

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SEWING CORNER -

Dear Friends:

You know the saying "The party's over". What a party it's been! Thank you for a year of joy, learning, friendship, challenges and FUN.

This year we produced 89 hospice quilts, Samantha Doll quilts and warm hats for chemo patients. Some of us learned how to spice up the borders on our quilts with Karen Kay Buckley, how to take a perfectly good square of fabric and cut it into pieces then sew it and cut it into pieces again with Kathy Christy, made stylish bags with Dianne Reasons and upside-down appliqué with Sue Brittingham. Karen Sievert helped us master those tricky Prairie Points and declared our Guild "the best she's ever attended". Last but not least, we thoroughly enjoyed Mary Carlton's wry humor in her mystery class. We held a mini Quilt Show at the Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community, adopted a Russian Guild, *Hope*, as our international sister and turned ugly ducklings into swans with our President's Challenge. Our first Quilt Retreat strengthened our friendships and provided ample opportunities to stimulate the Lancaster economy. We joined the 1856 Society at the Virginia Quilt Museum and started the revision of our By-Laws. Some of us accepted the challenge from *Hope* to make a small quilt, using Russian fabrics, expressing our perception of Russia. We named our adorable raffle quilts "**Shenandoah Sue and Bill**", chose the Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir as our recipient and began plans on Quilt Show XIV, *Q is for Quilt*.

While my party is ending, Vicki Graham has put together a phenomenal team to get her party started. And what a beginning! **Jenny Doan from the Missouri Star Quilt Company** is bringing her joy of quilting quickly to our Guild on September 21st. This exciting event is a membership drive and fundraiser with the Virginia Quilt Museum. If you have a current membership card for either the Guild OR VQM you can attend the morning trunk show and don't have to sign up. **If you want to attend her afternoon workshop sign up quickly using the Virginia Quilt Museum website.** There is a limited amount of space, the workshop is open to the public but we want our Guild to get the best seats.

None of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the Guild Officers, Committee Chairs and members. So here's a cheer to you and the future of the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild, and a sincere thanks for a remarkable year!

Lori A. Abbott-Herrick, President

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Lori Abbott-Herrick. Barbara Cline introduced her daughter Autumn. A new member, Trudy Van Dyke, introduced herself. Zoya Braylo from the Hope Guild in Russia also joined at the meeting. Ethan Zook is visiting to make a presentation to the guild about the Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir as a potential recipient of the Sue and Bill raffle quilts.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as distributed in the July newsletter. Cerise Haas gave the treasurer's report which was approved and will be filed on the guild website.

Condolences were expressed for Dorothy Williams on the loss of her husband, Gerald.

The Hope Guild has challenged SVQG members to create small quilts from Russian manufactured material that they have provided. The quilts should be "Images of Russia." In the meantime they are providing quilts they have created of "Images of America". The two sets of quilts will be displayed at our June 2014 Quilt Show and then the SVQG quilts will be sent to Russia for their display. Members were encouraged to pick up fabric and sign it out to make the small quilts.

A ballot box and a list of the proposed names for the raffle quilts are at the front. Members were asked to vote on one of the proposed names as follows: Adventures with Sue and Bill, Shenandoah Sue and Bill, Opposites Attract, Sue and Bill's Great Adventures, Country Chic, or Country Couture.

Old Business

Bylaws Revision: The bylaws revision committee asks that members review the bylaws online and send suggestions and revisions. The committee will continue to meet into the new guild year.

Raffle Quilt: Mary Carlton brought the extra Sue and Bill blocks to the meeting. Members were asked to take blocks with them on vacation and photograph them in 'exotic' locations. A story board of their adventures will be created to display with the quilts at next year's quilt show.

After some discussion with Bridgewater Retirement Community, it was decided that the guild did not want the proceeds from the raffle quilts to go towards the capital campaign to renovate the nursing center. Leslie Bulken withdrew her suggestion that the raffle quilt proceeds be donated to them.

Sandie Hammel suggested that the Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir (SVCC) be considered, and Ethan Zook, interim executive director, was invited to make a presentation. He spoke about the mission of the choir to provide music education for children from pre-kindergarten through high school. The choir consists of members from the region from Woodstock through Waynesboro and into eastern West Virginia. Scholarships are available for those children who cannot afford full tuition. The choir has expenses for music, scholarships and travel to performances. In past years they have performed with the American Boys Choir, in New York at Carnegie Hall, in Italy and at multiple local venues. If SVCC is chosen to receive the donation, choir members and parents will be actively involved in displaying and selling raffle tickets for the quilts.

At the end of his presentation Molly Toth moved that the proceeds from the raffle quilt be donated to the SVCC, Sandie Hammel seconded the motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

President-Elect Election: Molly Toth has agreed to serve as President Elect. Vicki Graham led the meeting in calling for a motion to elect her. Anna Davis moved that Molly Toth be elected as President Elect, Bonnie Spoon seconded the motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

SVQG Meeting Minutes for July 2013 (continued)

September Program Announcement: Jenny Doan of the Missouri Star Quilt Company is coming to the Shenandoah Valley in September. SVQG and the Virginia Quilt Museum (VQM) are co-sponsoring her visit, trunk show and workshop in conjunction with a membership drive for the two organizations. A flash e-mail is being sent to guilds in the State to encourage their members to participate. Due to the size of the anticipated audience, the guild meeting, trunk show and workshop will be held at Slaven Hall in Asbury Methodist Church in Harrisonburg. The church has donated the use of the hall to the guild at no charge.

Jenny Doan's trunk show in the morning will be on the topic "Quilting Quickly." Attendance at the trunk show will be limited to SVQG and VQM members only. The afternoon workshop will be available for members at \$35, and non-members at \$50. Workshop registration will be handled through the VQM website and there will be a link on the SVQG website to the registration form.

A contract agreement has been approved by the SVQG executive committee for the co-sponsorship of this event. The profit from the event will be split evenly between SVQG and VQM.

October Program Announcement: Lori Schrock, Program Coordinator #1 for the upcoming year, announced that Helen Squire, noted quilter and teacher, will be the October speaker and workshop teacher. Her presentation will be on "The Art of Joining Three Layers Together or How to 'Quilt as Desired'". Helen writes a column monthly in American Quilter's magazine and has published numerous books. Her website is: <http://www.helensquire.com/>

News and Opportunities

Small Blessings Bee. Diana Norman reported that the bee meets at Blessings Bookstore on Neff Ave (thanks to Sharon Culbertson) on the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.

The Free Spirits Art Bee. Sandie Hammel reported that the art bee is starting a new book and beginning in August will be meeting the third Sunday of each month in members' homes.

Modern Quilt Group. Sandie also reported that seven SVQG members are meeting with the Modern Quilt Group at Rachel's Quilt Patch in Staunton. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 15th at 5:30 p.m. She suggested that members go to <http://www.craftsy.com/class/designing-modern-quilts/137> to learn about modern quilts.

Committee Reports

Program Coordinator #1, Connie Broy. The August meeting will be a teddy bear picnic. Members are asked to bring a dish for the 9:30 meeting and meal and their teddy bear.

Newsletter, Sandie Hammel. The deadline for the August newsletter is July 26th.

Membership, John Hammel. There are 100 members currently enrolled.

Service, Denise Rudolph. Denise Rudolph reported that eighty lap quilts have been donated to hospice this year, and eighteen Samantha dolls. Four dolls are still outstanding and members were asked to please return them.

Sunshine, Lori for Sue Jones. Nine birthday cards and 1 TOY block were sent last month.

UFO, Diana Norman. The last UFO, due in September will be #4. Please send your list for next year to Diana.

Ways and Means, Amy Meck and Thurston Bechtel. There will be a raffle and door prizes today.

SVQG Meeting Minutes for July 2013 (continued)

After Show and Tell, Connie Broy introduced Karen Sievert, speaker and workshop teacher for today's meeting. Karen provided a very entertaining program "If These Quilts Could Talk" and the afternoon workshop "Bear Paws with Claws Table runner".

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Crockett, Secretary

Programs -

Those who took Karen Sievert's workshop on "Bear Paw with Claws" had a wonderful time and Karen was such a great teacher. Those who missed her trunk show really missed a great one.

August 17, 2013—PICNIC—It is picnic time again and this year we are having a "**Teddy Bear**" Picnic at the Sunnyside Room. What that means is everyone coming to the picnic is to **bring** their Teddy Bear. They can be bought, handmade, big, small and in between. There will be some prizes in different categories. Also, bring your favorite dish to share and only **cupcakes or cookies** if your dish choice is desert.

Hope to see you there,
Connie

September Program Blurb -

September is coming up quickly which is a good thing. "Quilting Quickly" is our theme as Jenny Doan from the Missouri Star Quilt Co will be sharing time saving tips and techniques. Jenny is the star in over 100 online quilting tutorials featuring pre-cut fabrics and time saving techniques. Her company the Missouri Star Quilt Co is the largest quilting YouTube channel.

Due to the Jenny's popularity and our joint fund raising effort with the Virginia Quilt Museum we are expecting a large turnout. We will be meeting at Slaven Hall in the Ashbury United Methodist Church in Harrisonburg next to the Virginia Quilt Museum. Our time table will remain much the same.

9:30 - 10:30: **Monthly Guild meeting**

10:30 - 10:45: Snack & socializing

11:00 - 12:30: **Trunk Show & Membership Drive**

Jenny's Trunk Show is free to SVQG and VQM members. Membership card must be presented for entrance. There will be an opportunity for non-members to join either the SVQG or the VQM at entrance to the Trunk Show.

12:30 - 2:00: Lunch break and an opportunity to tour the Virginia Quilt Museum.

2:00 - 5:00: **Workshop and Fundraiser**

This workshop is open to members and non-members. Members of SVQG and VQM fee: \$35
Non-member fee: \$50.

Registration Information: Sign up for the workshop on the Virginia Quilt Museum site.

Registration Link: <http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/special-events/classes/>

October Program Blurb:

We continue our strong Fall lineup of presenters with the lively Ms. Helen Squire. Helen is world famous for her quilting designs and her life's mission to tackle the "quilt as desired" dilemma. Helen is an author, national and international quilt teacher and is involved in many aspects of the quilting world.

<http://helensquire.com/index.htm>

'For the past ten years, she has written *Helen's Hints: Creative Quilting Designs* for American Quilter magazine, and is best known for her *Dear Helen* quilting books - her eighth in the series was recently published - *Quilting UFOs with Helen's Hints*." Our morning program will be, **Helen Squire Live!** A fun-filled hour with the author of The Dear Helen series of quilting books. Helen Squire shares quilting stories influences our lives. Helen has us laughing at ourselves - our quilting dedication (What? You want (some true!) that illustrate how quilting dinner?), our fabric stashes, our guild friendships and the camaraderie --all part of what makes us unique. Learn some of Helen's best tips and techniques while you relax and have fun looking at quilts."

In the afternoon Helen will guide us in our quest to find the elusive quilt as desired solution. Her workshop will be **Helen's Hints for Quilting UFO's**.

"Do you have a pile of "unfinished objects" waiting for a final decision on the quilting design? This is a must take workshop for all quilt makers who hesitate before they "quilt as desired". Discover what types of quilting patterns are appropriate for patchwork and for applique tops. Learn how easy it is to make any quilting pattern fit your quilt."Lori Schrock

Newsletter -

Deadline for the next newsletter will be August 23rd. Send to Sandie Hammel, sshammel419@gmail.com. Sandie

Membership -

Those of you who missed the July Guild meeting, missed a wonderful day. Karen Sievert was wonderful. Having speakers and classes from people like her is what your dues go toward. It is just another one of the benefits of being a member of the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild. A big shout out to Connie Broy for the many varied and wonderful programs that she has arranged for us this year. Good job Connie!

Old and new officers will have new badges available to them at the August Picnic meeting. Congratulations to the new incoming officers and board members and a big hearty thanks to the outgoing ones for a job well done.

Happy Quilting! John Hammel, Membership Chairman

Service -

We have had a great year in Service. To date we have collected 88 lap quilts for Hospice. We support Blue Ridge (Winchester), Rockingham and Augusta Hospice organizations. These quilts mean a lot to the recipients. Thank you for your support. I hope everyone met my challenge this year and participated somehow in service. I am still looking for those missing Samantha Dolls. Let me know if you still have one. Keep collecting those batting and fabric scraps for the dog beds. We will be making them in November in addition to working on service quilts.

Always sewing! Denise Rudolph, Service Chairman

Sunshine -

Do you know a guild member who needs a Thinking of You card? Let me know. Contact me at dejbowsandskjquilts@hotmail.com or call 540-949-0872. Sue Jones

UFO Challenge -

The 2012-2013 UFO Challenge is nearly at an end. I've received so many favorable comments and emails about this program throughout the year--many heartwarming, many more humorous. And, oh, the excuses for not finishing projects on time! We have some very creative writers in our Guild! Thanks for all of your stories. Show and Tell has been even better these past 2 years, with completed relics and newer treasures alike. The talent in our Guild is truly incredible.

Only one more project to finish in this year's Challenge, and I think we'll all agree that it has been an exciting and very productive year. Even for those of us who haven't finished every UFO on our list, we most likely accomplished more than we would have, had we not participated! I, for one, finished my 2 oldest projects FINALLY! Two other projects that didn't quite make the deadline, will go on next year's list. Baby steps!

The drawing for the Grand Prize Mountain of Fat Quarters will be held at the guild picnic/meeting in August.

And now, we are planning our third Challenge, to begin in September. **JOIN US!** If a project is particularly difficult and/or large, list it as 2 projects--complete XYZ quilt top, and quilt & bind XYZ quilt!! Go ahead and re-list whatever project(s) you were not able to complete in this past year's Challenge. If you don't have 6 UFOs, list what you have; you'll just have some FREE months! So start making your list of 6 UFOs for the 2013-2014 Challenge (sign-up sheet with guidelines is in this newsletter) Diana Norman

Ways and Means -

Proceeds from the July Raffle: \$58.00

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

Quilt Raffle tickets will be ready for distribution to members at the August picnic! Each member is responsible for selling two books of tickets. This is a requirement of membership in the guild and so to make this requirement fun and your duty easily achievable we have some fun incentives and supports in the works! Stay tuned! Amy and Thurston

Happy - Happy - Happy - Happy - Happy August Birthday!!!

Pauling Messier	8/01	Suzanne Just	8/17
Ginny Biggs	8/02	Anna Newman	8/21
Mariann Simmons	8/02	Dorothy Peterson	8/23
Linda Hotinger	8/05	Lenore Mitchell	8/25
Patricia Albaugh	8/07	Mary Daigle	8/28
Betty Durrett	8/15	Mary Carlton	8/29
Pat McNally	8/15	Diana Norman	8/30

Quilting Quickly: Jacob's Ladder Workshop

DESCRIPTION:

Jenny Doan of the Missouri Star Quilt Co. has over 118 videos demonstrating quick quilting techniques and patterns posted on her website. <http://www.missouriquiltco.com/> Jenny will be using precut fabrics to show us how to construct the traditional Jacob's Ladder quilt using quick quilting techniques. It should be a fun and exciting workshop to attend. Come join us for a full afternoon of learning, quilting and fun!

WHO: Jenny Doan (Missouri Star Quilt Co.)

WHEN: Sept 21, 2013 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm

WHERE: Asbury United Methodist Church in Harrisonburg (next to Virginia Quilt Museum) in Slaven Hall. Slaven Hall is on the third floor and has elevator access.

COST: \$35.00 for SVQG and Virginia Quilt Museum members. \$50.00 for non-members

BRING YOU LUNCH: (Note: If you are attending the meeting and Trunk Show you will have more time to visit the Virginia Quilt Museum, next door to Asbury United Methodist Church, and to provide additional time to set up your machine and sewing table.)

SUPPLY LIST: To be announced

DEADLINE: September 7, 2013

QUESTIONS: Call the Virginia Quilt Museum at 540-433-3818 or Lori Schrock at 540-564-1783 or email at SVQGPrograms@gmail.com

Quilting Quickly: Jacob's Ladder.

Registration Information:

Sign up for the workshop on the Virginia Quilt Museum site. There will be a link for the workshop.

If you are currently not a member you may go to either svqg.org for The Shenandoah Valley Quilters' Guild or vaquiltmuseum.org for The Virginia Quilt Museum for membership information.

For those who are current members of **either organization** please go to vaquiltmuseum.org/special-events/classes/ to register for the workshop or call VQM at 540-433-3818 to register by phone.

Registration deadline is Sept 7, 2013. Only a paid registration reserves your place in the workshop. **Paid workshops are not refundable unless the workshop is canceled.** **Proof of membership is required for entrance into the workshop for all members.**

Helen’s Hints for Quilting UFO's Workshop

DESCRIPTION: “Do you have a pile of “unfinished objects” waiting for a final decision on the quilting design? This is a must take workshop for all quilt makers who hesitate before they “quilt as desired”. Discover what types of quilting patterns are appropriate for patchwork and for applique tops. Learn how easy it is to make any quilting pattern fit your quilt.”

WHO: Helen Squire

WHEN: October 19, 2013 from 1:00 pm -4:00 pm

WHERE: Sunnyside Retirement Community, Sunnyside Room, Harrisonburg, VA.

COST: \$35.00 for members, \$45.00 for non-members

BRING YOUR LUNCH

SUPPLY LIST: To be announced

DEADLINE: October 5, 2013

QUESTIONS: Call Lori Schrock at 540-564-1783 or email at SVQGPrograms@gmail.com

Helen’s Hints for Quilting UFO’s

Complete and mail this portion to: Lori Schrock 480 N. River Rd, Mt. Crawford, VA 22841

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____\$35.00 member; _____\$45.00 non-member

All non-members are welcome to join SVQG and register at the member rate. We’d love to have you!

Make check payable to SVQG. Registration deadline is October 5, 2013. Only a paid registration reserves your place in the workshop. Paid workshops are transferable to another member but not are refundable unless the class is canceled.

Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild 2013-2014 UFO Challenge

Your Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

As we wind down our second terrific year of completing the unfinished treasures we packed away and may have even forgotten, let's thank Bev London once again for starting this Challenge! Some of us have actually cleared out our closets and storage boxes and can now concentrate on current projects.

But fortunately (?), some others of us still have plenty of UFOs (all of those unfinished quilting objects that haunt us) to keep the fun going for another year! The SVQG UFO Challenge is completely voluntary and easy to join!

Just list SIX* UFOs that you want to complete in the next 12 months, in no particular order. That's 1 project every other month. (if you have a particularly large and/or difficult UFO and don't think you can complete it within 2 months, you may list it twice: first as "Complete XYZ quilt top", and second as "Quilt and bind XYZ quilt".*)**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

To start the new challenge, I'll need your list of 6 projects, as well as two fabulous fat quarters to begin filling the prize kitty. Bring them to the August or September meeting. In September, we're going to draw a number (1-6), and that will be the project we'll be challenged to complete by our November meeting. That gives us two months to complete the selected UFO!

Bring your first completed project to the November meeting for Show & Tell. If you complete your project but can't be at that meeting, email a picture to me before the meeting, or have a friend bring it, so you'll get credit. For each project you complete, your name will be entered to win the "kitty of fat quarters".

IF, by the end of the two months you do not have your UFO completed, you owe the kitty another fabulous fat quarter. (We know how quilters hate to part with fabric!)

In November, we'll pull another number—that UFO will be due in January. In January we'll pull a number for March, in March we'll pull a number for May, etc., wrapping the challenge up in August 2014 at our guild picnic with the drawing for the whole fat quarter collection.

Send any questions and/or your list via email: dnorman8816@comcast.net, or snail mail: Diana Norman, 8816 Rawley Pike, Hinton, VA 22831, or just bring the list and 2 fabulous fat quarters to Guild--no later than the September meeting to get in on the whole years' worth of fun!

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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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