* High Point Quilt Guild Newsletter

**September 2019**  **Volume 8, Issue 9**

Please join us the second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at Westchester Baptist Church (behind Publix) at 135 Westchester Dr., High Point, NC 27262

**From our President, Janet Wells:**

Happy Birthday to Liz Simon. As a reminder, we are asking those with July birthdays to bring refreshments to the September meeting.

We are going to have to put the one and only clue for Mystery Quilt II on hold. In getting our house ready to go on the market and now starting the moving process, I have misplaced the MQII directions! I’m hoping I haven’t packed them away since we won’t be moving into our new house until some time in January. I’ll send the directions as an email as soon as I find that blue folder!

We still need a co-chair for hospitality. If you are interested, please let me know so Cassandra has a back-up partner.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at out next meeting on September 12.

Happy thoughts, happy stitches –

Janet

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**Vice President, Marty Smith:** No report.

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**2nd Vice President, Linda Welch:** No report.

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**Officers, Chairs and Committee Reports:**

**Secretary and Historian, Wendy Clagg –**

High Point Quilt Guild

Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2019

With 25 members and two visitors present, the meeting of the High Point Quilt Guild was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on August 8, 2019 at Westchester Baptist Church, 135 Westchester Drive, High Point, NC by Janet Wells, President.

The following members with August birthdays were recognized:

* Susan Bino August 6
* Nancy Blanchard August 14
* Angie Peele August 15
* Charlene Kaiser August 16
* Diantha Dann August 21
* Karen Tooley August 25

**Visitors:** Brenda Keyzers and Vivian Belton

Theressa Smith, Treasurer, presented the **Treasurer’s Report for July**:

Balance Brought Forward $17331.11

Received:

-2019 Raffle Quilt $100.00

-Boutique $62.00

Total $162.00

Expenditures:

-Janet Wells-Hospitality $139.68

-Raffle Tickets $94.09

-Quilt Rack $181.99

Total $415.76

ENDING BALANCE $17,077.35

Upon motion by Angie Peele and second by Becki Bostick, the report was approved as submitted.

**Raffle Quilt:** Members were reminded that tickets are available and each member should participate in ticket sales. Members were also asked to participate in identifying potential locations for selling tickets. Angie Peele mentioned the possibility of the Archdale Chamber of Commerce, which she will contact.

**Charity Quilts:** In order to encourage participation in the charity quilt efforts, members who make a charity quilt or longarmers who quilt a charity quilt before December31 will be entered in a drawing for a basket of quilters’ supplies.

**Other Discussion:** Janet asked the members to give some thought to their perception of and expectations for the guild. She will be putting a survey together in the coming months and asking for feedback.

**UFOs:**

* Becki Bostick
* Susan Pierce
* Sue Bino
* Cindi Sullivan

**Show and Tell:**

* Gail Lawson
* Alicia Carter
* Lori Reiffer

**Program:**

Cindi Sullivan introduced the three instructors for the round robin learning stations:

* Janet Wells demonstrated faux piping binding.
* Becki Bostick demonstrated quilting with rulers.
* Sherri Fields demonstrated paper piecing.

**Silent Auction:** As announced in the newsletter, items that were donated for the quilt show were sold via silent auction at the meeting. Bidding was open both before the meeting and for a period of time after the meeting before the winners were announced. Items that did not receive bids will be available for bids at the September meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m. by Janet Wells

In the absence of Wendy Clagg, the minutes are respectfully submitted by Marty Smith, Vice President

**Treasurer, Theressa Smith –**

Theressa will send the Treasurer’s Report to Janet Wells each month and Janet will email it to the members. We have to wait each month for the bank statement and it is often not received by the 1st of the month, when this newsletter goes out to guild members.

**Programs, Becki Bostick and Cindi Sullivan –**

September -

Kathleen Baden will be presenting a trunk show of her quilts.  Kathleen has been teaching locally for over 25 years.  She loves beginners because they believe everything she tells them!   Applique is her first love and she will have some examples of her latest projects.   She has watched the world of quilting change over the last 30 years, and values the community of makers that all accomplish so much together.  Don't miss this informative presentation - you will possibly learn a new use for the lowly toothpick!

October –

The Pizza Girls from Quilters Gallery will present their ever-changing trunk show.  They will have the list of their classes for the remainder of the year, which are taught near their homes in Iredell County.

November –

Bonnie Shropshire from Surry County.

UFO Challenge--Don't forget to work on your UFOs.  We only have a short time left this year to get these projects done and off our lists!  Bring your latest project(s) to show in **OCTOBER**.

**Fall Retreat, Facebook, and Education, Sherri Fields –** No report.

**Fund-raising, Susan Pierce –**

I want to thank all those who bid on the raffle items at the August guild meeting.  The winning bidders took home some really nice items.  Total made from the silent auction: $699.00

**Charity Quilts, Pam Sadler –**

Hope all quilters had a safe summer and plenty of time to think about the Charity Quilts program.   As you know, in December after one and half years, I will be passing the torch to someone else.  Come see me if you or a group are willing to chair the program.   Last month we had 21 quilts to be delivered to the cancer center.  Catherine Berry has done great job taking quilts to the center for us.

Don’t forget every person turning in a finished quilt gets a chance for drawing of a gift basket in December.  Long-armers also get chance for every quilt they longarm.   Thanks to everyone who saved UPC labels on Hobbs batting.  We were able to purchase two rolls of batting.  Don’t forget, on September 12 we start sewing at church again around 12:00 noon. Hope to see you there.

**Reminders concerning Charity Quilts:**

**Please use only 100% cotton fabric.**

No needle-turn appliqué, monofilament or nylon thread. Also, no fringe edging or dangling ornamentation. These could get tangled in medical equipment or fingernails.

Quilts should be lap size. The recommended size range is 48”-68” wide by 52”-78” tall.

How to prepare your quilt top and backing for quilting if you’re handing it off to be quilted:

TOP:

* Should be well pressed.
* Mark the Top Edge of your quilt by pinning a note to it. (What you want to be the top as opposed to the bottom.)
* Clip any trailing threads from the back as these may shadow through to the front of the quilt.
* Check for open seams and repair as necessary.

BORDERS:

* To eliminate wavy borders and to ensure no pleats or tucks in the border of the finished quilt, measure both sides and the center of the quilt top and take the average of the three measurements to get the length for the borders.

BACKING:

* Should measure a minimum of 8" longer and wider than your quilt top. This is to allow for the back to be properly attached to the longarm. (Ex: if your top measures 60 x 70 then your back should measure 68 x 78.)
* Should be well pressed with edges straight and square (90 degree corners).
* The top and bottom of the backing definitely need to be straight and square for loading onto the longarm machine.
* If you piece your back, the preferred direction (providing that you have sufficient fabric) for the seam is horizontal (side to side/parallel to the top and bottom). Horizontal seams provide for better tension when loading the backing between the front and back rollers on the longarm machine.
* Mark the top edge of your backing by pinning a note to it. This will help to make sure that the top of the quilt is matched with the top of the back.
* If you have a seam in the backing, remove the selvage edge from the seam. Because the selvage is more tightly woven than the rest of the fabric, it will react differently to the quilting and washing.

LABELS:

* Be sure to add a label before handing off the quilt for quilting (or quilting the quilt if you are quilting it yourself)
* Trim the label 1/8” outside outer line of label. DO NOT FOLD the sides of the label. This makes a very thick seam around the edge of the label which may cause needle breakage on the longarm machine.
* Trim the label 1/8” outside outer line of label using Steam a Seam-type product, and working on one side at a time, cut a length of fusible product and pin to back of label, overlapping at corners Measure 12” in from either side of back, and 12” up from bottom on that same corner; place a pin at this point Place bottom left corner of label at the pin and fuse with iron
* Use narrow zigzag or satin stitch and stitch around the label

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**Upcoming Shows –**

**Asheville Quilt Show**

**Friday, September 27, 2019 9 AM - Sunday 29, 4:30 PM**



$7.00

**WNC Ag Center, Davis Event Center  
761 Boylston Highway, Fletcher, North Carolina, 28732**

**Twin Rivers Quilt Show**

**Friday, October 25, 2019 9 AM - Saturday 26, 4:30 PM**



$10.00

**New Bern Convention Center  
203 South Front Street, New Bern, North Carolina, 28560**

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**Attachments –**

Respectfully submitted,

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