

The Piecemakers News

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PPQG President's Message

Our Sunshine Chairperson's job is to send a card on behalf of PPQG to any member who is ill or is mourning the loss of a family member. For the past several years, Susan Carmean has taken this job to heart and passed along many words of encouragement and compassion to our guild members. I thank Susan for all her hard work as she "retires" from her position as Sunshine Chairperson. Sandy Barnes has graciously agreed to be our Sunshine Chairperson going forward, so please contact her if you know of any guild member in need of a card.

For the second year in a row, Patty Swan audited the PPQG books. I thank Patty for taking the time out of her busy schedule to check the books and help keep PPQG in line financially.

Isobel Meekins

ATTENTION: ALL PPQG MEMBERS!!!!

Sign-ups for the 2016 UFO Challenge will begin in August. The participation fee is \$1.00. Here is your opportunity to complete some of those UFOs which have been hiding in closets and dressers, under beds, in storage bins, stacked on your cutting table, and in other mysterious places.

The UFO Challenge Information Sheet and UFO Challenge Form may be downloaded from the PPQG website. Here is what to do:

- 1. Go to the PPQG website (www.ppqg.org);
- 2. Click the Forms button
- 3. The two documents you will need are at the top of the list.

You may now print the UFO Information page and the UFO list form. Be sure to read the UFO Information page. This page gives you all the details regarding the UFO Challenge. Follow the directions and complete the form by listing a maximum of six UFOs. Your first UFO listed will be due in January, 2016 at either chapter meeting.

The Day Chapter Meeting, December 11, 2015, will be the LAST day to sign up for the UFO Challenge and will also be the last day to turn in your list of UFOs.

You don't want to miss participating in this fun activity! Besides, you can get really good free chocolate!!

UFO Queens: Lois Bates, 898-4640; Valobo@aol.com Nancy Shrout, 898-4174; bandnshrout@verizon.net



August Birthdays

Maggie Haley	8
Karen McFaddin	8/
Linda Hays	8/1
De Levay Miner	8/3
Pattaya Zeppetello	8/10
Corrine Vance	8/12
Carol Hoegerman	8/17
Mary Anne Martin	8/18
Ursula Rokahr	8/19
Kathleen Telkamp	8/20
Karen Whitley	8/22
Paulette Seko	8/23
Linda Silver	8/24
Fran Jones	8/30
Natalie Hutchinson	8/31

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in subject line of emails so

I don't delete it accidently.

Articles and Ads for

September's Newsletter

are due by August 20.

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Day Monthly Minis	Susan Virden	277-9443		
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Night Monthly Minis	Joy Duke	838-1043		
	Nancy Garnett	838-1716		
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Night Hospitality	Goldie Fields	766-8503		
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Night Librarian	Norma Sims	596-0548		
	Theresa Baker	851-4325		
Night Historian	Linda Odell	869-6314		
Night Programs	Kitty Tully	851-8726		
Scrappy Therapy	Gail Lockheart	356-0830		
Border Exchange	Janet Dyer	868-6247		

Unless otherwise noted, area codes are 757

Upcoming Workshops

- September 1, Facing and Sleeves by Pat Winters
- October 1. Borders (9 am-12) and **Binding** (1 pm-4 pm) by Trisha Lent

Individual classes are \$10 each and will be taught at Grafton Christian Church. For more information please contact Sharon Ahmed, ahmedsharonKazl2006@yahoo.com.

Tips for Quilters

- Restoring old fabric
 - 1 Quart buttermilk
 - 1 Quart water
 - 2 ounces lemon juice

Let soak for 1 hour or longer (it won't hurt the fabric)

Hand wash, rinse, then dry

- Haven't got a stiletto—Use an orange stick
- To take gunk off an iron-put salt on a brown paper bag. Use a hot iron over the salt on the bag until the gunk is gone. If you have a Teflon coated iron-use a dryer

Call to Schedule

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sheet and iron until gunk is gone.

- Am sure you have an extra mouse pad around. Use one under your foot pedal as a non slip tool.
- When threading a ٠ needle-wet the needle NOT the thread. Works well.
- To make that accurate 1/4" seam allowance, place a thin strip of moleskin on the machine OR use a piece of masking tape OR even a Post-It note works well.

These are hints I've pick up over the years. Hope they are useful to you..

Linda Mitzel

New and Returning Members

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PPQG Day Chapter Minutes for July 2015

The Day Chapter meeting for July 10, 2015 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Day Coordinator Linda Mitzel. There were 72 members and two guests in attendance at the meeting. The guests were Barbara Lanore and Sue Waldeck.

A motion was made by Pat Sappenfield and seconded by Susan Virden to approve the June minutes. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Carol Pittman and seconded by Nancy Strout to approve the June treasurer's report. The report was approved for audit.

- Birthdays for the month were acknowledged and fat quarters were distributed.
- **Winter Mystery**—The Winter Mystery will be emailed out in August, sign up with Susan Virden if you would like to participate.
- Isobel Meekins—The NN Fall Festival will be chaired by Susan Waddles, the Winter Mystery will be chaired by Susan Virden, Gala Damato will chair the Special Projects and our UFO Queens for 2016 will be Lois Bates and Nancy Shrout.
- Service Projects—Gala Damato took 30 infant-sized quilts to CHKD. There is still a need for small comfort quilts for babies that get to go home, but don't have a good prognosis (24x36). Additionally there is a need for isolette covers (36x52) that should be made with bright fabrics.
- **Treasurer**—Rhonda Gianturco has guild business cards and flyers for members that would like to take to pass out to potential new members. She also has guild pins and pins from our last quilt show for sale.
- **Monthly Mini**—Susan Virden-Today's Monthly Mini's were donated by Brenda Kasnic, a Tote/tissue cover/ book cover, and a Christmas wall hanging by Linda Mitzel.
- Workshops—Sharon Ahmed-The next classes are: September 1, Facing and Sleeves by Pat Winters; October 1, Borders (9am-12) and Binding (1pm-4pm) by Trisha Lent. Each individual class fee is \$10.00
- **Programs**—Debra Stebbins-Barbara Cline will present the program at the next meeting. She will also be conducting a workshop after the meeting at the Yorkminster Presbyterian Church. The cost of the workshop will be \$30.00.
- **Service**—Please give any completed quilts or quilt tops that you brought to today's meeting to Sharon Ahmed.
- **2015 30x30's Challenge**—Crystalann Duarte announced that there was an addition to the winners of the 30x30's challenge and Karen Komatz had won 2nd place. She was presented a 2nd place ribbon and a \$25.00 gift certificate.
- **Block of the Month**—Toni Wood-Corrine Vance-Toni announced that she will be including tips with the BOM, and unless there were any objections, they would be included in the monthly Newsletter.
- Newport News Fall Festival 2015—Susan Waddles-The festival will be held on October 3-4. A flyer was
 passed out with details. Members are asked to bring their quilted items for display at the festival to the
 September meeting and give to Susan or Kitty Tully. Quilts will be returned to their owners at the October
 meetings. Volunteers are also needed to work the booth at the Festival. Sign-up sheets will be available at
 the August and September meetings.
- Door Prizes were drawn.
- **Programs**—Debra Stebbins-Angela Armstrong presented the program on Fabric Dying.
- Monthly Mini winners today were Kitty Tully who won the Tote/tissue cover/book cover, and Andrea Kondor won the Wall hanging.
- Block of the Month winner was Georgene Huggett.
- After Show and Tell—the meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Waddles, Day Secretary

Day Chapter Program for August

Barbara Cline, plus a workshop after the meeting at the Yorkminster Presbyterian Church. The cost of the workshop will be \$30.00.

PPQG Night Chapter Minutes for July 14, 2015

The Night Chapter meeting for July 14, 2015 was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Night Coordinator, Jeanne Surber.

Business

- Attendance—There were 55 members and 3 guests in attendance at the meeting. Welcome to our new member, Linda Wood. The guests were: Linda Wood's twin sister, Brenda Smith, from Portsmouth; Jeanne Surber's mom, Katie Smithers; and Yvette Cienski's mom, Carolina Victoria, from Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Minutes—A motion was made by Pat Sappenfield and seconded by Pat Winters to approve the June
 minutes. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
- **Treasure's Report**—A motion to accept the treasurer's report in the June minutes was made by Nancy Shrout and seconded by Pat Brazzale. The report was approved by unanimous vote.

Announcements

- **Monthly Mini—**Joy Duke and Nancy Garrett announced that the Monthly Mini was a flag wall hanging donated by Janet Dyer.
- **Fall Festival**—Susan Waddles, Fall Festival Chair, gave out a small flyer tonight. She will be passing around a sign up sheet for volunteers at the August and September meetings.
- **President's Message**—Isobel Meekins thanked the following members: Susan Waddles for chairing the Fall Festival; Lois Bates and Nancy Shrout for doing the UFOs later in the year; thank you to Susan Virden for volunteering to be in charge of the winter mystery again this year.
- Raffle Quilt—Allison Twilley showed the raffle quilt.
- Retreats

-Gail Lockhart talked about the Wakefield Retreats that Carol Richardson organizes. There are two retreats coming up in September and November. They are lots of fun. You get meals, a nice room with housekeeping services, and lots of fun with other quilters. Contact Gail or Carol for more information. -Isobel Meekins invited us to join her at her retreat in West Virginia in October. She showed the quilt she will be teaching at the retreat. Contact her for more information.

- Workshops—Debra Stebbins, Day Program Chair, announced that next month Barbara Cline will be doing workshops. Debra has sign ups tonight. Debra also needs buttons for the Quilt O Game.
- **Challenge Quilts**—Yvette Cienski had the rest of the quilts from the Challenge with her and gave them to their owners. She is selling the Guild logo pins for \$5.00 and the Fall Festival pins for \$2.00.
- Service Projects—Gala Damato announced that she has some minky fabric if anyone wants it. CHKD is asking for 24"x36" comfort quilts for babies. Gala will take any Honor quilts tonight and give them to Sherry.
- **Membership**—Debbie Moore has the rosters for the new members.
- Birthdays—Jeanne Surber acknowledged the birthdays and distributed the fat quarters.

Break

• We took a break at 7:09: Jeanne asked us to meet someone we don't know and find out something about them.

Reconvene

- Jeanne Surber reconvened the meeting at 7:22 P. M.
- Recognition—Jeanne asked the following members to come to the front of the room so she could thank them for their support during the night meetings. She gave everyone a small gift. Goldie Fields, Night Hostess

Kitty Tully, Night Programs

Susan Kopczyk, Night Parliamentarian

Linda Odell, Night Historian

Theresa Baker and Norma Simms, Librarians (Allison Twilley stood in for her mom, Theresa Baker)

Donna D'Amelio, Webmistress and Sign In

Sandy Barnes - Night Greeter and Sunshine person

Nancy Garnett and Joy Duke, Monthly Minis

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Night Chapter Program for August

Joy lervolino from Virginia Beach "Doing it My Way," showing quilting techniques illustrated by a trunk show, with patterns for sale. Sherry Behun, Patriotic Service Quilts Debbie Moore, Membership Natalie Hutchinson, Property Management

- Door Prizes—Jeanne Surber drew a few door prizes.
- Speaker—Kitty Tully introduced the speaker, Evelyn Townsend. Her topic was embellishment. She said she enjoys showing her quilts and was happy to be here. She hoped we would all take home at least one idea or inspiration to use on our own quilts. Evelyn uses fabric paints, glitter, appliques, threads, yarns, Angelina, and decorative stitching to embellish her quilts. She uses a longarm machine and an embroidery machine as well as her regular sewing machine. She also uses her computer printer to print on fabric. Evelyn said she was a banker--she is not an artist by background. She tries things out to see how they work. Evelyn uses Electric Quilt; she says it opens up "a whole new world of possibilities" and lets you design your own motifs. Her website is www.10westquilts.com, but she doesn't keep it up all of the time. Evelyn sells some of her patterns on Craftsy.
- Monthly Mini—Winner Lorraine Meadows won the monthly mini. The Guild made \$36.00.
- Show and Tell—9 members showed their quilts.
- Door Prizes—Jeanne Surber drew the rest of the door prizes.
- Adjourn—Jeanne Surber adjourned the meeting at 8:42 P. M.

Delivery of Service Project Quilts

On July 1st Pat Winters, Joan Cochran and I delivered some Service Project guilts to NICU at CHKD in Norfolk. We met with Christie Stafford a RN there and one of the parent advocates. They were so appreciative of the 25 guilts we delivered. Christie gave us a tour of NICU on the 4th floor. It was an awesome experience and all the beautiful quilts members have made found a good home. We hope to make another delivery in August. So keep on guilting and making those comfort guilts for babies at CHKD. Make the guilts 24 inches to 36 inches in size. Brighter fabrics can be used for these quilts and flannel is good. These quilts will go home with babies that get to go home but don't have a very good prognosis. Thank you to those that took home the vellow fleece/minky from the night chapter meeting. I look forward to seeing the quilts you make. If you have any questions, contact me at 872-6823 or gala.damato@gmail.com. Thanks for supporting Service Projects.

Gala Damato

Service Projects

There is now a Service Project Committee. The members are Gala Damato, Joan Cochran, Ellen Wood, Pat Winters and Maggie Haley. By October we hope to have a ballot to vote on ideas for Service Projects in 2016. If you have an idea for something PPQG members can do as a Service Project, contact me or any committee member. Please provide your Respectfully submitted, Barbara Linde, Night Secretary

idea, an approximate number of items needed and a contact point for who would receive the completed items. For the rest of the year we will continue to support CHKD, Portsmouth Naval Hospital and NATASHA House. CHKD has asked for small comfort guilts for babies that get to go home but don't have the best prognosis. These quilts can be from 24" to 36" in size and you can use brighter, happier fabrics. Quilts to cover the icolets can be made of bright colored fabrics in the size of 36" by 50". Bereavement guilts can still be made for Portsmouth Naval Hospital. Use pastel or muted fabrics for these guilts and the size can be 22" to 24" squares. NATASHA House still needs 2 bunk bed guilts approximate size is 60" x 85". Kids quilts and throw sized guilts for the Mothers will be accepted for future residents at NATASHA House. Thank you for supporting PPQG Service Projects and sharing your love of quilting. If you have any questions, contact me at 872-6823 or email me at gala. damato@gmail.com.

Gala Damato

Courtesy Ad

I have punch needle supplies: books, needles, lap stand, patterns, thread, etc. for sale.

Also a piece of rug hooking canvas.

If you are interested give me a call at 757-838-1716.

Nancy Garnett

How To Increase Your Accuracy

Sewing a precise 1/4" seam is the most important tool a guilter can have. To save time and avoid frustration be sure you are always sewing accurate 1/4" seams. While many machines come with specialty 1/4" feet, these also need to be tried and tested to be sure they are accurate. To test your seam allowance sew and then measure the width of the seam with an acrylic ruler. Another way to do this is to rotary cut three 1 1/2" x 5" strips of fabric. Sew them together with your 1/4" seam. Press the seams open and measure the width of the middle strip from the right side of the fabric. The middle strip should measure exactly 1" wide. If this measurement is not correct, cut new strips and continue to make adjustments until your seams are 1/4". Some machines allow the needle to be moved to the right or the left, and often it's possible to make an adjustment by simply moving the needle.

More Quilting Tips and Tricks

Washing Caution

Avoid using fabric softener in the washer or dryer when you prewash fabrics that you later intend to fuse. Fusible web will not adhere properly to fabrics treated with fabric softener.

Accidents Happen

If you have accidentally fused an appliqué in the wrong place, use a fabric softener dryer sheet as a pressing cloth to loosen the web so you can remove the appliqué to reposition it.

Avoiding Fuzz

When changing thread on your sewing machine, cut the thread at the spool, and pull the thread out toward the needle. This will avoid fuzzing up the tension disks and will actually "floss" the tension mechanism at the same time.

Monfilament Thread

If you are having difficulty seeing clear monofilament thread when threading your needle, run the end of the thread across a permanent marker. This will color only the end of the thread and make it easier to see to thread the needle.

Emery Board

When drawing lines on squares to make Triangle-Squares and Flying Geese units, use an emery board as a straight edge. It won't slip, and keeps the fabric from stretching as you draw.

Pre-wind neutral bobbins

This is an especially helpful idea when attending a class or retreat. Pre-wound bobbins can also be purchased from some thread manufacturers.

Chain piecing

Not only does chain piecing save a lot of time for quilters, but it also helps to save thread. To chain piece, sew a set of fabric pieces together, stopping just before the edge of the fabric pair. Without removing the fabrics from the presser foot, prepare and add another set of fabrics. Begin sewing the next pair without clipping threads.

Maintain your machine

Remember to periodically clear any lint and oil from the bobbin case of your machine. A wellmaintained machine is one that will provide years and years of trouble-free sewing. One easy way to regularly take care of this routine maintenance is to clean and oil after you have emptied five bobbins (keep empty bobbins together so you know). For professional maintenance, most manufacturers recommend a regular cleaning once a year.

Free Template Plastic

Use the plastic sheet that comes in bacon packages to make templates and stencils. The frosty side prevents slipping when placed on the fabric.

Handy Gadget Tote

Here's a cute way to keep your gadgets handy when you're on the go. Place six sealable snack bags on a potholder so the bottoms meet in the center. Sew a piece of grosgrain ribbon down the center of potholder, stitching through bags. Fold the potholder and sew a big button on the outside for a closure.

Hanging Helper

When finishing a wall hanging, add a fabric sleeve to the bottom of the back large enough to hold a 1/2"-diameter dowel. This weights down the bottom and helps the sides hang straight.

Handy Bobbin Holder

The little plastic tripod included with a delivered pizza will hold thread and bobbins for storage while you work. Invert the tripod, and put spools or bobbins on the spindles.

Peninsula Piecemakers Quilt Guild Treasurer's Report July 2015

550.00 2,225.00 25.00 400.00 0.00 \$3,200.00

550.00 500.00 0.00 150.00 2,000.00 \$3,200.00

Jul 2015	CHAPTER ACCOUNTS	DAY CHAPTER	DAY YTD TOTALS	DAY BUDGET	NIGHT CHAPTER	NIGHT YTD TOTALS	NIGHT BUDGET
	Chapter Beginning Balance	\$2,121.79	\$505.77		\$661.20	\$591.05	
Income:	Block of the Month	76.00	510.00	950.00		0.00	550.00
	Executive Transfer		1,925.00	1,925.00		2,225.00	2,225.00
	Miscellaneous		15.00	25.00		10.75	25.00
	Monthly Mini	65.00	444.00	700.00	36.00	221.00	400.00
	Programs		0.00	0.00		400.00	0.00
	Total Income:	\$141.00	\$2,894.00	\$3,600.00	\$36.00	\$2,856.75	\$3,200.00
Expenses:	Block of the Month	54.87	514.33	950.00		0.00	550.00
	Door Prizes/B'day Ft Qtrs	0.00	345.95	500.00		566.50	500.00
	Historian		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
	Miscellaneous		0.00	150.00	23.55	23.55	150.00
	Programs	77.50	409.07	2,000.00	217.00	2,401.10	2,000.00
	Total Expenses:	\$132.37	\$1,269.35	\$3,600.00	\$240.55	\$2,991.15	\$3,200.00
	Chapter Ending Balance	\$2,130.42	\$2,130.42	\$0,000.00	\$456.65	\$456.65	<i></i>
			EXEC YTD				
	EXECUTIVE ACCOUNT	EXEC TOTALS	TOTALS	EXEC BUDGET			
	Executive Beginning Balance	\$11,490.14	\$15,257.76				
Exec Income:	Advertising	30.00	40.00	150.00			
	Challenge	0.00	0.00	0.00			
	Community Service	0.00	0.00	400.00			
	Guild Programs/Workshops	390.00	790.00	1,000.00	Aug workshop		
	Library	1.00	1.00	50.00			
	Local Workshops	30.00	345.00	1,000.00			
	Membership	87.50	2,837.50	5,800.00			
	Miscellaneous	0.00	783.73	145.00			
	Mystery	0.00	0.00	0.00			
	PPQG Honor Quilts	0.00	232.00	**			
	Quilt Show/Symposium	0.00	0.00	**			
	Raffle Quilt	0.00	0.00	1,500.00			
	Sales	59.00	139.00	100.00	pins		
	UFO	0.00	0.00	0.00			
	Total Executive Income	\$597.50	\$5,168.23	\$10,145.00			
Exec Expense:	Challenge	0.00	185.88	0.00			
	Community Service	0.00	79.99	25.00			
	Facilities	100.00	350.00	750.00			
	Guild Programs/Workshops	0.00	400.00	1,600.00			
	Library	0.00	0.00	100.00			
	Local Workshops	40.00	330.00	400.00			
	Membership	12.52	187.70	200.00	supplies		
	Miscellaneous	298.13	2,339.55	100.00	***		
	Mystery	0.00	0.00	160.00			
	Newsletter/website	0.00	0.00	200.00			
	PO Box Rental	0.00	0.00	128.00			
	PPQG Honor Quilts	0.00	339.76	**			
	Quilt Organization Memberships	0.00	0.00	120.00			
	Quilt Show/Symposium	0.00	0.00	**			
	Raffle Quilt	0.00	0.00	150.00			
	Storage Unit	0.00	0.00	1,512.00			
	Sales	0.00	426.12	550.00			
	UFO	0.00	0.00	0.00			
	Transfer to Day/Night	0.00	4,150.00	4,150.00			
	Total Executive Expense	\$450.65	\$8,789.00	\$10,145.00			
	Executive Ending Balance	\$11,636.99	\$11,636.99	÷,			

**As of 21 July 2015, \$5,173.21 belongs to Show/Symposium and \$151.30 belongs to Patriotic Service Quilts, of the \$11,636.99 in the Executive Account. These monies are to be used specifically for these activites.

***An accounting correction to make the budget balance equal to the checkbook balance.

Respectfully submitted by Rhonda Gianturco, Executive Treasurer.

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