

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SEWING CORNER -

Dear Friends,

I think we can finally say it....Happy Spring! What a blessing it is to live in the Shenandoah Valley as winter gives up its grip to the beauties of renewed life. I find myself sewing with bright colors and looking for patterns with lots of movement even as I finish up that dark UFO that I can't wait to get off my design wall. I hope you'll see it at our May meeting.

I want to thank Diana Norman for continuing the UFO Project this year. I can honestly say that I never would have finished the things on my list without her motivation. Also, thanks to Diana and Amy Meck for starting a new miniatures sewing group, Small Blessings Bee. If it doesn't make us crazy it should be fun!

We're beginning work on reviewing our By-Laws. Please let me know if you want to be involved. Everyone's input is important. Also important is filling all our Officer and Committee Chair positions. The Guild cannot run smoothly without YOUR help (yes, YOU). Please donate your time and efforts to keeping this good thing going! Let Vicki Graham know how you can help.

Our Quilt Retreat is May 13th to 16th in Lancaster, PA. If you didn't sign up but want to go let me know. It's going to be a blast!

Here's to all good things,
Lori



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Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Elect Vicki Graham in the absence of President Lori Abbott-Herrick. She introduced new members Jill Enslin, Mary Handley, Gail Oliver and Jenny Miller.

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

Announcements

Information about upcoming quilt shows is posted on the bulletin board. Quilters Unlimited at the Dulles Expo will be May 31-June 2nd. The North River Library will be hosting a trunk show by Barbara Kline on April 27th at 1 p.m. Quilter's Quest will be November 8-17.

Vicki read thank you notes from Sunnyside Presbyterian and the Virginia Quilt Museum.

Old Business

The by-laws review committee will be meeting soon. Any members who are interested should contact Vicki.

New Business

Diana Norman apologized to any members who were offended by the e-mail she sent about the guild retreat.

News from Bees

Eager BEEvers, Dorice Graham reported that the service bee has been creating quilts for A Small Hand.

The *Free Spirits Art Bee* meets at North River Library and guild members are invited to join them. Please contact Vicki for date and time of the next meeting.

Small Blessings, the miniatures bee, held their first meeting on April 11th. Anyone interested should contact Amy Meck or Diana Norman.

Committee Reports

Program Coordinator #1, Connie Broy. Today's program and workshop will be led by Susan Brittingham. Susan taught a class on Friday on a quilter's perspective. Next

month, Cindy Simms will be teaching a beadwork workshop. Pictures of the beaded amulets that participants will be making were circulated at the meeting. Kits will be available. Members were encouraged to see Connie to sign up for the workshop.

Service, Denise Rudolph. At the service workshop last month, members made six dog pillows which were taken to the SPCA in Winchester. Also quilts were delivered to the hospice organizations in Harrisonburg and Winchester. The Winchester hospice also got five Samantha dolls. Next month hospice quilts will be delivered to Augusta hospice. A total of 40 quilts were made to be donated. If any members have a Samantha doll, please turn it in to Denise.

Ways and Means, Amy Meck and Thurston Bechtel. There will be two raffle items this month.

Library, Sandie Hammel. Please check out books. A list of the 500+ books available is on the guild website. If you wish to request one of these books, please contact Kathy Christy, and it will be at the next guild meeting.

Newsletter, Sandie Hammel. The deadline for the May newsletter is April 26th.

Membership, John Hammel. There are 90 members currently enrolled. A new membership list will be out in May and updated on the website. Anyone who has not renewed will be taken off of the newsletter distribution list. John reminded members attending the retreat to take their membership card, since some quilt shops in Lancaster are offering a discount to SVQG members.

Nominating, Vicki Graham. Members were asked to note the wall signs for the officer positions available for next year and to let Vicki know if they are willing to serve in one of these jobs.

Hospitality. A tray was left at the March meeting.

Publicity. An ad for the guild was put in "The Country Register".

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Crockett, Secretary

PROGRAMS -

The workshops with Susan Brittingham were a lot of fun for those who attended. The view on Friday was drawing using perspective and vanishing points. That is a way to get depth in a landscape. On Saturday we did upside down appliqué. This is another way to appliqué.

MAY 18, 2013- PROGRAM – “FROM APPALACHIAN TO ART QUILTS”. WORKSHOP – AMULET THIMBLE NECKLACE.



Her program will be a lecture and Trunk Show – From Appalachian to Art Quilts. Sounds like a very interesting program. The afternoon workshop will be on making an “amulet Thimble Necklace”. Cindy’s beading technique could also be used to embellish quilt tops. You can find her at www.cindysimms.net. Also, see these little amulets under the workshop heading.

This is a good way to be introduced to beading. You will learn to do a beaded fringe with some tricks to prevent losing beads and use beads to do dimensional flowers on the flap of your amulet bag. You will also string beads for the necklace to hold your amulet bag. The students will also be shown some shortcuts on designing the fringe. Cindy will have a kit available for \$15.00.

? ? ? ? ? MYSTERY ? ? ? ? ?

JUNE 15 2013 – Mary Carlton –PROGRAM –“Mistakes are made.”

Workshop – Mystery quilt.

Our very own Mary Carlton will be our guest speaker and will do her wonderful mystery quilt in the afternoon. Can’t tell you what it will be because it is a mystery and will be revealed one step at a time Supply list and cutting instructions in this newsletter.

Connie Broy,
Program #1



SUNSHINE -

If you know of anyone who needs a Thinking of You card, either from illness or loss, please contact Sue Jones at **540-949-0872** or dejbowsandskjquilts@hotmail.com.

Sue

SERVICE -

Thanks to everyone who provided service quilts. In March & April we provided 40 quilts to Winchester, Harrisonburg and Augusta Hospice groups. We also gave 6 dog pillows to the Winchester SPCA. The Winchester Hospice got 5 Samatha Dolls. They have found them to be very comforting to their patients. If you still have a doll please bring it and the quilt within the next 2 months. Collect those sewing scraps to stuff the dog pillows. I will take them each month or you can keep until the November meeting when we will be doing service projects.

Denise Rudolph



WAYS and MEANS -

Proceeds from the April Raffle: \$84.00

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

Amy and Thurston

HOSPITALITY -

Thanks to everyone for the goodies on Saturday for Quilt Guild. They were delicious.

We have only 1 May birthday, so I will be contacting some of you that have August and December birthdays to help out in May, if you would like to volunteer please let me know at newmanlaam@aol.com.

Thanks,
Anna Lee Newman



May Birthday -

Barbara Johnson - May 4th

NEWSLETTER -

The deadline for the June newsletter will be May 26th (how time flies). Newsletter articles are submitted by our board and committee chairs, however, any member who has something of interest please send to sshammel419@gmail.com and space allowed I will put into the newsletter.

Sandie Hammel, Newsletter Editor

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO THE MAY MEETING! -

Yes, it's **SUE** and **BILL**. It's the moment we've all been waiting for. At least I have. I get to hand these little cuties over to Ways and Means.

So put on your thinking caps. These quilts need names and we need to decide on a charity.

Mary Carlton
2013-2014 Raffle Quilt Coordinator

UFO CHALLENGE -

C'mon! Will I be the only one to toss in my fat quarter at the May meeting? From your emails, many of you have been completing your #6 UFOs for the May meeting, while I have been working hard in my yard. You all will display lovely completed quilts, while I display scrapes, splinters, dirty nails and sunburn. But we all must do what makes us smile, and strangely, scrapes and dirty nails fit that bill for me in the Spring. Remember, if your #6 project is complete but you can't be at the May meeting, email a picture to me at dnorman8816@comcast.net.

Sew On,
Diana Norman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE -

The Nominating Committee is presenting the following slate of candidates for the upcoming Guild election in June (**Two of the elected offices, President-Elect and Secretary are still open**).

PRESIDENT - Vicki Graham

PRESIDENT- ELECT - opportunity available

SECRETARY - opportunity available

TREASURER - Cerise Haas

PROGRAM COORDINATOR #1 - Lori Schrock

PROGRAM COORDINATOR #2 - Amy Meck

If you are interested in serving the Guild as **President-Elect** or **Secretary**, please email or call me at grahamvl@comcast.net or **540-433-9877**.

The following Committee Chairmanships are also **still open**:

Ways & Means - Publicity - Sunshine - and Hospitality

The Guild is what you make it. Opportunity awaits!

Vicki Graham, Nominating Committee Chairman

Note: Remember that the Committee chairs/committees can be a team of members who like to work together. Help your guild continue working smoothly while having fun with friends.

MEMBERSHIP -

The old saying, "**Spring has sprung, The grass is 'rize, Wonder where the flower's is?**", is not applicable this year. Everywhere you look we can see the beauty of Mother Nature in all of her majestic, flowering glory. I love it!

In addition to brightening my day, it provides me with inspiration to go out and try to create something equally beautiful. Whether it is a new quilt, working to improve my yard or cleaning out my sock drawer, they all look better in the end.

The beauty of the season also inspires me to do more to improve my relationships with family and friends and to go out and make new ones. My Guild membership helps me do this by putting me together with a wonderful group of talented, energetic, and creative individuals and groups, all with varied and interesting backgrounds.

I have fun at our Guild meetings and enjoy the comradely interaction amongst us all. I challenge each and every one of you to go out and invite someone to become a member. You will help our Guild grow.

Guild membership also makes a wonderful gift; this is how I started coming to meetings.

Happy Quilting,
John Hammel



“Amulet Thimble Necklace

DESCRIPTION:

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WHO: Cindy Simms

WHEN: May 18, 2013 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

COST: \$20.00 for members, \$30.00 for non-members

BRING YOUR LUNCH – Water will be supply.

Supply List: There is a kit for \$15.00.

- 3 inch wide ribbon – 10 ½ inch long
- 1 spool – Coats & Clarks Hand Quilting Thread – white or black or color of Of your ribbon
- 1 fat quarter muslin (washed & dried)
- ¼ yard Wonder Under
- #9 quilting needle, Beading needles
- Thimble, Hera Marker
- 1 snap – medium size
- 1 Barrel Clasp
- Beads--
- 2 small pkg – clear seed beads
- 1 small pkg – wheat beads – white
- 2 small pkg – Bugle beads – color of ribbon close in size)

- Towel or felt (should be light color) – about 18” x 24” to 30”
- Iron w/steam
- Bottle of water-small (for iron)
- Extension Cord
- Power Strip
- Fabric-Tac fabric glue – small bottle
- Tape measure
- Applique Pressing Sheet
- Plastic spoon
- 2 Double-O-rings
- Basic Sewing Kit: scissors (fabric & paper), straight pins, seam ripper
- Quilter's Ruler - 3" x 18" (or bring what you have that is

I WILL BRING MY BEAD BOX OF MANY OF THE BEADS LISTED ABOVE TO SHARE.

DEADLINE: May 5, 2013

QUESTIONS: Call Connie Broy, 540-335-1039 or email at clbroy@shentel.net.

Amulet Thimble necklace

Complete and mail this portion to: Connie Broy, 38 Cecelia St., Toms Brook, VA. 22660

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: ___\$20.00 member; ___\$30.00 nonmember

Make check payable to SVQG. Registration deadline is May 5, 2013. Only a paid registration reserves your place in the workshop. Paid workshops are transferable to another member but not refundable unless the class is canceled, nor can the money be applied to a future workshop.

**“Jitterbug 1”
(Mystery Quilt Workshop)**

DESCRIPTION: This workshop is always a lot of fun. We sew and sew and soon we have a beautiful quilt top. Mary has been known as the queen of the mystery quilt. Jitterbug 1 would be good as a 2 color quilt or it could be scrappy. The important thing is good contrast between the dark and light.

WHO: Mary Carlton

WHEN: June 15, 2013. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

COST: \$10.00 for members, \$20.00 for non-members

BRING YOUR LUNCH – Beverages will be supply.

Supply List: Quilt size 65” x 65” before borders.

Fabric requirements: Dark – 1 ½ yards. Light – 2 ½ yards

Fabrics can be one piece of each or 10 fat quarters or scraps of dark and light. More fabric will be needed for borders and the amount will depend on the desired size of your borders.

Thread to match fabric or neutral color
Sewing machine (in good working order)
Rotary cutter
Cutting mat (18” x 24”)
Cutting ruler
Iron and Ironing surface
Extension cord
Normal sewing supplies (scissors, pins, pencils, etc.)

You must cut ahead of time. Cutting instructions will be sent when you register.

DEADLINE: June 5, 2013

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SVQG BOARD MEMBERS

President	Lori Abbott-Herrick
President-Elect	Vicki Graham
Secretary	Jane Crocket
Treasurer	Cerise Haas
Program Coor. #1	Connie Broy
Program Coor. #2	Lori Schrock
Immed. Past Pres.	Sally Jones

SPECIAL DUTIES

NQA Liaison	Vicki Graham
VCQ	Jane Crocket
Web Master	Diane Reasons
2014 Quilt Show	TBA

SVQG STANDING COMMITTEES

Education	-----
Historian	Mary Carlton
Hospitality	Anna Newman
Library	Kathy Christy
Membership	John Hammel
Newsletter	Sandie Hammel
Publicity	Lou Emswiler
Service & Comfort Pillows	Denise Rudolph
Sunshine	Sue Jones
Ways & Means	Amy Meck & Thurston Bechtel

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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