

# Valley Quilt Notes

Shenandoah Valley Quilt Guild

Website: [wwwsvqg.org](http://wwwsvqg.org)

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## President's Message -

**Hurrah hurrah give a big cheer**  
**December means Christmas is near**  
**Let's gather all our fancy gear**  
**And make time to party here!**

**There will be food aplenty, never fear**  
**We'll be together with friends so dear**  
**Play lots of games that may seem queer**  
**Good times will roll even without the beer!**

**What a fun meeting we had in November!** If you didn't attend you missed a great gift from Patchwork Plus -- everybody who was at the meeting received a \$20.00 gift certificate to the store -- how neat was that! Many thanks for the generous gift. This means we can get new fabric for a new project!

Speaking of gifts, don't forget the Christmas stocking filled with sundries for the foster teens housed at the Delinquent Center because they have nowhere else to go. What a way to feel the Christmas spirit - these kids need all the love and care they can get. See you on the 2nd Sat at the party! There will be more info from Amy in this issue.

Molly



**Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild  
General Meeting  
November 15, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Molly Toth guild president.

Two visitors were at the meeting.

Nina Jackson Vice President needs the names of members who are also members of NQA. Nina is passing around a notebook for members to list their names.

Treasurer's report from Nancy Harris was read and a motion to approve was made by Carolyn Purdy and second by Dianne Reasons.

Program coordinator Amy Sirocky-Mack reminded us that our meeting in December will be held on the second Saturday or December 13th. There will be a potluck lunch so bring a dish to share. Amy also asked that we bring either a Christmas stocking to stuff or items for teens that can be placed in the stockings. Items such as cards, candy, gum, socks, shampoo, shower gel, and journals or anything you think a teen could use would be great. There are boys and girls that will be receiving the stockings and gifts.

Service coordinator Denice Rudolph announced that there were 66 hospice quilts brought in today. Twenty two quilts will go to each of the three hospice groups. VCQ donated 49 breast cancer pillows and totes to service to be distributed to organizations requesting them.

Newsletter articles are due on November 21st.

Hospitality thanked the November birthdays for bringing the treats for today. December will be the potluck Christmas celebration. Members with December and August birthdays will be called upon to help with refreshments on other months.

PHD program had a wonderful show and tell. Project number 1 (one) will be due in January.

Sunshine Sue Jones reported that 9 birthday cards with TOY blocks were sent out. Sue also asked that we remember member Nellie Pitcock with cards and prayers as she has had surgery recently.

Raffle quilt: Jan Hood talked about the upcoming raffle quilt. There will be 9 appliqué blocks and 20 pieced blocks in this quilt and Jan passed around a list for sign up for making the blocks. Jan is asking for fabric donations for the backing and background.

Quilt retreat: Kathy Christie started taking deposits for the upcoming quilt retreat scheduled for 04/29/15 through 05/03/15.

A wonderful program and class was presented by Kimberly Einmo on using precuts for making quilts.

## Minutes for November 15m 2014 (continued)

During the break Susan Oehler member and also from Patchwork Plus gave out \$20 gift certificates to all members that were in attendance. What a generous gesture that was and I know we all appreciate having Patchwork Plus so close by.

Sincerely submitted by Ann VanNoy - Secretary.

## Website Update -

Our website has been changed to a new host. At this time the site looks the same and is being updated with changes while we work behind the scene to create a new website. The new host requires a members' only password with five characters. For security purposes, email me to get the new user and password. The guild's email address is [svqgva@gmail.com](mailto:svqgva@gmail.com). I'll use my personal email to send you the information, but it will not include any reference to our web address. In this day and time you can't be too careful. What we are working on are categories and sub-categories for page headings. Most of the chair people have received an outline to review for content. We are asking that any information that should give purpose, activities, and other information should be submitted to me or Nancy. For instance, a new page on our website will be Bee information. So each Bee should send me their name, focus/purpose, where and when they meet, any other pertinent information and a contact person with email. Each person listed on the website will be asked to sign a disclosure for permission to include their name and email address (no phone numbers or addresses). At this time we think we will be able to show you a preview at the January meeting. Again, if anyone has ideas for changes, please contact me or Nancy and we will see if it is feasible.

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## Sunshine -



Send some holiday "thinking of you" blocks to friends and family to let them know you care. It only takes a minute to sew fabric together that will cheer up someone special.

If you have a request for me to send a guild member a card and block contact me at [540-949-0872](tel:540-949-0872) or [dejbowsandskjquilts@hotmail.com](mailto:dejbowsandskjquilts@hotmail.com)

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!  
Sue Jones

## Programs -

By all accounts the November program with Kimberly Einmo was a great success! I know I learned so many things from her and I feel newly inspired to tackle my stash! Special thanks to Nancy Harris and Nina Jackson for helping to close up shop at the end of the afternoon workshop!

**December:** We will gather on the second Saturday in December for our annual Holiday party/monthly meeting. So make sure you circle Saturday, December 13 on your calendar. Plan to join your fellow guild members at 9:30 AM at the Sunnyside room for a potluck brunch, fun, games, and fellowship.

We are asking each person who comes to bring a dish to pass since it is brunch suggestions include breakfast casseroles, fruit, pastry, cookies, finger sandwiches, or whatever sounds delicious to you.

**Christmas Stockings and Goodies for Teens without a Foster Home.** As mentioned at the November guild meeting we would like to provide some Christmas cheer for area teens ages 13-18 that are part of the foster system but do not have a foster home placement. Please bring either a stocking or some gift items to the December Guild meeting. Ideally we would love to have 22 handmade stockings and lots of items for the list below to fill the stockings! Teenagers (approx. 12 boys, 10 girls ages 13-18) = 22 stockings

### Suggested Gifts for the stockings:

- Pillowcase
- Stationary/notepad
- Pens
- Playing cards
- Fun Socks
- Soap
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Lotion
- Candy

**January:** Weather permitting we will meet on the third Saturday in January for our annual **guild auction** which is coordinated by Ways and Means.

**February:** Still trying to figure out a program for the month of love so stay tuned!

**March:** March is National Quilting Month and we will celebrate our love of quilting by dedicating ourselves to sewing service quilts and other projects. Thanks to Denise Rudolph for coordinating these efforts.

Thanks,  
Amy

## Service -

What a wonderful turnout of quilts at the November meeting. We had a total of 66 lap quilts and 4 dolls!!! These are being given out this week to Augusta, Rockingham and Winchester. Thank you so much for your support.

In March, we will have these groups come and talk about their patients and the quilts they receive. You have the winter to be working on more!!! The width can range from 36" to 60" and the length from 45" to 60". I prefer the 40" x 50" range. It fits onto the width of the fabric (so no extra sewing for the back!!). I will quilt the tops if you are unable and someone else will do the binding or I can give it back to you to bind. I do not do binding unless absolutely necessary!!!

Always Sewing,

Denise Rudolph  
Service Chairperson



## Spring Retreat 2015 -

Last week Fran Miller and I went on a great road trip. (Thank you, Jack, for being a great chauffeur) We went to Brookneal and Phenix to check out the retreat location. I felt like the online information was a little misleading, but Fran and I both loved the place. Hat Creek is a camp and retreat center. It is a no frills meeting place. The retreat center is all in one building. On the first floor is the kitchen, dining room, space for a few quilters to set up, a beautiful screened in front porch with rockers, 2 fireplaces and 8 bedrooms. Each bedroom has 2 twin beds and each 2 rooms share a bathroom. Upstairs there are 4 or 6 (I can't remember) bedrooms that have 3 twin beds each and the rest have 2 beds each. Again, each 2 rooms share a bathroom. The large meeting room has plenty of space for about 25 machines to be set up. They also provide ironing boards (and I think irons.)

There are no TVs, no phone (except one for emergency use) and poor cell phone reception. But they **do** have **WiFi**. The retreat center is right on a lake and has walking trails around the lake. It is in a beautiful setting.

The quilt shop --**Threads Run Through It** -- is in nearby Phenix about 10 miles away. This is a lovely quilt shop with a great selection of fabric, tools, books, patterns, etc. The owner, Laurie, is the person who is actually in charge of the retreat. She makes sure to have someone available when we arrive to help get all our sewing machines,

### Spring Retreat (continued)

baggage, etc., up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. (Hat Creek's idea of handicapped accessible is a chair lift in one of the stairwells.) Laurie will also come to the retreat center to teach a class if we want her to. The only cost would be the materials kit fee.

We went to nearby Brookneal for lunch. It was in a former drug store so naturally it was called the Drug Store Grill. The food was delicious! The town of Brookneal reminded us of New Market.

The cost will be \$75 per night. This includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. Wednesday thru Sunday will be \$300. Thursday thru Sunday will be \$225. Deposit due by December 13th is \$50.00 which is nonrefundable. I will send in a signed contract and the deposit money immediately after the December guild Christmas party. At this time we have 18 quilters signed up. We can take another dozen. If you want to go, see me at the Christmas party.

I think it will be a fun, relaxing and productive weekend.

Hope you can join us.

Kathy Christy

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### **ANNOUNCEMENT: PhD PROGRAM and SMALL BLESSINGS BEE**

Dear Fellow Guild Members,

Because of the bad health of my coworker and the consequent additional responsibilities for me at work--AND THE ASSOCIATED STRESS--I need to take some time off from the guild and its related groups. That means the two terrific groups that I've had the pleasure to coordinate (the PhD Program, formerly UFO Challenge, for over 2 years, and Small Blessings Bee miniatures group, for over 1 year) will need another dedicated member or two to step in as soon as possible and take over the easy but important responsibilities to keep these worthwhile programs running. I'd really hate for these groups to fold, but I currently have no choice--I need to bow out now. **Won't you please consider heading up one or both of these fun programs?** I'd be happy to turn over whatever records I have, to make your job easier. Please call or email me right away if you'd like to discuss these opportunities!

**Announcement (continued)**

In the meantime,

PhD Program: Project #1 was selected at Saturday's meeting, to be completed by the January 17th guild meeting. I have emailed the participants with their projects. Don't forget to turn in a fat quarter if you didn't complete Project #5 by the November deadline.

Small Blessings Bee: Our November meeting was held at Taste of Asia, we shared the latest of our miniature blocks over some pretty darned fine food. Then we discussed the upcoming holidays and decided to skip the December meeting. So we'll have 2 months to catch up on previous 3" blocks and Pick & Choose patterns, as well as the 4" applique blocks. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm, at various local restaurants.

Diana Norman

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**Hospitality Committee -**

Please remember our next meeting will be a week early on December 13<sup>th</sup>. You are asked to bring a brunch dish to share for our special holiday meal together.

To everyone with a birthday the following month -- in January -- we hope you'll be able to attend the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting and bring a snack for the refreshment table. This could be pastries, fruit, cheese, chip & dip ..... whatever you'd like to bring.

Thanks to those who brought the delicious snacks to the November meeting!

Happy Holidays!

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## Happy December Birthday

Kailee Miller	12/12	Nellie Pitcock	12/18
Lois Johnson	12/13	Jan Hood	12/21
Linda Quintrell	12/13	Barbara Cline	12/28

*A special shout out to Nellie. A little bird told me that you are turning 90!!!!*



## Happy January Birthday

Marcia Hill	01/04	Jane Crockett	01/09
Carol Sloan	01/09	Diane Baker	01/29
Elizabeth Beall	01/21	Lou Emswiler	01/23

### Newsletter -

The next Newsletter deadline will be January 23rd. Hope that everyone that contributes to the Newsletter enjoys this little holiday break. Remember that those who send in articles in January need to include December and January information. Send your articles to Sandie Hammel at [sshammel419@gmail.com](mailto:sshammel419@gmail.com).

**Wishing you the happiest of holidays,**  
Sandie Hammel, Newsletter



## **Membership -**

Happy Thanksgiving!

It has been a very good year and I want to take a moment to thank all of you who have become my friends and have inspired me to become a better quilter and person. Your comments and suggestions have made my day. I have come to realize what a wonderful world the quilting community is and how we all gather each other up in our hearts with friendship and love. Thank you.

In January and February we will begin accepting dues for the April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 SVQG Membership year. I encourage all to plan on renewing and help to seek out new members. We have a lot of good things planned for next year and that always translates into a lot of fun for all. You don't want to miss a moment of it. Application forms will be available on the website and at the Guild meetings beginning in January.

If you aren't receiving your newsletter or have any problems accessing the website or need any assistance at all, please don't hesitate to let me know. Email: [jthammel@gmail.com](mailto:jthammel@gmail.com). Phone: 540-218-4026. You can even mail a letter to me: SVQG, PO Box 913, Harrisonburg, VA 22803. You can also write me at my home: John Hammel, 419 5th Street, Shenandoah, VA 22849. Contact me anyway you can if you have a problem. I don't want you to miss out on anything.

The holidays are upon us and I want to send out my best wishes to each and every one of you.

John Hammel, Membership

## **Guild Auction - January 17, 2015**

A reminder -- we are only a short time away from our annual Guild Auction. Please start putting aside those unwanted quilting items that you no longer need or want. Items that have done well in the past: fabric (yardage, boxes of good scraps, fat quarter bundles, vintage linens, etc.), old handkerchiefs, quilt tops or stacks of blocks that you will never finish, rulers, quilting books (no magazines), ironing boards, irons, machine, patterns, organizational containers, vintage lace, batting that was not your favorite might be a favorite of someone else, old buttons, and anything that you might want out of your sewing space, but another quilter might want in their space.

This is a fun event -- plan to attend and join in the fun.

**Board Members:**

President Molly Toth  
 President-Elect Nina Jackson  
 Secretary Ann VanNoy  
 Co-Treasurers Nancy Harris and  
 Lou Emswiler  
 Program Coor. #1 Amy Sirocky-Meck  
 Program Coor. #2 Lori Schrock  
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**Committee Chairman:**

Hospitality Barbara Cline and Gail Oliver  
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 Membership John Hammel  
 Newsletter Sandie Hammel  
 Publicity Cheryl Hawes  
 Service & Comfort Pillows Denise Rudolph  
 Sunshine Sue Jones  
 Ways & Means Karen Jones

**SPECIAL DUTIES:**

NQA Liaison Nina Jackson  
 VCQ TBA  
 Web Master Diane Reasons  
 2016 Quilt Show TBA

**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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