



# 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 Fleener

**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: June 1, 2023, 10:00 AM**  
**at Hartsville Museum 222 N. 5th St.**  
**Hartsville, SC**

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### **Programs, Beth Twedell**

**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.

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**November 2** Bazaar Fundraiser

**December 7** Christmas Luncheon

### **Opportunity Quilt 2024**

Kathleen Dennis will chair the committee and assemble a team to help make the quilt.

### **Community Service Projects**

**Ramona Eggelston:** Currently, we have 157 completed quilts. We need unisex WC quilts due to not knowing how many men vs. women need them. Please bring pink and blue ribbon and baby wrapping paper so we can wrap approximately 25 TT quilts on workday. We typically supply 125- 130 TT/year, but Laurie mentioned the service areas we cover could use as many as we could produce.

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

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

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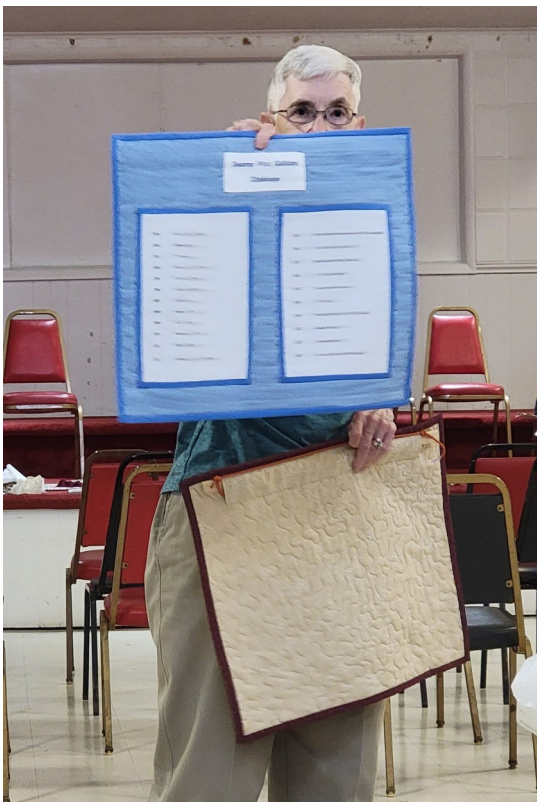
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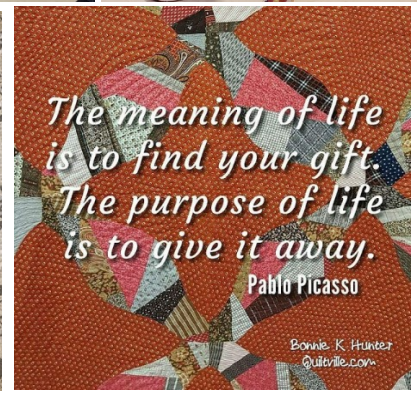
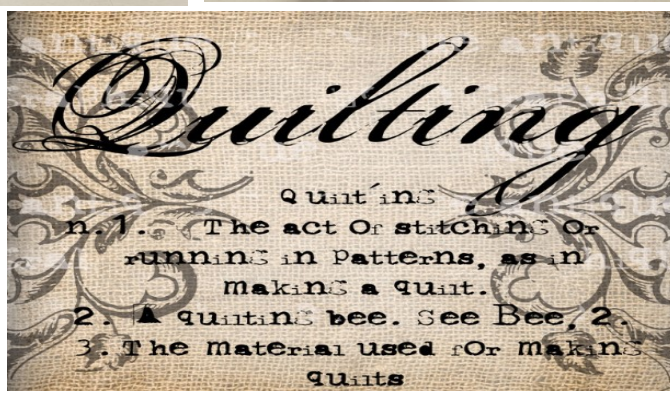
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**Old Business:** After Elaine mailed the Opportunity Quilt to the lady who won, she followed up with a call to make sure she received it. It arrived in good order, and the winner was delighted with it.

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**Snacks for our May meeting** were provided by Marguerite Ewing, Laura Grossner, and Diane Mann. Thank you, ladies. The snacks were delicious. Beth Twedell, Jonnie Britton, and Sue Freeman will supply snacks for August.

See you in June at the museum!

**Respectfully submitted, Kathy Dennis, Secretary**