Brain Injury Association.
- Bonnie Timm, VCQ representative, advised that sign-ups must be made by February 21st for the biennial retreat to be held March 8 in Kilmarnock.
- Nancy Shrout encouraged members to consider joining the NQA. They help with insurance for our shows and symposiums. Also, she reminded members that #5 UFO is due in March and #6 UFO is due in May.
- Carole Waters, Day Librarian, advised that the library has a donation of 3 new books from the Old Country Store in Lancaster, PA.
- Lois Bates, Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced that positions to be filled this year are Executive Vice-President, Day Treasurer, Day Secretary and Night Treasurer. Other members of the nominating committee are Tricia Lent, Jenny Ballou and Sherry Behun.
- Carol Pittman is collecting membership dues.
- Members with February birthdays were recognized and presented with a fat quarter.
- Door prizes were awarded before a short break.
- A motion was made by Linda Tyler and seconded by Susan Virden to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter. A motion was made by Nancy Shrout and seconded by JoAnne McPherson to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.
- Crystalann Duarte and Yvette Cienski introduced Joy Duke, who presented a program on Appliqué the Fun Way.
- Monthly Mini items were won by Ellen Rater and Barbara Hass.
- Block of the Month was won by Cathy Fowler.
- After Show and Tell, meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM. There were 84 (2 new members) and 1 visitor present.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joy Insley, Day Chapter Secretary

## PPQG Night Chapter Minutes for February 11, 2014

Meeting of February 11, 2014 called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Allison Baker, Night Coordinator, called the meeting to order. Allison welcomed 63 current members, 1 new member and 1 visitor. Allison presented the minutes of the January meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes by JoAnne McPherson and seconded by Linda Tyler; the motion passed. A motion to approve the January treasurer's report was made by Nancy Shrout and seconded by Donna D'Amelio; the motion passed. February Birthdays were acknowledged and fat quarter gifts were distributed.

### Announcements

- Tricia Lent notified guild members of Carol Richardson's resignation as our Guild President. Tricia took over the duties of Guild president and requested that the following positions be filled as soon as possible; Vice-President and Raffle Quilt POC. Tricia thanked Carol for her service and asked for member help as she assumes her new duties.
- The Challenge this year is "Using the 10 Ugly Charms from the Dec. Meeting". The challenge is due in June 2014. Contact Michelle Rives or Janet Dyer, if you have questions.
- Classes in March with our guest lecturer, Patti Hempen, have several vacancies for both the Thursday and Saturday classes. If at least one of these classes is not filled, we will have to cancel our March program. Please sign up!
- Jenny Ballou is resigning from her position as QOV Chair after the February meeting. A volunteer was needed, and before the meeting closed, Sherry Behun volunteered to be QOV chairperson. Thank you Sherry!
- The 2013 Challenge quilts to be displayed at Mid-Atlantic will need to be delivered in a 2 hour window before the show. They will also need to be picked up on Sunday when it closes. Call Michelle Rives for more info 757-763-8074.
- The UFO Queens (Nancy and Lois) announced that the #5 quilt is due in March and #6 is due in May.
- Debbie Moore, Roster Chairperson, announced that the roster was available for those who requested a printed copy. The e-mail version didn't make it to everyone and will be re-sent.
- Kitty Tully and others presented tools that they find useful in their quilting. They are hoping that by sharing this information now, you will be prepared for Mid-Atlantic. After Mid- Atlantic, if you discover a new gadget, please bring it to show and tell, and let us know why you love or hate it.
- The program for the February meeting was JoAnne McPherson and Janice Bougard demonstrating some quick "Short-cut Blocks". They gave a list of web-sites with more information.
- The program for March is Patti Hempen from Texas. Sign-up for her two classes for Thurs. and Sat. entitled, "Freeform Symmetry" and "Floral Kaleidoscopes". If we do not get enough members to fill one of these classes, we will have to cancel her visit and our March program.
- The Monthly Mini was won by Christina Raney, Carol Moore, and Nancy Shrout.
- The Block of the Month was awarded to Joyce McKeel.
- Door Prizes were given out and Show and Tell was conducted.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted – Theresa Baker

### Applique Group Invitation –

"The Ladies of the Evening" (only means our meeting time is in the evening!!!) would like to invite anyone interested in attending, to our monthly meetings. We meet the 3rd Thursday evening at 6:30 at Grafton Christian Church in Grafton (duh!). The address is 109 Brick Church Road. We meet from Sept. thru June and we work on our own applique projects. However, starting with our March meeting and then thru June we will have a short program provided by one of our members. March will be Layering Applique by Mary Beth Hawks. So if you are interested, please email or call me: Sandy Barnes – 757/833-8233; sandyf10@verizon.net.

## Peninsula Piecemakers Quilt Guild Treasurer's Report February 2014

CHAPTER ACCOUNTS				DAY CHAPTER	DAY YTD TOTALS	DAY BUDGET	NIGHT CHAPTER	NIGHT YTD TOTALS	NIGHT BUDGET
<b>Chapter Beginning Balance</b>				<b>1832.57</b>	<b>2228.05</b>		<b>1580.18</b>	<b>1916.06</b>	
<b>Income:</b>	Block of the Month	80.00	155.00	\$1,000.00	44.00	86.00	\$1,000.00		
	Executive Transfer	0.00	0.00	\$1,430.00	0.00	0.00	\$1,430.00		
	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	\$20.00	0.00	0.00	\$20.00		
	Monthly Mini	79.00	159.00	\$500.00	24.00	75.00	\$500.00		
	Programs	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	100.00	\$0.00		
	<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>159.00</b>	<b>314.00</b>	<b>\$2,950.00</b>	<b>68.00</b>	<b>261.00</b>	<b>\$2,950.00</b>		
<b>Expenses:</b>	Block of the Month	132.07	132.07	\$1,000.00	111.66	111.66	\$1,000.00		
	Door Prizes/B'day Ft Qtrs	0.00	264.13	\$300.00	63.69	63.69	\$300.00		
	Historian	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00		
	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	\$150.00	0.00	20.67	\$150.00		
	Programs	280.72	567.07	\$1,500.00	100.00	608.21	\$1,500.00		
	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>412.79</b>	<b>963.27</b>	<b>2,950.00</b>	<b>275.35</b>	<b>804.23</b>	<b>2,950.00</b>		
<b>Chapter Ending Balance</b>				<b>1,578.78</b>	<b>1,578.78</b>		<b>1372.83</b>	<b>1,372.83</b>	
EXECUTIVE ACCOUNT				EXEC TOTALS	EXEC YTD TOTALS	EXEC BUDGET			
<b>Executive Beginning Balance</b>				<b>\$17,248.63</b>	<b>\$15,841.98</b>				
<b>Exec Income:</b>	Advertising	2.50	2.50	\$50.00					
	Challenge	0.00	0.00	\$120.00					
	Community Service	0.00	0.00	\$400.00					
	Guild Programs/Workshops-Brubaker-Knapp	240.00	320.00	\$2,800.00					
	Library	0.00	0.00	\$100.00					
	Local Workshops	0.00	0.00	\$500.00					
	Membership-dues	525.00	1925.00	\$8,250.00					
	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	\$0.00					
	Mystery	0.00	0.00	\$100.00					
	QOV	0.00	0.00	**					
	Quilt Show/Symposium	0.00	0.00	**					
	Raffle Quilt	0.00	0.00	\$1,500.00					
	Sales	0.00	0.00	\$100.00					
	UFO	0.00	11.55	\$0.00					
	<b>Total Executive Income</b>	<b>767.50</b>	<b>2,259.05</b>	<b>\$13,920.00</b>					
	<b>Exec Expense:</b>	Challenge	0.00	0.00	\$120.00				
Community Service		0.00	0.00	\$0.00					
Facilities		0.00	0.00	\$600.00					
Guild Programs/Workshops-wksh refund		0.00	0.00	\$6,750.00					
Library-books		0.00	73.13	\$300.00					
Local Workshops		0.00	0.00	\$500.00					
Membership (1 jr mem refund, 1 insuff funds)		35.00	35.00	\$200.00					
Miscellaneous(Nashville Quilt Assoc. Ins0		45.00	45.00	\$100.00					
Mystery		0.00	0.00	\$100.00					
Newsletter-postage/printing		80.14	80.14	\$350.00					
PO Box Rental		0.00	0.00	\$120.00					
QOV		0.00	0.00	**					
Quilt Organization Memberships		0.00	0.00	\$120.00					
Quilt Show		0.00	0.00	**					
Raffle Quilt/Storage Unit		0.00	0.00	\$1,550.00					
Sales		0.00	0.00	\$250.00					
UFO		0.00	11.77	\$0.00					
Transfer to Day/Night		0.00	0.00	\$2,860.00					
<b>Total Executive Expense</b>		<b>160.14</b>	<b>245.04</b>	<b>\$13,920.00</b>					
<b>Executive Ending Balance</b>				<b>17,855.99</b>	<b>17,855.99</b>				

\*\*As of 18 February 2014, \$5,902.26 belongs to Show/Symposium and \$1,310.50 belongs to QOV, of the \$17,855.99 in the Executive Account. These monies are to be used specifically for these activities.

Respectfully submitted by Mona Hendrickson, Executive Treasurer.

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