

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SEWING CORNER -

President's Message -

Slaven Hall was filled with enthusiastic quilters on Saturday. It was wonderful to have the extra space to share the trunk show and workshop with other quilters from across the state.

An extended social time gave everyone a chance to meet new members and catch up with members we don't see often. There was even time to tour exhibits at the Virginia Quilt Museum. Partnering with the museum to have a membership drive and to bring Jenny Doan to Harrisonburg has been a special opportunity for The Guild.

Jenny Doan gave us a lot of good ideas on speeding up our cutting and piecing. She certainly made it look easy. I'm looking forward to finishing my Jacob's Ladder -- maybe I'll try some prairie points. I may even try doing a service quilt using her strip method.

Next month Helen Squire, another internationally known quilter, will be giving us information on how to make "quilt as desired" a reality. Don't miss this opportunity to add something new to your quilting knowledge. I should stay busy getting ready for her workshop, working on my #6 UFO and trying to finish a couple of hospice quilts. Better go get started.

Your President,



Vicki

Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild Minutes - General Membership Meeting September 21, 2013

The general meeting was called to order by Vicki Graham at 9:30am. Guests and new members were introduced.

There were no minutes from the August picnic.

Treasurer: The Treasury has \$7,477.92. A motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer's report as filed. The full Treasurer's report can be reviewed in the member's only section on the website.

Old Business: None

Announcement: There is a new representative for Quilts of Valor Foundation for our area. He is Les Page.

New Business: Lori reported that the hall for today's meeting was free and that the church paid for the electrician to bump up the power. The membership approved the guild donating a dozen lap size quilts to the church for their outreach programs.

Programs: Jenny Doan from Missouri Star Quilt Company will be the speaker following the meeting. Jenny will have a trunk show for guild and museum members after the general meeting. This afternoon Jenny is conducting a program of time saving tips and techniques. For today's program, we need to emphasize not to change or move electrical cords already in the outlets as our irons and machines may blow a circuit. October's meeting will be Helen Squire and how to quilt your UFO.

Ways and Means: The raffle tickets have been ordered and will be ready next week.

Membership: Currently we have 106 members

Newsletter: Next newsletter deadline is September 27th.

Sunshine: Thirteen birthday blocks and one TOY block were sent out.

Service: Denise reported that November will be our next service day to make hospice size quilts and dog pillows. At the general meeting several Hospice organizations will talk to us.

Past President: Lori Abbot Herrick showed her outgoing president's quilt top and she asked that members sign their blocks.

Show and Tell was enjoyed by all. The general meeting adjourned at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Reasons, secretary

PROGRAMS -

Get ready! In a few short weeks Helen Squire will be taking the SVGQ by storm. Be sure to mark your calendars for her hilarious presentation in the morning. Then jump in right away and sign up for her afternoon workshop where she will teach us how to tackle the universal “quilt as desired” dilemma. Bring a top or two and strategize with the ever popular quilt design guru. My only quandary will be which tops should I bring? There are so many to choose from!

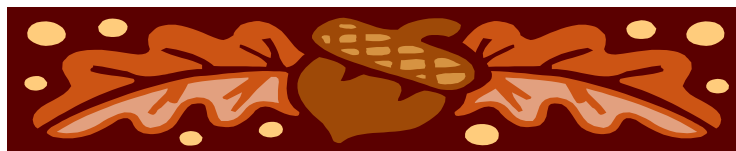
This past week we had quite the time at Slaven Hall. Jenny Doan gave a fun presentation on making quick quilts from pre-cuts with her trusty assistant –her husband! I think everyone left with lots of ideas and new techniques they were anxious to try. The afternoon workshop looked a bit like a sewing factory with 40 quilters happily sewing away. Many beautiful Jacob’s Ladder blocks were made and shared with the group. They were going together so quickly maybe we will see some finished quilts in October or November?

One thing I really appreciated about the event was the opportunity to meet some of the VQM members who part of other guilds across the state. Friendships were started and plans were made to share workshop opportunities.

A big time thank you goes out to Vickie and Amy for their back breaking help in arranging the tables and taping down all those cords. There were several other helpers whose assistance was greatly appreciated too. Thanks to all for such great team work to make everything fall into place!

On another note Asbury United Methodist Church offered us the use of their room for free. Their secretary and trustee put in a lot of time and valuable assistance to help make the event a success. The board decided we would like to thank them for their very generous offer by giving them a dozen throw size quilts for their local outreach programs. If you have any to contribute please pass them along. We’d like to get this project underway so they can pass out the quilts before the cold winter months come.

Submitted by,
Lori Schrock



Hospitality -

Thanks to each of you who brought the delicious refreshments to our big September meeting! The membership and our guests were very appreciative of the great spread, and many compliments were received. Thanks also to Anna Lee and Lou for helping at the table! **A HUGE THANK YOU** to our guild leadership for all their hard work in creating such a FUN day!

Do you have an October birthday? If so, please remember it's your turn to provide a snack for the October 19th meeting.

Submitted by,
Gail Oliver

UFO Challenge 2013-2014 -

We've just begun another fun-filled, inspiring, UFO-busting year of Show & Tell at the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild. With guest speaker Jenny Doan's pick of project #6 at our September meeting, the 2013-2014 UFO Challenge is underway! This first "UnFinished Object" will be due at the November 16 meeting, finished of course. If you want to participate but haven't yet given me your list of 6 UFOs, please email, mail or bring it to me no later than the October meeting. Details are on the signup sheet included near the end of this newsletter!! And don't forget your 2 fat quarters to start the Mountain O' Fat Quarters!

Diana Norman

Sunshine -

What is a thinking of you block? Why do we make and send them? For our newest members.....a toy block is several pieces of colorful fabric with a white piece in the center to write the message you want to send. The finished size of the block is 3 1/2 X 5 1/2". SUNSHINE mails birthday cards and thinking of you cards, each with a toy block. Friends also send these blocks to each other with an appropriate message and don't forget to sign your name! Over the years you will accumulate many. And what do you do with these blocks? Beautiful wall hangings and quilts have been shown at show and tell. One of my UFO's this year will be a quilt of toy blocks. Won't you join me?

If you know of a guild member who needs a thinking of you card, please contact me at dejbowsandskquilts@hotmail.com or call 540-949-0872.

Submitted by,
Sue Jones

Service -

November's meeting will be all about Service!!! We will have representatives from the Hospice groups (Augusta County, Rockingham County and Frederick County) to speak at our meeting. In the afternoon we will be working on dog pillows and quilts for Foster Children. I would like to have lots of quilts to send back with the Hospice groups. The lap quilts should range from 36" to 60" wide and 48" to 60" long. I like to use the fabric backing as a guide to the width of my quilt – no seaming in the back this way plus that makes a great width to keep you warm when you are sitting in a chair. Remember if you just want to make a top, I will get it quilted and I have gotten members who have volunteered to do binding!!! Team effort!!! Your scraps of fabric and batting that you have been saving will be used to stuff pillows for dogs at shelters. There will be plenty to do at the November meeting. Please plan to stay and help. We need cutters, iron workers and sewers so bring you machines and have a good time. I will bring something in the crockpot to keep us warm!!! Spiked cider anyone? No, I will bring soup or chili!!!

Submitted by,
Denise Rudolph

Newsletter -

The next newsletter deadline will be October 25th. Please email your articles to Sandie at sshammel419@gmail.com.

SVQ newsletters are sent out eleven times per year as close to the fourth weekend in the month as possible. We send the newsletters via email or for an additional fee of \$12.00 newsletters can be sent via the U.S. Postal service, which could take an additional week to receive. If for any reason you do not receive your newsletter please let me know.

Have a wonderful fall you all,
Sandie Hammel, Newsletter Editor

New Challenge -

We are starting another challenge (are you ready for more challenges?) If you remember, the Art Bee did a Whisper Challenge last year. We had so much fun doing it, that I thought the rest of the guild might be interested in participating. We will split up into groups of 5 and each group will work together on their own set. You only have to make one block a month. The set will be completed by the Quilt Show in June. We will have a fantastic display! More details will be available at the October meeting. Be brave and join in on the fun!

Membership -

Fall is here and already the leaves are beginning to turn; a most beautiful time here in the Valley. It makes one want to go out and buy a SVQG Membership for a friend, relative or neighbor.

What? Buy a membership now? That's right; a membership now only costs \$10 and is good for the rest of the membership year through March 2014. What better gift for someone you care about and want to share our good times together. We still have some good meetings coming up including the Christmas party and our ever exciting Auction in January.

So send me your names and check for only \$10 each and I will get their Membership card and Welcome Packet to them right away. This is a true gift of love and caring. (After all, this is how I started in the Guild; a gift Membership from Kathy. And I'm so thankful to her for it.)

Happy Quilting
John Hammel, Membership Chair

Library -

I will be making my annual run to Houston International Quilt Market in a few weeks. I will be buying more books for the guild. This is one of my favorite jobs as Guild Librarian. However, I tend to buy the topics that I am most interested in---modern, art, design, innovative, etc. If you want something different, you have to let me know. I have already gotten a few suggestions---3D applique, baby quilts, paper piecing. You can give me your suggestions at the October guild meeting or email me with hints up until October 28 when I will be making my orders.

Kathy Christy, Guild Librarian
kckwilter@hotmail.com



Happy October Birthday!!

Gay Baker	10/07	Cheryl Hawes	10/20
Jenny Miller	10/10	Kathy Chunta	10/29
Lori Abbott-Herrick	10/11	Phyllis Whetzel	10/29
Frances Ritchie	10/11	Jude McLaughlin	10/30
Nancy Harris	10/13	Bev London	10/31
Beryl Lawson	10/18		

BEE NEWS -

Free Spirits Art Bee - there will be no October meeting due to member's schedules. The next meeting will be held on November 17th at 2 p.m. in the Staunton/Waynesboro area, location TBA. Interested in this group please contact John Hammel.

Small Blessings Bee - meets every second Thursday at Blessings Christian Book Store, 313 Neff Avenue in Harrisonburg, 6 p.m. Anyone interested in miniature quilting is invited to attend and join this busy group, contact Diana Norman.

Shenandoah Valley Applique Society - This group will teach those who are interested, but have never appliqued; while challenging those who have been appliqueing for year. Leader Jan Hood's enthusiasm is catching. You are invited to join this group, contact Jan for more information.

APPLE DAYS -

The days are getting cooler. Yard work is coming to an end (just a few leaves to rake next month), the sewing machine is calling our names and we have invited friends to dinner Friday night. Let's see what to do. An all in one oven meal of pork or beef roasted with carrots, herbs, onions and potatoes; make ahead small side salad and the grand finale, dessert. Apples are a perfect ending to a good meal. This year apples are plentiful and the varieties are endless. The following recipe is easy and fast. It's like apple pie without the crust.

Apple Pudding

pudding:

3 cups Apples, peeled and cut in small pieces
1/4 cup sugar
1 Tbsp. Butter
1/4 cup hot water

Place the apples in a 1-1/2 quart casserole or 8x8" pan. Sprinkle sugar over apples, dot with the butter and pour hot water over apples. Add the following batter.

Batter:

2 eggs
1/2 cup sugar
2 Tbsp. melted butter
1/2 cup flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt

Beat eggs and sugar together, add the melted butter. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt and add to egg mixture. Pour batter over the apples. Bake 40 minutes in 350 degree oven. To serve, spoon out of casserole or cut into squares, top with whipped topping add a sprinkle of nutmeg or cinnamon, makes six servings.

Note: Sugar can be replaced with Splenda™, wheat flour can be replaced with oat, brown rice or coconut flour to reduce sugar and gluten.

Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild 2013-2014 UFO Challenge

Your Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

As we wind down our second terrific year of completing the unfinished treasures we packed away and may have even forgotten, let's thank Bev London once again for starting this Challenge! Some of us have actually cleared out our closets and storage boxes and can now concentrate on current projects.

But fortunately (?), some others of us still have plenty of UFOs (all of those unfinished quilting objects that haunt us) to keep the fun going for another year! The SVQG UFO Challenge is completely voluntary and easy to join!

Just list SIX* UFOs that you want to complete in the next 12 months, in no particular order. That's 1 project every other month. (if you have a particularly large and/or difficult UFO and don't think you can complete it within 2 months, you may list it twice: first as "Complete XYZ quilt top", and second as "Quilt and bind XYZ quilt".*)**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

To start the new challenge, I'll need your list of 6 projects, as well as two fabulous fat quarters to begin filling the prize kitty. Bring them to the August or September meeting. In September, we're going to draw a number (1-6), and that will be the project we'll be challenged to complete by our November meeting. That gives us two months to complete the selected UFO!

Bring your first completed project to the November meeting for Show & Tell. If you complete your project but can't be at that meeting, email a picture to me before the meeting, or have a friend bring it, so you'll get credit. For each project you complete, your name will be entered to win the "kitty of fat quarters".

IF, by the end of the two months you do not have your UFO completed, you owe the kitty another fabulous fat quarter. (We know how quilters hate to part with fabric!)

In November, we'll pull another number—that UFO will be due in January. In January we'll pull a number for March, in March we'll pull a number for May, etc., wrapping the challenge up in August 2014 at our guild picnic with the drawing for the whole fat quarter collection.

Send any questions and/or your list via email: dnorman8816@comcast.net, or snail mail: Diana Norman, 8816 Rawley Pike, Hinton, VA 22831, or just bring the list and 2 fabulous fat quarters to Guild--no later than the September meeting to get in on the whole year's worth of fun!

Helen's Hints for Quilting UFO's Workshop

DESCRIPTION: "Do you have a pile of "unfinished objects" waiting for a final decision on the quilting design? This is a must take workshop for all quilt makers who hesitate before they "quilt as desired". Discover what types of quilting patterns are appropriate for patchwork and for applique tops. Learn how easy it is to make any quilting pattern fit your quilt."

WHO: Helen Squire

WHEN: October 19, 2013 from 1:00 pm -4:00 pm

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

COST: \$35.00 for members, \$45.00 for non-members

BRING YOUR LUNCH

Supply List:

- Notepad and pen
- An unquilted top (*feel free to bring a second top if time permits*)

DEADLINE: October 12, 2013

QUESTIONS: Call Lori Schrock at 540-564-1783 or email at SVQGPrograms@gmail.com

Helen's Hints for Quilting UFO's

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ \$35.00 member; _____ \$45.00 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. Registration deadline is October 5, 2013. 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.

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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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