

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SEWING CORNER -

Dear Friends:

The winner of The President's Ugly Duckling Challenge is...Thurston Bechtel!

Thurston's block, the Nebraska State pattern, was chosen as the most beautiful swan by the Guild. Thank you to all who entered the challenge. It was a lot of fun! And if I remember correctly, wasn't it Thurston who suggested the winner piece the quilt??!! I'm waiting for his call.....

If you haven't made it over to the Virginia Mennonite Retirement Center to see our quilt exhibit you need to get there soon. The quilts come down next week, much to the dismay of the residents. I've received many compliments and thanks from viewers. I thank each of you who contributed your quilts and to Vicki Graham and her amazing team for the excellent show.

Our Quilt Retreat is coming soon! May 13th – 16th in Lancaster, Pennsylvania is the place to be. There is no charge for the retreat, just for your room at the Lancaster Host Resort. Several people have cancelled their spot so there's plenty of room for you! Give me a call if you want to go.

Periodically we need to review our bylaws. If you are interested in helping please access them from the website and email your suggestions to me by April 1st. I'll compile all suggestions for review and eventual vote of the members.

Thanks to Denise Rudolph for organizing a productive service project last month making, Hospice quilts. Every time I hear a thank you from a family whose lives were blessed with one of our quilts I just want to make more. I hope you feel the same way.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING,



Lori Abbott-Herrick, President

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD
March 16, 2013
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Lori Abbott-Herrick, who welcomed everyone for National Quilt Day. A new member, Linda Hotinger, and a guest, Bridget Rogers, were introduced. Lori thanked members for the 25 blocks submitted for the President's Ugly Duckling Challenge. She asked members to be sure to vote for their favorite. The blocks will be assembled into a raffle quilt.

Announcements

A list of quilt shows and retreats are posted on the bulletin board. Coming up in April are the Star Quilters of Roanoke's show on the 5-6th, the N. Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show in Berryville on the 12-14th, and the Charlottesville Quilt Guild's show during the first weekend in April. Quilters Unlimited at the Dulles Expo will be May 31-June 2nd.

A JMU December grad has contacted the guild wanting to commission someone to make her a t-shirt quilt. If interested, please see Lori.

In May the guild will be sending quilts and supplies to the Hope Guild in Russia.

Congratulations to Connie Broy for winning the blue ribbon for Best Hand Workmanship at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival.

Thank you to Anne Vannoy for donating the cake in honor of National Quilt Day for today's refreshments.

The February minutes were approved with the following correction in the service report: "Members may also be stuffing empty pillow forms to make *dog* beds."

Cerise Haas presented the financial report which is available on the SVQG website.

Old Business

Vicki Graham reported that forty quilts were being displayed at the VMRC quilt show. Some quilts have been sold by guild members. Annie Barnes, the VMRC arts and education manager, sent a thank you and is interested in having additional shows done in the future. Vicki will meet with her and express the guild's interest in sponsoring a one month show during the alternate years of the Guild Quilt Show.

New Business

Diana spoke about the miniatures club that is being formed and the survey that was done. The survey results were available at the meeting for review. Interested members can contact her or Amy Meck.

Lori announced that it is time for a review of the bylaws. She asked that anyone interested in volunteering to serve on this committee contact her after the meeting.

Vicki reported that the nominating committee is continuing to contact members about serving as officers next year.

Lori asked for reports from the guild bees. The Eager BEEvers pinned 20 quilts this week.

Upcoming Programs, Connie Broy.

In April, Sue Brittingham is scheduled to lead two workshops. However there are only four participants signed up for Friday's topic "Viewpoint: A Quilter's Perspective." The workshop will be cancelled if there are not at least ten enrolled by April 1st. Please contact Connie if you are interested in participating. On Saturday, the topic is "Upside Down Applique" and the kit costs \$14. There are still openings in this workshop as well.

Cindy Simms will be teaching a workshop on beading in May. The participants will make a beaded amulet and learn how to use beading on quilts.

Service, Denise Rudolph. This afternoon's session will be creating string blocks for hospice quilts and assembling tops. A thank you note from the family of a hospice quilt recipient was read.

Ways and Means, Thurston Bechtel. The brag jar is available this month. There are two raffle items available.

Library, Kathy Christy. No report.

Newsletter, Sandie Hammel. The newsletter deadline is March 22.

Membership, John Hammel. The 2013-14 membership drive is underway. Forms are available at the meeting and on the website.

The UFO due in May will be #6.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by, Jane Crockett, Secretary

Service -

What a great way to spend National Quilting Day! We spent the afternoon sewing dog pillows (got 5 ½ stuffed), making kits for members to take and complete, cutting batting for those tops that other members were sewing up. Thanks to all those who contributed strip blocks. I have quilted four of the tops that we made on Saturday.

We delivered quilts to both Winchester and Harrisonburg this week. They are very much appreciated. I will get quilts to Augusta County after their event in April. It warms your heart when you see the joy on the volunteer's faces as you bring the quilts for their patients. Thank you all for your hard work in service!

Always sewing!
Denise Rudolph, Service Chairperson

Programs -

We had a wonderful time at our National Quilt Day. Denise did a great job of planning the day and those who stayed for the afternoon had all kinds of things to do. Thank You Denise for a good work day.

I still need sign-ups for the Viewpoint workshop on Friday, April 19. If we don't have 10 to sign up for Fridays' workshop I will have to cancel. I need 3 more in order to hold the class. We will have a nice size class for Saturday the 20th.

MAY 18, 2013- PROGRAM – “FROM APPALACHIAN TO ART QUILTS” WORKSHOP: AMULET THIMBLE NECKLACE.



Her program will be a lecture and Trunk Show – From Appalachian to Art Quilts. Sounds like a very interesting program. The afternoon workshop will be on making an “amulet Thimble Necklace”. Cindy’s beading technique could also be used to embellish quilt tops. You can find her at www.cindysimms.net. Also, see these little amulets under the workshop heading.

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Friday, April 19, 2013 – VIEWPOINTS: A QUILTER'S PERSPECTIVE

Saturday, April 20, 2013 – SUSAN BRITTINGHAM'S PROGRAM ADVENTURES IN EMBELLISHMENT

“A presentation designed to stimulate ideas for the embellishment of garments and quilts through various fabric manipulation techniques, machine work and hand stitchery. The trunk show with numerous examples of techniques used in quilts and clothing will encourage viewers to experiment and create on their own.” Susan Brittingham

NOTE: This is the class that needs at least three (3) more to sign up. We would hate to have to cancel this wonderful class due to lack of participation. Please bring a friend and join in the fun of learning a new technique.



Saturday, April 20, 2013 afternoon workshop – UPSIDE-DOWN APPLIQUE

“Add a new machine appliqué technique to your repertoire of quilting skills. Achieve perfect shapes and accurate placement of all your appliqué elements, no matter how small or complex. Use this method to create multi-layered appliqué motifs by machine when you can't or don't want to fuse.” Susan Brittingham. You can see more about Susan Brittingham on her website: www.susanbrittingham.com.

Sign-up sheets are in this newsletter. There may be some additional supplies that will be added later. Also, there will be kits for the two classes Susan will be teaching. The cost of the kit for Viewpoint is \$20.00 and for the Upside-down appliqué is \$14.00 but you have to let me know in advance if you would like a kit so Susan will have them.

Applications for Susan Brittingham's classes can be found in the SVQG.com newsletters for both February and March.

VMRC Exhibit Update –

The exhibit at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community (VMRC) is up and waiting for your viewing! I would like to thank the following people for all of the help they gave in getting the exhibit hung: Denise and Billy Rudolph, Pauline and Rick Messier, Anna Lee and Larry Newman, Dorice Graham, Cerise Haas, Kathy Christy, Sandie and John Hammel and Mike Brown. They did a terrific job!

If you haven't seen the exhibit, please plan to do so before March 30th. The Main Street area in the Park Gables building is open to the public 8:00 am – 8:00 pm every day. Remember to vote for Viewer's Choice while you are there.

Vicki Graham
President-Elect

Ways and Means -

We will be raffling off another craft tote in April!!

March Raffle and Brag Jar:

Proceeds from Raffle: \$94.00

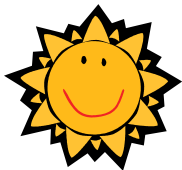
Proceeds from Brag Jar: \$8.00

Thank you for your generosity and congratulations to the raffle winners.

Amy and Thurston

Sunshine -

Has a guild friend had surgery or been ill? Do you know of a family illness or loss? Let me know and they will be sent a "Thinking of You" card and block from the guild. Contact me at dejbowsandskjquilts@hotmail.com or call **540-949-0872**.



Thank You,
Sue Jones

Hospitality -

A big thank you to the March Birthday People for all the nice refreshments to celebrate "National Quilt Day". Also a thank you to Connie for the "National Quilt Day" 2013 block.

Remember April Birthday's you might want to think about something to lift our moods because our meeting is April 20th, five days after taxes are due.

Thanks to all,
Anna Lee Newman

APRIL BIRTHDAYS -

Thurston Bechtel	4/07
Sally Jones	4/08
John Hammel	4/13
Deborah Pfeiffer	4/10
Dorothy Williams	4/26

UFO Challenge -

Obviously, with Christmas behind us, we had a much larger showing of completed beauties at the March meeting. A big thanks to our newest member, Linda Hotinger, who finally broke the consecutive run of numbers by choosing **Project #6!** I've emailed everyone with your new project. Hopefully this wintry Spring won't last much longer and we'll all be eager to get outside. So get to work on #6 now--it is due on **May 18th**. If you can't be at the May meeting and your project is finished, send me a picture before the meeting.

Diana Norman

Miniatures Bee -

We thank all of you miniatures fans for your input. The surveys are in and have been compiled. It is time to make decisions! So, like the traditional conclave to choose the new Pope, we are holding a conclave this weekend, and we're not coming out until you see the white smoke! Or until we have to go to work on Monday... Stay tuned.

Amy Meck and Diana Norman

Newsletter -

The deadline for the SVQG May Newsletter will be April 26th. For all those who want to submit an article or advertisement please send via email to sshammel419@gmail.com as early in the day as possible or by snail mail to Sandie Hammel, 419 5th Street, Shenandoah, VA 22849. Reminder, this may be the last newsletter you receive if your dues have not been renewed for 2013-2014.

Thanks,
Sandie Hammel

Membership -

Ugly Fabric Blocks - NOT!!! Great job everyone. They should make an awesome quilt. At the April meeting your badges will not be available and you won't get your SVQG newsletter - UNLESS - you renew your membership; still only \$20 per year (\$32 if newsletter is mailed to you). Send your application to me or bring it to Guild meeting. After the April meeting, I will send everyone an updated copy of the membership list. It will also be published on the SVQG web site.

Happy Quilting
John Hammel

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“Amulet Thimble Necklace

DESCRIPTION:

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WHO: Cindy Simms
WHEN: May 18, 2013 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
WHERE: Sunnyside Retirement Community, Sunnyside Room, Harrisonburg, VA.
COST: \$20.00 for members, \$30.00 for non members

BRING YOUR LUNCH – Beverages will be supplied

Supply List:

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| 3 inch wide ribbon – 10 ½ inch long | Towel or felt – about 18” x 24” to 30” |
| 1 spool – Coats & Clarks Hand Quilting Thread – white or black or color of Of your ribbon | Iron w/steam |
| 1 fat quarter muslin (washed & dried) | Bottle of water-small for iron |
| ¼ yard Wonder Under | Extension Cord |
| #9 quilting needle | Power Strip |
| Beading needles | Fabric-Tac fabric glue – small bottle |
| 1 snap – medium size | Tape measure |
| 1 Barrel Clasp | Applique Pressing Sheet |
| Beads-- | Plastic spoon |
| 2 small pkg – clear seed beads | 2 double O rings |
| 1 small pkg – wheat beads - white | Basic Sewing Kit |
| | 2 small pkg – Bugle beads – color of ribbon |

DEADLINE: May 5, 2013
 QUESTIONS: Call Connie Broy, 540-335-1039 or email at cbroy@shentel.net.

Amulet Thimble necklace
Complete and mail this portion to: Connie Broy, 38 Cecelia St., Toms Brook, VA. 22660

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ \$20.00 member; _____ \$30.00 nonmember

Make check payable to SVQG. **Registration deadline is May 5, 2013.** Only a paid registration reserves your place in the workshop. Paid workshops are transferable to another member but not refundable unless the class is canceled, nor can the money be applied to a future workshop.

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TO JOIN: the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild, send \$20.00 Annual Dues to:
SVQG Membership Chairman
PO Box 913
Harrisonburg, VA 22803

The Guild year runs April 1st through March 31st. To have your Newsletter mailed please add an additional \$12.00 . The Newsletter is included in the membership fee if you have your newsletter sent via email.

PLACE OF MEETING: The Sunnyside Room, Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community, Harrisonburg, Virginia

DATE OF MEETING: Third Saturday of Each Month (unless otherwise noted)

TIME OF MEETING: 9:30 a.m.

DIRECTIONS: Take Exit 247 East off of I-81, proceed east on US 33 to intersection with Route 687 (Massanetta Springs Road), turn right on Route 687, proceed south 0.8 mile, turn left at second Sunnyside entrance. Go to the Sunnyside Room, that's the building at the bottom of the hill, to the left of the Highlands Building.

PARKING: Available on the street and in lots but **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE NUMBERED SPACES.** These numbered spaces are for Sunnyside residents. Please observe the 15 mph speed limit while on the grounds of Sunnyside.

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