

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Can you believe that it is almost May? I am loving the warm weather, but when you are taking a break from outdoor activities remember that we are now officially in the "Pre Quilt Show" season!! Everyone still has time to get their entries to Denise. It is fine to be still working on your quilts (as long as they are done by show time) but she needs to know how many to anticipate in each category so that she can prepare ribbons and plan the categories and layout for the show.

I want to encourage everyone to enter the show. It is an exhibition of all that is quilting - not just the lovely designs and beautiful wall hangings, but also the comfort and warmth of a well-loved piece or the thriftiness and ingenuity of a quilt made of scraps and unused leftovers. I can say unreservedly that any quilt made by any member of our guild has a place in our show. So gather your quilts and get your forms filled out. The form for entry is also on the website (svqg.org) in the "Members Only" section. If you brought your quilt to a monthly show and tell you can find a picture in the Show and Tell archive on the website. It can be downloaded and sent to Denise.

And....remember to get items for our silent auction! You can bring them to the next meeting, to my house anytime or, if it is a large item, just email me and let me know what to expect!

Let the SVQG Quilt Show fun begin!

Nina Jackson, President

CALENDAR

Next Newsletter Deadline

May 27th

May 1st
Deadline for quilt entries

May 21st
Guild Meeting
Debe Thomas

June 18th
Guild Meeting
Quilt Show Preparations

June 24-26
15th Biennial Quilt Show

May Birthdays

Barbara Johnson	4 th
BJ Berlo	10 th
Lila Schafer	20 th
Carol Foster	24 th

Secretary Minutes from April 16, 2016 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Nina Jackson, President.

There are two new members and two visitors at the meeting.

A motion was made by Liz Adams to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter and it was seconded by Bobbi Champaign. A favorable vote was received.

Denise Rudolph spoke about the categories for entries for the quilt show. Entry forms are on the back table and are printed in the newsletter. The completed forms need to be in by May 1st, along with a picture of the entry.

Denise also has hospice quilts at the meeting today that need bindings applied.

Vicki Graham is passing sign up sheets for white glove volunteers for the quilt show today.

Sue Jones sent out six birthday cards and two TOY blocks this month.

Lori Schrock, program chairman announced that Debe Thomas will present the program and class at the May meeting. There was a sample from the class on display.

Membership dues are due now.

The Traveling Basket went home with Bev London today.

New business: Nina Jackson lead a discussion on the officer and committee chair positions that need to be filed when the new terms start at the August meeting. There were several volunteers for the upcoming term. Sandy Hammel-president, Donna Roadcap-president elect, Jane Crockett-secretary, and Lori Abbott-Herrick program chair 2. A vote will be taken at the June meeting for new officers.

Liz Adams has a raffle quilt with her today from the Needle Chasers of Maryland and she has raffle tickets available.

The door prizes today were donated by The Quiltery in Fairfield Virginia.

Debbie Kratovil gave a talk and trunk show titled The Naked Quilter today. Debbie will lead a class this afternoon.

Respectfully submitted by Ann VanNoy, Secretary.

Programs

In April Debby Kratovil gave us a fun and informative lecture. Many of us gained courage to try some of the more challenging looking traditional blocks with Debby's quicker and easier methods. Debby had a wonderful collection of her quilts to show. She had fun stories about each one. Debby's workshop was spectacular. We had a good turnout of members who sewed the afternoon away. We learned very easy ways to make a seven sister's block in no time at all. Debby gave us many other secrets and hints to for using rulers and cutting fabrics.

In May, Debe Thomas will be with us again. This year Debe will be giving a program called "Journey into Curves and Circles." She will be sharing with us various ways to include circles in our quilts with ease. In the afternoon Debe will give a workshop on "A Lesson in Positivity". This workshop will involve a slicing simple block and reassembling it into a very complex looking block that is really not hard at all.

Dear Quilting Friends: Years ago, I became aware that nylon thread melts and discolors. Because it melts is reason enough for me not to use it. I have learned that some are unaware of this flaw. To better explain the reason why I don't use it, I have taken an explanation from Superior Threads that explains why I do not use Nylon thread. I have no affiliation with Superior Threads, unfortunately, but they have the best explanation of why I don't use it. I think you will find the explanation very informative and wanted to share it with you.

Jan Hood

Nylon vs. Poly

Nylon thread should not exist in your sewing supplies unless you want the thread to melt. As strange as this sounds, this is very true. Nylon threads, whether they are woollie-type threads which are used in sergers or invisible monofilament threads, have a very low melting temperature, discolor or "yellow" over time, and go brittle. Polyester threads are much better to use than Nylon threads.

Fusible Thread is Nylon, made to melt. MonoPoly is an invisible Polyester much like the Invisible Nylon on the market, but with much more added benefits. Polyester threads exist in both the [woollie-type](#) for sergers and the [invisible monofilament](#). Polyester has a high heat tolerance, will not discolor, or go yellow.

One more thing to check: If your monofilament thread is labeled "polyamide," that is not polyester, but the chemical name for nylon. **Don't be fooled.**

Superior Threads does not carry a Nylon Invisible Monofilament thread. We don't use or recommend it. Our Monopoly is Polyester and therefore is dryer safe, won't yellow, won't go brittle over time, and can be ironed on a lower heat setting. We suggest using a Polyester Invisible Monofilament thread over Nylon for these reasons.

**A Lesson in Positivity
34" x 39"**

DESCRIPTION:

This is a Project to illustrate technique. This workshop will involve a slicing simple block and reassembling it into a very complex looking block that is really not hard at all. The size is 34" by 39" for wall-hanging. This can easily be increased in size if desired by adding more blocks. Come and join the group for a delightful afternoon.

WHO: Debe Thomas

WHEN: May 21, 2016 12:45/1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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



Supply List:

Fabric for class:

- Fabric needs to be highly contrasting for best effect.
- 1 yard of light (or dark)
- 1 yard of contrast
- ½ yard for border

You can make this scrappy, you need to be able to get a 12 ½" square and a 9 ½" circle out of the piece of fabric (a fat quarter may not be large enough for both pieces). We will be cutting a total of nine 12 ½" blocks and eight 9 ½" circles. We will also use an 8 ½" circle.

Notions:

- Ruler to cut out 12 ½" squares, cutting mat, rotary cutter
- 24" ruler
- A pair of smaller sharp tipped scissors and micro-serrated scissors or helpful
- Iron and pressing mat
- Sewing machine in good working order, foot with ¼" guide
- (We will be inseting circles, if you have another foot you prefer, please feel free to bring it to use.)
- Thread to match fabric
- Pins, seam ripper, marking pencil

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 13, 2016 *NOTE THE EARLY DEADLINE –I WILL BE OUT OF TOWN*

QUESTIONS: Email Lori Schrock at programs@svqg.org

A Lesson In Positivity

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ (this is where your instructions will be sent)

Amount Enclosed: ___ \$25.00 member; ___ \$35.00 non-member

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

Make check payable to SVQG. 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. Register early as space is limited.

Membership

It was sure nice to see everyone at Guild last Saturday. I thank all of you for your concerns and prayers for my upcoming surgery. I hope to see you at the May Guild. There are still a few folks who haven't paid their dues.

Happy Quilting!
John Hammel, Membership Chairperson

MODIFIED YEAR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
April 1, 2016—January 31, 2017
 Renewal Membership New Membership

Date of Application: _____ Check Number: _____

This form should be completed in its entirety and returned with your check for **\$20.00 (which includes your newsletter by e-mail)** or **\$32.00 (which includes your newsletter delivered by the US Mail)** payable to:

The Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild
c/o Membership Chair
P. O. Box 913
Harrisonburg, VA 22803

Note: If you wish to have your membership card and receipt mailed to you, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your application and check.

NAME _____ BIRTHDAY: ____/____/____
Please print name as you want it on Membership card and Badge Month Day

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE ____ - ____ - ____ EMAIL _____
(Area Code)

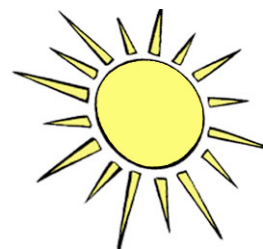
WHY JOIN?

Auction in January	Well known speakers & Classes
Picnic in August with Installation of new Officers	Christmas Party in December
Newsletter published 11 times a year	Membership Directory
500+ quilt related book library w/monthly check-out	Personalized Name Badges
Service projects for a variety of worthy causes	S VQG Website Fun projects,
raffles, challenges, retreats, door prizes, refreshments, "SHOW & TELL"	
And	

A place to meet and greet old friends and make new friends; a place to relax and get away from the everyday problems; a place to share in the fellowship of good company
Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild Has It All!

WHITE GLOVE VOLUNTEERS

I'd like to thank everyone who signed up to do white gloving during the upcoming quilt show. It will be fun introducing the quilts to visitors. There's one slot left to fill: Noon to 2 PM on Sunday, June 26th. I'd also like to have a backup person for each slot. Please email me at grahamvl@comcast.net or call me at 540-433-9877 if you want to help.



Vicki Graham,
White Glove Committee Chair

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

We mail birthday cards and thinking of you cards, along with fabric blocks each month to recognize member birthdays and to express support during difficult times. If you know of an ill member or one who is suffering a loss, please contact me, Sue Jones at [540-949 0872](tel:540-949-0872) or dejbowsandskjquilts@hotmail.com

Thank you,
Sue Jones

Become a Patron of *The Threads That Bind Us*

There are many expenses involved in producing our biennial quilt show. If selling raffle tickets is not for you, please consider becoming a patron of the quilt show.

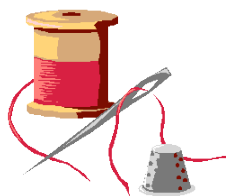
With a \$100 donation you will be recognized in the program booklet as a **Gold Thimble Patron**. A \$50 donation will earn you a **Silver Thimble**. To become a **Bronze Thimble** you must donate \$25.

Your donation must be received by June 1st. Checks are payable to SVQG and mailed to PO Box 913, Harrisonburg VA 22803.

Your name _____

Amount of donation \$ _____

Thank You!



The Threads That Bind Us

15th Biennial Quilt Show

June 25th and 26th, 2016

Time is getting closer!!!! Deadline for the entry forms are May 1! There is a lot that has to be done once we get these so that is why we need them early. Your pictures do not need to be of a completed quilt you just need to make sure the quilt is done by the time we are hanging. We need to review the categories to make sure that we have a good grouping and so the ribbons can be finished!!

We will start setup on Friday, June 24th at 9:00 a.m. Be sure and bring your spouse and be ready to work. I will need a few volunteers with trucks to help get the frames from Fran's house to TA that morning - about 8:00 a.m. We need muscle and ladders to get those quilts hung.

We will be accepting quilts on Saturday, June 18 at the guild meeting for those that can't make it Friday.

Once I have received all the entry forms, I will send out a mass email to make sure I have gotten everything. I will also contact those without email to confirm I have your forms. If you have not heard from me by May 10, call me at [540-974-9782](tel:540-974-9782). It is easy to lose a form.

Don't forget that we need volunteers throughout the weekend. See Vicki Graham if you have not signed up to white glove. Molly Toth & Norma Harris will be coordinating the demonstrations.

The blue polo shirts are here so see Denise Rudolph at the May meeting. If you did not order one and want one, I have a few extra. They are \$17 each. We will be wearing the blue and lavender shirts on Saturday and Sunday at the show so people can identify us if they need help.

If you have something to sell at the boutique see Josephine Millett. She will be collecting these on Friday, June 24 at TA.

Be sure and tell all your friends and relatives to come and see the show. Let's have a good time and a great turnout.

Denise Rudolph and Lori Abbott-Herrick
Quilt Show Chairs

Board Members:

President	Nina Jackson
President-Elect	Sandie Hammel
Secretary	Ann VanNoy
Treasurer	Carol Foster
Program Coor #1	Lori Schrock
Program Coor #2	Barbara Cline
Immed. Past President	Molly Toth

Special Duties:

2016 Raffle Quilt	Jan Hood
Web Site Manager	Tom Jackson
2016 Quilt Show	Denise Rudolph & Lori Abbott-Herrick
PhD Program	Cerise Haas
SVQG/VQM Liaison	Josephine Millett

Committee Chairpersons:

Service	Denise Rudolph
Library	Vicki Graham
Ways & Means	Cerise Haas
Membership	John Hammel
Sunshine	Sue Jones
Hospitality	Oflia Seidell & Celia Mitchell
Publicity	Gail Oliver
Newsletter	Lori Abbott-Herrick

TO JOIN THE SVQG

SEND \$20 annual dues and application to:
SVQG Membership
PO Box 913 Harrisonburg, VA 22803

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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