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# Swamp Fox Quilters

You are invited to an Open House  
for Quilters  
Official Quilts of Valor House  
Harry Rayson Drive  
St. Matthews, SC 29135  
Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016  
2-4 PM



Quilt by Lorene Arnette

## A Note from Your President:

With the coming of cool weather we enter the busiest and most fun time of the year. Halloween is behind us, but now the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays lie ahead, and what fun plans we have for those! We held a most successful Christmas Bazaar where 5 rooms of pretty handmade items as well as delicious baked goods were displayed for all to bid on. We certainly owe Wanda and Beth a tremendous thanks for all that they did to make this event such a success. Also during the meeting, we enjoyed a special surprise when we helped Tish celebrate her 75th birthday. The refreshments supplied by Tish added to the celebration that was topped off with the presentation of a "slime green" quilt that some members had gotten together and made for her.

We continue preparing for the December luncheon when we get together during workday to wrap the Tummy Time quilts that we have been working on this year. Come on out and help us with the wrapping! We will deliver them at our December 1st meeting. Don't forget to bring a covered dish for the luncheon which begins at 11:00 that day. We will begin to eat at 11:30. If you have a quilt stand or rack and a holiday quilt, please bring it to help lend an air of festivity to the meeting. Also I promise a surprise at this meeting!!!! (In addition, don't forget to pay your dues at this meeting so that you can be included in the membership list.)

Here's to our December meeting and to closing out this year. It has been one of fun classes, demonstrations, and gatherings. We have learned from each other and have grown as quilters. With pride we can say, "I am a Swamp Fox quilter!"

"My problem isn't that I buy too much fabric.  
My problem is that I shop faster than I sew."  
Frances



Some of the goodies offered at the Christmas Bazaar; Frances busy at work in the Heather Tighe class.

**Financial Statement for  
October 2016**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Swamp Fox Quilt Guild  
November 3, 2016**

**Operating Activities:**

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Net Income                  | \$-421.60 |
| Net Cash provided by        |           |
| Operating Activities        | -421.60   |
| Net cash increase for month | -421.60   |
| Cash at beginning of period | 3,645.12  |

**Cash at end of period 3223.52**

**Reconciled Bank Balance**

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| October 2016 | \$3260.98 |
|--------------|-----------|

**Income:**

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Magazine Subscriptions | \$30.00         |
| Burn Center Donations  | 10.00           |
| Dues                   | 20.00           |
| Raffle Quilts          | 20.00           |
| Class & Kit Fees       | 275.00          |
| Name Tags              | 2.30            |
| Library                | 3.00            |
| <b>Total Income</b>    | <b>\$345.30</b> |

**Expenses for October:**

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| QSC Door Prize basket  | \$32.44         |
| Magazine Subscriptions | 30.00           |
| Newsletter             | 33.00           |
| Programs               | 664.00          |
| Photos                 | 22.46           |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>  | <b>\$781.90</b> |

**Net Loss (436.66)**

**Chairpersons for 2016**

Opportunity Quilt: Ray Vance, Timi Bronson

Block of the Month: Lorene Arnette

Community Service: Harry Sue Cockfield

Correspondence: Sara Simons

Historian: Naomi Narita

Library: Bonnie Marsee/ Pam Bishop

Membership: Rita Studdard

Newsletter: Harriett Whitlock

Website: Patti Hayes

Public Relations: Lorene Arnette

QSC Liaison: Karen Kirkland

Workday: Susan Rayment

President Frances Kelley called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. She welcomed the members and guests present for the Christmas Bazaar and explained that the business part of the meeting would take place between the two bidding times and the tallying of the results.

**Membership:** Rita Studdard reported there were 47 members present and 4 guests.

**Treasurer Report:** Due to Timi's absence, Frances gave the report. Income for the month was \$345.30, expenses were \$781.90 leaving a current balance of \$3,260.98.

Frances asked if there were any additions or corrections to the October minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

**Newsletter:** Harriett Whitlock stated a mistake in the newsletter naming member as Suzy Parker in one of the show and tell pictures. It should have read Suzy Walker. She reminded members to turn in their profiles.

Frances announced a slate of officers was presented at the October meeting. The Nominating Committee is nominating the following officers: Frances Kelley, President; Karen Kirkland, Vice President; Elaine Holmes, Secretary; Timi Bronson, Treasurer. She then asked if there were any nominations from the floor, there being none she asked for a motion to accept the nominations. A motion was made and seconded to accept the nominations by acclamation. The motion passed.

**2107 Challenge:** Jonnie Britton reminded members that the theme is "Granny's Quilt Today." No restrictions on size; however, no wearable will be allowed.

**Workday:** Frances reminded everyone that workday will be devoted to wrapping the tummy time quilts for the Nurse-Family Partnership. Workday will be held in the old meeting room at the other end of the building.

Break for silent bidding.

Susan Rayment reported that the donation of fabric from the lady in Manning is on the back table. A thank you note will be sent.

**QSC:** Frances reported that good time was had by all at the fall retreat. Our donation basket was the Grand Prize and she read a letter from the winner expressing her delight. Frances thanked everyone who contributed to the basket and a special thanks to Harriett Whitlock for putting it together. Frances also reminded members that QSC has three events during the year. The Spring Meeting will be held in Aiken, SC, in March. Then there is the Sew into Spring event and the Fall Retreat at White Oak. Membership is \$20.00 a year.

Frances asked for a report the McLeod Farm event. Elaine Holmes stated that she, Joan Goodsell, Rita Tompkins and Lauri Winburn represented the Guild. It was cold.

Break for Silent bidding.

Frances announced that Wanda Moody will chair the Christmas Luncheon. Members were asked to bring a covered dish. REMINDER THE LUNCHEON WILL BEGIN AT 11:00 with a brief meeting and installation of officers following the luncheon. Frances also reminded members that dues should be paid in December so that a new membership list can be made available at the February meeting.

**Show and Tell:** 23 members participated. Submitted by Elaine Holmes, Secretary

Tish sends her heartfelt thanks for the lovely quilt that she received from you. She is proudly displaying it on her antique bed and says it fits perfectly! And it's "slime green!"





### November Workday

Our November workday will be devoted to wrapping the Tummy Time quilts to give away at the December meeting. For those interested in sewing during Workday, please feel free to bring whatever project you are working on and continue your sewing here. See you then!



### Membership News

We have no changes in our membership list this month.

Please don't forget to pay your dues by the December meeting!



### Block of the Month: December Christmas Roses

For those of you who did not receive a sheet of instructions for the December block, Elaine will have some extras at workday. Because you will need the template to complete the block, the instructions have not been included here.

### Refreshments

Our refreshments for December will be provided by all! Bring a covered dish to the meeting and let's dig in and enjoy one another's food. If bringing a dish is difficult for you, come anyway, because, as Frances said, there's plenty for all!



### FOR SALE

**For Sale:**  
Sweet Sixteen  
Sit-Down  
Quilter.  
Excellent

condition. Bought last year on sale for \$5200. Asking \$4600. Includes table, super slider, bobbin winder, bobbins, needles, thread. Great machine, very low stitch count. Pick up or we can work out a meeting somewhere. With Pick up we will teach you how to use it.

Contact Sharon Wolff 843-703-0382 or Tracey Gross 843-910-6405

**For sale:** Janome Horizon 12000 Sewing and Embroidery machine.

Perfect condition (I upgraded). Has 4 hoops and about 400 sewing stitches. \$3000 or best price. Bought in 2013.

Carol Ann Hobbs 304-813-1262

Sew and Tell: Some of the items displayed during our "Sew and Tell" this month

We were all charmed by the star ornament that Carol Lindler showed us during Sew and Tell. The website listed below has a complete tutorial for the construction of this lovely star. Thanks, Carol, for sharing the star your daughter made! I'm sorry that we don't have a photo of you holding the ornament so that we could see the work.

[Holiday Ornament: Fabric Moravian Star, Sewing Tutorial](http://betzwhite.com/2011/12/fabric-star-ornament-tutorial.html) by [Betz White](#)

Start off with 4 rectangles of fabric measuring about 3" wide by 14" long. Press them in half lengthwise creating a center fold. Open the fold then fold the raw edges to meet at the center. Then refold the center fold and press once more. You'll end up with 4 strips with the raw edges neatly enclosed inside.



Fold each strip in half and lay them out. You'll need to have them alternate so that each strip is both inside and outside the fold of each other. I'm not sure of a better way to say that, but they need to interlock with each other.

Next, snug them up by sliding them towards the center. Now you'll take each top strip and fold it back over the center square, one at a time. Start with the right one, as shown. Next fold down the top strip, then the left strip, then for the last strip...you'll tuck it under the first strip (right) and pull it snugly to lock it all together.

Now we have the main part done and we'll start on the points! Fold the top right strip as shown: at a 45 degree angle to the right, and then down.

Next, you'll fold that strip back onto itself so create a point. I used a small binder clip to hold it snugly while I did the next step. If you've got a bodkin (or even tweezers, I suppose would work!) you'll want to use it for the next step. Slide the bodkin under the cross strip located below the point you just made. Clamp it onto the end of

the working strip and pull it through. The binder clip has kept the point folded neatly while the bodkin has hopefully made it easier to weave in that strip without loosening up the whole square. Continue, making all 8 points and weaving in the strip ends. Now the main construction is done! You'll need sharp scissors to trim off the excess strips, as close as possible to the edge of the cross strip that they were woven under. I think it helps to slightly bend the ornament in half to get my scissors in really close! The last step is to make the hanger loop. Thread a heavy needle with some embroidery floss and make a few stitches through the top between a set of points.

The tutorial complete with photos is on the internet: <http://betzwhite.com/2011/12/fabric-star-ornament-tutorial.html>

### Examples of projects begun at the QSC Fall Retreat



### Some of the quilts shown during Sew and Tell



### 2017 Challenge

Our 2017 Challenge theme is "Granny's Block Today." You will use a vintage or traditional block(s) for your challenge, but interpret it with a modern twist. To give your entry an updated or more modern look, you may want a layout with lots of white space, or use modern prints or colors (maybe batiks), or a contemporary layout. Please add a sketch of the original block along with a paragraph about your choice and how you used it to create your challenge. No wearables, no size restrictions. We want to see Challenge Quilts from every member at the Hartsville Museum next June!

Questions? Contact us!

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Rosemary Carroll



The last 3 photos are examples of the fabric baskets made in the Heather Tighe class

# SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS

**Linda Smiley**

Joined 2016



I am Linda Smiley. I made my first quilt about 27 years ago for my daughter, Lindsay's, first Christmas. It was from a panel and hand-quilted. I have tried to make her a special keepsake every year for Christmas. I became more interested in quilts when my mother moved into our home. I had many hours that I needed to be home to help her. This allowed me to have a creative outlet and make pretty and useful items for my family and friends. My favorite quilts are block of the month. I love the ways the colors and patterns come together. I don't have a particular style or color that is my favorite. Whatever strikes me for a particular quilt is what I use. I am enjoying free motion quilting on my domestic machine. I find it to be very relaxing to create new patterns. I have done many types of crafts from knitting, crocheting, cross-stitch, scrapbooking, and card making. I have been married for 20 years to my husband Peete. I have 3 step-children in the Raleigh area and my daughter in Spartanburg. We moved to Florence 13 years ago when Peete retired from the Army Reserves. I have worked as an RN in critical care for 27 years. I am not currently working. Most of my family lives in the Pittsburgh area. My husband is from NC. We met in Spartanburg and have lived in SC, TX, and PA. We came to Florence as our retirement area. My mother is now a resident at the Presbyterian Community. My husband and I do a lot of antiquing. We have a booth at Fleur-de-Lis in Hartsville. I put many vintage sewing items in my booth. I am involved with many activities in Women in Ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Florence. I am very happy to finally have the opportunity to join the Swamp Fox Quilters. I love seeing everyone's creations!!

**Peggy O'Quinn**

Joined 2000



I have been a member of Swamp Fox Guild since 2000. My skills were not of a quality, but with help from my friends I have learned to do art quilts. My family comes from Darlington County, SC. After my husband retired from USAF, we returned to Darlington Co. where we now live on my father's farm. I am now a full time quilter after my work is finished.

**Margarete Rita Brooks Tompkins**

Joined a few years ago



I grew up on the beach on Long Island and the beach still tugs at my heart. I was married for 34 years and have two grown children Jesse and Terra and 6 grandchildren who I collectively call the grandies. Only one, Sophia, has the sewing calling and I travel to sew with her. During my childhood I was surrounded by fabrics and sewing machines and learned about sewing machines at an early age. Though my parents had a Down Quilt and Upholstery Shop and I learned quite a lot about sewing, sewing machines and fabrics, I am actually rather a novice at quilting and love taking classes to learn new techniques and get inspiration. I graduated from Francis Marion College in my early thirties, taught in the Darlington School District and retired about 6 years ago. I have lived in the Florence Darlington area for over 45 years. After retirement, I joined Swamp Fox, encouraged by my friend Donna Chapman. I have worked for Swamp Fox Quilters in several capacities including secretary and two times for the Swamp Fox Quilt Show in Hartsville. I enjoy doing art quilts, beading and doll making and love to learn about quilting. I enjoy talking with other quilters and learning from them. My favorite quilt is a McKenna Ryan Quilt of different beach scenes that I enjoy looking at as I go to sleep each night.

**Marie McIntyre**

Joined recently



I started quilting about 8 years ago. I am not a perfectionist, but I love making things. My husband and I have 6 children and 13 grandkids. I cook Sunday dinner for us at least three times a month. I love country quilts and table runners.

**Nancy Cooper**

Joined Recently



I started quilting in the 1990's. I was first introduced by a co-worker. This is the only pastime I have not abandoned. My favorites are the old classics. I am married with 4 children and 2 step-children, 15+ grandchildren. I am a retired nurse. Other activities I enjoy are outdoor activities and gardening. I love vacation ing in the mountains or at the seashore, especially the Outer Banks.

The 4 Ritas: Rita Nuckles, Rita Tompkins, Rita Milizia, and Rita Studdard

The Heather Tighe class

Elaine quilting at McLeod Farms

