



# Swamp Fox Quilters

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### Officers for 2023

**President** Elaine Holmes

**Vice President** Beth Twedell

**Treasurer** Timi Bronson

**Secretary** Kathleen Dennis

### Committee Chairpersons for 2023

**Block of the Month** Marguerite Ewing

**Community Quilts** Ramona Eggleston

**Correspondence/Sunshine**

Carol Fleenor

**Facebook** Jonnie Britton, Timi Bronson,  
Lauri Winburn

**Holiday Bazaar** Wanda Moody

**Librarian** Connie Steudel

**Membership** Jonnie Britton

**Newsletter/Website** Teresa Reed

**Publicity Chairman** Lorene Arnette

**QSC Liaison** Sharon Hufstetler

**Guild Challenge 2023** Lorene Arnette

**Work Day Co-Chairs** Gloria Browder and  
Wanda Moody

**QOV Co-Chairs** Timi Bronson and Lauri  
Winburn

**QSC** <https://www.quiltersofsc.org>. The  
representative for Region 5 is Sharon  
Hufstetler

**Next Meeting: May 4, 2023, 9:30 AM**  
**at Pee Dee Shrine Club, 3053 E.**  
**Crescent Circle, Florence, SC 29506**

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**Membership, Jonnie Britton:** We  
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**Snacks for May will be provided**  
**by Marguerite Ewing, Laura**  
**Grossner, and Diane Mann**



### Call to Order by Elaine Holmes, President.

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### **Treasurer, Timi Bronson:**

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### **Programs, Beth Twedell**

**May:** Joan Goodsell will do a hand applique class.

**August 3 and 4:** Sandy Jacobs will teach a two-day class on the "One-block Wonder", so if you plan to attend, remember to bring your lunch on meeting day.

**September 7 and 8:** Patty, of the "Pizza Girls" will do a needle work program. She will do a machine applique workshop on the following day which, will be a "Snowman".

**October 5** TBA

**November 2** Bazaar Fundraiser

**December 7** Christmas Luncheon

### **Opportunity Quilt 2023**



**Maxine France** drew the winning ticket which belonged to Beth Easton. Elaine will notify her of her good fortune.

**Opportunity Quilt 2024:** Kathleen Dennis will chair the committee and assemble a team to help make the quilt.

### **Community Service Projects:**

**Ramona Eggelston:** To date we have 121 quilts of assorted types and sizes. Lorene reported 38 quilts would be necessary for the nursing home/group homes. The size should be a large throw size, (approximately 50" x 60" or 70") We should consider committing ourselves to one home at a time rather than trying to provide all of them in one year. Lorene suggested starting with the eight-resident home first.

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### **Challenge Quilt, Lorene Arnette**

The theme is "Lines and Triangles and Squares, Oh My"

At our May 4 2023, meeting, members entering quilts, should plan to arrive early (9:00 a.m.?) In order to get our quilts checked in and not interfere with our meeting starting on time.

Also, everyone please be prepared to register and pay for our June luncheon, when quilts are logged in.

The luncheon will be held at the Hartsville Country Club, approximately at 12:00 noon. The cost is \$15.00, cash (preferred) or you may pay by check (if you don't mind a delay in cashing the check). We do not have capacity to accept credit or debit cards.

Thank you. I am getting excited and cannot wait to see all the great quilts everyone is working on.

Rosemary Larson will be the Chair for the Challenge Quilt 2024.

**Library, Connie, Steudel:** No books were placed on the tables today. Since the library has become congested, Connie will be culling the library of older books as well as those that she terms "coffee table" books to make room for more current ones that may better suit our needs. Those that are chosen for removal will be up for grabs on the free table.

### **Quilts of Valor**

**Lauri Winburn:** Sew day was Friday, April 14 from 9:30 to whenever at the Black Creek Arts Council building, 116 W. College Avenue, Hartsville. Lunch was bring your own or dine out. They had some sewing Scrappy Stars, Corner Stones, and Friendship Stars and some cutting out pattern pieces. There are no presentations scheduled yet, but Lauri made inquiries, and when she knows of any, we will be notified by email. Anyone who wants to make Friendship Stars at home is welcome to do so! They need to be 12  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches unfinished. Lorene presented a QOV quilt to a 96-year-old gentleman named Leslie McKinsey

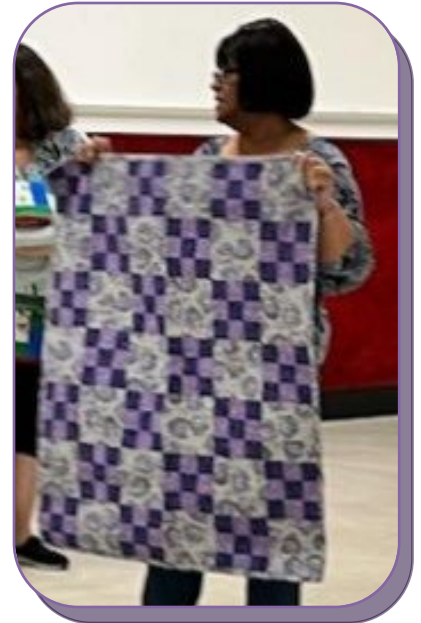


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**Old Business:** 1) Lorene informed us the cost of cleaning/servicing our Baby Lock sewing machine was only \$165, much less than the amount we had earlier agreed to spend. Great news, and thank you, Lorene! 2) Status of the two Shrine quilts for 2023 was announced: April's quilt is completed and was shown; the October quilt is almost completed.

**New Business:** 1) Elaine spoke of promoting "hand quilting" at a Workday. We have a quilt frame at our disposal, and she asked if members might be interested in trying hand quilting at the May Workday. The frame will be set up with a quilt ready for practice for those who wish to learn this waning art. She will have the needles and thread available. 2) Cynthia Velasquez, a former SFQ member, who now works for the Veterans Village which is a nursing home for veterans spoke to our group about the need of "fidget mats" for veterans who have Alzheimer's/dementia. These vets often have difficulty keeping their hands busy even while they sleep, and fidget mats provide a great deal of comfort to them. She passed around photocopies of these mats and requested our help making some of them. She brought various items to use in the mats and shared suggestions regarding size, fabric type, washability etc. Snacks for our April meeting were provided by Lauri Winburn, Sharron Wolff, and Lisa Tutell.

Thank you very much ladies, for the wonderful refreshments. Marguerite Ewing, Laura Grossner, and Diane Mann will supply snacks for our May meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Dennis, Secretary