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# Swamp Fox Quilters

April showers bring May flowers: Enjoy the blooms around you.

## A Note from Your President:

As the flowers show their colors in May, Swamp Fox Quilters showed their colors with the Basket Lattice pattern. Susan Congdon's class on Friday was fun, and the quilts were all so different. It is amazing how different color combinations can change the look of a quilt.

Susan's lecture on purses and totes Thursday was inspirational. I hope to see lots of them in the future SEW and TELLS. Our next Friday class is in August. For those of you who have never joined us for a Friday class, you may want to try one; the next one is in August. These classes give us the wonderful opportunity to have a class in our own environment and the chance to work with a specific pattern, led by the visiting teacher. The August class will be taught by Patti Cline and is \$25.

I am looking forward to our next meeting in the Hartsville Museum with our challenge quilts. We will gather at 10 AM in order to peruse the quilts and vote on our favorites before we adjourn to our luncheon at the Hartsville Country Club. I hope to see all of you there!

Frances



### Some of Susan Condon's favorite sources for bag patterns:

[www.lazygirldesigns.com](http://www.lazygirldesigns.com)  
[www.sewdemented.com](http://www.sewdemented.com)  
[www.atkinsondesigns.com](http://www.atkinsondesigns.com) (great zipper instructions)  
[www.stichinsis.com](http://www.stichinsis.com) (Snap Happy, I'd Be Quiltin')  
[www.etsy.com/shop/zipit](http://www.etsy.com/shop/zipit) (tremendous selection of zippers at wholesale prices)  
[www.Indygojunction.com](http://www.Indygojunction.com) (Bella Bag, Country Tote)

## Financial Statement for April 2016

### Operating Activities:

Net Income	\$227.73
Net Cash provided by	
Operating Activities	227.73
Net cash increase for month	227.73
Cash at beginning of period	5,246.81

**Cash at end of period**      **5,474.54**

### Reconciled Bank Balance

4/30/2016      \$5474.54

### Income for April:

Annual luncheon	294.00
Class fees and kits	350.00
Name Tags	1.25
Library	3.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>648.25</b>

### Expenses for April:

Supplies	7.97
Newsletter	34.00
Program Travel	152.90
Program	200.00
Photos	25.65
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>420.52</b>

**Net Income for April**      **\$227.73**

### Shared Tips

From Nancy Wright: Use a self-threading needle to bury threads as you go while quilting. Nancy says this method saves her time by not having to go back and address dozens of threads once the quilting is finished. Thanks, Nancy!

### Supplies for June Workday

Susan Rayment will be leading a class of steno pad covers for our June Workshop

20" X 7" fabric for cover  
20" X 7" piece of batting  
2- 16" X 7" fabric for pockets  
18" X 7" fabric for lining  
7.5" X 2.5" strip for tabs  
6" X 9" steno pad  
pen with clip  
Machine  
Sewing supplies

## Minutes from the May 5, 2016, Meeting

President Frances Kelley called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. She welcomed Martha Herbert back from her long absence. Frances read a thank you note from Kristen Miller and Susan Bailey from the Nurse and Family Partnership thanking the guild for deciding to donate tummy quilts to their clients.

**Treasurer's Report:** Timi Bronson reported income for the month of \$648.25, expenses of \$420.52 and current balance of \$5,474.54. Timi has packets of tickets for the 2017 Opportunity Quilt. Members were asked to check their name on the sheet when they take a packet.

Frances reported that there were technical difficulties getting the April minutes to some members. Harriett Whitlock asked any member that did not receive a copy to notify her and she will mail a copy out to them.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

**Community:** Frances reminded members that the Guild is making tummy quilts for mothers with new babies. Quilts should be approximately 40 and 42 inches.

**2016 Challenge:** Joan Goodsell reported only 23 quilts have been turned in for the challenge. If some members have a quilt they were not able to turn in today, they can turn the quilt in at workday along with the proper paperwork. She asked members to get to the Hartsville Museum at 10:00 am on June 2<sup>nd</sup> so that voting and presentation of ribbons can be completed in time to get to the luncheon.

**Library:** Frances Kelley won the drawing.

**QSC:** Karen Kirkland announced that the Fall Retreat will be held October 20, 21, 22, 2016. Check in will be Wednesday evening October 19.

**Workday:** Susan Rayment reported that Rita Studdard will teach a class on mug rugs. The class will be held in the big room (where monthly meeting is held). June workday will include a class on note book covers.

**Block of the Month:** Lorene Arnette explained the block for June. It is "Something Old, Something New Something Borrowed, and Something Blue." You may use any color you want, but you must also use some blue. Though there is no meeting in July, if members would like to make a 12 1/2 (unfinished) block using red, white, and blue fabrics, the blocks will be used in a Quilt of Valor. Jonnie Britton won the blocks this month.

Vice President Wanda Moody introduced Susan Congdon who presented a trunk show on bags.

Frances presented Susan Congdon a thank you gift which was made by Harriett Whitlock. Frances reminded members of programs for upcoming months. August- Quilters Gallery, Patti Cline will give a program at meeting and then teach a class on Friday. Cost will be \$25.00. September Rita Studdard will do a chenille demonstration. October Heather Tighe will do a trunk show and teach a class on Friday.

Wanda Moody reported information she has gotten so far on a day trip to the Asheville NC quilt show.

The cost for the bus will be approximately \$53.00 per person. She asked for a show of hands of members interested. She will continue to contact other vendors and give update at next meeting.

Prize winners this month included Susan Chinich, Jonnie Britton, Gwynanne Sawyer, Rita Nuckles, Ed Valentin and Joan Goodsell.

Show and Tell: 11 members participated.

Submitted by Elaine Holmes, Secretary

### Chairpersons for 2016

**2016 Challenge:** Joan Goodsell,  
Martha Herbert

**2017 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

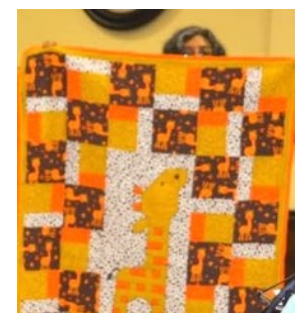
**Website:** Leah Malasky

**Public Relations:** Lorene Arnette

**QSC Liaison:** Karen Kirkland

**Workday:** Susan Rayment





## Membership News

This month we welcome two new members to our guild:

Brenda Gregg  
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Lois (Susie) Moody  
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Quincy, SC 29506  
910-318-5092

Welcome, ladies! We're glad you're a part of our group!

## April Workday

At our last Workday Beth Twedell completed her series of Basic Sewing Skills. Thank you, Beth, for the time and effort you expended to share with us your skills.



Some of the projects displayed at the May Show and Tell: Ray Vance, Elaine Holmes, Sharon Wolff, Louise Miller, Rosemary Carr, Nancy Wright, Jane Wegner, Harriett Whitlock



## Upcoming Quilting Events

**The Quilting and Knitting Expo**  
Vendor show with shopping galore  
Next Show Dates: July 22, 23  
**Contacts** Website:  
[www.quiltersgallery.net](http://www.quiltersgallery.net)  
Email: [quiltgallery@bellsouth.net](mailto:quiltgallery@bellsouth.net)  
Phone: Patti Cline, (704) 376-2531  
Location: Jamil Shrine Center,  
206 Jamil Rd.  
Columbia, SC, 29210  
Hours: Fri 9 - 5, Sat 9 - 4  
Admission: \$6 (\$1 off coupon at the Quilter's Gallery website)

**June 21-September 6, 2016**  
Row by Row Experience  
[www.rowbyrowexperience.com](http://www.rowbyrowexperience.com)

**October 2016 TBD**  
Nimble Thimbles Quilt Guild Annual  
Aunt Het Quilt Show  
Fountain Inn Activities Center  
610 Fairview Street  
Fountain Inn, SC 29644  
[www.ntquiltguild.com](http://www.ntquiltguild.com)

## Workday: May 19, 2016

Rita Studdard will be teaching a class on mug rugs, the wonderful way to use up our scraps of batting and fabric. In class we will construct a fox mug rug. The kit is \$4.00 if still available. Bring machine and basic sewing supplies.



We were fortunate indeed to have Susan Congdon lead us through the lattice quilt. Such fun to be surrounded by talented quilters!



### Project of the Month: The Classic Pretty Little Baby Bib

Got blocks, squares or leftover fabric from a project? Turn them into this cute little bib, perhaps to match the tummy quilt you are planning. The pattern and DIY instructions are available for free from Nana Company / Pretty Little Things.

<http://nanacompany.typepad.com/nanacompany/2014/03/the-classic-pretty-little-baby-bib-pattern-diy.html>

As the designer says, "This is a great beginner sewing project and a fun quick finish for those working on bigger sewing projects who crave some instant gratification." Her website also includes a cute little ruffled bib, along with photos for inspiration.



Friday class:  
The Lattice  
Quilt



### Block of the Month

The block for June is a tribute to brides. The block can be in any design and have any color, but it must have blue somewhere in the design ( a nod to the saying "Something borrowed, something blue").

As always the block should measure 12.5 inches unfinished.

If you would like to complete a block for July, although there is no meeting that month, you may make a red, white, and blue one, any design. We will then compile the blocks turned in to construct a Quilt of Valor for a veteran.

Some of the participating April blocks filled with spring tulips are below. Congratulations, Jonnie, for winning these happy blooms. Can't wait to see the finished project!



### Snacks for Meetings

Our thanks go to Sara Simons, Jane Wegner, and Gwynanne Sawyer for the delicious snacks at our May meeting.

If you are interested in providing the snacks for the meetings, please see Judy Voss to sign up. Our next month for our regular meeting at John Calvin Church is August.

### The International Quilt Festival, Houston \*

Nov. 3-6, 2016    Classes Begin Oct. 31

124 of the quilting world's top teachers will offer classes at the 2016 Quilt Festival in Houston, including the artists Alex Anderson, Debbie Caffrey, Karen Kay Buckley, Kaffe Fassett, Ricky Tims, Paula Nadelstern, Susan Nickels, John Flynn, and David Taylor.

Information on the 500+ classes and events being offered at this year's show will be available online and in the class catalogue this summer.

\* If you haven't attended this event, put it on your bucket list!



## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS



**Bonnie Marsee**

Joined in 2013

I have never belonged to a guild, but I have always heard a lot about SFQ. Wish I had joined sooner. I like to make different kinds of quilts. I used to sew by hand, but now arthritis in my fingers has stopped that. I machine quilt mine and then my husband quilts them for me on our longarm machine. My favorite quilt would be the double wedding ring. It was the first quilt I made; it was for my granddaughter. She sleeps with it every night. We moved from Michigan in 2001. Our daughter was living here, and after coming here for winters we decided to move here. I used to teach a quilting class at Poynor School, also sewing classes. I love to cook. We enjoy meeting our 2 sons and their families over in the Smoky Mts. for vacation.

**Alice B. Hulsey**

Joined 1st in 2002

I sewed my own clothes from junior high on. With that background, I was ready to quilt. My first quilt project in 1967 was a baby quilt for a friend, then I bought a package deal for "Tree of Life." It is appliqued, embroidered, and spotted with my blood, ready to be sandwiched but not done yet. Anything can inspire me! For years I made baby quilts as my nieces and nephews were born. In 1973 my friend gave me a quilt kit to work on in Italy. I finished that quilt in time for my friend's daughter when she got married. The 1st quilts I did all the quilting by hand. Then I started quilting on my Singer. For big projects, I turn to Leah Malasky. My favorite quilt is a red, white, and blue one in tribute to my husband who passed away in 2000. It is done in blocks with white sashing. His name and other things are embroidered in the sashing. I grew up in Franklin, PA. I married my husband, George Herman Hulsey, in 1965. He was from Hartsville. We wrote each other for a year before we met. We married the next year. He was in the Air Force. We had a daughter Suzie. She is adopted (in Georgia). She is married and has one son (my favorite grandson, Clay). I taught school at N. Hartsville Elem. with Carol Lindler. I also taught in Valdosta, GA, and Franklin, PA. Retired now. We lived in Aviano, Italy, from 1973-1976. I loved it. I collect Hummels. I started when we were in Italy. My best buy was a Hummel for \$1 in a thrift shop here in Florence. My interest is anything connected to sewing and/or quilting.



**Nancy Wright**

Joined 2014

I took a class at Poynor after I retired in 2012. I found I loved it and use both my grandmother's treadle and a new machine my husband bought for me. Each quilt seems to be a learning experience as I try new techniques. I machine quilt and have even tried free motion. The guild classes have inspired me to try new techniques and patterns. The first quilt I made turned out like I wanted and was convinced to hang it at the Hartsville Museum. During a visit, my son decided he totally loved everything about the quilt and wanted to buy it!! Instead, he got a really nice Christmas present. We have 2 sons and 3 grandkids. We've lived in Illinois, Wisconsin, New Jersey, and South Carolina since 1986- our longest time in one place. We REALLY like SC winters. I grew up in the Chicago area, my husband in central Illinois. We met at SIU and the rest is history!! After 46 great years, we've decided this just might work. I also like to garden, read, and play card and board games with my hubby and fiends. We also like to travel—favorite place is Maui. We have just discovered all the neat parks in the West. Then there is Myrtle Beach.....



**Wanda Moody**

Joined in 2010

Mostly self-taught quilting until I joined SFQ and have learned many, many things. Was Workday Chairman for 4 years. Haven't made my favorite quilt yet. Married 33 years, 3 children, 7 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren. Retired Ob-Gyn nurse. I cross-stitch, crochet, needlepoint, but now mostly quilt.

