

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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President's Message -

Dear Quilters,

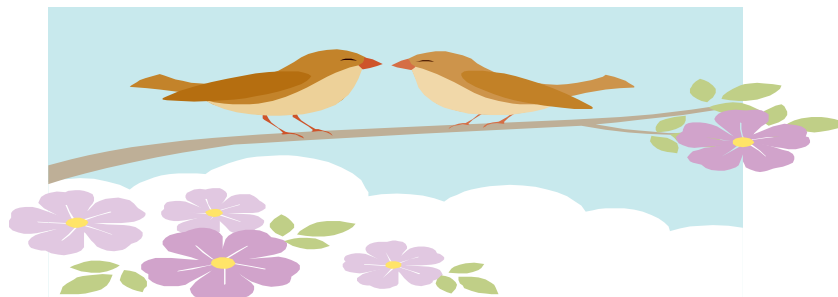
What an interesting meeting in March. When Meegan was talking about ways to celebrate National Quilting Day, I couldn't help but think we do a great many of them throughout the year just by doing our usual guild activities. Each activity is its own celebration of quilting. What fun!

The snow is melting, crocuses are blooming and it's the first day of spring. What a great day for quilting. Now, what project to choose – my UFO, whisper square, a pillow for the pillow puddle or perhaps a service project. Choices, choices.

I hope everyone is working on something for the quilt show. June 27th isn't that far away. Do keep in mind Kathy's due dates for entries: May 1st if snail mailed and May 17th if emailed. Wouldn't it be great if every guild member had something entered in the show? There are lots of different categories from which to choose. If you've never entered the show before, give it a try! Who knows, you might like it.

Now I have to get busy on my entries, have a great month,

Vicki



Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild
General Meeting
March 15, 2014

The general meeting was called to order by Vicki Graham. There were one visitor and four new members.

The general meeting minutes from February 2014 were approved as printed in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report had an ending balance of \$8,111.96. The report was filed.

Program Coordinator #1: Lori announced that today's program speaker was Meegan Carr, Director of the Virginia Quilt Museum, who will talk about National Quilt day. It so happens that today is National Quilt Day. The afternoon workshop will be led by Connie Broy, who is teaching three techniques into a table runner. In April, Debbie Thomas will conduct a workshop on pieced pineapple blocks. As a reminder the meeting is the second Saturday in April. Lori also asked the members if they would be interested in having videos of skill techniques made and put on You Tube. If any member has the technical ability to help with the logistics, please see Lori Shrock.

Past President: Lori announced that there was Russian fabric still available. Before the small quilts go to Russia, we would like to have them entered into the quilt show. Also, Lori has Bill and Sue, who can travel with you on vacation. Take them along and take pictures. There will be a slide show at the quilt show.

Service: Denise has a couple of quilts that need binding and we need eight quilts for the Winchester group. We also have 3 more quilts to deliver to Asbury United Methodist Church.

Membership: John announced that the current membership expires March 31. To enter quilts in the show you must be a current member. There are applications on the website.

In Diana's place, Cheryl Hawes checked off UFOs and took fat quarter payments. The next UFO is #1.

Publicity: Vicki has postcards announcing the quilt show. If you are going to a business that you think could use some, see Vicki.

Hospitality: Let Barbara Cline know if you can help out with Hospitality for April and May.

Quilt Show Update: Bev London updated us on the quilt show. Vendors are coming along. They will be in the gym with the quilts. The front lobby will have demonstrations and five Bees will have booths to demonstrate what their focus is. The Bees are Miniatures, Eager BEEvers, Art, Honey, and Applique Society. There are sign-up sheets for different jobs at the quilt show. Kathy said that quilt entry deadline is May 1 for mailed entries and May 17 for email entries.

Fran Miller of the Eager BEEvers said that they meet at each other homes once a month. Several people have asked to join them. Since they do meet in their homes, there is not enough room to add more people. **The first Wednesday in April they are having Open House at Carolyn Shanks home for people to see what they do and encourage starting a new group. Call Carolyn for directions and to reserve your space for lunch.**

Minutes for General Meeting, March 15, 2014 (continued)

Three of our new members introduced themselves as the new owners of Patchwork Plus as of April 1.

Newsletter: The deadline for the newsletter is next Friday, March 21 by noon. Sandi asked that the articles should be complete and spellchecked before sending them.

As a reminder, due to Easter weekend being our normal meeting date, our April guild meeting will be the weekend before (2nd Saturday, April 12th).

Lori Schrock introduced today's speaker, Meegan Carr, who gave a talk on National Quilting Day.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Reasons, Secretary

Membership -

Rah! Rah! Rah! Membership renewal time is here again. Your 2013-2014 Membership year ends on March 31st. After the April Guild meeting, your badge will be pulled from the box if you haven't renewed.

Also you will not be able to enter one of your beautiful creations in the "Q is for Quilts" quilt show in June. Show-and-Tell is what we do best and the Quilt show is just a bigger format to display your works.

You know you are proud of your "stuff" and you should be. Perfection is something we all strive for but the reality is that we are proud and happy when we complete a project and can't wait to show it to our friends. Enter those projects and know that you have made a meaningful contribution in someone's enjoyment of life.

I've got my projects working to enter. How about you?

Dues are still only \$20 a year which includes 11 issues of the Guild newsletter emailed to you. If you want the newsletter postal mailed, there is an extra \$12 charge.

A copy of the Membership Application is included as an attachment to this newsletter and can also be found on SVQG.org.

Also, after the May Guild meeting an updated copy of the Membership List will be sent to all members.

If you haven't renewed yet, do so today!

See you at the Guild meetings and also at the Quilt show, June 28-29, 2014.

Happy Quilting,

John Hammel, Membership Chair

Programs -

A big thank you goes to Meegan Carr for her excellent program on National Quilt Day. Meegan discussed the history of the special day and gave really good ideas for how to celebrate it. As an added bonus Meegan included pictures and stories from quilts at the VA Quilt Museum. She encouraged us to get involved in National Quilt Day and invited us to help spread the art of quilting to Museum visitors and other groups.

The Triple T workshop was chock full of Techniques, Tips and Tricks as Connie Broy promised. The afternoon was spent learning how to make the (now formerly challenging) Grandmother's Flower Garden, LaMonye Star and Grandmother's Puzzles blocks. Everyone was quite pleased with how their projects turned out. Connie gave us many tips and tricks for more than just the blocks. We learned numerous ways to make and use templates with greater control, speed and accuracy. We also learned easy ways to both square up a block and trim it at the same time along with many other things. I am so excited with all the new things I learned. Now if I could just take the week off from work to keep on playing...



In April, local quilt teacher Debe Thomas will be giving the program and an afternoon workshop. The workshop is called "Pieced Pineapples" which uses strip piecing techniques and a common 12 ½ square ruler than many of us already have in our quilting supplies. There were two samples of the project at the meeting for members to see. You'll be amazed at how quickly and accurately this block comes together.

In May, our friend Marty Moon from the Culpeper guild will be presenting and giving two workshops. The Friday afternoon workshop "Shibori Dying Techniques" and the Saturday workshop will be on using orphan blocks. The registration pages do not have as much information as usual. Marty has been out of her office and will be sending more information and samples toward the end of April. I will be passing this along as soon as I get it.



In other news I am looking for someone who has experience video recording. We are considering adding technique videos to our webpage. If you have experience doing this sort of thing please let me (Lori Schrock) know. This does not mean you will have to do the recording although assistance would be greatly appreciated. ☺

Happy Birthday!!!

Thurston Bechtel	4/07	John Hammel	4/13
Sally Jones	4/08	Dorothy Williams	4/26
Deborah Pfeiffer	4/10	Connie Taylor	4/29
Susan Oehler	4/25		

Whisper Quilt Challenge -

Okay, folks, the end is in sight. In April we will have our big reveal.

Be sure to bring in block 3 and the block you just made, block 4. Also bring in your original picture because I am missing some of the pictures. Turn them in to Kathy when you get to the guild meeting. Later in the meeting you will get back the whisper set based on your picture.

I hope everyone enjoyed the process. I realize that the challenge made some of you have to work hard to interpret the block that you just received. I think that it is good that we are made to think out of the box occasionally.

(If I messed up the blocks and get some to the wrong person, please forgive me)

Submitted by, Kathy Christy

UFO Challenge -

It appears that I missed one of the best UFO show & tells in a while. Several more projects than usual were completed by the March meeting. I guess all of this snow was good for something-- more sewing time! Project #1 was drawn at Saturday's meeting, to be completed by the May 17th Guild meeting.

There are only 2 projects to go after this one. Start thinking now about your next list of 6 UFOs to complete for the 2014-2015 UFO Challenge. And keep those machines humming!

Diana Norman

Hospitality -

Thanks to everyone who brought all the tasty St. Patrick's Day snacks to our March meeting! It was a wonderful spread!

Happy birthday to those of you who have a birthday in April! And please remember that it's your turn to bring refreshments to our April 12th meeting. That's right – we're meeting this month only on the SECOND Saturday because of Easter.

Thank you, Barbara & Gail

Newsletter -

The next newsletter deadline will be Good Friday, April 18th. The newsletter will not be published until Tuesday April 22nd (Earth Day), due to the Easter Holiday. Send entries to sshammel419@gmail.com. **Happy Spring, Sandie**

Service -

We had a lot of quilts, completed and tops, turned in to Service at the March meeting. Looks like we will meet our goal of 30 quilts for the Foster children early!! Great job quilters!! We will have a wonderful display of quilts for both Foster kids and Hospice at the quilt show. Thanks to everyone who helps in some way.

Always sewing, soon to be gardening (hopefully)!!!
Denise Rudolph

Ways n Means -

Today's Guild Raffle (3/15/14) brought in \$74.00. Thanks to all who buy tickets to support the guild during our meeting each month.

Sue/Bill Raffle Ticket Update: The total amount collected to date from Guild members' sale of raffle tickets is \$623. We as yet do not have a total from the Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir.

We will be mass mailing only to members who have not picked up Raffle Tickets and have been identified by their team leaders. Team leaders, please email Diana Norman or me (Karen Jones) if you have members on your team who have not yet received their tickets. I will donate stamps and envelopes to finish this project. The sale of Raffle Tickets for these wonderful quilts, is an important fund raiser. Thanks ahead for pitching in and doing your part.

Karen Jones
Ways n Means Chairman

BEE News -

Small Blessings Bee

We had a really lively meeting this month at Bob Evans. Our show & tell is truly inspiring. But the excitement of getting ready for the Guild Quilt Show in June pretty much dominated this month. Discussion of our miniatures display at the show, answered the many questions we all had. The groundwork is set; now we can concentrate on finishing our entries--the fun stuff! Also, Lori Abbott-Herrick began assembling the mini flower blocks our members have put together through the past year, and a few setting ideas were shared.

Small Blessings is going "smaller"! Our final 6.5" challenge block this month will overlap with the beginning our new challenge year: 3.5" (unfinished) blocks!

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, April 10th**, beginning promptly at 6:00 pm at Bob Evans Restaurant in Harrisonburg.

Diana Norman

Quilt Show Updates -

Get Your Boutique Items Ready for the Quilt Show -

Josephine Millett and Dianne Reasons are heading up the boutique for the quilt show. The best items to put in the boutique are the ones that most people don't want to make and will buy. We all say, "I can make that!" But will we take the time. Why not buy it. Please bring your items that you make for sale or donate. The guild gets fifteen percent of what is sold. All we ask is for you to make a list of your items (some small description) and what the price should be. If you have tags to put on them with the price, that's wonderful. Otherwise we will take care of that. Items can be dropped off on Friday, during the quilt show set up. Remember, if you have a quilt in the show and want to sell it, make sure that your entry form says that. The boutique will handle the sale with fifteen percent for the guild. Quilt purchases and unsold boutique items can be picked up at the close of the show. Any questions you have call one of us: Josephine (540.477.2922) or Dianne (540.942.5948).

2014 SVQG Show - Categories -

Bed Quilts

- Hand quilted

- Machine quilted (Domestic or Long Arm)

- Appliqué

- Lap Quilts/Throws

- Wall Hangings/Traditional Home Decor

- Kid's Quilts

- 1st Time Entry in any show

- Modern/Art quilts

- Miniatures

- Blue Ribbon Winners

(a new category open to members who have previously been awarded a blue ribbon at any SVQG Quilt Show in the bed quilt category. Other bed quilt categories are closed to previous winners.)

Bees

- Miniatures

- Honey Bees

- Art Bee

- Eager BEEvers

Quilt intake & hanging will take place Friday, June 27th

The show will be open Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM and Sunday NOON - 5 PM

at Turner Ashby High School, Bridgewater.

Entries must be received by Kathy Christy:

By Mail before May 1st

By email by May 17th

Pillow Puddle - Are there any Pillows out there looking for a Puddle??? We have the Puddle so bring in the Pillows. We'd love to see them for Show and Tell. Contact Fran Miller if you need more pillow information at franmill@aol.com. It would be great if every member made a pillow!

THREE MONTHS!! With the quilt show getting a bit closer each day, it's time to make certain you've signed up for one of the many tasks that will help make this a great show.

Friday evening a few of us went to the storage unit-it looks like we're well prepared for another super quilt show. Of course, like anything with a lot of working parts, "some assembly is required".

Quilt Show Updates - (continued)

At last month's meeting we had several sign-up sheets for the various holes we need to fill. I hope you step forward and sign up to help. Without you (and anyone else you can coerce into helping-sister, husband, friend, teenager . . .) it just doesn't happen. You need not be a guild member to volunteer.

Who we need: **YOU!**

Early Friday morning 6-12 people to **assembly the quilt racks**. If you're an early riser and handy with bolts, washers and wing nuts, this is a job for you! If you know of some young people that need a little community service, we've got a job for them! Late Sunday Afternoon – **dismantling the quilt racks**. Same skills – wing nuts make our lives easy.

Friday morning thru afternoon – **hanging of the quilts**. Grab a buddy and volunteer. Teams of two, we'd like to have at least six teams. The more hands the better. Some of our quilts will be hung by their 4" sleeves, the smaller quilts will be pinned to the black sheets. Yes, there will be stretching involved – consider it your low impact aerobics class for the week. Late Sunday Afternoon – **taking down the quilts & sorting for distribution to their owners**.

If you'd like to help with the **Boutique**, please let Dianne Reasons or Josephine Millet know. These ladies have taken care of the Boutique in the past and have a good, fool-proof system. As always, our guild will have some great handmade treasures to sell.

Silent Auction - Amy Meck and Jan Hood are looking for several people to assist them.

Where would we be without our **White Glove** ladies/gentlemen? This is a very important job. With so many works of art in the room-it involves being out on the floor making certain the quilts aren't handled. We have many, many pairs of lovely white gloves. All you need to do is smile and chat. :o)

If you'd like to help with the **Pillow Puddle**, Larry Brown and Kailee Miller would love a few extra hands. Two or three people willing to give them a little relief from time to time would be great.

Sandie Hammel is looking for volunteers to help with **demonstrations**, both Saturday and Sunday. This is a great opportunity to share some of what you know with someone that would like to learn a little more about the whole process of making a quilt.

Hospitality-we need several people to help organize and serve Friday lunch for all the volunteers.

Registration Table - someone to welcome our guests and take their admission.

If you volunteer at least three hours you will gain free admission into our quilt show! There are lots of small bits and pieces to a great quilt show. Not one of them is unimportant.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact anyone of us. Communication is key—if you're not sure about something, please just ask. We have no secrets. :o)

2014 Quilt Show Chairs

Bev London - mc162kinley@yahoo.com 540-578-0779

Fran Miller – franmill@aol.com 540-434-5773

Lori Abbott-Herrick – laherrick@gmail.com 540-833-5309

2014 SVQG Quilt Show - Categories Defined -

100	Bed Quilts: Hand Quilted
200	Bed Quilts: Machine Quilted (Domestic or Long Arm)
800	Bed Quilts: Applique (more than 50% applique)
300	Lap Quilts / Throws (min 41"x 41", max. 60" x 60")
400	Wall Hangings (min. 24"x24", max. 40"x40" and Traditional Home Décor
500	Kid's Quilts
600	1 st Time Entry
700	Modern / Art Quilts
900	Miniatures (less than 23" x 23")
1000	Blue Ribbon Winners (past winners in the Bed Quilt category)

Definition of Modern Quilts by The Modern Quilt Guild

We define modern quilts as quilts that are functional, include bold colors, and are inspired by modern design. Minimalism, asymmetry, expansive negative space, and alternate grid work are often a part of modern quilt compositions, as are improvisational piecing and solid fabrics. "Modern traditionalism" or the updating of classic quilt designs is also often seen in modern quilting

Definition of Art Quilt by SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Association)

The art quilt is a creative visual work that is layered and stitched or that references this form of stitched layered structure.

The word "references" allows for a broader understanding of the art quilt, thus creating a potential for growth in SAQA membership in terms of numbers and diversity of artists. The revised definition allows for more 3D work and work in media other than fiber/textile/fabric/cloth; it allows for techniques and materials not found in traditional quilting. The revised definition allows for framed, unframed, bound, and unbound work, thereby welcoming growth and development of individual style.

Definition of Blue Ribbon Winners by SVQG

Anyone who has entered a bed quilt in any Quilt Show and has won a blue ribbon will be required to place their bed quilt entry in this category.

Definition of Miniature Quilts by SVQG

Miniature Quilts: Quilts with overall patterns reflecting reduced scale and miniaturization (miniature wholecloth quilts should be entered in this category). Quilts must measure less than or equal to 24" on each side.

**Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild
2014 Quilt Show
Entry Form**

June 28 and 29th, 2014

Use one form per entry

Dimensions in inches: Horizontal Width _____ Vertical Length _____

Title of Entry: _____

Made by _____ Quilted by _____

Entry Categories (Check all that apply)

_____ Bed Quilts -Hand Quilted

_____ Wall Hanging & Home Décor
(Min. 24" x 24", Max. 40" x 40")

_____ Bed Quilts- Machine Quilted

_____ Bed Quilts- Applique (More than 50% Applique)

_____ Kids Quilts

_____ Lap or Throw Quilt
(Min. 41" x 41", Max 60" x 60")

_____ Modern/Art Quilts

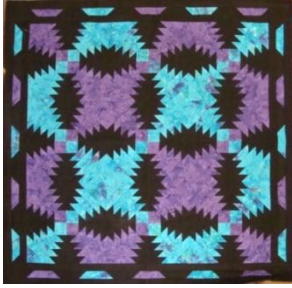
_____ Miniature Quilt (Less than 23" x 23")

_____ 1st Time Entry in any quilt show

_____ Blue Ribbon Winners—Large Quilts (past winners in the Bed Quilt category)

Please print a short narrative about your quilt, (subject to editing)

Is the quilt for sale? _____ Price _____ (SVQG gets 15%)



Pieced Pineapples

DESCRIPTION:

In this workshop you'll be strip piecing a pineapple log cabin wall hanging. Blocks go together quickly as you sew on multiple blocks as you move down the strip. The best thing is that no specialty rulers are needed just basic rulers that most of us already have.

WHO: Debe Thomas
WHEN: April 12th, 2014
WHERE: Sunnyside Retirement Community, Sunnyside Room, Harrisonburg, VA.
COST: \$15.00 for members, \$25.00 for non-members

BRING YOUR LUNCH

Supply List:

- Machine in good working order.
- Thread to match Background
- Mat and rotary cutter
- Long ruler for cutting strips
- Ruler with 45 degree angle (can be the long ruler)
- 12 1/2" Quilter's Rule, Square Block or Lap Board. This ruler has a rough backing that stays in place when you are squaring blocks. Highly recommended.
- Scissors, pins, and basic sewing notions.
- Small iron with ironing mat.



Material List:

Background fabric -2 1/2 yards

- To get a good start sewing our blocks, cut 10 strips, 1-5/8" wide, and the width of your fabric.

Two additional contrasting fabrics – 1 1/4 yards of each fabric

- Cut one strip of each fabric, 2 1/2" wide, and the width of the fabric
- Cut 5 strips of each fabric, 1-5/8" wide, and the width of the fabric

Please note you will have cut some of the fabric before the workshop starts. Bring all extra fabric with you. This is just to get started!

DEADLINE: April 5th, 2014

QUESTIONS: Call Lori Schrock at 540-564-1783 or email at lorihs71@gmail.com

Pieced Pineapples

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: ___ \$15.00 member; ___ \$25.00 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 April 5, 2014. 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.

Shibori Techniques

DESCRIPTION:

Explore ways to manipulate fabrics to create very different looks using these very old Japanese methods. In class, you will create samples to take home and dye in your own dye baths.

WHO: Marty Moon

WHEN: FRIDAY May 16th, 2014

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

COST: \$15.00 for members, \$25.00 for non-members

BRING YOUR LUNCH

Supply List:

- To Be Announced

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Orphan Blocks

DESCRIPTION:

Nearly all of us have a stash however large or small of blocks that were either the wrong size, color combination, leftover from other projects or were just not quite as nice as the blocks that were included. Discover ways to use those lonely orphan blocks in unique projects.

WHO: Marty Moon

WHEN: SATURDAY May 17th, 2014

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

COST: \$15.00 for members, \$25.00 for non-members

BRING YOUR LUNCH

Supply List:

- To Be Announced

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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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