

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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President's Message -

It's hard to believe **July** is here
What has happened to this year?
Gather friends and all your picnic gear
The fourth of July is very near.

So let's all give a mighty cheer
When the glorious fireworks appear
And raise our glasses of water or beer
And give thanks for this nation we hold so dear.

How about that June meeting vacation we had last month -- am personally glad because I am suffering a little radiation burning and was glad to stay at home and feel sorry for myself. Don't everyone get lazy now and sit around reading books and napping in the sun instead of slaving away in your hot sewing rooms! Of course I am being good and working on bindings this month now that my fingers work again. We will all be rested and eager for July's meeting --right!

Have a happy 4th and stay safe -- no fireworks in your back yards!

Molly



Programs -

My sincerest apologies  to all for the last minute cancellation of the June meeting, it was completely my fault. Last July I reserved the Sunnyside room for the 14-15 guild year and for whatever reason I booked for every month but June. I have no idea why I did that. To make matters worse I was out of town at a conference starting the afternoon of June 17 and did not return to my home until after 5:00 PM on June 19 which meant I did not retrieve either the voicemail or email they had sent to me at 1:30 and 3:00 respectively until that time.

I can assure you that **we DO have the Sunnyside room booked for July and August** and I am sure Lori Shrock will make sure it is booked for **ALL** meetings for the 15-16 guild year.

Interestingly I have received nothing but thanks from members for the impromptu day off from Guild! Those who reached out indicated they actually needed that day to get caught up on things because summer is such a busy time! So, you are welcome!!!
(*See comment below)

Lessons learned and suggestions for the future: In the voicemail Sunnyside left for me they indicated they might have been able to move us to an alternative location. Unfortunately since I didn't get back until after business hours to even retrieve that message; it was too late. For the future I would suggest making sure Sunnyside has contact information not just for the program coordinator but perhaps for all the officers. That way if something like this happens in the future (most likely will not) then would have more people to contact to make alternative arrangements.

Given the positive response to the impromptu day off, would the guild want to consider taking a brief hiatus each summer. Perhaps taking at least one month or maybe two months off would be a good option? There are a number of organizations that do this and they do it because summer is so busy with travel and various commitments.
(**See comment below)

What about Mary's June Mystery quilt workshop?

Mary and I have corresponded and decided that the Mystery quilt workshop will not be rescheduled. For those who signed up you will either be receiving your check back (if it was not deposited yet) or a refund for the registration. We will also be sharing the directions/pattern with all who signed up. So be on the lookout for that!

Programs - continued

July Program and workshop

Former member Diana Norman will be joining us on July 18 for a program and an afternoon workshop. Her program will focus on how to create a "**scrapbook**" of the quilts you make. In the afternoon she will be taking us through an enjoyable how to on **hand piecing**. If you are interested in the workshop in the afternoon please fill out the form and return to me by the deadline.

August

We will have a potluck brunch and new officers will be installed!

Thanks again!

Amy

Comments:

* For those few members, visitor(s) and a past but not current member who showed up for the meeting and were surprised to find no meeting in the Sunnyside room. Sorry if you did not receive word or missed your email message and made the trip, but hope that your day turned out to be bright and happy with other things to fill your time. Sandie

** It was nice having Saturday off but next year it would not work as the June meeting would be the one before the quilt show and July would be the drawing for the raffle quilt and discussion of the quilt show and reports. Denise

Service -

Hope you were working on Service quilts on June 20 where it was nice and cool inside. I intend to give the Hospice groups quilts in August. This will give us a total for our August 2014 - July 2015 service year. Let's see if we can beat last year's total of 179!!!

Always Sewing!

Denise Rudolph, Service Chairperson

PhD Program -

If you weren't working on Service quilts then I know you had to be working on the PhD's!!!! #6 will be due in July. I will have the drawing for the basket of fat quarters at the August picnic. I will not be doing this in September, if this program is to continue someone else needs to come forward.

Denise Rudolph

Quilt Show 2016 -

First let me say that I cannot say “no”, I don’t know why I thought I could!!! Things have gotten some better for me and I have convinced myself to give up a few things that I felt I had to do or the world would stop!!

We have less than one year until **June 25 and 26, 2016!!!!** We will be at Turner Ashby High School for our show.

Attention past presidents – we want to have a display of President Block quilts so if you have not finished yours, I am giving you a year to work on this!!! Just a reminder in case you did not read last month. I want to see these quilts at the show!!!

I would love to get a **slide show** together of the past years shows, workshops, speakers and other events. If someone is interested in heading up this please see me. No one has come forward yet – so I am repeating this again!!!

We will be doing the silent auction but not the pillow puddle. Be looking for things you can donate to the silent auction. This is a great money maker for us.

We will be looking for volunteers for the various committees. See me or Lori Abbott-Herrick if you are interested. If not, I will have to see you later!!!

Denise Rudolph, Quilt Chairperson



Library News -

If you have specific titles you would like to borrow, email the request to grahamvl@comcast.net or call me at 540-433-9877. I will try to bring them to the July meeting for you.

Kathy will be heading to Houston at the end of October and she will be purchasing books for the library. If you have titles you think the library should own, please let me know. Also, if you are looking for books on a specific topic, let me know and we will try to find them for the library.

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer.

Vicki Graham, Librarian

Sunshine -

Thanks for giving me info when our members are ill or have suffered a loss. You let me know when to send "Thinking of You" cards. How about giving me info when members have an event to celebrate? Call me at 540-949-0872 or email at dejbowsandskjquilts@hotmail.com

Sue Jones, Sunshine Chairman

Hospitality Committee -

Calling all July birthdays! Please plan to attend our July 18th meeting and bring a snack to share. Members are asked to bring a tasty treat to the guild meeting during their birthday month. Whip up your favorite recipe or pick up something ready-made. Whatever you like is certain to be enjoyed by the rest of us!

Please contact either co-chair with questions/concerns:

Barbara Cline - tbcline7@gmail.com, 540-828-6815

Gail Oliver - gail.c.oliver@gmail.com, 540-448-1601



Margie Hockman	7/02	Joyce Aigner	7/20
Cerise Haas	7/04	Sandie Hammel	7/21
Kathy Christy	7/12	Anna Davis	7/26
Debbie Hendricks	7/12	Carolyn Shank	7/28
Ofilia Siedell	7/15		

Newsletter -

The next newsletter deadline will be July 24th. If anyone has articles, ads or information that would be of interest to our members please send your input to sshammel419@gmail.com.

Hope you have a fun 4th,
Sandie Hammel, Newsletter Editor

Notice -

The **Free Spirits Art Bee** is starting two new projects. These projects will be running simultaneously for the next ten months starting at our July meeting. The first project is called "**Sea to Shining Sea**" this is a fun and challenging project that will use all of your creative juices and will require you to complete this team work project. The next is a chapter by chapter project from "**A Visual Guide to Working in a Series**" by Elizabeth Barton, book is required. Both projects will be on task to complete for the 2016 Quilt Show. If you are dedicated and interested in joining this challenge please contact: Sandie - sshammel419@gmail.com or John - jthammel@gmail.com. We are currently meeting the third Sunday afternoon of each month.

Membership -

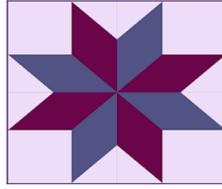
So sad I didn't get to see any of my quilting friends at a Guild meeting this month. It was unfortunate that we had to cancel, but sometimes, events interrupt the best of plans.

The cancelation of Guild, has led to several suggestion about not having Guild meetings during the summer months. I, personally, want to see us have a meeting every month. I know people have different activities that they want or need to attend. That's okay. You go where you want. There will always be someone who wants to go to Guild and they should have a scheduled place and time to meet with their friends. Whether we have 25 or 75 at a meeting, it only takes two to have a good fellowship time.

Until I see you at the July Guild, Happy Quilting.

John Hammel - Membership Chair

FUNdamental Hand Piecing with Diana Norman



Date: Saturday, July 18, 2015

Location: Sunnyside Room, Sunnyside Retirement Community, Harrisonburg, VA

Do you have "down time" when you wish you could be sewing? You know--sitting in the doctor's office, waiting through your kids' activities, watching TV with the family, relaxing on the porch, taking a car, bus or plane trip. Turn your down time to found time! Learn to sew without a sewing machine and all of those bulky, costly accessories! Piecing will become totally (and easily) portable! Learn to hand-piece a LeMoyné Star block in this workshop, and you'll be a believer.

Cost: \$10 (members of SVQG) \$15 (non-members) **Cash or checks only** (payable to SVQG)

Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (**Bring your own lunch and beverages**)

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 10, 2015

Questions: Contact Amy Sirocky-Meck (sirockam@jmu.edu) or (540-564-0901)

Supply List

Fabric:

- 1 fat quarter (or equivalent) for star
- 1 fat quarter (or equivalent) contrasting fabric for star
- 1-2 fat quarters (or equivalent) for background

Sewing Supplies:

- Sewing Needle (as small and thin as is comfortable for you) #10 or #11 **Between**s recommended
- Sewing thread to match fabric
- Straight pins
- Thin lead, mechanical pencil or mechanical marking pencil (wood pencils not recommended)
- Quarter Inch seam marking tool or clear ruler with 1/4" marking
- Scissors or thread cutter
- Thimble (optional)

Complete and detach this portion and return to: Amy Sirocky-Meck, 1880 Marigold Circle, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ (\$10 for members and \$15 for non-members)

Paid registration must be received by July 10, 2015 to reserve a spot in the workshop. Paid workshops are transferrable to another member but are not refundable unless the class is cancelled. Space is limited.

Board Members:

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SPECIAL DUTIES:

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2016 Raffle Quilt	Jan Hood		

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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