



# UpCountry Quilters Guild

## Newsletter

Volume XXX, October 2023



### Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
at 7:00 pm

Pickens Presbyterian Church  
311 W. Main St.  
Pickens, SC 29671

### October Birthday

Gayle Duncan

15<sup>th</sup>



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## **President's Notes – Beth Eastman**

What a wonderful picnic we had. Wish all of you could have come. There were games played, lots of verbal conversations, and lastly, lots of food to eat. We had a great time.

Well, the quilt show is only 8 days away. I feel like it is getting a little easier, but then something else comes up, or someone needs to have a question answered. It has definitely been an experience. I want to thank all of the people that have worked hard and all of you that will be busy helping with setting it up on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Remember, we need everyone there to help.

Janice and I have worked together to put all of the quilts/sewed items in the show in a database. We will be handing out a sheet at the October meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> that will show you the judge's comments. It is always interesting to watch the judging. I always hear people don't want to put quilts in the show because they don't think they are good enough. I always looked at it as a way to improve my quilting. We have some really excellent quilters in this group, which means you may not of gotten a ribbon, but the judge's comments will tell you what you need to improve on and even could tell you that your quilt was really good too. We quilt because we love it, not just for ribbons.

Can't wait til the 12<sup>th</sup> because I'm ready to get this show on. Tell all of your relatives, friends, and whoever to come and see our beautiful quilts.

## **Vice Presidents' Notes – Cheryl Budnaitis & Kris VanReken**

We had a beautiful night for a fall picnic at Table Rock State Park. We enjoyed good company, wonderful food and games. It was fun meeting the spouses and family of some of our members. A great time was had by all!

Our October meeting will be a discussion of the judging results and evaluation of the quilt show process. Please bring suggestions of what went well and what we can improve for next time. We are asking the quilt show chairs to write a brief report on their roles so we can pass that on to the next chairs in 2025. Will also discuss board positions so be prepared for nominations (and volunteering:!).

We will again be combining the Nov/Dec meeting and moving the date and location to Tuesday December 5th at the Grace United Methodist Church. This church is located behind the 1st Baptist on 309 E. Cedar Rock Road. Parking is around the back (between the churches) along with the entrance door. The Fellowship Hall is straight ahead from the entrance. More details regarding the Christmas party and festivities will be available at the October meeting.

## **Minutes of September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Meeting – Donna Anderson**

No meeting notes due to Picnic.

## **Membership – Mary Pruitt**

The October meeting was our annual guild picnic! Lots of really good food and conversation. We had 19 members there as well as 8 significant others. It was a really good time!

## **Publicity/Public Relations – (OPEN Position)**

This is an open position that Jean Gardiner has graciously been assisting in distributing information and flyers for both the quilt show and the guild. Friday October 6th, we will set up the tent to sell tickets for the Presentation Quilt at the Friday Doodle Market from 5pm - 8pm in Pickens at the Doodle Trail head. We have enough people to work the booth but if you are out and about that night, stop by to see us and check out the market!

As part of our public relations, The UpCountry Quilters Guild displays quilts at the Pickens Chamber of Commerce and the Clemson Extension Office. We have recently received a call from the Table Rock Lake State Park asking us to resume hanging a quilt in their visitor center. So we will need 3 quilts for each quarterly rotation. This is a great way of letting people know our craft by viewing these quilts at the 3 centers. The quilts do not have to be perfect, just lovingly created. Any size is welcome (Throw, Twin, Full or Queen), although the Table Rock site is great for a larger size quilt. The quilts do need to have the standard 4" size hanging sleeve. We also need a brief write up about the quilt to post at the site. Sign up sheet will be available at the October meeting.

September/October/November

1. Jean Gardiner
2. Jean Gardiner

December/January/February

1. Stacey Thompson
2. Beth Eastman
3. Beth Eastman

March/April/May - open

June/July/August - open

## 🎃Community Service – Carol Avery🎃

Kentucky tornado victims are still in need of quilts, and we have chosen this for our Community Service project this year. Ralphie Nix asked that we quilt our own quilts before giving them to her as she has so many to quilt at this time. Continue to make quilts as another truck will be going to the area in a few months. Also, batting is available for quilting.

They need:

- Crib Size children's (45" x 60") [3 Yard Quilts | Quilt Patterns & Books | Fabric Cafe](#) will work for this category. There are many free patterns on this website, and they take 1 yd of 3 different fabrics for the quilt top and 3 yards for backing.
- Twin Sizes 72" x 90"
- Queen size 90" x 108"

Also, if you would like to repurpose a quilt by donating to Kentucky, please make sure to take any labels off.

## 🎃Tea and Sympathy – Edith Page🎃

Please send any prayer or praise request to Edith.

## 🎃Block of the Month (BOM)🎃

Please contact Andrea Conner at [andreaconner@gmail.com](mailto:andreaconner@gmail.com) if you have not received your box back.

## 🎃Oconee/Pickens County QOV/ Sit-N-Sew – Beth Eastman🎃

QOV sewing will happen this month on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sit-N-Sew will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Bring what you want to work on or continue on QOV sewing your working on.

Come and join us on either day from 9 am to 4 pm and bring your own lunch. We look forward to seeing you there.

## 🎃Handwork Group🎃

**No Meeting this Month!**

# 🎃 Judging of Quilts 🎃



## 🎃 Quilt Show 🎃

2023 Quilt Show Chairs	
Quilt Show Chair	Beth Eastman
Booklet	Janice Hinson
Boutique	Carol Clanton
Consignment	Carol Avery & Kris VanReken
Challenge Quilt	Donna Anderson
Floor Setup	Linda Cassell, Donna Anderson, & Cheryl Budnaitis
Food	Wanda Adams
Judging	Linda Cassell
Presentation Quilt	Gail Sexton
Publicity	Cindy Oliver & Jean Gardiner
Raffle Baskets	Mary Pruitt, and Stacey Thompson
Reception Desk	Jean Gardiner
Ribbons	Beth Eastman and Andrea Conner
Second Time Around	Kay McKinney and Edith Page
Take Down	Donna Anderson & Stacey Thompson

### **Boutique News:**

In order to promote the boutique at the quilt show, members are encouraged to bring and show samples of their sale items to inspire others to contribute items too. It will also allow boutique coordinators to see what will be available in our shop during the show.

### **Consignment News:**

Please print your consignment forms from our website or newsletter. If you have any questions on how to fill out the forms or mark your items, please email me [Fouraverys@aol.com](mailto:Fouraverys@aol.com) or call/text 864-373-1217. Please use the tags that the guild purchased for the consignment items. They will be available at check in desk at August meeting.

All forms and items will be turned in to me on set-up day at the Mill. Members will get 80% of proceeds from these items and guild will get 20%. Examples: tables, quilts, larger items. If those items don't sell, members will have to pick those items up at the end of show.

Attached at the end of this newsletter is a Consignment Inventory Form. More information is attached at the bottom of the form on how to fill out the form and if you need tags please contact Carol Avery.

## 🎃October 2023 Events🎃

**10/4/23**                      **Wednesday**                      **Hand Quilting Group 9am - 11am**

Location: Hagood Community Center, 129 Schoolhouse Street, Pickens

Small group meeting every Wednesday (October 4, 11, 18, 25) to hand quilt on a stationary frame. Current project: Floral 3-yard quilt, Pattern from The Fabric Cafe books. Anyone with an interest in hand quilting is welcome!

**10/10/23**                      **Tuesday**                      **Sewing Bee**                      **9am - 4pm**

Location: Hagood Community Center, 129 Schoolhouse Street, Pickens

Group meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Members work on individual or charity projects as well as mini workshops on techniques or patterns as requested. Bring your lunch and join us for a fun-filled day! **\*\*\*October - FUN DAY bring your own project - doesn't have to be sewing related!!! Treats and M&M's available for consumption.**

**No Meeting**                      **Thursday**                      **Handwork group**                      **1:30pm - 3:30pm**

Location: Grace United Methodist Church, 309 E. Cedar Road, Pickens

**\*\*\*\*\*NO MEETING THIS MONTH\*\*\*\*\***

Small group meeting on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Members work on individual handwork projects (Applique, Quilting, Knitting, Crochet among other projects).

**10/20/23**                      **Friday**                      **Quilt of Valor**                      **9am - 4pm**

Location: Dacusville Community Center, 2671 Earls Bridge Road, Dacusville

QOV members meet on the 3rd Friday of every month. Members work on creating beautiful patriotic quilts for veterans of Pickens and Oconee counties.

**10/24/23**                      **Tuesday**                      **Upcountry Quilt Guild**                      **3pm - 7pm**

Location: **First Presbyterian Church Pickens**

Program: Discussion of quilt show and evaluation.

**10/27/23**                      **Friday**                      **QOV Sit and Sew**                      **9am - 4pm**

Location: Dacusville Community Center, 2671 Earls Bridge Road, Dacusville

QOV members are welcome to use the Dacusville Community Center to work on individual projects or continue their progress on QOV quilts. Bring your lunch!

## **Other programs of interest:**

### **Carnival of Quilts - 24th Annual Aunt Het Quilt Show**

Location: Fountain Inn Activities Center  
610 Fairview Street, Fountain Inn, SC 29644

Hours: Friday, October 6 1PM - 4PM  
Saturday October 7 9AM - 4PM  
Sunday October 8 12 Noon - 4PM

Admission: General \$5.00

**Quilters of South Carolina** 10/19-22/23 Myrtle Beach, SC. [quiltersofsc.org](http://quiltersofsc.org)

### **Mystery Quilt Alongs**

#### **Project Linus 2023 Mystery Quilt Challenge (\$20)**

[projectlinus.org/contest](http://projectlinus.org/contest)

Mystery Quilt Challenge started 9/23/23 and continues for 8 weeks (you can still register and participate in this challenge and receive all the previous clues). The “Big reveal” is 11/11/23.

By following the weekly clues, quilters of various levels of expertise will be given detailed instructions - accompanied by instructional videos - as they complete a child-size quilt.

#### **Sulky Threads 2023 Sulky Mystery Quilt (\$19.99)**

[blog.sulky.com/mystery-quilt-along-with-ashley-hough/](http://blog.sulky.com/mystery-quilt-along-with-ashley-hough/)

Lesson access and 1st block tutorial begins 10/6/23; lessons continue every week in October

What you will learn:

1. How to piece together 3 quilt blocks featured in the Mystery Quilt, using FPP (foundation paper piecing) methods
2. How to work with Sulky Paper Solvy
3. How to assemble the full-size quilt
4. How to choose threads for different quilting options

### **Fall and Holiday Markets and Festivals Season Starting!!**

Market at the Mill Fall Craft Fair - free to the public

Oct 7th 8am - 4pm

225 Pumpkintown Hwy, Pickens

Holly Springs Center Holiday in the Hills

Nov 4th 10am - 4pm

120B Holly Springs School Road, Pickens



## 🎃UpCountry Quilters Guild 2023 Programs🎃

October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Set up at the Market at the Mill
October 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup>	UCQG Quilt Show
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Discussion of Judges scores and results New Board Member Nominations
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Potluck and Christmas Party (Nov/Dec meeting)

## 🎃2024 Retreat – Kris VanReken🎃

The guild's Spring Sew-In 2024 will be held March 7 – 9<sup>th</sup> at Grace United Methodist Church in Pickens. I'll be actively recruiting help for the committee at the October guild meeting. I welcome ideas to help make our time together memorable and of course fun. Please mark your calendars.

## 🎃Miscellaneous🎃

### 🎃Go Cutter – Rent it for \$10 a week🎃

Not much interest in the Go Cutter. If you need instructions on how to use the machine, Beth Eastman ([RightCoastSis@ATT.Net](mailto:RightCoastSis@ATT.Net)) will be glad to work with you at her house. Beth will also bring the cutter and dies to guild meeting.

The GO! Qube Mix & Match 12" Block includes eight Go! Dies, two cutting mats, an instructional DVD.

- GO! Dies included (with quilt shape number)
- GO! Square – 6 ½" (6" Finished)
- GO! Square – 3 ½" (3" Finished)
- GO! Half Square Triangle – 6" Finished Square
- GO! Quarter Square Triangle – 6" Finished Square
- GO! Half Square Triangle – 3" Finished Square
- GO! Square on Point – 4 ¾" (4 ¼" Finished)
- GO! Parallelogram 45° - 3 11/16" x 4 15/16"  
(3" x 4 ¼" Finished)




# October

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## Quilt Guild Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Sewing Bee @ Hagood Comm. Center	11	12 Quilt Show Setup	13 Quilt Show	14 Quilt Show
15  Gayle Duncan	16	17	18	19	20 Quilt of Valor @ Dacusville	21
22	23	24 UQG Meeting @ Presbyterian Church	25	26	27 Sit'N'Sew @ Dacusville	28
29	30	31				