

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

Notes from the President

April is a busy month for our guild. On Saturday April 8th we hang a Quilt Exhibit/Sale at VMRC which will be in place until 8:30 a.m. Saturday April 29th. This is always a hit with residents of VMRC and their visitors. Then there is our guild retreat from Sunday April 23rd until Wednesday April 26th. Good times sewing with guild members, learning something new, a wonderful mini vacation and no cooking required. Kathy and Jane have things planned that will make for an enjoyable time. Plus don't forget guild on April 15th and our upcoming program and class. I for one am looking forward to all these events.

I was listening to the reading of poetry this morning and remembering a quote that I had saved and want to share with you. I could not find the author of "The South" but it reminds me of some of the places I have lived and the way it used to be here (and I hope it is here anymore).

The South: the place where
 sweeter... summer state
 cheese is a vegetable...
 words are long... pecan pie is a staple... y'all is the only
 proper noun... chicken is fried and biscuits come with
 gravy... everyone is darling and someone's heart is
 always being blessed.



Take time to think back on sweet times and happy quilting,

Sandie Hammel

CALENDAR

APRIL

15 Guild Meeting
 Phyllis Reeves, "String Quilts"

23-26 Quilt Retreat

MAY

20 Guild Meeting, Service

April Birthdays

Thurston Bechtel	7 th
Deborah Pfeiffer	10 th
John Hammel	13 th
Connie Taylor	29 th

Secretary Minutes from March 18, 2017 General Meeting

President Sandie Hammel called the March meeting of the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild (SVQG) to order at 9:30 a.m. Fifty-nine members and guests were present. It was moved, seconded and carried (MSC) that the February minutes, as published in the newsletter, be approved.

The treasurer's report was presented by Larry Brown.

Reports:

Nominating, Doreen Roadcap asked for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee to recruit officers for 2018.

Membership, John Hammel reminded that membership applications are available and announced that several new members had joined at the meeting.

Sunshine, Sue Jones reported that eight birthday cards and three thinking of you cards were sent.

Program, Barbara Cline reported that members had enjoyed a workshop on Friday, March 17 taught by Julia Graber. She announced that anyone wishing to sign up for the program, "From Photo to Fiber", being taught after the meeting could do so even if they had not brought a sewing machine to the meeting. The April program and workshop will be "String Quilts" taught by Phyllis Reeves. In June Sew Classics will provide the program and the workshop. Information and sign-up forms for the programs will be in the upcoming newsletters.

Service, Denise Rudolph announced that the next service day and hospice quilt collection will be at the May meeting. The Healthy Families program at Sentara has requested crib size floor quilts. Labels are available.

Retreat, Jane Crockett reminded members to stay after the meeting if they plan to participate in the guild retreat. Nina Jackson gave the specifics of a game and quilt challenge that will be available at the retreat.

Ways and Means, Cerise Haas announced that the PhD due in May will be #4.

Virginia Quilt Museum, Josephine Millet reported that the museum is open. The program, "From Fabric to Photos: The Forest Project", will be given by Dawn Flores on Saturday, March 25. Members are asked to consult the VQM website for information. On the lower level of the museum, The Top of Virginia Quilt Guild has an exhibit.

Announcements:

The newsletter deadline is March 24th. The next Board meeting will be April 4th at the North River Library in Bridgewater. The next general meeting will be April 15th.

A special thank you to Gail Oliver, publicity chairman, who has updated the membership brochures and distributed them throughout the area.

The Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show will be April 21-23 at the Recreation Center, 225 Al Smith Circle, Berryville, Va. The entrance fee will be \$5.

The Northern Virginia Quilters Unlimited Annual Show will be June 2-4, 2017. There is a special entry fee of \$13 available for groups. Sandie circulated a sign-up sheet to see if members were interested in carpooling to the show on June 3rd to take advantage of the group rate.

Jolene Powell announced that the Harrisonburg First Church of the Nazarene is starting a quilt/handwork sewing group and would like to invite anyone who would like to participate or donate materials to the group to join.

April 2017

Secretary Minutes from March 18, 2017 General Meeting, continued

Carolyn Stone reported on her recent travels to California. The Coastal Quilters of Santa Barbara have been making 'fidgety quilts' to help Alzheimer's patients.

Old Business:

VMRC Exhibit and Sale: Quilt applications are due no later than March 24th. Quilts must be delivered to the VMRC main entry on April 8th by 8:30 a.m. Sandie asked for volunteers to help with installing the show and a volunteer to assist with the VMRC resident tour on Tuesday, April 11th. New members are encouraged to participate in this event.

2018 Quilt Show: Sandie expressed her thanks to those who submitted quilt show ballots. The results were in favor of a downsized show. A Show Chairman is in place, but two volunteers to serve as co-chairs are needed. The location and the outline of the show will be announced at the June meeting.

The Show and Tell portion of the meeting featured the Divide and Conquer challenge, PhD projects completed, and pieces created in Friday's "Patches" workshop taught by Julia Graber.

After refreshments, the raffle was won by Doreen Roadcap. Twelve attendees also won door prizes. Barbara Cline introduced the speaker, Julia Graber, who provided an entertaining trunk show of her work.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Crockett

Reminder for VMRC Exhibit

April 8th is just around the corner. For all of you who have quilts that will be included in the Exhibit and for those helping hang those quilts. We will meet on Main Street at VMRC front [entrance.at](#) 8:30 a.m.

For those of you not familiar with VMRC, come into the main entrance drive straight up the hill turn left towards high rise apartments. Entrance is under the covered area. We will be just inside the doors to the left of the stairs for intake and staging. All those involved will receive an additional email just before the 8th. See you at VMRC.

More information email: sshammel419@gmail.com

The Exhibit is full, so many wonderful quilts submitted.

Thank you for all your participation,

Sandie Hammel



Sunshine Committee

Please contact me if you are aware of a guild member who needs a Thinking of You card and block for illness or sympathy. You may contact me at dejbowsandskiquilts@hotmail.com or call 540-949-0872.

Thank You, Sue Jones

RETREAT!

Remember, all retreat participants please bring 40 2 ½ inch strips in red, white, blue, gold and silver (grey) for our retreat games. Think “patriotic” when picking out your fabrics. We have two activities planned to utilize the strips. Looking forward to some fabric fun with you all!!

The Virginia Quilt Museum

Current Exhibits (Feb 21 - May 20, 2017)

"Two Golden Ages of Applique: 1840-1870 & 1920-1940"
Curated by Debby Cooney

Quilt historian Debby Cooney explores various forms of applique on quilts and other textiles in the historical context of two different eras. For several years she has studied, written about, and collected applique quilts. She shares these and quilts from other private collections with visitors in this wide-ranging exhibition.

As Debby explains it, the popularity of the difficult art of applique has waxed and waned since colonial times. Applique quilt maker skills can best be seen in the years 1840 to 1870, and in a revival from 1920 to 1940. Both periods produced significant outpourings of appliqued quilts that feature excellence in design, technical skill, and expert quilting.

We hope that seeing the intricately beautiful applique on these quilts will inspire modern quilters to join in the applique movement that Debby believes has planted us solidly in a time that will be seen as the "Third Golden Age of Applique."

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, April 29th @ VQM
Debby Cooney Exhibit Gallery Tour 11am
Artists' Reception 12pm

FIRST FRIDAYS AT THE MUSEUM
Friday, April 7th, 5-8 PM
FREE ADMISSION

It's that time of the year again!
Please help us kick off our participation in 2017's First Fridays series!

Programs - April

String Quilts

Instructor: Phyllis Reeves

General Supply List for Students

1. Pins, seam ripper, rotary cutter (with new blade) and mat
2. Thread
3. Ruler for trimming up squares (at least 10" long)
4. Sewing machine in good working order with $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot
5. Pencil or marker
6. 80 Jeans needle or 80 Topstitch needle for machine
7. Cheap thin copy paper at least 7" square or foundation paper
8. Strips of fabric between 1"-2" wide and anything in between.

Basic String Quilt

1. Thin copy paper cut into squares. Decide on the size of your blocks and cut accordingly. My squares were 7"
2. Background fabric cut into 1" strips. I used white but you could use any neutral that will show up against your other strips,
3. Fabric Glue Stick

Diamond Square Strings

1. Quarter Square Triangle ruler such as Omnigrid 98L or Strip Tube Ruler from Cozy Quilt designs (my preference)
2. Background fabric cut into $3\frac{1}{4}$ " strips wof.
3. Fabric for sashing, borders, and binding.

Before Class:

Decide which quilt top you would like to make. Either one can be made as small or large as you like. Cut both your scraps and background fabric into the appropriate sizes.

Board Members: President Sandie Hammel President-Elect Doreen Roadcap Secretary Jane Crockett Treasurers Bev London & Larry Brown Program Coor #1 Barbara Cline Program Coor #2 Lori Abbott-Herrick Immed. Past President Nina Jackson Special Duties: Web Site Manager Tom & Nina Jackson PhD Program Cerise Haas SVQG/VQM Liaison Josephine Millett 2018 Raffle Quilt: Mary Carlton	Committee Chairpersons: Service Denise Rudolph Library Lou Emswiler & Kathy Christy Ways & Means Cerise Haas Membership John Hammel Sunshine Sue Jones Hospitality Ofilia Harner & Celia Mitchell Publicity Gail Oliver Newsletter Lori Abbott-Herrick TO JOIN THE SVQG SEND \$25 annual dues and application to: SVQG Membership PO Box 913 Harrisonburg, VA 22803
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PLACE OF MEETING: The Sunnyside Room, Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community, Harrisonburg, VA.

DATE OF MEETING: Third Saturday of each month unless otherwise notified

TIME OF MEETING: 9:30 AM

DIRECTIONS: From I-81 take Exit 247 towards Elkton (Route 33 East). Turn right on Route 687, Massanetta Springs Road. Proceed south for 0.8 miles and turn left on to Sunnyside Drive. Proceed straight and turn right on Glenside Drive. Turn right at the first parking lot and the Sunnyside Room is on your right. **PARKING** is available in front and below the building and on the street. **Please do not park in the numbered spaces.**

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