

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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President's Message -

June

The month of June deserves a cheer
Wonderful weather is finally here
School vacations are very near
Picnics and pools soon appear,

Makes my brain go mighty queer
And upsets my quilting time each year
I'd rather play with friends so dear
And my quilting plans all disappear.



Ah well, let's sit in the shade and have a beer!

Am already having trouble staying inside the house when I am home - it's lots more fun playing outside in the garden and lounging on the patio. Don't let my bad example rub off on you! I'll be sorry when all my UFO's come due! My main excuse is my radiation appointments every day at the hospital really eats my time. On top of that my darn wig gets super hot in the sun and my brain is overcooked. Am thinking the putting a small bag of frozen peas under the wig to keep my cool - will let you know how that works at the next meeting.

Happy sunning days to you all-----**Molly**

Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild
Minutes for General Meeting
May 16, 2015

The general meeting was call to order by Molly Toth, guild president.

There was one visitor today and she also became a new member. Molly read a thank you card from VMRC thanking the guild for the quilt show held there for part of April and May. Molly announced that there are several quilt shows coming up and the information is on the back table for those that are interested.

The general meeting minutes for April 2015 were approved as printed in the newsletter on a motion from Dianne Reasons and seconded by Liz Adams.

The treasurer's report was read and the ending balance was \$10,708.21. Nancy Harris co-treasurer read the additions to the proposed budget for 2015 which were \$120 for hospitality and \$300 for expenses for the 2016 raffle quilt. Nancy answered questions from the members about the proposed budget and Liz Adams moved that the additions to the budget be approved and Dianne Reasons seconded. There was additional discussion and questions made about the amount allotted for programs and Amy Sirocky-Meck answered questions and spoke about the expenses involved. After more discussion Lori Abbott-Herrick made a motion to approve the 2015 budget and Dianne Reasons seconded. The general membership voted to approve the budget.

Nancy Harris co-treasurer suggested to the membership that the date of membership renewal and the fiscal year be the same. This would mean that they would both run February 1st - January 31st the following year. The board will need to discuss this further. Nancy also suggested that the budget be bi-annual instead of annual to include the quilt show and its income and expenses. This too will be discussed by the board members.

Nina Jackson, president elect announced that there are still three positions that need to be filled for next year. That includes: treasurer, president elect, and program coordinator. It would also be helpful to have a second person to help with hospitality.

Denise Rudolph, service coordinator announced that there were 34 comfort pillows and totes brought in today and they will be delivered to Augusta Health. There are kits here on the back table for comfort pillows and hospice quilts to be finished. Denice read a thank you note from Sentara hospice for the quilts donated to them.

PHD project #4 is due today and #6 is due at the July meeting.

SVQG Minutes for May 16, 2015 - continued

Quilt show 2016 will be held at Turner Ashby high school on June 25-26, 2016. The suggested title of the show is "Threads That Bind Us, 30 Years of Quilting Together". Denise has asked that the past presidents of the guild display their president's quilts in the show.

Newsletter articles are due May 22, 2015.

Hospitality thanks everyone that brought goodies for today's meeting.

Programs: Amy Sirocky-Meck announced that Josephine Millett will lead a class in back basted applique this afternoon. At the June meeting Lori Schrock will lead us in some gentle stretches for the morning program and Mary Carlton will have a mystery quilt class in the afternoon. (These classes are always fun.) In July Diane Norman will talk about quilt documentation in the morning and will teach a class in hand piecing in the afternoon.

Amy asked the membership for the funds to purchase a projector for the speakers to use during programs. The estimated cost is \$300. Dianne Reasons made a motion to purchase the projector and Liz Adams seconded.

Sunshine: Three birthday cards were sent out and one thinking of you block was sent.

Josephine Millett announced that Dorothy Peterson's husband died.

Kathy Christy talked about the retreat that was held last month at Hat Creek Camp. There were 18 present and a wonderful time was had by all.

Raffle quilt: Jan Hood announced that the last block was turned in today and that she hopes to have the quilt at the meeting in June for all to see. Jan is looking into purchasing blank tickets that can be printed for less.

Barbara Cline announced some workshops that she and her sister will be leading at their home place in Bridgewater. There was info about this in the April newsletter.

After a wonderful program about applique by Josephine Millett and all the beautiful quilts that she showed during her presentation the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Ann VanNoy, Secretary

Programs -

June 20, 2015 - Our featured speaker for our June meeting is our very own Lori Schrock who will be taking us through some simple stretches so we can keep our muscles limber during hours of quilting. This is appropriate for all ability levels! After stretching out, plan to stay for the afternoon mystery quilt workshop with DQO Mary Carlton (DQO stands for Detective of Quilt Operations).

July 18, 2015 - Diana Norman is back and will be our featured July speaker and will lead us through a hand piecing workshop.

It's Not Scrapbooking. It's "Quilt ScrapsBooking" (July Program)

Learn how to create a beautiful, lasting record of the cherished quilts you handcraft. With photographs, fabric scraps and words, you will be documenting your heirlooms, as well as putting together your own portable trunk show!

Learn to Hand-Piece

Do you have "down time" when you wish you could be sewing? You know--sitting in the doctor's office, waiting through your kids' activities, watching TV with the family, relaxing on the porch, taking a car, bus or plane trip. Turn your down time to found time! Learn to sew without a sewing machine and all of those bulky, costly accessories! Piecing will become totally (and easily) portable! Learn to hand-piece a Lemoyne Star block in this workshop, and you'll be a believer.

August, 15, 2015 - No formal program just a pot luck brunch! Bring a dish and a serving spoon to pass! Plates, cups, napkins, utensils and drinks will be provided!

PS: Thank you for the thoughtful feedback and ideas you all provided at the May meeting regarding programming! I will be sharing all of it with incoming program coordinator Lori Schrock!

Amy M, Sirocky-Meck, Program Coordinator #1

Newsletter -

The next newsletter deadline will be June 26, 2015 for the July issue. Please send all your articles, ads, recipes to Sandie Hammel at sshammel419@gmail.com.

Note: Membership (non-business owner) ads are 50 cents per word. Business ads \$25 for 1/4 page and up.

Service -

Thank you to those who brought in pillows and totes. We were able to send about 32 to Augusta Health, a big thank you to Dianne Reasons for delivering those.

Thank you to all who took kits for pillows and lap quilts!!! I intend to give the hospice groups quilts in August. This will give us a total for our August 2014 - July 2015 service year. Let's see if we can beat last year's total of 179!!!

Always Sewing!!
Denise Rudolph, Service Chairperson

PhD Program -

I was glad to see that several people had finished PhD's at the May meeting. Number six (#6) was chosen and will be due in July.

Denise Rudolph

Sunshine -

Thanks for giving me info when our members are ill or have suffered a loss. You let me know when to send "Thinking of You" cards. How about giving me info when members have an event to celebrate? Call me at 540-949-0872 or email at dejbowsandskjquilts@hotmail.com

Sue Jones, Sunshine Chairman



HAPPY June Birthdays



Sue McDonald 6/05
Bonnie Spoon 6/12
Doice Graham 6/18

Barbara Paulson 6/20
Susan Ober 6/26
Robert Just 6/30

Quilt Show 2016 -

Save the date - June 25 and 26, 2016. We will be at Turner Ashby High School for our show. We are going to have the entire show in the gym to help keep costs down and so we can keep everything together.

In 2017 we will turn 30, so we are using this in our theme. The name of the Quilt Show - "The Thread that Binds Us", (30 years of quilting together). This was suggested by President Elect, Nina Jackson.

Attention past presidents - we want to have a display of President Block quilts so if you have not finished yours, I am giving you a year to work on this!!!

I would love to get a slide show together of the past years shows, workshops, speakers and other events. If someone is interested in heading up this please see me.

Mary Carlton has agreed to be in charge of the 2018 raffle quilt block challenge. We want these blocks for the 2016 show so they can be voted on. We had done this several years back and it has always been a lot of fun.

Lori Abbott-Herrick and I are heading up the quilt show.

Denise Rudolph, Quilt Show Chairperson

"The Woman who just can't seem to say NO, I have too much to do!!" - but I am trying to learn the words!!

Membership -

Just as I had my summer all planned out, I was recovering in the hospital from a lung biopsy. They are trying to figure out some pulmonary issues that I have. I'm doing okay and thanks to all who have inquired about me. Sandie is taking good care of me.

All is well with membership but we can always use a few more members. Be sure to invite and/or sign-up anyone you know. SVQG is fun and our members are always willing to share with others.

Happy Quilting,
John Hammel, Membership Chair

The following recipes are those shared from our 2015 retreat. Yummy!!!

Chocolate Scottish Cake -

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| 2 cups flour | ½ cup buttermilk |
| 2 cups sugar | 1 tsp. baking soda |
| 1 stick butter | 2 eggs |
| ½ cup shortening | 1 tsp. cinnamon |
| 4 Tbsp. cocoa | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| 1 cup hot water | |

In 3-quart saucepan combine butter, shortening, cocoa and water and bring to a boil. Mix flour and sugar and stir into pan. Add buttermilk mixed with soda. Add eggs, cinnamon and vanilla, mixing well. Bake in greased 9 x 13" pan for 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

Icing -

1 stick butter
6 Tbsp. milk
4 Tbsp. cocoa
1 box powdered sugar
1 cup chopped pecans
1 cup coconut

Combine butter, milk and cocoa. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat and stir in remaining ingredients. Pour over warm cake.

Submitted by: Gail Oliver

White chocolate covered pretzels and peanuts -

18 ounces white almond bark or candy coating melted. (I make a double boiler out of a large Dutch oven and a stainless steel mixing bowl) There are usually microwave directions on the package but I have not tried that. **DO NOT USE WHITE CHOCOLATE CHIPS** they do not melt well and cost too much.

2 cups dry roasted peanuts unsalted
3 cups broken thin pretzel sticks

After the chocolate is melted remove from the double boiler and add the peanuts and pretzels. Stir so that all ingredients are covered with chocolate. Pour mixture onto a lightly greased jelly roll pan and spread out. Place in refrigerator until hardened (approx. 15 minutes)
Once hard break up into pieces. Store in sealable container. ENJOY

Submitted by: Ann VanNoy

Scrappy Springtime Mystery Quilt Workshop with Mary Carlton

Date: Saturday, June 20, 2015

Location: Sunnyside Room, Sunnyside Retirement Community, Harrisonburg, VA

There is nothing quite like a mystery quilt workshop with Mary Carlton! The quilt consists of just 3 colors: Light, medium, and dark! If you choose the scrappy route, just make sure the light fabrics are consistent throughout. If you've been cutting and saving 2 ½ inch squares for years, this is a great chance to use them!

The finished quilt will be 48 inches square before borders...and the borders will be up to you!

Cost: \$10(*members of SVQG*) \$15 (*non-members*) **Cash or checks only** (*payable to SVQG*)

Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (**Bring your own lunch and beverages**)

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 12, 2015

Questions: Contact Amy Sirocky-Meck (sirockam@jmu.edu) or (540-564-0901)

Supply List -

Fabric:

- 1 ¼ yards light fabric
- 3 yards total of medium and dark fabrics

Cutting Instructions: Complete your cutting before the workshop

288 total 2 and ½ inch x 2 and ½ inch squares: Half made with **dark** fabrics and half with **medium** fabrics

144 total 2 and 7/8 inch x 2 and 7/8 inch squares: **Dark** fabric

72 total 4 and ½ inch x 4 and ½ inch squares: **Light** fabric

Sewing Supplies:

- Sewing machine in good working order (extension cord in good condition also recommended)
- Iron and Ironing mat
- Regular sewing supplies and notions

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Complete and detach this portion and return to:

Amy Sirocky-Meck, 1880 Marigold Circle, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

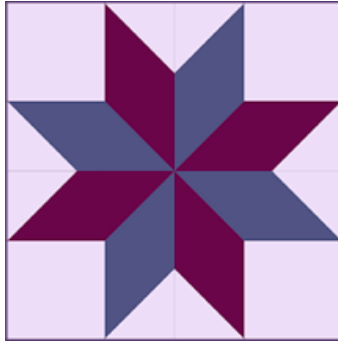
Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ (\$10 for members and \$15 for non-members)

Paid registration must be received by June 12, 2015 to reserve a spot in the workshop. Paid workshops are transferrable to another member but are not refundable unless the class is cancelled. Space is limited.

FUNDamental Hand Piecing with Diana Norman



Date: Saturday, July 18, 2015

Location: Sunnyside Room, Sunnyside Retirement Community, Harrisonburg, VA

Do you have "down time" when you wish you could be sewing? You know--sitting in the doctor's office, waiting through your kids' activities, watching TV with the family, relaxing on the porch, taking a car, bus or plane trip. Turn your down time to found time! Learn to sew without a sewing machine and all of those bulky, costly accessories! Piecing will become totally (and easily) portable! Learn to hand-piece a LeMoyne Star block in this workshop, and you'll be a believer.

Cost: \$10(members of SVQG) **\$15** (non-members) **Cash or checks only** (payable to SVQG)

Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (**Bring your own lunch and beverages**)

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 10, 2015

Questions: Contact Amy Sirocky-Meck (sirockam@jmu.edu) or (540-564-0901)

Supply List -

Fabric:

- 1 fat quarter (or equivalent) for star
- 1 fat quarter (or equivalent) contrasting fabric for star
- 1-2 fat quarters (or equivalent) for background

Sewing Supplies:

- Sewing Needle (as small and thin as is comfortable for you) #10 or #11 Betweens recommended
 - Sewing thread to match fabric
 - Straight pins
 - Thin lead, mechanical pencil or mechanical marking pencil (wood pencils not recommended)
 - Quarter Inch seam marking tool or clear ruler with 1/4" marking
 - Scissors or thread cutter
 - Thimble (optional)
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President Molly Toth
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 Program Coor. #2 Lori Schrock
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 Sunshine Sue Jones
 Ways & Means Karen Jones

SPECIAL DUTIES:

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| NQA Liaison | Nina Jackson | Web Master | Diane Reasons |
| VCQ | TBA | 2016 Quilt Show | Denise Rudolph & Lori Abbot-Herrick |
| 2016 Raffle Quilt | Jan Hood | | |

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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