



## Tree City Quilters Guild

# Branching Out

*Tree City Quilters Guild is for anyone interested in quilting. We foster friendship, learning, and fun.*

### 2020-2021 Officers

**President:**

Helen Gyllstrom

**Vice President:**

Amanda Hewes

**Treasurer:**

Linda McSwain

**Secretary:**

Trish Everitt



### 2020-2021 Committee Chairs

Membership:	Marsha Tucker
Retreat:	Jean Genton
Workshops:	Debbie Puckett
Secret Sisters:	Chris Glaser
Hospitality:	Cathy Silloway
Show and Tell:	Rhonda Sailors
Block Lotto:	Anne Mullis
Charity:	Sharon Fuentes
Social Media:	Amanda Hewes Trish Everitt
Newsletter:	Linda McSwain Helen Gyllstrom
Programs:	Amanda Hewes
Publicity:	As needed

### President's Message:

**"In March winter is holding back and spring is pulling forward. Something holds and something pulls inside of us too."**

— Jean Hersey

It's been a long year, but we are seeing light at the end of the tunnel. Who knew a year ago our best communication tool would be virtual except for Mary Short's back porch! But, now with spring peeking out everywhere, maybe some of our optimism is grounded.

We had such fun last Saturday with all the charity donations – wow, what a wonderful collection of heart-felt creations – hearts, NICU quilts, lap quilts, children's quilts and more. And, many more quilt kits and NICU quilts needing binding went home to bring back next time. Please pat yourselves on the back for all the

'goodness' we finished to share with others.

Linda McSwain has many, many NICU quilts from Sharlene Hotary that simply need machine-stitched binding. If you want to help with this project, let her know! Our love for those NICU babies continues all year long.

Have any of you looked at your quilt-space and thought about a better layout since our last program? Amanda provided much food for thought from Karen Brown and "Just Get It Done Quilts". Spring is such a great time to take a fresh look at where we spend our time. I figured out how to NOT step over my iron cord.

We have plans a-foot to do a massive 'quilt-garage sale' in the coming months. Seriously, we cannot charity-sew all the material we have been 'gifted', and others will appreciate what we have. Also, if you have quilted items that you would be willing to donate for sale, the guild will love them.





**Continued:**

More details next month, and we will be setting work-dates to organize the material soon.

I am recruiting a nominating committee for next year. If you would like to help, please let me know.

Be sure to 'friend/like' our guild Facebook page – 'Tree City Quilters Guild Inc. We are going to add more and more announcements to the page in the future including more quilt sales. There are some very special quilts that will go to good homes in the near future!

'See' you at our meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> – more goodies to talk about. Helen



## **Tree City Quilters Guild General Meeting**

**Monday, March 8, 2021 7:00 PM**

Program:

### **Binding Techniques**

Be prepared to share your favorite way of binding.

A short video will be presented.

- Instructions on how to join meeting via zoom will be emailed to you.



## Results of Our Charity Pickup / Drop off

Thanks to everyone that contributed to the Charity event Saturday 2/20/2021. We gathered 14 NICU quilts plus 636 flannel hearts for Shands. I will deliver 3 Small quilts and 2 crib quilts to Peaceful Paths, hopefully today 2/23/21. Another delivery to Ronald McDonald House will include 4 Crib quilts and 1 small quilt. I put one small quilt with snowflakes and snowmen back in the storage unit for next holiday. Total for Gifts in kind for this event is \$1915.00 Thank you again for your big hearts!

Sharon



*In February our quilt sister Bronna Godwin, donated her fabric stash to our guild, Sandy Pozzetta and I went to Bronna's residence and left with yards and yards of beautiful fabrics. We thank her, and her son Mark who coordinated this effort. Bronna you are the best!*



Lin Schroder had a show and tell of her own – Her beautiful Stack and Wack Quilt.



We are all smiling and saying “Cheese” under our masks.



We were a little Chilly early in the day, but it warmed up by midmorning.



Quilts to be Auctioned soon. Check Our Facebook page: Tree City Quilters Guild Inc.





Please remember that we usually do our spring food bank drive in March. Since we can't meet this month, if you wish to help please make out your check to Bread of the Mighty Food Bank and mail it to:

Bread of the Mighty Food Bank

PO Box 5086

Gainesville FL 32627

Their phone number is 352-336-0839. Thank you.

Vicky Bergath at vbergath@cox.net



Let me know if these items belong to you.  
Linda McSwain uss64@aol.com

**Challenge to All Interested Tree City Quilters Guild members:**

Create a self-portrait, as a 20-inch square quilt (finished size, including any borders, binding, etc.). Any technique, fabric/s, embellishments are welcome. Please be sure to put a label on the back, so everyone gets their own masterpiece returned at the end of the evening. We are hoping to be able to get together, in person, in June, and have a private showing of our self-portraits (private, as in, only those in attendance will be permitted to view these classics).

Hope to see "both" of you there, in June!



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Marie Addison	6 <sup>th</sup>
Tammy Clark	4 <sup>th</sup>
Sally Glaze	6 <sup>th</sup>
Theresa Morales	7 <sup>th</sup>
Vanda O'Neil	4 <sup>th</sup>
Rhonda Sailors	22 <sup>nd</sup>

**Be sure to Friend / Like our Facebook page:**

**Tree City Quilters Guild Inc.**



Quilting is a creative outlet that also helps relieve stress, which is especially important during these trying times. Quilting and other creative outlets can help those who suffer from anxiety, depression, or chronic pain. Not only does it help ease stress, but it can increase happiness through the release of dopamine and serotonin which are natural feel-good hormones. Because it involves memory, attention span, visuospatial processing, creativity, and problem-solving, quilting is also good for the brain.

The third Saturday of March is National Quilting Day, and March has unofficially become National Quilting Month over the years.

This April, the Alachua County Library District will present a Virtual Quilt Show to showcase quilts made by you, our patrons. We know that quilters have been busy this year!

You are invited to submit up to two items for the show. Submissions will be collected until March 22 and will be displayed on our website during the month of April. Submissions must be quilts or quilted items made during the 2020 year. Submissions should be in the form of a jpeg, png, or pdf file. You may submit two photos of each item: one of the whole quilt (required) and one detail picture (optional). A completed and signed entry form must accompany each submission. Entry forms and rules will be emailed to you by request. For more information or to request an entry form, please email Sarah at [sgrainger@aclib.us](mailto:sgrainger@aclib.us) or call (352) 334-3941.

Posted by Sarah G on February 6, 2021

Please send your January Show-And-Tell Photos to:

Rhonda Sailors @ [Rhonda\\_sailors@yahoo.com](mailto:Rhonda_sailors@yahoo.com)

# Ronald McDonald House Quilt Project

Blocks are being turned in for the Ronald McDonald House quilt.

We hope to start stitching together rows to make our quilt top very soon. If you have a block to be turned in – please let me know. Linda McSwain at [uss64@aol.com](mailto:uss64@aol.com)

I spoke to Donna of Mountain Rose Designs who created the Heart-to-Heart pattern we are using. She is excited about our project and wants a picture of the finished quilt.

She says we are a group of

“very good people,” and I agree.



## TRENTON QUILT AND ARTISAN FESTIVAL March 19-21, 2021

**March 19:** Festival Kickoff at Depot,  
Free Movie Night

**March 20:** Quilt and Artisan Day,  
Quilts displayed outdoors Downtown,  
Antique and Craft Vendors

**March 21:** Craft Vendors, Antique Vendors,  
and Live Entertainment at Depot



Hundreds of Quilts  
Old Time Crafts  
Antiques

**FREE  
ADMISSION**  
Craft Vendors

Demonstrations  
Antique Tractors  
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Tourist Development Council, and Suwannee Valley Quilt Festival, Inc.

[www.trentonquiltfestival.com](http://www.trentonquiltfestival.com)  
@GilchristDowntown

A big and special **Thank you** goes out to our quilting sisters in High Springs. Sharlene Hotary and her group of quilters have pieced and quilted about 40 little quilts for the babies in the NICU units at Shands .

All we had/have to do is sew on the binding and deliver them to the hospital.

You are  
the best!







## Tree City Quilters Guild – February 8, 2021 – Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Helen Gyllstrom. There were 20 members in attendance via ZOOM online. Welcome to all!

Happy Birthday all February members!

**Approval of January 11th Minutes** – Linda McSwain motioned to approve, Gwen Lombard 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes approved.

### **Treasurer/Budget Review** - Linda McSwain

Budget update was presented and reviewed - Savings \$3,945.87; Checking \$3,969.36; Charity \$1,362.78. Motion made to approve by Gwen Lombard and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda Hewes. Report approved.

**Program** – Video “Organize Your Sewing Space” by Just Get It Done Quilts/Karen Brown

### **Charity**

Next drop off/pick up is Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am – noon at Mary Short’s home. Sharlene Hotary has provided 17 baby quilts.

### **Block Lotto**

Linda McSwain explain the charity quilt proposal and she will send out block information via email for members to participate.

### **Sandy’s Hints**

Lots to learn watching podcasts and she has been watching Quilt and Tell from American Patchwork, Modern Sew Society and Stitcher.

New –

-Trenton Quilt Show on March 20<sup>th</sup>

-Iowa Virtual quilt show – 1/12/21 – 3/9/21 Tuesdays at 12 CST

-Anne Mullins shared the Quilters Hall of Fame 2021 Schedule of Exhibits, where the Florida Quilt Study group is now and she participated in the antique quilt block challenge.

- Facebook business page is Tree City Quilters Guild, Inc.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting via ZOOM on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7pm.

--- Respectfully submitted – Trish Everitt – TCQG Secretary ---