

# September 2015 Newsletter

## Quilters By The Sea Guild

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Our next meeting is on **Monday, September 21st, 2015 (this is the **THIRD MONDAY** – please make note!)**, 7:00pm

First Christian Church, 2035 Oleander Dr, Wilmington, NC

\*If New Hanover Co schools are closed due to inclement weather on meeting nights then the guild will **NOT** meet.

Future meeting dates: Oct 26, Nov 23, December- no meeting, instead we have our holiday party, generally held on the first Monday in Dec.



### From the desk of the President

Howdy!

Oh, how I need a nap, but have too much to do. Got up this morning at 6:30 to walk the loop with my husband. Trying to do this at least on Tuesday and Thursday of each week. Maybe I'll see some of you out there. August has been a sad month for me. Within a two week period, I attended three funerals one of which was my brother-in-law who passed away unexpectedly on August 16. We are doing well, however.

On a happier note, my bee and I went on a road trip to Fayetteville, Angier, Fuquay-Varina, and Clayton to purchase row by row patterns and kits. We were gone all day and only got lost a couple of times. We now have 9 rows to put together. Some of us have more. Some of us have already started, but not me. My goal is to start them next week.

It was good to see those of you that attended the August meeting. We used our new PA system that weighs only 11 pounds and is the size of a boom box. If any of you know of an organization in need of a PA system, please let me know. We will also try to sell it on Craig's list, but the board voted to put it out to the membership first.

I hope you will try to get out to UNCW to see the quilts made by Susan Marra of the Twin Rivers Quilt Guild in New Bern, NC. The quilts are located in the new cultural arts building on the UNCW campus. The gallery will be open from Monday thru Friday from 12 to 5. They will be displayed until September 24th.

Please check out the nominations for the officers for next year. They will be presented at the September guild meeting, voted on at the October meeting, and installed at the November meeting.

The raffle quilt is being bound by Marie Ann Coadic and will be unveiled at the Christmas party in December. Make plans now to attend the party. Raffle tickets will be handed out at the January meeting. You don't want to miss this one.

If you plan to attend the retreat in January, get your registration in quickly as it will probably fill up quickly. You should have received an email with the forms attached on the 31st of August. Sounds like a fun to me.

Vonda Witherspoon is looking for someone to help with the block of the month next year. She hopes that this person will take over for 2017. Please give Vonda a call or you may call me if you are interested. Also, committee chairman, if any of you are thinking of giving up your position, please let me know so the new president coming in will be able to fill these positions.

Reminder, you are now getting an updated list of the membership by email. Please use the information on this list as the booklet is incorrect for quite a few of us.

**Remember the meeting in September will be on the 21st which is the 3rd Monday.**

So long! Ann

#### Checklist for September Meeting

- Name Tag (or 25 cents fine)
- Library Books
- Show & Tell
- Block-of-the-Month
- Neo-Natal Quilts
- Canned Goods
- Chemo Scarves
- Dollar Bills for Raffle
- Free Stuff



## Meeting Programs

Thank you to everyone who attended last time. I hope you enjoyed hearing a little bit about one of our sister crafts, basket weaving. Since I started out as a basket maker, it is close to my heart! Quilts and baskets just seem to fit together to me! For those who did not attend last month's meeting, we had to make a change to the basket we will be making in the class on September 19. Jan's husband helps her by making all the wood parts to her baskets. With his recent health issues, he has not been able to help with the kits for the pincushion basket. Therefore we have substituted a Straw holder (tall cylinder) or a Bowl basket, your choice – both are beautiful. These will take a little longer to make so this is no longer a 4 hour class. There are still a few openings for the class. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to attend (phone 910-329-1332 or email [deputnam@charter.net](mailto:deputnam@charter.net)). The basket class is Saturday, September 19 and will be held at the Arboretum. We will start at 8am and 10am depending on which basket you are making. And don't forget to BRING YOUR LUNCH!

**September:** For September we are excited to have one of our members, Barbara Fitzsimmons, present a program on "Every Story Has a Quilt". This will be a trunk show and discussion of quilts based on Children's picture books. So please come and give Bobbi very warm welcome!

And, in following that theme for Show and Tell, it would be great if members shared any "story" quilts you may have made as well. As always, we look forward to seeing all the new quilts and projects you are also working on!!

**October:** In October, we are going to find out who is our IRON QUILTER! Pat Mattison will be leading us in a quilt war and the winner will be crowned as the Iron Quilter!! We will have three teams of 2 people - the main quilter and an assistant. Each team will be given a quilt theme, set of guidelines, and any mandatory-to-use fabrics. They will then have a set amount of time to make a quilt in our meeting!! We will get to watch as they go through the process. And there will nice prizes (heh-heh!) for both them and some of the audience. Several of us have seen variations of this done at other events, and it is always hilarious!! Pat will tell us more at the September meeting.

**November:** For November we are going to do a different version of something we have enjoyed before – Gadget Night! Before we brought things we loved. This time let's bring things we have tried and HATE!! Many of us will soon be looking for Christmas presents for our quilting buddies; it might be fun to know the duds, so we don't give those!! More on this in our next newsletter, but be looking around the BOTTOM of your closet for those gadget purchases that you were trying to forget!

**Christmas Party:** Yeah, we will be having a Christmas Party on December 7! Thank you very much to Mari de Moya for helping with this. Details will be in the next newsletter, but keep that evening open to share some Christmas spirit with your guild friends.

We have a couple of programs lined up for early next year, wool and barn quilts. A few others are still in the "draft" stage. But as topics come to mind, please share them with me at [deputnam@charter.net](mailto:deputnam@charter.net)

Thanks, Dianne Putnam



❖❖❖ QBTS BOM 2015 ❖❖❖

You will be constructing 2 blocks each month. One you will bring to our guild meeting for the raffle drawing, and one you will keep for your own "My Quilting Journey" quilt. Your hostess, Vonda Witherspoon

**\*The block is at the bottom of the newsletter\***



## Workshop News

### NEO-NATAL WORKSHOP

Our next workshop will be on Saturday, October 3rd, from 9:00 - 2:00 at the New Hanover Orthopedic Hospital (formerly Cape Fear Hospital). We will be working on a new pattern at this workshop. I called it "Take Three" because it uses three coordinating fabrics. It is a quick and easy pattern, but very cute!! You will be able to finish the top and possibly even do the quilting during the workshop! We will have a signup at the September guild meeting, or you can email Carolyn Baker [gbaker2@ec.rr.com](mailto:gbaker2@ec.rr.com) or Anne Freeling [freeanne@ec.rr.com](mailto:freeanne@ec.rr.com) to sign up.

Ruth Humphrey's "quilt as you go" workshop will be held at the Orthopedic Hospital on October 24. The fee is \$10.00. Start collecting strips of fabric and save any small triangles you have. A supply list will be available in September. The leftover corners from making half-square triangles are perfect for the corners of the squares.

The last Quilts of Valor workshop will be held at the Orthopedic Hospital on November 7th. The workshop is free but you will need to bring fabric. I am working on the quilt design and will have it at the September meeting.

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### NQA to dissolve

**From:** National Quilting Association [[nqa@nqaquilts.org](mailto:nqa@nqaquilts.org)]

**Sent:** Friday, September 04, 2015 8:13 PM

September 4, 2015

Dear Friends and Members of NQA,

At a special meeting of the NQA Board of Directors held August 18, 2015, the Board celebrated NQA's 46 years of achievements and successes. However, when looking toward the future, the Board has determined that NQA has had its season and by unanimous vote the Board of Directors voted to dissolve the National Quilting Association, Inc.

All this may sound like a sudden turn of events, but we assure you it's not sudden, as the warning signs have been there for nearly 10 years. The steady decline in show attendance, consistent decrease in membership, lack of contingency planning and dwindling operational funds made this a clear but difficult decision. The current Board has worked tirelessly to find alternatives to keep NQA solvent and sustainable into the future, however our efforts did not result in a partnership with another quilting organization or adoption of our programs as we had hoped.

NQA can measure its successes through the fostering of other quilt organizations and quilt shows, establishing criteria for excellence in quilt making, establishing a Masterpiece Quilt designation, professionalizing the role of the quilt judge and quilt

teacher, offering grants to communities to fund quilt related projects and originating the National Day of Quilting. NQA is considered a leader in the quilting world and there is much to be proud of.

You may be filled with a variety of emotions – sorrow, concern, anger, bewilderment, and grief. All those are legitimate and we hope you will accept these facts and understand all efforts were made to keep NQA viable. It’s a time for decisiveness, clarity, and conviction. The NQA Board of Directors wishes to thank all of our faithful members and supporters who have done remarkable work together over the years. We all should feel a sense of pride and completion.

Moving forward the Board is working to arrange transfer of our memberships to another national quilting association. Alternatives for management of our programs are still being researched. Watch for more news on this later.

You can help make this transition easier for NQA by being optimistic about the future and grateful for the wonderful experiences and friendships created because of NQA. We wish you all the very best as you continue those friendships and in all of your quilting endeavors.

Sincerely,

Marcel Miller, President

Margaret Powers, Vice-President

Priscilla Godfrey, Secretary

Mary Ann Guidos, Communication Chair

Margie Engel, Grant Chair

Heather Tighe, Chapter Chair



### **Nomination Committee Report**

Committee results:

President: Mary Ann Kotas

Treasurer: Candy Smith

Assistant Treasurer: Diane Brisson

Members at Large: Pat Grinevicius

Nancy Mc Lean

Audrey Peck

Respectively submitted,

Miranda Duggan and Karen Smith, nominating committee



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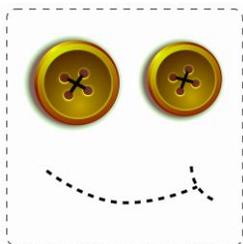
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Whatever's Quilted is devoted to the quilt finishing process. In addition to HQ machines we carry, batting, a large selection of wide fabrics, quilting designs, rulers and tools.

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FREE: 1937 Singer Treadle Machine w/Cabinet. Local Pick-Up Only. Lise King @ 763-5564 or [lisemarie@ec.rr.com](mailto:lisemarie@ec.rr.com)

SALE: Bernina 830 Sewing/Embroidery Machine in great shape. Just serviced and cleaned. Many accessories including GIANT hoop. Email for pictures and information. \$4000.00. I just upgraded and that's the only reason I'm selling.

Debbie Williams [debsews2002@yahoo.com](mailto:debsews2002@yahoo.com) 910-520-9011 (I will be coming to Wilmington for Halloween so if anyone wants it I can deliver then or at Thanksgiving)

### Ads in the Newsletter

Each Guild Member gets a **free ad one time per year** in the Newsletter. Deadline is the 7th of each month. Have something to sell? Try advertising here in our newsletter. Over 200 people will see it!!

**Charges for ads** are as follows: Business card Size-\$5.00; 1/4 page-\$7.50; 1/2 page-\$10.00 and Full Page-\$20.00. Charges will be doubled for non-members or businesses. Please send your ad copy via email to: [qbts.guild@gmail.com](mailto:qbts.guild@gmail.com) Payment can be made via check to QTBS and mailed to: QBTS, PO Box 955, Wilmington NC 28402 Or, can be handed in at the meetings to the treasurer.





## Upcoming Events

### September 12, 2015

Brunswick Quilters 3rd annual

*SECOND HAND ROSE SALE* Saturday 9:00 am -1:00 pm

Shallotte Presbyterian Church, 5070 Main Street, Shallotte, N.C.

**Quilt, fabric and craft items and the scissor sharpening man will be there!**

### September 18-19, 2015

Ashe County Piecemakers Quilt Guild Annual Quilt Fair

Jefferson Station, 20 E Ashe St, W Jefferson, NC

For info [raholbrook@wilkes.net](mailto:raholbrook@wilkes.net)

[www.ashequilters.org](http://www.ashequilters.org)

### September 25-26, 2015

Quilted Treasures 2015

James W. Warren Citizens Center

115 W Main St, Lincolnton, NC 28092

Contact Linda Gunter 704-483-2778

[www.ncpiecemakers.org](http://www.ncpiecemakers.org)

### September 25-26, 2015

Cabarrus Quilters Guild Annual Fiber Art & Quilt Show

Cabarrus Arena & Event Center

4751 Hwy 49 N, Concord, NC 28025

[www.cabarrusquiltersguild.org/Quilt\\_Show.html](http://www.cabarrusquiltersguild.org/Quilt_Show.html)

[jacupp@ctc.net](mailto:jacupp@ctc.net)

### October 2-4, 2015

Asheville Annual Quilt Show

WNC Agriculture Center

1301 Fanning Bridge Rd, Fletcher, NC 28732

[www.ashevillequiltguild.org/show.html](http://www.ashevillequiltguild.org/show.html)

[slerner.quiltshow@gmail.com](mailto:slerner.quiltshow@gmail.com)

### October 8-10, 2015

High Country Quilters Annual Quilt Show

Maggie Valley Town Hall

3987 Soco Rd, Maggie Valley, NC 28751

[highcountryquilt@att.net](mailto:highcountryquilt@att.net) or 828-926-3169

### October 9-10, 2015

Foothills Quilters Guild Biennial Show

Leona Neal Senior Center

100 T R Harris Drive in Shelby, NC 28150

[www.foothillsquiltersguild.org](http://www.foothillsquiltersguild.org)

## QBTS Guild Outreach Projects

Baby Hats Please make hats 6" or less from top to bottom to fit babies in nursery. They need to be pink or blue. (All sizes are needed at present time.) If you need yarn, please let me know. I do have some patterns also. Than you. Check our website for directions. (Betty Flavin)

Bereavement Sets for the hospital. 18 x 18" square blanket, either knitted or crocheted, and a matching hat in any PASTEL color or WHITE for stillborn babies or babies who expire at birth or shortly after. Two per month on average are used. (Betty Flavin)

Chemo Scarves for cancer patients. The pattern is on the website. (Amy Brassard)

Flag Donations Old flags collected to be placed on the caskets of veterans before cremation. (Jan Jacobson)

Food Drive Each month we bring non-perishable food items that are given to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard (Bev Cochran) Federal Point Help Center (Anne Hope Marvin) and St. Mary's Tileston Outreach (Mary Ann Kotas) on a rotating basis.

Habitat for Humanity Quilts Quilts for new homeowners. (Barb Sieme)

Neo-Natal Quilts for babies on the neonatal unit (Carolyn Baker & Anne Freeling)

Quilts of Valor and Wounded Warrior Quilts (Kirsta Meadows)

\*It is important to remember that participation in these activities is voluntary.

Symposium Finance Committee:

Cindy Marzac (2015), Amy Brassard (2015), Miranda Dungan (2015, 2016), Dianne Putnam (2015, 2016)

Members at large: Margie Carano, Linda Sherrill, Marion Martin



## Committees Habitat Quilts- Barb Sieme /

Beekeeper- Angela Bridger 686-6719 / B.O.M.- Vonda Witherspoon 599-8566 / Community Outreach- Lise King 763-5564 / Historian- Vonda Witherspoon 599-8566 / Neonatal- Carolyn Baker 383-6682 & Anne Freeling 383-1427 / Librarian- Donna Bergman 371-2613 / Raffle Coordinator- Any Brassard 793-3496 & Candy Smith 452-9217 / Sunshine Lady- RoseMarie Dalby 371-6504 / Workshops- Miranda Dungan 547-0601 & Julie Brewer 791-1712 / Retreat: Lynn Flaherty 617-519-9870



## Free Bees



**FREE patterns & tutorials from the web.**

Have you ever heard of the Snuggles Project? It's an organization formed to make cuddly blankets and such for shelter dogs and cats. You can donate to the many rescue groups here in the area, there is always a need! If interested here's the link: <http://www.snugglesproject.org/>

Just in time for fall, a pumpkin pincushion!



Heres the link: [Pumpkin Pincushion Tutorial](#)

See **Kirsta or Miranda** at the guild meeting if you need ideas, or use the national block posted in many recent newsletters. Here is a link for the official QOV website: [www.govf.org/content/qov-national-sew-day-2014.html](http://www.govf.org/content/qov-national-sew-day-2014.html) and their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/quiltsofvalorfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/quiltsofvalorfoundation)

**FOOD COLLECTION** - The monthly donations have diminished remarkably. The need is so great, try to remember to bring even one item to our meetings. None of us have to worry about where our next meal is coming from, but one item per member would help to feed a family. Thank you, Outreach Committee



Dear Membership, The **County Quilters Bee** is growing their hive and is extending an open invitation to join them! They meet the first and third Thursday of the month at the New Hanover County Public Library, Myrtle Grove Branch. They make quilts for the Domestic Violence Shelter as well as working on their own projects and enjoying the fellowship of the group. Please contact Chris Dahl for more info if interested. [foxymom313@gmail.com](mailto:foxymom313@gmail.com)

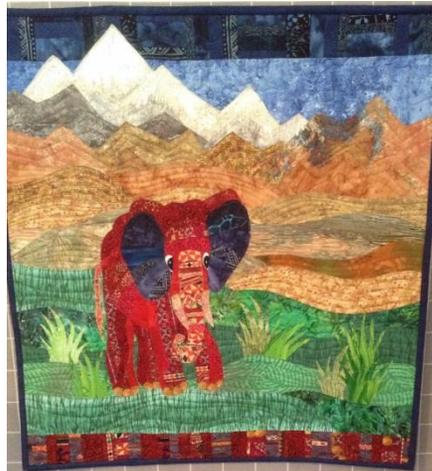
**Carolina Pine Needle Quilters Guild**, Jacksonville NC, is getting ready to celebrate their 25th anniversary in a big way! Jenny Doan from Missouri Star Quilt Company is coming to teach a class to all of us in Eastern NC. Venue will be White Oak High School on Piney Green Road in Jacksonville. Mark your calendars - 20 August 2016! More information to follow.

**Romancing Eastern Carolina Shop Hop** - Wednesday February 3rd until Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Tickets go on sale Oct 1, 2015 - be one of the first 300 people to sign up and receive a free tote bag! Visit 6 local stores in Jacksonville, Morehead City, Washington, Greenville and 2 in New Bern to get a Sweet Treat during the grey days of Winter!



We have a **Facebook** page! Check in often for announcements and news!  
<https://www.facebook.com/QuiltersByTheSea?ref=ts>

**Exciting News!** Two of our members will have quilts in the Hoffman Challenge Traveling Exhibit! Mary Harned and sister Donna Bergman entered the challenge with the quilts below, you can read all about it here:  
<https://quiltingsistersunravelled.wordpress.com/2015/08/13/hoffman-challenge-update/>



SEPT. BOM - Oh Susannah! Please make in the colors of WHITE & BLUE, (for the squares that show up as a solid pale blue - disregard - and make the 'lightest solid squares' WHITE – color #1)



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Color 1 = WHITE needs: one 14" x 3-1/2" strip AND two 3-7/8" squares



Color 2

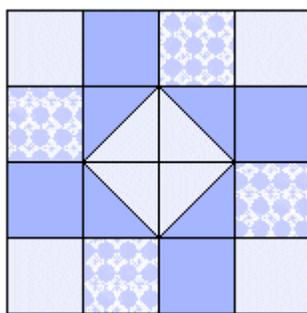
Color 2 = Light to Medium BLUE needs: one 14" x 3-1/2" strip



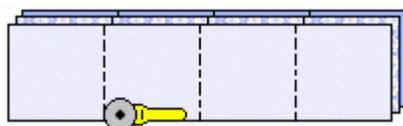
Color 3

Color 3 = Darker BLUE needs: one 14" x 3-1/2" strip AND two 3-7/8" squares

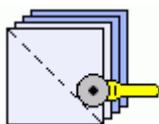
This makes a 12 inch finished block! 12 1/2 inches with seam allowances.



**\*\* Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block \*\***



To make the needed 3-1/2" squares...you will need a 14" x 3-1/2" strip of **each** color. Stack these together, and then using a rotary cutter, cut into four 3-1/2" squares of each...



Next, with the 3-7/8" squares of Colors **1 and 3**, stack these. Using a rotary cutter, cut them on the diagonal, being careful not to stretch fabrics...



With right sides together, sew Color **1 and Color 3** triangles together, using a 1/4" seam. Press seam allowances towards darker fabric...

Now piece the squares as shown in the finished block above, sewing four horizontal rows using 1/4" seams. Join the resulting rows and there you have it!

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Traditional Block

pattern from:

<http://www.quilterscache.com>

## *It's time to sign up for the 2016 Quilters by the Sea retreat!*

We're going to The Trinity Center this year in Salter Path, NC on beautiful Emerald Isle. Join us from January 28-31st for three days and three nights of sewing, demos, games and a chance to get to know your fellow guild members in a fun-filled, relaxing environment.

The Trinity Center is a retreat center owned by the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina. We will have exclusive use of their large conference building, which has ample room for sewing, as well as two additional breakout rooms and a kitchenette for relaxing, snacking, cutting and ironing stations. Just a few steps away is the dining room where we will have all our meals served, either buffet or family style.

Check-in is at 11am on Thursday followed by lunch, which is served promptly at noon. We will check out after breakfast on Sunday, at 10am.

Down a short path through the woods are the housing clusters. Each cluster features 12 rooms that each sleep two people. The rooms are connected by a wooden deck to a central living room, featuring a gas fireplace, refrigerator, microwave oven, telephone, television and wi-fi access. The bedrooms each have a double and twin size bed and full bathroom.

The cost for the retreat is \$315. To reserve your spot you must return the registration form with a deposit of \$150 by September 21st. The remaining \$165 will be due on November 1st.

Space is limited so don't delay!

Questions? Contact Lynn at 617-519-9870 ([lynnflaherty@outlook.com](mailto:lynnflaherty@outlook.com)) or Terri at 910-616-8892 ([terrihow@outlook.com](mailto:terrihow@outlook.com))

We are excited about our plans for this retreat and hope you will join us!  
The 2016 retreat committee:

Lynn Flaherty  
Terri Hemeon  
Donna Bergman  
Mary Harned  
Pam Davison

\*Registration form below.

**Quilters by the Sea - 2016 Retreat  
Registration Form  
The Trinity Center  
Salter Path, NC  
January 28th-31st, 2016**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate preference (with her approval) \_\_\_\_\_

Fee for room and all meals is \$315. \* A deposit of \$150 is required to hold your space and must be received by September 21st.\* The balance is due by November 1st. Once your registration is accepted the deposit is non-refundable unless your space can be filled. Your check # \_\_\_\_\_

Room with no stairs is required \_\_\_\_\_

Handicapped room required \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary requirements or food allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Any other special needs \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*RETURN COMPLETED FORM\*\*  
and check made out to Quilters by the Sea to:**

**Mary Harned  
3104 Woodbend Ct  
Leland, NC 28451  
dgistudio1@yahoo.com**

## **Editorial:**

Fellow quilters,

Having just heard that the National Quilting Association (NQA) was dissolved, I am personally heartbroken. NQA was a non-profit group that has been around for over 45 years, provided so many wonderful services and programs to our quilting community, supported and encouraged the local guilds. Now it has been dissolved because it was not being supported by quilters!! We should be ashamed!!

Yes, we still have other quilt shows we can attend – but remember most of those big shows are FOR PROFIT! They are not offering our quilting community and guilds any services or support, other than to take our money!! They are not making sure we have certified teacher and judges so we can have a known level of confidence in their training and skills. They are not helping us get reasonable insurance rates for our shows. They are not helping guilds with grants and other support and guidance. AQS puts on great quilt shows but they are a FOR PROFIT organization.

I hope we will all take a few moments to look at what we can do to help those few remaining non-profit organizations in our quilting community. A good example is the North Carolina Quilt Symposium, Inc. And this hits us very close to home! Symposia are wonderful events; many great friendships are made and sustained by attendees. But like the NQA shows, attendance are down, volunteers are lacking. Many of the hosting guilds are not making enough funds to justify the work effort of those few volunteers.

Please consider what you can do to support all the non-profit organizations in our quilting community. How long will it be before NCQSI has to dissolve? Or even Quilters by the Sea? So, what can we do? Attend!! Volunteer!! Pitch in and help!! Spread the word about the events being held and encourage others to attend!!

I'll get off my soapbox now, thank you for listening!

Dianne Putnam