



# Maye River Quilters

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Birthday, MRQ!!!

February marks the 6th anniversary of the formation of MRQ! We are working on a little surprise for you, so be sure and logon and join us for a ZOOM party! Diana Mann will present a trunk show and talk about the Deb Tucker rulers used to create them. She works with Wish Upon a Quilt, a quilt shop in Raleigh, NC, and they are planning to offer some bundles for sale to the guild at a discount. It will be the closest thing to a Show and Tell we have had for a long time!

I am pleased to announce that the MRQ Raffle Quilt has been completed! The picture is attached to this newsletter, so go sell those tickets!

Thanks to Judy Cain, Joanne Moss, Lynn O'Neal, Cynthia Taylor and Lill Helming for working so hard to get it done.

Elections are coming up and now is the time to step forward and let us know what office you would like to run for. We would love to have more than one person run for each position, so step forward and contact a board member today!

"See" you on the 6th!

**Linda**



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## February Regular Meeting

Via ZOOM – February 6 – 10:00am

Program to follow meeting – See page 2

Please join in!

## February 6

Saturday

### Program

Studio 180 Design Tools  
Tools for the Realist, Not the Idealist!  
Trunk show and lecture with Dianna Mann,  
Studio 180 Design Certified Instructor

Diana began quilting in 2014 when her husband bought her a sewing machine for Christmas. After taking a beginning quilting class her machine was never idle. She started taking more classes and learning as much as she could about precision piecing. In 2016 she was introduced to Studio 180 Design Tools through the Lemoyne Star tool and quickly bought up many of the other products in the line. Once she realized the precision they brought to her quilting, she set out to convert patterns to use the tools. In 2019 when she was at a retreat the owner of Wish Upon a Quilt in Raleigh, NC asked her to demo Lemoyne Star. Soon after she was teaching the tools at the shop. In February of 2020 she trained with Deb Tucker and her staff to become a Certified Instructor. Her enthusiasm for quilting, the Studio 180 method, and love of sharing her passion makes her a dynamic instructor. She teaches through Wish Upon a Quilt in Raleigh, NC. Since the pandemic started, she teaches over Zoom, allowing her to reach people out of her geographical area. If you are interested in individual classes or guild workshops, contact her to set up an online class demo.

## March 6

Saturday

### Program

MRQ President Linda Forry  
will give us a demonstration on  
the  
At Your Fingertips  
Stand Up Quilt Tool Caddy



Everyone who attends  
will receive the  
pattern sheet FREE!

We will be at Church of the Palms on March 6th (meeting day) from 1:00-2:00 pm for you to pick up your FREE pattern if you attended the meeting that morning. If you want the heavy duty acrylic holder to make the tool caddy, please contact Fran Oblander, [fran@alien87.com](mailto:fran@alien87.com), by February 21st so she can order you one and have it for you at the church along with your pattern. Price is \$4.30 each. You can pay Linda by exact cash or check when you pick it up.

**April 3**

Saturday

Program



Rose Parr—Healthy Quilting  
 (www.healthyquilting.com)

“Sew Smart - The Ergonomics of Healthy Quilting” is a live PowerPoint presentation that applies ergonomic theory to your crafting life. From cutting and sewing posture to stretches designed to be done at your sewing table. Strategies and tips are designed to “use what you have” to stay pain-free. Rose recommends viewing the program from your sewing space so that you can immediately relate to your own situation. She will answer questions about ergonomics and studio design at the end of her talk, and we can email her questions about personal modifications to stretches for up to 30 days after her talk.

Rose holds professional certifications in Holistic Nutrition, Ergonomics, Personal Training, Home Economics, Reiki, and more. She says, “My ergonomic improvements / strategies are based on documented research. The health and wellness information I present is selected specifically for the chronic conditions and common problem areas that makers encounter; it is based on health industry standards of practice and not on ‘what worked for me.’”

For those Interested, her book, “Sew Happy and Healthy” will be available in March, available for preorder now, on Amazon.

**May 3**

Saturday

Program

Installation of Officers

Member Recognition

Small Group Discussions

**June 3**

Saturday

Program

Pattern Demonstration

We are asking members to nominate a pattern by emailing Fran Oblander. The deadline for nominations is March 1.



## Maye River Quilters Quilt Raffle

Ticket pick up options are:

- \* Members from Sun City community can contact Sylvia Cameron, [sacquilts@gmail.com](mailto:sacquilts@gmail.com) to arrange pick up.
- \* Members from the Haven community can contact Debi Bacon, [kansaswx@verizon.net](mailto:kansaswx@verizon.net), to arrange pick up.

All envelopes will contain 10 tickets. Each ticket is \$1.00.

There will be a prize for the member who sells the most tickets and the member who sells the winning ticket. All tickets must be returned by April 1. For those of you selling more than one pack, you can pick up more from the neighborhood reps or contact Nancy Vandenberg ([Vandenberg\\_nancy@yahoo.com](mailto:Vandenberg_nancy@yahoo.com)) for more. Be sure to return the money and tickets you have sold when picking up extra packs. For those who pick up from Debi or Sylvia, you can return your tickets and money to them.

The quilt measures approximately 84" x 101". Drawing will be May 1, 2021.

You can return your tickets and pick up more after the meeting on March 6th at the drive thru at Church of the Palms on 170. We will be there from 1:00—2:00.



**If you haven't already done so, it is time to renew your MRQ membership! You should have received an email where you can fill in your information, click pay by check or PayPal, and hit send. Very painless and quick!**

**Please understand the dues are \$47 now because it is past December 31, which will cover Jan. 2021 through May of 2022.**

**We have had multiple people who have hit pay by check AND PayPal, so please only pick ONE. Paypal may take a few days to clear.**

**Checks need to be sent to Sandra Walsh, Membership Chairman, 579 Sisters Ferry Rd., Clyn, GA 31303.**

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS

**The Board has had a few inquiries about posting information by email to our members. We realize it is harder to reach out to each other during the pandemic, but do not want to overload our member with emails.**

**If you have something you are looking for, wanting to sell, or wanting to get rid of, please consider using our Facebook page to reach out to our guild members.**

## Birthday Bundles

### February Bundles

Place your bid by going to [mayeriverquilters@gmail.com](mailto:mayeriverquilters@gmail.com) membership/birthday bundles five days prior to zoom meeting. Winners will be announced at the end of the **February 6** Zoom meeting. Karla Ward and/or Sharon Savastano will then deliver the bundle to the winning bidder and will collect payment upon delivery or you can now pay via Paypal. Thanking you in advance.

### March Birthday Ladies

Please consider donating a birthday bundle to help out with fundraising for ongoing programs and workshops. Email a picture of your donation with a brief description of your item/items to [irisgirl54@yahoo.com](mailto:irisgirl54@yahoo.com) or [ssavy51@gmail.com](mailto:ssavy51@gmail.com) by **February 24th**.

Happy Birthday and bidding. Stay safe.

Go to the Members Page  
Enter the password  
Click on the Balloons

Place your bids by entering your first & last name and bid amount as a comment under the bundle you are bidding on and hit the comment button. Put your name and email address in the boxes on the page that comes up. No need to fill in the website box. Hit the Comment as Guest box below your name and you should see your amount underneath the Comment Box on the bidding page. The instructions are also on the website next to the balloons.



## CHARITABLE INTEREST!



Charitable Interests have accumulated 16 finished quilts to date. 8 are about lap size quilts and will be delivered to the Beaufort County Sheriff's office on Hilton Head Island on Thursday. The other 8 are baby to crib size and will be delivered to The Pregnancy Center of the Low Country on Hilton Head Island on Thursday.

We really appreciate all the donations for these organizations. The next donations of lap size quilts will be delivered to the Bluffton Police Department so we can ensure that all the organizations we contacted receive quilts as quickly as possible. Baby size quilts can be 36"-45" wide and 45"-54" long; lap size quilts should be 54"-60" wide and 68"-76" long. Please contact either Julie Hiscox at 912-656-1183 ([jewel61356@gmail.com](mailto:jewel61356@gmail.com)) or Eileen Keohane at [jekeohane13@gmail.com](mailto:jekeohane13@gmail.com) to have your quilts picked up. Or they can be dropped at Blue Heron Stitchery for us to pick up. We have people who are willing to do the quilting, binding and labeling if you don't want to do those yourself. Also note that Linda Forry has backing material available to give you if you need it.

Thank you again for donating your time and talent to make these donations.

# Maye River Quilters Guild

January 9 2021, Guild Meeting via ZOOM

President **Linda Forry** opened the meeting at 10:00 via Zoom. We had 52 members present for today's meeting. Two new members have joined us, **Linda Hunt** (Lew) Johnson, and **Char Lane**. We welcome them into our group. At present, 81 members have renewed for the upcoming year.

The minutes from the December meeting were accepted as written in the January newsletter. The treasurer's report was accepted, and filed for audit.

**Julie Hiscox**, chair of the charitable interest committee, currently has 6 infant and 5 lap quilts that are completed. She will deliver the infant quilts to the Pregnancy Center this week. Now that the holiday season is behind us, we hope that all members will try to make a quilt for this effort. It is suggested that infant quilts be approximately 36 x 36 to 36 x 40, and that lap quilts for the Bluffton Police Department, and Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, be approximately 48 x 60. **Linda Forry** has some donated fabric for backings if needed. **Debi Bacon** has volunteered to quilt some quilt tops if needed.

**Nancy Vandenberg**, raffle quilt chair, announced that we still have raffle tickets available to sell. A picture of the finished quilt will be available for members soon. On March 6, there will be a drive-through event at Church of the Palms on Rt 170 to pick up additional raffle tickets, or to return money for tickets sold. The deadline to turn in money from raffle tickets is April 1. The drawing for the raffle quilt will be on May 1, 2021.

**Fran Oblander** gave us an update on upcoming programs from February through June. The newsletter and website will have more information posted on each program. **Fran** and **Lynn O'Neal** have been co-chairs of programs for this year, and their term of office is finished in June. Volunteers are needed to chair this very important committee going forward. Please contact any current board member to express your interest.

**Linda Forry** updated us on the Bosom Buddies project that the workshop committee is finalizing. She has made a couple of samples, and stated that the committee will be putting kits together and perhaps planning a workshop to make these. A walking foot and wonder clips would be very helpful for construction.

**Sharon Savastano** and **Karla Ward** are hopeful that all members will participate in donating a Birthday Bundle for our monthly fundraiser, as well as continuing to bid on the posted bundles. The deadline for sending them a photo of your Birthday Bundle for the February meeting is January 23.

**Gaye Paquet** confirmed that at the end of January a new membership directory will be compiled, and emailed to members who have paid 2021-22 dues. **Gaye** would like a photo for the directory from new members, as well as any members who aren't currently pictured in our directory.

**Kristine Richardson** reminded members that anyone who has questions, or has an email and doesn't know who within the guild is the committee chair they need to reach, to send the email to the guild email address, [mayeriverquilters@gmail.com](mailto:mayeriverquilters@gmail.com). The board members monitoring the account will forward the email to the correct person.

**Karla Ward** announced that the winners of the January Birthday Bundles were **Julie Hiscox**, bundles 1,2,3, and 4. **Cindy Tracy** won birthday bundle #5.

**Cynthia Cassidy** provided our program, which was a demonstration of how she makes collage wall quilts. She quilts her pieces on her longarm, but they can be quilted on a domestic sewing machine also. She makes use of Pinterest for many collage ideas, and finds that kids coloring pages are a great option for simple shapes and templates from which to start a collage project. She did warn us that she often uses small scraps for her collages, and therefore now finds that no scrap is too small to be saved for this purpose. We all could be in trouble on this! Cynthia did a demo via Zoom, to show us how she constructs a face, with various features in traditional, or more contemporary, abstract ways. Another demo was of a school of fish, on a background that she pre-quilted with waves. Various eyes, fins and lips were added in a whimsical manner. The pieces can be stitched in place via a long-arm or sewing machine, with perhaps some Elmer's glue or Roxanne glue basting to fix small pieces in place. Thanks to Cynthia for a great program!

Linda Forry adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am.

Submitted by Eileen Keohane, Secretary

## ONLINE SEW 'N TELL

Here's how it works:

1. Email a picture of your finished project to [mayeriverquilters@gmail.com](mailto:mayeriverquilters@gmail.com) (projects must be finished - a completed quilt top is considered finished)
2. Include your name (first name & last initial will be included for privacy. If you want more info on a project please use our Member Directory to contact the quilter directly).
3. Include a description and/or source - MAXIMUM of 15 WORDS PLEASE
4. Limit 3 submissions per member each month please. You may submit anytime - photos will be added regularly.

All rules are Board approved.

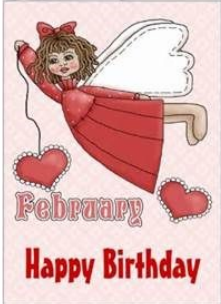
It's OK, no one else finished all their Christmas sewing projects either. Think of the fun you'll have working on them in January!



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... or February  
... or March

# What's happening around the river bend...



8—Wanda Burke	11—Donna Dobrzynski	12—Kathy Flint
16—Mary Jane McConnell	18—Sherry Rackliff	24—Linda Forry
25—Jan Jones		27—Sylvia Cameron

Happy Birthday, Ladies!!!

## MEMBERSHIP

**Total Paid Members : 128**

**December via Zoom: Members— 45**

**January via Zoom: Members—55**

**Three New Members in January:**

**Welcome Char Lane, Linda Hunt-Johnson  
and Deborah Bennett**

## Tips 'n Tricks

If you have a tip or trick to share,

please send to [gaye.paquet@hotmail.com](mailto:gaye.paquet@hotmail.com)



Thank you very much for the beautiful quilts! I will make sure they get out to some patrol Deputies and find good homes to citizens :)



Cpl. Kate Costabile  
LE Victim's Advocate/Investigator  
Beaufort County  
Sheriff's Office



**Pregnancy Center  
& Clinic**  
of the Low Country

From Ellen Sullivan ...

Thank you so much for the absolutely beautiful quilts. They are truly exquisite and each one is a work of art.

The deadline for the newsletter is the 17th of each month. Please email your info to:  
[gaye.paquet@hotmail.com](mailto:gaye.paquet@hotmail.com)





## 2020-2021 Officers

President Linda Forry  
 Vice President Kristine Richardson  
 Secretary Eileen Keohane  
 Treasurer Jean LeBlanc  
 Member-at-Large Peggy Anderson

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 Nan Brown  
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 First Responders Eileen Keohane  
 Fund Raising Sharon Savastano  
 Karla Ward  
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 Membership Sandra Walsh  
 Newsletter Gaye Paquet  
 Programs Fran Oblander  
 Lynn O'Neal  
 Publicity June Jones  
 Raffle Quilt Barbara Millsap  
 Nancy Vandenberg  
 Retreat Debi Bacon  
 Website/Facebook Holly Martin  
 Workshops Sandy Graves  
 Sue Smith

## Founding Mothers

Debi Bacon  
 Ann Godwin



## 2021 Meetings

Meeting: 10:00 (unless otherwise posted)

Until further notice all meetings will be held  
via ZOOM

You will receive an email with instructions on  
joining the meeting.

We will NOT be able to meet at  
Palmetto Electric until further notice.

## Meeting Dates

February 6	March 6	April 10 *
May 1	June 5	July 10 *
August 7	September 11 *	October 2
November 6		December 4

\* Indicates meeting on 2nd Saturday



American Quilter's Society  
Quilt WEEK

ALL 2021 AQS SHOWS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

QuiltFest, Inc.  
of Jacksonville, FL



**NEW DATES**  
**MAY 13-15, 2021**  
 Prime Osborn Center  
 Jacksonville, FL