

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

Notes from the President

May starts off with May Day, National Teachers' Day, Cinco de Mayo, V-E Day, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day..... It is a month that starts off with flowers and ends with waving flags. It is the month that says Summer is just around the corner, but as you look back you say.... Gee... Spring was way too short.

This May is our guild giving of their time to comfort those in Hospice and Breast Cancer Care. This year we have added a need for baby floor quilts to inspire crawling. We work toward this giving throughout the year. It never seems to get old as we watch the work of months go out the door to those in need of a little cheer or inspiration. Thanks to all of you for your giving spirit and helping hands.

Take time to celebrate you by dancing around a May Pole or in the rain,
Sandie Hammel

VMRC Exhibit -

The VMRC Exhibit was installed on Saturday, April 8th and will be taken down on Saturday April 29th starting at 8:30. I hope that many of you will be able to find time to walk through this Exhibit before the 29th. The quilts are located in the Park Gables Main Street area at VMRC off Route 42 in Harrisonburg.

Note: for all who have submitted quilts to this Exhibit please be at VMRC between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. to pick up your quilts. Please bring your pick-up receipts. All members who are helping with "take down" please come to the front table for "take down instructions" before proceeding. All quilts must be accounted for and must come through the front desk. Each quilt must be bagged or boxed and checked out before leaving VMRC.

CALENDAR

May

20 Guild Meeting,
Service

June

17 Guild Meeting,
Patchwork Plus

May Birthdays

4	Barbara Johnson
9	Angela Schup
10	BJ Berlo
20	Lila Schafer
28	Jane Taylor Weber

Secretary Minutes from April 15, 2017 General Meeting

President Sandie Hammel called the March meeting of the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild (SVQG) to order at 9:30 a.m.

It was moved, seconded and carried (MSC) that the March minutes, as published in the newsletter, be approved.

The treasurer's report was presented by Bev London.

Reports:

Hospitality, Sandie reminded members to bring a snack to share during their birthday month.

Library, Sandie advised new members about the guild library and how to request books from the online catalog.

Newsletter, Lori Abbott-Herrick reported that she had purchased a new printer. The newsletter deadline is Friday, April 21 for the May newsletter.

Raffle Quilt, Mary Carlton reported that the raffle quilt will be worked on at the guild retreat. Doreen Roadcap is working with her, and input from members is welcome.

Membership, John Hammel. Two new members have joined today.

Program, Barbara Cline reported that Sew Classics and Patchwork Plus are presenting programs and workshops in June and July. She displayed samples of the kits available from Sew Classics for their workshop.

Sunshine, Sue Jones reported that five birthday cards were sent and reminded members to let her know about people needing "Thinking of You" blocks.

Service, Denise Rudolph reported that three hospice groups will be making presentations in May. She reminded members to bring their hospice quilts to the meeting. Members are asked to bring sewing machines and plan to stay for the workday. John Hammel has provided kits for hospice service quilts, and Sue Jones has prepared kits for pillows and totes.

Retreat, Jane Crockett reported that 27 people have signed up to participate in the guild retreat April 23-26 in Orkney Springs. Liz Adams has agreed to teach a 3-pocket pouch workshop. Liz went over the supplies list for this mini-class as follows: an 18-inch pre-quilted square, binding and cord for the strap.

Ways and Means, Cerise Haas announced that there is a raffle at today's meeting and encouraged members to purchase tickets during the refreshment break.

Virginia Quilt Museum. There are many upcoming activities including an artist's talk and reception on April 19th, a trip to Richmond on May 21st, Stash Blast on June 3rd, and a World War I symposium this summer. Please check their website for more information.

Announcements

The May board meeting will be Saturday, May 20th at 8:30 a.m. in the Sunnyside Room and will be a joint Board and Committee Chairman meeting. The next general meeting will be on May 20th at 9:30 a.m.

Secretary Minutes from April 15, 2017 General Meeting (continued)

The VMRC Quilt Exhibit was installed on Saturday, April 8. Sandie thanked the following people for their participation: Pauline and Rick Messier, Denise Rudolph, Vicki Graham, Dorice Graham, Doreen and Jamie Roadcap, A. J. Holsinger, Nina Jackson, Gail Oliver, Dee West, Kathy Christy, Lenore Mitchell, Fran Miller, Bonnie Spoon, Loretta Ehle, Lori Schrock, Gloria Wegman, Bev London, John Hammel and Susan Henninger. Members are encouraged to stop by VMRC and view the exhibit. It will be taken down on April 29th.

Sandie reminded members that the Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show will be April 21-23 at the Recreation Center, 225 Smith Circle in Berryville, Va.

The Northern Virginia Quilters Unlimited Annual Show will be June 2-4, 2017.

The annual "Quilting by the River" bee for the service groups will be moved inside this June. More information will be in the newsletter about this event.

New Business

Sandie asked again for a volunteer to serve as the 2018 Quilt Show Chairman. There being no volunteer, she announced that she will serve as Chair, with Cindy Holland as co-chair of volunteer scheduling, Denise Rudolph as co-chair of show layout, and Doreen Roadcap as Board representative. A few members who have volunteered for the key positions of publicity, photography, community outreach and boutique will be contacted in June. Additional volunteers are needed for volunteer scheduling and community outreach.

In May, Guild members will decide how to share Raffle Quilt profits and name the Raffle Quilt.

Due to Sandie's increased responsibilities as Quilt Show Chair, Doreen Roadcap will assume the Guild presidency two months early.

Old Business

Instructions were distributed for the Challenge Wonky Block and Kathy Christy showed a finished quilt made with this pattern. Members are encouraged to submit one or more blocks at the May 20th guild meeting, and they will be assembled into service quilt tops during the service workshop.

After Show and Tell and refreshments, the raffle was won by Bev London.

Barbara Cline introduced the speaker, Phyllis Reeves, who provided an entertaining trunk show of her work and talked about techniques for making string quilts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Crockett

It's Time to Retreat!!

Sunday, April 23rd, twenty-three guild members are 'retreating' to Orkney Springs, Va. to spend three days at Shrine Mont Camp and Conference Center. Several other guild members will be joining in as day-participants. For those of you who are going 'on retreat' with us, here are a few reminders.

Two activities are planned.

Sunday evening, we will be doing a jelly roll strip game. Please bring 40 2½ inch strips in some combination in the colors of red, blue, white, silver and gold. On Tuesday Nina Jackson will lead us in a 'race to the finish' to create a quilt top. Those of you who will not be with us Sunday evening can join in the race by bringing your own set of 40 strips in the colors mentioned above.

Liz Adams has agreed to show us how to make a 3-pocket purse. The only supplies required are an 18-inch square of pre-quilted material (homemade or store bought), some binding to finish the edge and a piece of cord for the strap. We will probably do this on Monday sometime during the day.

Check-in Sunday is at 4 p.m. Please go to the lobby of the main building (Virginia House). Staff will be expecting you. You can pay by credit card or check. The \$10 deposit that you have already paid will be credited to you at that time. They will direct you to your room and to Hall House, where we will have the sewing tables set up and you can organize your sewing space. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m.

If you would like to bring a snack to share during the retreat - please do so. If you want to bring your own 'stash' of treats and keep them at your table, that's okay too (but we'll talk about you). There is a refrigerator in the building where we are sewing. There is also a refrigerator and microwave in Lexington House that everyone is welcome to use.

The rooms are furnished with linens including towels, sheets, pillows and bedding. If you want extra towels, your own pillow, an alarm clock (why??), toiletries, hair dryers, etc., please bring them. It's a church camp, not the Hilton.

Of course, we are going to sew, SO bring all your equipment and supplies - sewing machine, power supply, an iron and an ironing surface (consider sharing with your table mate), rulers, a rotary cutter and mat, thread, pins and needles, scissors, your projects, and a seam ripper - yes, mistakes will be made.

It's a long way back home to pick up something you forgot.

We look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Jane and Kathy

Service

The May meeting is our day for service!!! Bring your quilts so we can have a great display for the Hospice groups to take home! We will have representatives from Augusta, Sentara, and Blue Ridge Hospice come and talk to us during our meeting. After the main meeting, bring your machines and stay to sew up the X blocks you are making. I have cut out 8 red, white and blue blocks and have gotten my first cut done. A great fast block to make. Together we can get some tops made for the next quilt collection day in November. I hope you will consider making at least one.

For the new members - the lap quilts should be between 36" to 60" wide and 45" to 60" long. If you want to do a quilt for the baby quilts - that size is around 36" x 45".

Looking forward to spending a day happily serving others!!! See you at the May meeting.

Denise Rudolph
Service Chairperson

Programs

May is Service Month. Come and have a "play date" with fellow quilters and donate your time and energy for a charity.

June - Patchwork Plus will be giving the program and afternoon workshop (TBA later). **This program and workshop will be held at Patchwork Plus in Dayton.**

July - Sew Classic Fabrics will be giving the program and afternoon workshop.

August - Picnic at Oakdale Park in Bridgewater, Shelter #1

September - Robin Vizzone - Will be giving the program and afternoon workshop called "Bloom".

October - Liz Adams will be giving the program and afternoon workshop. Her zipper purse will be the afternoon class.

November - Linda Puhle will be giving the program and afternoon workshop. She will be teaching us machine quilting on our domestic sewing machines.

Come join in on a time of learning quilting tips and tricks.

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

Thank You,

Sue Jones

Talking about County Fairs -

It is not too early to start thinking about the Fair if you plan to submit a quilt for judging in your County Fair. We as members of SVQG live in many counties. Each County Fair has a different set of rules for those submitting their entries. Our local Fairs require that those submitting quilts in the Fair live in the county where you are submitting your entry. Most require that the quilt be made within the current calendar year of submission. Identification for proof of residency is often necessary when you submit your quilts.

This year we have heard that Rockingham County Fair plans to have a new system in place for hanging quilts, thanks to the input from Patchwork Plus. All quilts submitted will need to have a sleeve for hanging. Plans for more security and monitoring will also be in place.

So, think ahead and wow your county with a beautiful quilt made by you. This is a way for you to reach out to your community and show that the art of quilt making is alive and well in the Shenandoah Valley.

Your Ph.D. is due at
our May meeting!



<p>Board Members:</p> <p>President Sandie Hammel President-Elect Doreen Roadcap Secretary Jane Crockett Treasurer Bev London & Larry Brown Program Coor #1 Barbara Cline Program Coor #2 Lori Abbott-Herrick Immed. Past President Nina Jackson</p> <p>Special Duties:</p> <p>Web Site Manager Tom & Nina Jackson PhD Program Cerise Haas SVQG/VQM Liaison Josephine Millett 2018 Raffle Quilt: Mary Carlton</p>		<p>Committee Chairpersons:</p> <p>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</p>	
		<p>TO JOIN THE SVQG SEND \$20 annual dues and application to: SVQG Membership PO Box 913 Harrisonburg, VA 22803</p>	

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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