

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTER'S GUILD NEWSLETTER

President's Message

We had a fun meeting in November with new inspiration and quilt techniques from Annette Ornelas. I'm looking forward to making one of the patterns I bought from her! The SVQG traveling basket will be spending some time with Sandie Hammel in Shenandoah this month and our Scrabble game door prize giveaway got lots of members involved to determine who would go home with gifts from Norma's Fabrics in Staunton! Next month we have a very special door prize from The Scrappy Apple in Winchester. You will have a great opportunity to learn more about your fellow members.

Our beautiful raffle quilt is getting lots of exposure time in the community. Thanks for all of the enthusiasm and volunteers to help with this huge project. Remember that our Valley Mall venue on December 19 will also feature a sale table with items made by our membership. Items can be brought to our December meeting. Be sure to tag them with a price and designate if they are a donation or are to be sold on consignment. Consider using orphan blocks in creative ways: potholders, drawstring bags, zippered bags or any number of items.

The December meeting will be a week early (December 12) to give everyone a chance to celebrate Christmas with the guild and then finish our own family holiday preparations. Remember to bring a covered dish to share.

And lastly...in your moments between the rush of the holiday season, consider your response to the President's Challenge! I'm really appreciating this piece more and more as I work on it. I wonder about the woman who made it. I wonder what resources she had available. I wonder how long she worked on it. I wonder what memory each piece held for her. And I wonder what creative pieces will be made in response to her inspiration.

Looking forward to celebrating the season with all of you in December! Nina



CALENDAR

Next Newsletter Deadline

January 22nd Noon

December Meeting (12th)
Party and Potluck

December 19th
Raffle Quilt at Valley Mall

January Meeting (16th)
Guild Auction

February Meeting (20th)
Guild Sew-In and Potluck

March Meeting (19th)
Service

December Birthdays

Judi Goodrich	12 th
Kailee Miller	12 th
Lois Johnson	13 th
Linda Quintrell	13 th
Nellie Pitcock	18 th
Jan Hood	21 st
Barbara Cline	28 th

Secretary Minutes from November 21, 2015 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by president Nina Jackson at 9:30.
There was one visitor at the meeting today.

Liz Adams made a motion to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter and Lori Schrock seconded the motion. A favorable vote was taken.

Carol Foster read the treasurers report and a copy can be seen on the web site.

Programs: The program today will be trunk show and talk by Annette Ornelas of Southwind Designs. Annette led a class on Friday on her Mexican Star pattern.
The December meeting will be held on the second Saturday of December or the 12th. We will have a Christmas party brunch after a short business meeting.

Service: Denise Rudolph has several kits with her today and several quilts that need binding for hospice.

Publicity: Gail Oliver would like copies of any newspaper articles about the guild. She has been putting announcements in several newspapers throughout the valley.

PH.D. Challenge: Cerise announced that project #3 will be due in January.

Ways and Means: there is a raffle today. Several venues have been selected for members to sell raffle tickets for the guild 2016 raffle quilt. There are sign up sheets on the tables in the back of the meeting room.

Sunshine: Sue Jones sent out 12 birthday cards and 2 thinking of you blocks this month.

Budget for 2016 and 2017: A motion was made to accept the budget as printed in the newsletter by Liz Adams and seconded by Mary Carlton. A favorable vote was taken.

The Traveling Basket went home with Sandi Hammel this month.

After Annette Ornelas gave a wonderful trunk show and program the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Ann VanNoy, secretary.

Programs

Annette Ornelas completely captivated us with a trunk show of her peel-back patchwork quilts. She had a variety of animals, berries, flowers, stars, ripples and every imaginable design possible. The quilts were absolutely gorgeous! Many guild members had never seen peel-back patchwork. After Annette's presentation they were so excited that they purchased the patterns Annette had brought along. I'm sure we will be seeing more gorgeous peel-back quilts done by guild members in the coming months.

On Friday, Annette had a daylong workshop using her customer favorite "Mexican Stars" design. It didn't take participants long to realize why the pattern is so popular. It went together smoothly and sparkled in many different color schemes. I'm working diligently on mine. It is coming together so well and I can't wait to see how it turns out!

Our annual Christmas party is on the second Saturday in December. It will be held in the Sunnyside room as usual. Please bring a variety of dishes to share with the group. The guild will provide drinks and tableware and Sandie is looking forward to creating centerpieces for the tables. It should be a fun time to get together and socialize.

Incidentally, the holidays are a great time to start organizing your sewing rooms. The guild auction is coming up in January!

Here's what to look forward to in the New Year:

February: Sew in with a potluck LUNCH. We will start sewing right after the morning meeting, as there will not be a program.

March: Service program in the morning and service sewing in the afternoon.

April: Debby Kratovil will be giving the program and holding a workshop.

May: Debe Thomas will be giving the program and holding a workshop.

June: Quilt Show preparations and details



PhD

Reminder that #3 project was drawn and is due at the January meeting. Don't forget to forfeit a fat quarter if your project is not completed on time.

Sunshine

Please contact me if you are aware of a guild member, who is ill, has suffered a loss and might benefit from a Thinking of You card. I would love to send some cards for "good things" you are celebrating this month.

Let me know at 540-949-0872 or dejbowsandskjquilts@hotmail.com.

Sue Jones

Library News

I won't be bringing the library to the Christmas party, but I will have the return box if you have items to return. If you have a specific request, please let me know the title or subject and I will try to bring those as well.

As always, if you have any suggestions for new purchases, please email the information to: library@svqg.org or write it down and give it to me at our meeting.

Vicki Graham, Library Chairman

Ways and Means

Please be thinking about what you are able to contribute to the upcoming Auction in January as it is "just around the corner". It's a perfect time to clean out your sewing room and acquire new treasures. One person's trash is another's treasure! I am asking for those items donated for the auction to be bundled into an attractive package.

Cerise Haas

Publicity

All local quilt and fabric shops are now displaying our new SVQG brochures. Please let the owners and staff know that you are a SVQG member and appreciate their support of our guild. They are also providing all the door prizes for our meetings! Please look for our brochures in our local shops and let me know if their supply is getting low.

Gail Oliver, Publicity Chair



BEE News

The Eager BEEvers continue to make service quilts to support Wrap-A-Smile and A Small Hand programs. In October Fran Miller took a road trip to Maine and met up with Terry Hodskins, coordinator of quilts for Rotary's WAS program. With this road trip in mind, we worked hard to be able to send along a trunk full of quilts. We finished 81 quilts from the Eager BEEvers, along with a quilt from Jane Crockett and one from Vicki Graham. Terry was, to say the least, overwhelmed with the number of quilts and so appreciated them. These quilts used lots of fabric and batting plus many hours of sewing and quilting since our last shipment to WAS 18 months ago!

We had also planned to make a fall delivery of quilts to A Small Hand, an infant pantry in Edinburg, but learned from Ann McBroom, director, that ASH may need to close by the end of this year in order to re-evaluate the program. The need is greater than ever but the volunteer base is aging and more help is needed to keep the program running.

Ann then told us about a mother and two small girls who lost everything, including the Dad and husband, when their home recently burned. We quickly sewed and quilted a bed quilt for the mother, a twin quilt for the oldest daughter and a crib quilt for the toddler. About two weeks ago the quilts were delivered personally to Ann and the family, and we saw first-hand the mother's appreciation and gratification for the gifts of love and warmth from us.

We continue our commitment to use our gifts and talents to assist those in need.

Dorice, Pauline, Lori, Sandie, Fran, and Carolyn

10 Ways to cut a Fat Quarter

Six 6.5" Squares	Nine 6" Squares	Twelve 5.5" Squares
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Twelve 5" Squares	Sixteen 4.5" Squares	Twenty 4" Squares
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Thirty 3.5" Squares	Forty-two 3" Squares	Fifty-six 2.5" Squares
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Ninety-nine 2" Squares

FAVEQUILTS

Board Members: President President-Elect Secretary Treasurer Program Coor #1 Program Coor #2 Immed. Past President Special Duties: 2016 Raffle Quilt Web Mistress 2016 Quilt Show PhD Program	 Nina Jackson VACANT Ann VanNoy Carol Foster Lori Schrock VACANT Molly Toth Jan Hood Dianne Reasons Denise Rudolph & Lori Abbott-Herrick Cerise Haas	Committee Chairpersons: Service Library Ways & Means Membership Sunshine Hospitality Publicity Newsletter Denise Rudolph Vickie Graham Cerise Haas John Hammel Sue Jones Ofilia Seidell & Celia Mitchell Gail Oliver 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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