

High Point Quilt Guild Newsletter

December 2021

Volume 9, Issue 12

Please join us the second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at Triad Church, 705 Sunshine Way, Greensboro, NC 27407

From our President, Janet Wells:

I hope everyone had cherished time with family and friends last week and have recovered from Thanksgiving festivities. Salads are in my future for the next few weeks.

At our November meeting, we held the election of officers for 2022. Our new officers are Kelly Healy, 1st VP; Karen Tooley, 2nd VP/membership chair; Diantha Dann, secretary; and Sherri Fields, treasurer. Current 1st VP Wendy Clagg steps up to be our new president.

At our November meeting, we decided to continue with our annual Christmas buffet for the meeting on December 9th. Please bring finger foods AND any serving utensils needed for your item. (I have already called dibs on the crock pot of meatballs!) The guild will provide the paper products and forks.

Stars are in our future! 2022 marks the 10th anniversary year of the High Point Quilt Guild. We will celebrate all year with a bi-monthly block of the month. Every block will feature a different type of star. There will be two blocks offered every other month starting in January. One will be a traditional pieced block and the other will be paper-pieced. We will have a program/demonstration on paper piecing for those who are new to that method.

Susan Pierce and I will co-chair the program committee next year. If you have any particular desire for programs, please let us know. We will be planning for guest speakers as well as member-led programs. Thank you to those who have already reached out to us.

For me, the December guild meeting is the beginning the season of Christmas celebrations. I hope all of you are able to attend the meeting, as we close out another year and get ready to celebrate throughout 2022.

Happy thoughts,
Happy stitches,
Janet

Membership, Karen Tooley:

At the December meeting, we will begin taking Membership forms and \$30 dues for your 2022 Membership. The membership form is at the end of the newsletter. Print it, fill it out and bring it **and your dues** to the December meeting **IN PERSON**. I will also have forms on hand at the meeting.

If you want to wait until January or February to join, you must MAIL your form and dues because we will be meeting on Zoom.

Send to: Karen Tooley, 204 Cedarwood Dr, Jamestown, NC 27282.

Questions? karentooley54@gmail.com

Officers, Chairs and Committee Reports:

Secretary and Historian, Diantha Dann –

High Quilt Guild
11/11/2021

President Wells. called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm welcoming 11 members. November birthday wishes were given.

Treasurer's Report - Sherri Fields - The October Treasurer's Report was emailed to the membership November 7, 2021. Beginning balance was \$15,337.08, \$200.00 outstanding check, ending balance was \$15,137.08. A motion was made by Wendy Clagg and seconded by Erica Scutt to accept the October Treasurer's Report as submitted. All in favor.

Retreat 2022 Haw River - October 20-23, 2022 - Sherri Fields reminded everyone attending the retreat that they must have their registration form and deposit to her no later than January 1, 2022.

October 14, 2021 Minutes - Diantha Dann - A motion by Juanita Hale, seconded by Sherri Fields to accept the October 14, 2021 minutes was submitted. All in favor.

Raffle Quilt - Mary Beth Pazdernik - Mary Beth thanked all who helped at the Pineapple Fabric Sale Raffle Ticket booth. The Guild sold \$200.00 in raffle tickets. She also stated that we needed ideas, venues and volunteers to continue selling tickets. The Raffle Quilt is our only fundraiser.

Elections for 2022 - 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are up for election. President Wells ask if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. The ballots were passed out to the attending members.

Announcements - President Wells stated that she and Susan Pierce would be Co-Chairing Programs for 2022. She asked anyone interested in helping on the committee or who has any program ideas to please contact her or Susan.

Reminder - The Ugly Fabric challenge is due at our December 9th meeting. What did you make?

Program - Mary Beth Pazdernik introduced Marsha Clark of "The Quilting Coop" Asheboro, NC. Marsha instructed everyone in making the cutest Christmas ornament. Fun was had by all. Thank you, Marsha.

Show And Tell - Awesome as always.

New Member Initiation - President Wells presented each new member with a small token of quilt labels.

Election Results - President Wells announced the election results.

1st Vice President - Kelly Healy
2nd Vice President - Karen Tooley
Treasurer - Sherri Fields
Secretary - Diantha Dann

President Wells adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diantha Dann, Secretary

Treasurer, Sherri Fields – Treasurer's report sent separately.

Zoom

We are introducing a new way to have guild meetings in 2022. High Point Quilt Guild will move to Zoom meetings from October through April. The executive board took some time to carefully think through this decision, and what it boils down to is that our guild is aging, and many of us are having difficulty driving at night. We would like to have in-person meetings when the days are longer. Our January 2022 meeting will be via Zoom with Gloria Stickney. I will send out a Zoom invitation a week prior to the meeting. Be sure to save it in a file on your device or keep it as new or unread. If you do not receive an invitation the week before our meeting, be sure to call, email, or text me at 336-209-9623 and I'll resend the invitation. I realize by this point in the Pandemic cycle, most of us are probably familiar with Zoom and may already have it downloaded to our devices. I have attached some user-friendly (at least I hope they're user-friendly) instructions to this newsletter just in case you're not familiar with Zoom.

January 13, 2022 is our first Zoom guild meeting. If you haven't downloaded Zoom to your device, please try to do it before the meeting (the instructions are at the bottom of this newsletter). There is no charge for this, but it does take a few minutes. On the night of the meeting, log in several minutes early. I'll be online by at least 5:45 to try to make sure we don't have any issues.

Membership Dues

Membership dues remain at \$30 for 2022. Since we're not meeting in person in January, **dues and membership registration form should be mailed to Karen Tooley, 204 Cedarwood Dr., Jamestown, NC 27282.** The registration form is attached to this newsletter and is on the guild website: <https://www.highpointquiltguild.com/>.

The guild meetings on Zoom are private, and in order for you to receive a Zoom invitation for the January meeting, the guild must receive either your dues or let us know you intend to rejoin before the January meeting. Please make checks or money orders payable to High Point Quilt Guild. We also accept cash, but do not take debit or credit cards.

Show and Tell

Since we won't be meeting in person for six months out of the year, in those six months, Show and Tell will be handled a bit differently. While you may certainly hold up your quilt/quilted object in front of your computer's camera, it may be easier to email me or text me a picture of your Show and Tell.

This will allow me to drop it into a Power Point presentation and when the picture of your project comes on screen, you can tell us about it. My email address is sherriquiltsalot@gmail.com or you can text me at 336-209-9623. I would like to have your pictures for the January meeting by January 6th.

Sherri

Programs and Raffle Quilt, Mary Beth Pazdernik –

Raffle Quilt

Please consider picking up some raffle tickets and use them as stocking stuffers, slip one into a Christmas card or as an add on to a gift for a teacher, minister or stylist.

Programs – No report.

Mary Beth

Charity Quilts, Angie Peele –

Nine quilts were delivered to Hayworth Center in November plus one was given directly. I would like to Thank Kathy and Joann for their help and Wendy for delivery.

Angie

Additional Announcements –

HOLIDAY SHOPPING OPPORTUNITY

At our December meeting, there will be a little "HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE" with some sewn items for sale. Bring some money and you might be able to do some Christmas shopping for someone on your list! (Or do a little shopping for yourself!)

All proceeds benefit the Guild.

Karen Tooley

Upcoming Shows –

Garden of Quilts

Friday, May 20, 2022 9 AM - Saturday 21, 5 PM

\$5.00

Bonclarken Conference Center

500 Pine Drive, Flat Rock, North Carolina, 28731

Attachments – Zoom instructions, Zoom etiquette, How to look good on Zoom, Membership form sent as separate attachment.

Respectfully submitted,

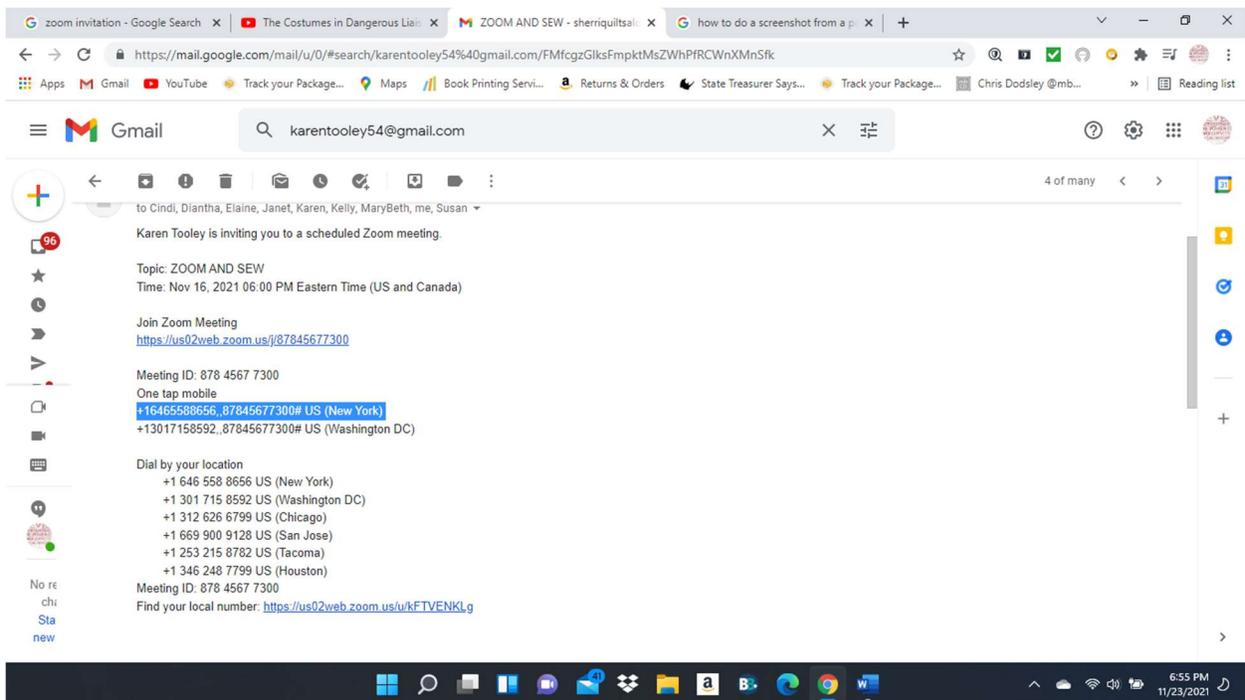
Kelly Healy

kellykhealy@gmail.com

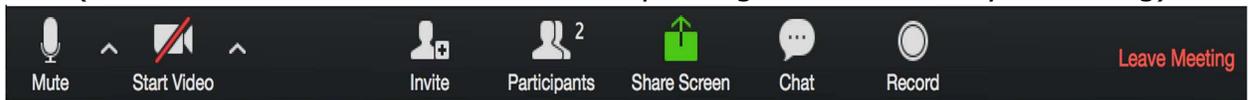
336-777-1193

Zoom Instructions

1. Join a meeting by clicking on the Zoom link provided by the meeting host. If this is your very first Zoom meeting on your device, click download and run Zoom. The Zoom .exe file will download and you will need to open the file. **Please note: this only needs to be done once for any device on which you use Zoom for the first time. Please try to do this in advance of the guild meeting, as it does take a few minutes. Then save your Zoom meeting invitation as new or unread mail so you can quickly access it the night of guild meeting.**
2. When you click on Join Meeting, it will take you directly to our Zoom meeting. You will not need a Meeting ID or Password, since these have been disabled for the guild. Your invitation will look similar to this:



3. When you join the meeting, you'll see a control bar somewhere on your screen which looks like this (the location of the control bar varies depending on what device you're using):



The microphone icon allows you to mute and unmute yourself. If you must take a phone call or someone steps into the room to ask you a question, it's the polite Zoom-etiquette to mute yourself. When our presenter begins the program, I will mute everyone and "pin" him/her so she will take up nearly all the space on the screen. After the program is over and we move to Show and Tell and Guild Business, you can change to Gallery View if desired.

The Start Video icon allows people to see you or not see you. In the example above, the slash through the camera means this person cannot be seen. It's up to you if you want to be seen or not. If you're having trouble with your internet's bandwidth (your screen freezes), you may want to stop your video during the presentation and then turn the camera back on when we're ready for the rest of guild business. Turning the camera off doesn't interfere with seeing the presenter and the program. It only allows you not to be seen, as it temporarily turns the camera off on your device.

You don't need to worry about the Invite icon.

The Participants icon allows you to see who is at the meeting, as well as "raise your hand" to ask a question.

You don't need to worry about the Share Screen icon.

The Chat Icon is a really neat feature, and one we'll use a lot. It will allow you to "talk" or "ask questions" to the speaker. Most speakers like for you to put your questions in the chat box, and they answer them from it. If you have problems with the chat feature, don't be afraid to raise your hand. Think of this as texting for Zoom. It works the exact same way.

The Leave Meeting icon allows you to leave the meeting by clicking on it anytime. It's usually at the lower right corner of the tool bar.

In addition, somewhere on your screen you'll see this:



Its location depends on what type of device you're using. When you click this on, it will give you the option of gallery view or speaker view. When the speaker is presenting his/her program, I will pin him/her to speaker view. However, once this is over, it's up to you how you want to view your screen. If you chose Speaker View, each time a different guild member speaks, that person will take up most of your screen. If you chose Gallery View, you'll see lots of guild members – think of the old Brady Bunch introduction, that's kind of how it looks:



Sherri Feilds

Zoom etiquette:

- Mute your microphone when you are not speaking and do not unmute your mike when it is not necessary
- Be mindful of background noise when you are speaking and avoid anything that can cause additional noise, such as dogs barking, shuffling papers, the television on or sewing machine running
- Position your camera properly and direct it at eye level, with your head and shoulders in the camera range if possible. Make sure your background is appropriate.
- Limit distractions and avoid multi-tasking. If you are going to get up and down during the meeting, be sure to turn off your camera so that you do not distract the other participants with a lot of movement
- If you experiment an internet or connection lag, you may wish to use your computer for the video and your phone for the audio
- Do not eat or drink on camera
- Be an active listener
- Use an appropriate name when signing in
- Don't be late and do not continuously join and leave the meeting

How to look good on Zoom:

- Lighting is critical. It is best to face a window or have a soft light by your face. Avoid sitting with your back to the window or having the light at your side or back, which can create a silhouette.
- Wear something bright and solid. Steer clear of solid white or black tops or shirts and don't wear busy prints or tiny checks or stripes, which can appear to be moving on camera.
- Control your background. A plain and simple background is best, such as a blank wall or piece of art.
- Do not put the camera too close to your face, as it will look distorted. No up-the-nose shots, please! The camera under your face is the most unflattering. To get the camera at the right level, consider stacking up books or boxes to put prop the camera on.

Kelly Healy