

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

Notes from the President

When I think of March I think of **Saint Patrick's Day**, Spring, sunshine, wind and kite flying. But let's not forget that March 18th is National Quilt Day, a day to celebrate us as quilters. March is the perfect time to plan your own shop hop and/or lunch out with friends, a visit to the Virginia Quilt Museum, a road trip to Paducah, Missouri Star in Hamilton or Lancaster, the start of a new quilt project, digging out a long forgotten project or learning something new (don't forget our March guild classes). Celebrate the quilter in you and enjoy your March forward in quilting. It is a great adventure.

The National Quilt Association started National Quilting Day in 1991. Their members passed a resolution in Lincoln, Nebraska on June 1991 to observe the third Saturday in March to celebrate quilts and those who make them an annual event. Though NQA is no longer, the celebration they started marches on.

Happy Quilting,
Sandie Hammel

Quilt Show 2018 -The vote is in - the majority voted for a downsized quilt show in 2018. A committee chair and two co-chairs have not come forward. We must have those three people in place for our March announcement. This will allow us to move forward to lock in a venue by June. Every questionnaire had a place to volunteer for a job during the show, from that we have our list of volunteers to cover most of the positions needed to create a successful event, now all we need are the leadership positions. Contact Sandie Hammel sshammel419@gmail.com or Doreen Roadcap vavalley@outlook.com.

We need you to step forward.

CALENDAR

MARCH

17 Workshop, "Patches"

18 Guild Meeting
Julia Graber, "Fiber Art"

APRIL

15 Guild Meeting
Phyllis Reeves, "String Quilts"

23-26 Quilt Retreat

Birthdays

Deborah Watts	5 th
Gwyn Campbell	11 th
Ann Vannoy	11 th
Jolene Powell	12 th
Carol Lee Cunius	13 th
Gloria Wegman	14 th
Trudi VanDyke	14 th
Gail Oliver	20 th
Connie Broy	24 th
Nina Jackson	28 th

March 2017

Secretary Minutes from February 18, 2017 General Meeting

President Sandie Hammel called the February meeting of the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild (SVQG) to order at 9:30 a.m. Thirty-eight members and guests were present. It was moved, seconded and carried (MSC) that the January minutes, as published in the newsletter, be approved. The treasurer's report was presented by Sandie Hammel.

Reports:

Nominating, Sandie announced that President-Elect Doreen Roadcap will be forming a nominating committee to recruit officers for 2018.

Sunshine, Sandie reported that eleven birthday cards and two thinking of you cards were sent.

Service, Denise Rudolph is collecting pillows and totes. Sue Jones has donated kits that members can pick up to complete. She read a thank you note from one of the hospice quilt recipients. John Hammel has provided kits for hospice quilts. Healthy Families has requested crib size floor quilts. The next service day and hospice quilt collection will be in May.

Program, Barbara Cline encouraged members to sign up for upcoming workshops offered by the guild. She reviewed the upcoming programs as follows:

- "Double Diamonds" with Kathy Shifman, The Cloth Peddler, at today's meeting;
- March 17 and 18: Julia Graber, "Patches" and "From Photo to Fiber";
- April: String quilts, Phyllis Reeves;
- June: Sew Classics.

Sign-up sheets for the workshops are in the guild newsletters, and members are encouraged to participate.

Retreat, Jane Crockett reported that there are 19 people signed up for the retreat being held in Orkney Springs April 23-26, 2017. There are others who plan to come as day participants. Anyone else interested in participating should contact her or Kathy Christy.

Virginia Quilt Museum, Josephine Millet spoke about the opening February 21, 2017. The upper level features "Two Golden Ages of Applique: 1840-1870 & 1920-1940" and the regular displays. On the lower level, the Top of Virginia Guild, Middletown, Va. has quilts on display. Josephine reminded guild members that if SVQG would like to have a quilt display at the museum, it is important to let her know soon and get on the calendar.

Announcements:

The newsletter deadline is February 24th

The next Board meeting will be March 7th at the North River Library in Bridgewater. The next general meeting will be March 18th.

A special thank you to Cerise Haas, Doreen Roadcap, Ofilia Seidell, Gail Oliver and auctioneer Dave Porter and his wife Deb for a very successful January auction which raised \$1,051.50.

A quilt frame donated by our guild founder, Dorothy Williams, to Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community was no longer being used and needed to be relocated. Sandie read a thank you letter from the new recipients at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church.

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Secretary Minutes from February 18, 2017 General Meeting, continued

Sign-up sheets were passed for people to assist in hanging and taking down quilts at the VMRC quilt exhibit and sale. Set-up for the exhibit will be Saturday, April 8. Quilts will be displayed until take down on Saturday, April 29th. An application to exhibit (and sell if desired) in the VMRC Quilt Exhibit and Sale will be in the newsletter and on the membership table in February and March. Nina Jackson will do a tour for VMRC residents during the first week of the exhibit. She requested that exhibitors describe the story of their quilts on the application form to assist her when she talks about them during the tour.

Sandie presented a six-month review from the Board which included the following

- Purchase of a wireless microphone system for guild use;
- Creation of an agreement to be used with our chosen nonprofit raffle quilt partner(s);
- Synchronization of the guild calendar with tax year, membership and elected officer terms to be February 1-January 31 annually;
- Increase of membership dues to \$25 annually and an increase in newsletter mailing fees;
- Revisions to guild by-laws to correspond to calendar changes;
- Reintroduction of a membership vendor table;
- New treasurers appointed and installed;
- Organization of an April retreat
- Organization of the VMRC quilt exhibit and sale April 8-29;
- Quilt show questionnaire introduced in November. The vote is due at today's meeting.

Old Business:

Divide and Conquer challenge, Jane reminded members to bring the piece that they created from the 'divide and conquer' challenge fabrics received in November to the March meeting. There are no special instructions, just use the fabrics provided and add other pieces as desired.

Sandie reminded members to create a 'wonky cross' block from a ten-inch square to bring to the May meeting. She showed a sample. Instructions will be in the newsletter.

The quilt show questionnaire results were tallied during the break for refreshments, and members voted to have a downsized show in 2018. The chairman and co-chairman for this event will be appointed by the Board and will be announced at the March, 2017 meeting. A venue for the show will be chosen and announced at the June meeting.

Barbara Cline introduced the speaker, Kathy Shifman, from The Cloth Peddler in Stephens City, Va., and she provided an interesting workshop on the use of several new tools.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Crockett

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Announcements

2017 Auction -

Our 2017 auction total was \$1,051.50. Thank you to all who supported this event.

VMRC Quilt Exhibit and Sale -

MEMBERS - WE NEED MORE QUILTS AND ONE MORE TOUR GUIDES! On April 8th, we will be installing a Quilt Exhibit along the Gallery at VMRC. This exhibit will stay in place until April 29th. During the first week of the show Nina Jackson will lead a Walking Tour of the Exhibit. Nina asked that all those submitting entries give a write up about your quilt to assist in the tour. We have ballots for voting during the first two weeks of the show. During the final week, we announce the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the Exhibit. This event is to further our community education and outreach. The Exhibit is well attended and seen by residents, visitors, and staff. VMRC installs a sign announcing the Exhibit along Route 42 at the entrance to VMRC and signs guiding visitors to the exhibit once you are in the complex. This is an Exhibit and Sale, however not all quilts on exhibit are for sale. For those of you who have not attended the Exhibit at VMRC you will be pleasantly surprised.

Please contact Sandie at sshammel419@gmail.com to submit your entries or Nina Jackson at hikeswithsemus@gmail.com for tour guide. Find Entry form in this newsletter.

SVQG Quilters' Retreat is coming soon!

April 23-26, 2017

We are looking forward to three beautiful days of sewing and being together at Shrine Mont Retreat Center, Orkney Springs, Va. (webpage www.shrinemont.com). Accommodations include all meals and the room accommodations. In addition, the retreat center offers two large rooms for sewing tables. So far we have 23 people signed up to be overnight 'campers' and five day-quilter participants.

For those sharing a room, the cost will be \$272.96 (- \$10 deposit you have already paid). For those with a private room, the cost will be \$365.02 (- the \$10 deposit). You will pay for your accommodations when you check in. Check in time is 4 p.m. in the lobby of the hotel.

There is a nominal 'facility use fee' for day participants of \$10 plus tax/per day, and \$5 for use of one half of a 6-foot table in the sewing center. You will also need to pay for any meals in the dining room. The set price for lunch is \$14.

We would like to meet with you after the March business meeting (during refreshments) so that we can answer any questions. Those of you who have not yet selected a roommate and would like one can make those arrangements at that time.

See you in March!
Kathy and Jane

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Service

In May, the meeting will be devoted to Service. We will be collecting quilts for Hospice on that day, so be sewing when the weather turns cold again. How about thinking Patriotic? All the Hospice groups like to do something special for the veterans and they love giving the patriotic quilts. There are several great panels out there that make up quickly with a couple of borders added.

Quilt sizes should be a minimum of 36" to maximum of 60" wide, by 45" to 60" long. If you only want to make the top, I will quilt and then you can put the binding on or I have volunteers that will do binding. We are a team!

I collected lots of quilts and tops at the February meeting. Thank you!

Always Sewing!
Denise Rudolph, Service Chair



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 dejbowsandskjquilts@hotmail.com or call 540-949-0872.

Thank You, Sue Jones

Divide and Conquer

Did anyone take up the challenge? Did you make something out of the fabric we tore up at the November meeting? If you did be sure to bring it to the March meeting so we can have a Show and Tell. Here are the rules for the challenge: There are no rules. You can do what you want with it. You can use all or most of the fabrics. If you can't stand one or two of the fabrics, skip them. Just have fun trying to figure out what to do with the fabrics. Just remember, you are not making an heirloom. You are just having a fun experience using weird fabrics. See you in March!

Kathy Christy

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Programs - March

Julia Graber, an award-winning quilter and lecturer, will present two workshops in March. On SATURDAY, March 18th she will demonstrate the techniques she used to create "Only a Lily", which took 1st place at the National Quilt Museum's *New Quilts from an Old Favorite* contest in 2014. In this workshop, "From Photo to Fiber", we will learn how to take a picture, simplify it to make templates, and then fuse the fabric together to make the picture. Not only will we be quilting with feed dogs up; but also, free-motion quilting organic shapes to make the picture come alive.

Julia will also offer a FRIDAY, 6-hour workshop, "Patches".

During this workshop, students will learn how to fuse fabric patches to a background grid. After the background is quilted, a modified version of the silhouette lily pattern (or willow or silhouette of student's choice) will be applied to the top and finished with quilting.

From Photo to Fiber and Patches Workshops
March 17 and 18, 2017

Questions: Email Barbara Cline at programs@svqg.org or tbcline7@gmail.com

Complete this form and mail, with payment, to Barbara Cline, 6234 Gardner Lane Bridgewater, VA 22812

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

From Photo to Fiber: Amount Enclosed: Member \$40 _____ Non-member \$50 _____
This 3-hour workshop, on SATURDAY, March 18th, will begin at approximately 1:00.

Patches: Amount Enclosed: Member \$60 _____ Non-member \$70 _____
This 6-hour workshop will be held on FRIDAY, March 17th.

Combined rate for BOTH workshops: Member \$80 _____ Non-member \$100 _____

Make check payable to SVQC. Only a paid registration reserves your place in this workshop. Paid workshops are transferable to another member but are not refundable unless the class is cancelled.

Non-members are welcome to join the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild to register at the member rate.



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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.

Membership

Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild Member Benefits and Responsibilities

Being a member of SVQG has many benefits but also has some responsibilities.

SVQG Guild Mission – The purpose of the Guild shall be to promote the various aspects of the art of quilting, to educate and develop the skill levels of the members, and to make a contribution to the Community, relative to quilt making.

Guild Interaction – Get involved with the Guild. Come to meetings; interact with others, especially new members. Participate in Show-&-Tell. We have this wonderful monthly part of meeting for you to show everyone what you have done. Everyone loves to see what their fellow Guild members have accomplished on their quilt journey.

Education – SVQG has several named speakers and classes throughout the year at reduced prices to our members. We also have classes by experts in our Guild. Take a class, join a Bee, you will grow in your quilting knowledge.

Service - Twice a year we have a service afternoon after our Guild meetings. We invite all members to participate for a sew-in that is fun and helpful. It feels so good to help our community. For the past few years we have donated our service quilts to the Hospice Programs throughout the valley. There is such a great need of comfort.

August Picnic and December Christmas Party – Each member is asked to bring a covered dish to each of these events (unless otherwise announced). These two events are fun for all and a lot of good will happens. Come out and join the fun.

Ways and Means - Raffles and Door prizes – Coming to the meetings makes you eligible to win a door prize. We usually have a raffle during our meetings. The money raised from the sale of these raffle tickets go to the Guild to be used as needed.

Library – SVQG has a lending library available to all members. This library has over 500 titles and is updated on a regular basis. Your input to our librarian is welcome. To borrow quilt books for a month or two is a wonderful benefit. Members are asked to contact our librarian if there are any special titles they need for her to bring to a meeting. With so many titles our librarian is only able to bring about a fourth of our library to each meeting, but will bring special requests.

Snacks and Goodies – At each meeting we have a social time to meet and greet and interact with our fellow members. Snacks are provided by members who are having a birthday that month. Snacks can be whatever you choose to bring.

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Freebies Table – At most meetings we have a table where members can bring books and magazines or odds and ends they no longer want but would like to share with other members. This table is for you to look through and take the things that you could use.

Quilt Show – The Guild has a biennial quilt show in even numbered years. All members are encouraged to enter and show-off their works. Items are not juried but voted on by the visiting public for ribbon awards. We also raffle off a quilt made by Guild members. All members should help to sell raffle tickets to earn money for the Guild and to promote the quilt show.

SVQG Monthly Newsletter – Twelve times a year, SVQG publishes an 8-10 page newsletter to keep you up to date on Guild activities and upcoming events.

Membership – Our membership year runs from February 1 until January 31st. Dues are announced in our newsletter and on our web site. Membership Lists – Every March, SVQG provides each member with an updated membership list. This list includes names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of all our members. It's a good resource to keep up with your fellow members.

Web Site – At svqg.org you will find our web site. It has history, newsletters, Show-&-Tell, upcoming activities.

There is a special membership page that requires a password (for members only). This page has our updated membership list and the monthly detailed treasurer's report. Please refer to John Hammel, jthammel@gmail.com, for the password.

Ways and Means - January Auction – Each January we have an auction of items donated by our members. There is a wide variety of goodies and bargains can be had. This event brings in over a \$1000 for the Guild. This is the event that gives all members a good excuse to clean and take stock of their quilt supplies. Donate what you don't need and have fun looking at all the things that you can't part with, but haven't seen in a year.

And last, but certainly not least, active participation helps run the Guild. Everyone needs to do their part by being an involved member. The Guild needs people to organize and run the many activities needed to have fun as well as functioning meetings. Become a Board Member or Activities Chairman. Give and share of yourself when and where you can.

These things help make our Guild to be the best that it can be.

The Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild is YOUR Guild and it will be whatever you make of it.

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WEDDING STAR TABLE TOPPER CLASS

Gwyn E. Campbell

Certified Instructor,

Judy Niemeyer Paper Piecing

Have you ever wanted to sew a Wedding Ring Quilt but felt it a bit beyond your reach? If so, this is a great 2-day class for you.

When: Saturday, March 25 & Saturday, April 29 10:00-4:00

Where: The Conference Center at Beulah Land

85 Beulah Drive (off Hwy 11, 3.5 miles north of Fairfield)

Cost: \$80 for the 2 classes

This Wedding Ring is the basis of three patterns: Wedding Star Table Topper, Bali Bed Runner, and the full size (80" x 80") Bali Wedding Star. You would be welcome to work on any of these three as we learn all the tips and techniques for piecing and assembling these gorgeous quilts.

You are welcome to bring your own pattern. Or I can purchase one for you at a 10% discount (WSTT: \$34; BBR:\$25; BWS: \$71), if purchased from me by March 6.

Payment in full for the classes (and pattern, if one is desired) is due at sign up. No refund is possible after payment is made.

For additional information contact Gwyn at gecquilts@gmail.com or call 540 460-9575. Payments can be mailed to:

Gwyn E. Campbell, PO Box 67, Brownsburg, VA 24415.

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Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild, VMRC Quilt Exhibit and Sale – 2017, Entry Form
Dates April 8 - 29, 2017

Please use one form per entry. All entry forms must be received by Sandie Hammel no later than March 24, 2017. Quilts will be accepted starting at the March 2017 Guild meeting, if you are unable to drop off at VMRC on Saturday, April 8, 2017 starting at 8:30. You must be a current member of SVQG in order to have a quilt hung in the exhibit. Each member may submit up to three items. The number of items hung for the exhibit will depend on space. We are trying to display a cross-section of the interests of guild members. Contact Sandie Hammel at 540-218-4026, sshammel419@gmail.com, or 419 Fifth Street, Shenandoah, VA 22849.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Title of Entry _____ Size _____ by _____

Description of quilt (Methods used, inspiration, other people involved in creating the piece)

Please attach photo of piece here:

For sale? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please list price: _____

Disclaimer: I, _____ understand that the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild, its officers, members or anyone connected with the exhibit, including staff of Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community, will not be held personally responsible for any damages to or loss of exhibit items from the time of delivery through the time of pickup. I understand that I should insure the quilt through my Homeowner's Insurance Policy.

Signature _____ Date _____

Attach this label to the quilt back:

Pick-up receipt: (must have to pick-up quilt)

Quilter's Name:
Title:
Phone Number:
Email:

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Title:
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Email:

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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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