

Maye River Quilters

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear MRQ members,

Actually it feels like summer has been here awhile but with the return to our in-person meetings on August 7th it feels like summer is really here! I hope that everyone will be able to join us in person for our first in-person meeting in more than 16 months. While there are no restrictions please consider the CDC guidelines as you prepare to attend.

So on to the fun! We will have "Show and Tell" but since we have all been sewing a lot please limit your sharing to one or two projects. This will assure we have time for everyone's quilts and everything on our agenda!

The agenda is packed with reports on exciting reports from programs and workshops but mostly with time for the garage sale! At this writing we have 7 tables with lots of goodies. Many of us have cleaned out our sewing storage during the pandemic so there should be some great deals on all kinds of stuff! So, while I have skipped my discussion of color this month bring your creative genes and look for some surprising color combinations in bargain fabric for your next amazing creation!

We will also have a scissors sharpening event as part of the garage sale so don't forget your dull scissors!

Also want to remind everyone to get their registrations in for our first in-person workshop with Debi Bacon as our teacher. She will be teaching "A Place to Quilt" designed by Gyleen Fitzgerald. It will give us lots of practice with the tri-rec ruler! The workshop is August 21st!

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August Regular Meeting

August 7, 2021

Social at 9:30am — Meeting at 10:00am

Palmetto Electric — IN PERSON!!!

Garage Sale to follow — See page 2-3

REMINDER!!!

- Bring payment for workshops, retreat, etc
- Wear your nametag
- Bring something for Show 'n Tell (limit 2)
- If you have an August birthday, bring a birthday bundle.
- Bring a friend (or enemy—we're not picky!)

FABULOUS AND FUN IN 21



<i>Saturday, August 7</i>	<i>Saturday, August 21</i>
<i>Program</i>	<i>Workshop</i>
<p><i>GARAGE SALE!!!</i></p> <p><i>Scissor & knife sharpening also!</i></p> <p><i>Clean out those closets, drawers and secret hiding spaces! It's garage sale time!</i></p> <p><i>Tables will be \$10; floor space in front of your table is free.</i></p> <p><i>We know you have loads of stuff!</i></p> <p><i>We will also have the scissor sharpening guy in the parking lot. Bring your shears, kitchen knives or whatever you need sharpened.</i></p> <p><i>Prices vary. Mr. Davis will set up from 9:30 until 11:30.</i></p>	<p><i>A Workshop is in the Air</i></p> <p><i>What: A Place to Quilt</i></p> <p><i>When: Saturday, August 21</i></p> <p><i>Where: The Haven Magnolia Room</i></p> <p><i>Who: Taught by Debi Bacon</i></p> <p><i>(more information in attachment)</i></p>

<i>Charitable Interest Sit 'n Sews</i>	
<p><i>September 11</i></p> <p><i>Following regular meeting</i></p>	<p><i>November 6</i></p> <p><i>Following regular meeting</i></p>
<p><i>Bibs and Pillowcases</i></p> <p><i>Mindy Weaver</i></p> <p><i>(see page 7)</i></p>	<p><i>FIDGET QUILTS</i></p> <p><i>LINDA FORRY</i></p> <p><i>(MORE INFO IN COMING MONTHS)</i></p>

GARAGE SALE

GARAGE SALE IS COMING IN AUGUST!! We are going to have our (almost) annual garage sale at the August meeting. The way this works is: if you have items that you would like to sell, or kits you know you will never complete, or a project that you have lost interest in, you can sell them at our garage sale! We will set up a table for you to display your

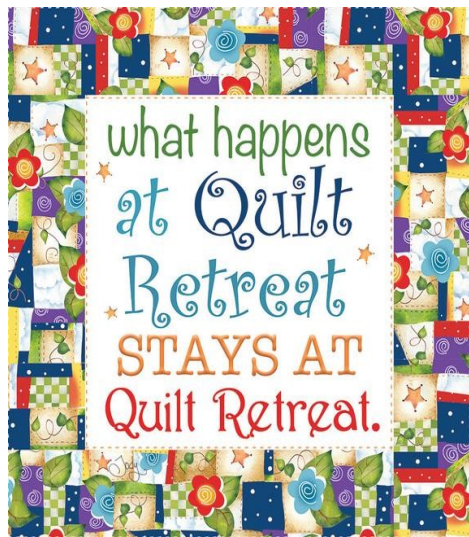
items. If you need a whole table, it is \$10.00. If you only need half a table, it is \$5.00. Please contact Karla Ward at irisgirl54@yahoo.com or 843-705-5561 OR Sharon Savastano at ssavy51@gmail.com or 508-308-1914 to reserve your space. We would like to know how many plan on having a table by August 1 so we can tell our set-up committee how many tables are needed. To pay for your space, please complete the attached Garage Sale registration form and bring your check payable to MRQ and the completed Registration Form to the meeting.

We will have our meeting as normal and after we are finished, we will open up for shopping. Last time we had machines for sale and lots of fun articles besides just fabric. Even if you don't have something to sell, please plan on staying and see what bargains you can find! We cannot open this to people outside of our guild, as we are a non-profit organization and our use of Palmetto Electric's meeting room will not allow us to do that. However, if you know a quilter who may want to attend our meeting and see if they would like to become an MRQ member, please feel free to bring them with you. They will be introduced as usual before the meeting. After they see all the goodies, they will probably want to join this great group of ladies.

VOLUNTEER



Thanks to all our members who have agreed to become a part of our leadership team. Now it is time to reach out to these chairs and serve on the committee! We need committee members for most of the groups. Programs and workshops are all set but please consider the other opportunities to serve. We also need a few more chairmen and I will continue to call each of you until we have all the positions full. Please consider saving me some time and letting me know you would like to be the raffle quilt chair, the guild photographer, or the publicity chair. Thank you!!!



2021 Fall Retreat

We only have a few spaces left for the October 22-24, 2021, Fall Retreat. We are traveling to St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center on Seabrook Island, SC, for a new venue.

Good food, beautiful surroundings, comfortable accommodations and a great sewing space are all a part of the weekend.

Find the registration form in this newsletter or on the website under Members Page—Events—Meetings and Programs. Send the 2-page form to Debi Bacon with your check for at least one-half of the final price to reserve your space. You don't want to miss this new venue and it is a great way to make new friends, especially since we haven't seen each other in a long time!



It's Mystery Quilt Time



Excitement is in the air!

Applications are being accepted to begin the unique fun filled journey of creating a beautiful quilt that will unveil itself over the course of 8 months.

You will love the results and enjoy the journey... **We promise!** Joan Darr is heading up this program and has made the quilt with amazing results! (*she can't share right now...it's a mystery*)

The cost of the program is \$25.00 which includes a special ruler to complete the quilt! No extra cost to Mystery Quilt participants. We will show you all you need to know to be a shining success.

Gratefully, now that we are having our **IN PERSON** meetings we decided to extend our deadline for registrations to AUGUST 31. Send your form (attached) and payment to:

Joan Darr
49 Groveview Ave
Bluffton SC 29910

FIRST month clues, which include all the yardage requirements for the quilt, first month cutting directions will be given to everyone who signs up, at the **SEPTEMBER 11** meeting of the guild. If at anytime you are unable to attend and pick up your mystery clue sheet. Don't worry we will make sure you get it!



If you have questions about meetings, times, or places, or some other guild function, please send your question to **mayeriverquilters@gmail.com**.

Your question will then be answered by the proper person.

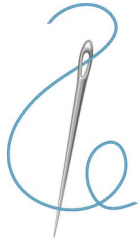


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Needles To say...



MEMBERSHIP

Total Paid Members : 107

June via Zoom: Members—38

July via Zoom: Members—41

Welcome to our new member:

Suzanne McClure!



2—Bonnie Ridgley

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6—Denise Nierstedt

7—Liz Penke

15—Annette Ostrander

17—Maureen Yelinko

18—Jean LeBlanc

28—Cindy Tracy

30—Barbara Milsap

31—Pat Cohen

Happy Birthday, Ladies!!!



If you are aware of a member who is ill or needs some cheer, please announce at our monthly meetings.

We would all appreciate the information.

Birthday Bundles



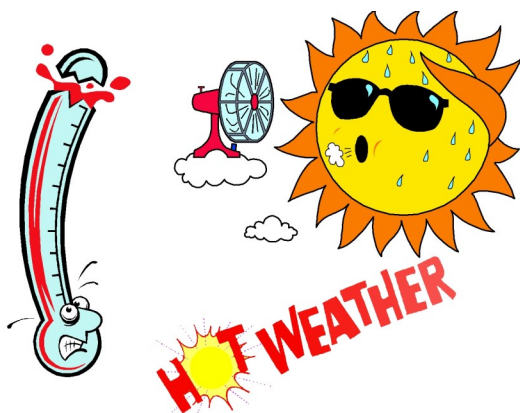
The Fund Raising Committee thanks you for your patience with the Birthday Bundles process during Covid. We made it through continuously tweaking the process.

Now that we have it down pat we are meeting in person again. No need for pictures with a brief listing of items. Please just bring your birthday bundles to the meeting the month of your birthday. Bidding on those items can be done by members during the meeting. Winners will be announced at the end of the meeting and monies will be collected in cash or check.

Can't wait to see what you generously donate.

May the best quilter win!

Karla and Sharon





Charitable Interests

Thank you to everyone for your positive support for our Charitable Interest projects. The Pines of Bluffton, the Vineyard and the Caris Hospice are excited to be receiving the fruits of our labors.

We are planning 2 "Sit & Sew" dates....September 11 and November 6 following our regular meetings. Please plan on joining us to work on our projects. September 11, we will be working on bibs and pillowcases. November 6, we will be working on fidget quilts. Linda Forry is coordinating the November Sit & Sew. Sign-up sheets will be at the August meeting.

Brandy at Blue Heron Stitchery has graciously offered sewing space on Thursday for those members wanting to work with other sewists. Kits have been dropped off at the Blue Heron Stitchery for members to stop and pick up 1 or 2, sew the kit and either return to the shop or bring to a scheduled meeting and drop it off. Please sign the sheet indicating that you took a kit.

Pat Cohen has graciously offered to be a drop off spot for completed items from members living in Sun City. Thank you Pat and Brandy.

Ann Piercy and a visiting friend assisted me in assembling kits from our donated fabrics. Completing all of the kits will meet our general goal for items, but not fully meet the needs of the charitable groups. I encourage everyone to dive into your stash and look for fabrics that can be used. One yard of fabric will make 1 pillow case or 1 bib. A small amount with great impact. I am more than willing to cut more kits, however, I will need the fabric to do that. For pillowcases, I am also willing to serge the seams and my serger is set up and ready to go.

At the suggestion at the July Zoom meeting, I am looking at ordering labels for us to sew into the articles so recipients know who provided the articles for them. I think this is a grand idea. And also thank those that have helped me work on this aspect, especially Brandy Yingling and Linda Forry.

I was also asked to check with the Pines on how many veterans they have living in their facility and whether we can use Red, White and Blue to honor these residents. I was able to reach the Activities Director and she gave a thumbs up....but asked that the red fabric be pre-washed. 10 veterans currently reside at the Pines.

The directions for the Burrito pillowcase and the bib is attached to this newsletter. I will have patterns at the August meeting for those who would like them.

Happy Sewing...Mindy



Eileen Keohane is Chair of the First Responders. They are the ladies who go in early to get the room set up for our meetings and breakdown after the meeting. In the event, the room at Palmetto Electric will be open for us to use in the near future, Eileen is looking for a few volunteers. Please contact Eileen at jekeohane13@gmail.com or 843-987-557.

Maye River Quilters Guild Minutes

July 10, 2021, Guild Meeting via ZOOM

President Fran Oblander opened the meeting on Zoom at 10:00 am. There were members present, with no new members or visitors attending.

President Fran Oblander opened the meeting at 10:02 a.m. on ZOOM. There were 41 members present. Fran introduced new member **Suzanne McClure**.

Vice President Gaye Paquet announced that Palmetto Electric is reopening their meeting room for our use. The July meeting will be our last zoom meeting. Future meeting dates at Palmetto Electric will be: August 7, September 11, October 2, November 6 and December 4. First Responders chair **Eileen Keohane**, who is absent today, has been notified to have volunteers on hand for our first in person meeting!

The minutes from the June guild meeting were approved as published in the July newsletter. The treasurer's report was accepted as published and will be filed for audit.

Fran noted that we still do not have Chairs for the Raffle Quilt and Publicity committees. Please contact Fran if you are interested in serving in those positions. We have two volunteers for Photographer, and both volunteers will share the duties. We also need committee members for most of the committees. Fran will be contacting members to fill these positions.

Since August will be our first in-person meeting in eighteen months, Fran asked that members limit Show-and-Tell to one or two quilts per person at the August meeting.

Fran anticipates that there will be an update to the meeting format in the near future.

Workshops Chair, **Pat Wys**, has been working very hard on the workshop schedule. **Debi Bacon** will do a workshop on either Rapid-Fire Hunter's Star or A Place to Quilt; choice to be voted on by poll of the membership. **Becky Robinson** will do a workshop and **Diana Mann** will present her workshop virtually. **Diane Knott** is scheduled for November; she has written two books for CNT and has lots of experience. **Joan Darr** is heading up our first Mystery Quilt. **Judy Hertel** is leading an initiative to start small special interest groups, and Judy will present a number of topics to choose from. **Karla Ward** and **Sharon Savastano** are starting up a mentor program. They will be asking members to list skills they would be willing to teach fellow guild members. Two Sit-and-Sews (or Sit 'n' Sew) are planned so far. **Mindy Weaver** will be talking about the first one in September, and **Linda Forry** will be leading one in November.

Joan Darr said the Mystery Quilt will start at the August 7th meeting. The quilt is called "Spot On" and was designed with the Corner Beam ruler. Registrants will receive the Corner Beam ruler with the first clue. The quilt is designed to be two colors – a neutral background and a main color, which can be one constant color or one color family. Participants will get a set of clues each month. Joan suggests labeling each part and each clue every month, as that info will be important when completing the quilt. Joan has made it – it's fun, easy, and turns out beautifully. Quilt will be a generous lap size. Cost is \$25 with the ruler, or \$10 without. Quilt needs five yards of each color of fabric. Pat suggested that we start the mystery quilt in September so Joan can register people at the August meeting. Registration

form will also be included with the next newsletter.

Fran showed two quilts for **Debi Bacon's** Workshop. Members were polled to select one of the designs. 31 of 40 members voted; 58% voted for A Place to Quilt; 42% for Rapid Fire Hunter's Star. Since voting was so close, we might plan to do the Rapid-Fire Hunter's Star in the spring. **Pat Wys** will send the registration form to **Gaye** to be included in the next newsletter.

April Boyd, Programs Chair, said the August program will be the Yard Sale, since we will be back in the building. **Karla and Sharon** will determine the cost for tables. **April** will try to get the scissor sharpening guy there as well. **April** will send an email to members with registration information. October program will be Diana Mann; November program will be Diane Knott; December program will be the Christmas party. April plans to have food, maybe Christmas baskets and maybe a small gift exchange. Gift exchange will not be mandatory; bring one – get one. **Fran** suggested that the registration form for the Yard Sale be bundled with the form for **Debi Bacon's** workshop, and the form for the Mystery Quilt, all in one email from **Gaye** to the membership.

Sharon Savastano, Fundraising Co-chair, said thank you for July bundles. Members can bring bundles to the August meeting since we will be back in person.

Mindy Weaver, Charitable Interest Chair, said the Pines of Bluffton is excited we voted to make adult bibs and pillowcases for them. **Linda Forry** talked to the Vineyard about doing fidget quilts for them. **Fran** talked to a hospice facility that is also interested in fidget quilts. **Anne Percy** and **Mindy** put together 20 bib and 40 pillowcase kits with fabrics donated by **Pat Wys**, and **Brandy Yingling** from Blue Heron. **Mindy** will bring kits to the August meeting and will leave some kits at Blue Heron for pickup. **Linda Robinson** sent a pattern to **Mindy** that didn't have buttons or pieces that could be picked off, and for this reason this is the pattern that will be used. The Pines wants the bibs as simple as possible. **Mindy** has planned a Sit-and-Sew (or Sit 'n' Sew) on September 11th to make Bibs and Pillowcases. **Linda Forry** is doing a Sit-and-Sew (or Sit 'n' Sew) on November 6th to make fidget quilts. Members can sign up at the August meeting for each Sit-and-Sew (or Sit 'n' Sew) session. **Mindy** will check with Camille at the Pines to find out whether members can use pre-washed red fabric for the bibs. **Pat Cohen** asked if we could put a little label on our donation items. **Mindy** will look for labels that we could get to put on the items with the MRQG name. Someone suggested a stamped label; **Pat** has about 100 sheets of printable label paper if someone wants to do that. Committee will consider options and decide how to proceed.

Linda Robinson, Hospitality Chair, will be out of town until July 30th, but will schedule a timely meeting to organize for the August Guild meeting.

Fran said we have 14 members signed up for retreat, including one person looking for a roommate. There are six spaces still available. Fill out the registration form and send it in with 50% of cost. Balance will be due September 1.

A breakout session for member interaction was held for ten minutes, then the group returned to the general meeting.

Our program was a tour of six members' sewing rooms. **Karla Ward, Jean LeBlanc, Sharon Savastano, Connie Davidson, Cynthia Cassidy and Pat Wys gave us a wonderful look at how they organize their sewing space and lots of ideas how to improve our own space.

Winners of the July Birthday Bundles were:

- #1 Lill Helming, \$32
- #2 Lori Smalarz, \$45
- #3 Mindy Weaver, \$30
- #4 Cynthia Cassidy, \$20

Members were reminded that Sew Suite Studio's Grand Opening is July 14 – 16.

Fran adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Submitted by
Julie Hiscox, Secretary

FREE STUFF



If you can use them, contact Linda Forry at linda4e@gmail.com and I will bring them to the August guild meeting. The white plastic case is generic and the black case is a rolling case with side pockets, top handle and an extendable handle. The one clip on top is broke off but could be replaced. It looks as if it was a paper crafting case but a portable sewing machine should fit. No inside pockets.



LOOKING FOR A QUILTER

A lady on HHI is looking for someone to make a quilt from fabric that she has.

If interested, contact

Mae Graziano
706-860-8402
majorgraz@gmail.com



2021-2022 Officers

President	Fran Oblander
Vice President	Gaye Paquet
Secretary	Julie Hiscox
Treasurer	Jean LeBlanc
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Past President	Linda Forry

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Charitable Interests	Mindy Weaver
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	Karla Ward
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Photographer	
Programs	April Boyd
Publicity	
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Founding Mothers

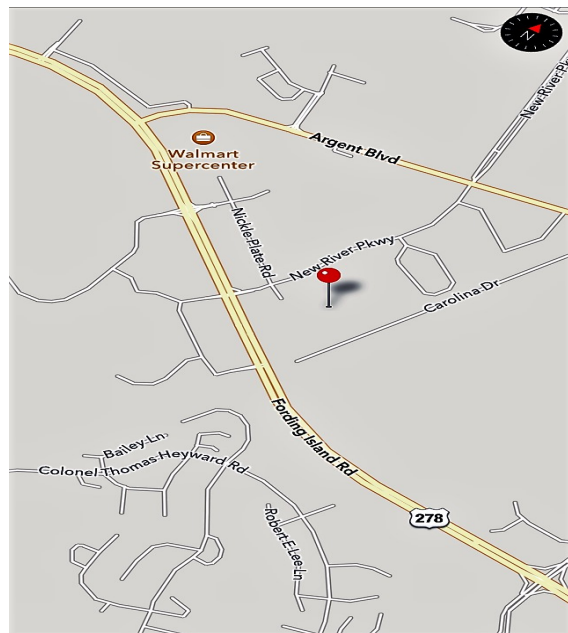
Debi Bacon
Ann Godwin



Maye River Quilters
meet the first Saturday of the month
unless otherwise posted
at the following location:

Palmetto Electric Co-op
1 Cooperative Way, Hardeeville

Traveling West on Highway 278, pass Sun City and the Technical College. Turn right on New River Parkway. This is the turn where the Lexus dealership is. Take the first right onto Cooperative Way and then another right into the parking lot. Do not park at the front of the building. Continue around towards Highway 278 and park on that side of the building. The entrance to the Community Room is just to the right of the regular entrances. Go into the hall and to the right.



2021 Meeting Dates

Social Time: 9:30

Meeting: 10:00—12:00

August 7	September 11 *	October 2
November 6		December 4

* meeting is on 2nd Saturday

ROADTRIP to quilt shows...



new shop hop coming to
North and South Carolina
OCTOBER and NOVEMBER
2021
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QUILT CON
Atlanta GA—February 24-27, 2023



American Quilter's Society
Quilt WEEK

ALL 2021 AQS SHOWS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

2022 DATES

DAYTONA BEACH FL—FEBRUARY 23-26, 2022

BRANSON MO—MARCH 23-26, 2022

PADUCAH KY—APRIL 27-30, 2022

GRAND RAPIDS MI—AUGUST 17-20, 2022



This [Diagonal Seam Tape](#) is a perfect solution for sewing straight diagonal seams without having to mark any lines! The special washi tape is strong, thin, and removes cleanly after sewing projects. Simply place the tape in front of the feed dogs with the red line in front of the needle as the stitch line. The black lines on either side of the center line represent a perfect 1/4" seam allowance and are a great resource to use when making half square triangles, or learning to keep a perfect 1/4". Each roll is 10 yards so it'll last a long time. Get one for your sewing room and toss another one in your travel bag for going to quilt retreats. \$7.25/roll

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