

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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President's Message -

What a great auction! Thanks go to Karen and Amy for getting the auction organized. Also, thanks to the many helpers who donated items, helped to present them, sauntered down the aisles, delivered, bought, kept track of who and how much and did the final count. I'll leave it up to Karen and/or Cerise to share the final tally.

There are lots of quilt happenings coming up. The bees seem to be staying busy. I'm looking forward to seeing the miniatures when they're presented at the quilt show. Free Spirits Art Bee met Sunday afternoon and we'll have some interesting items for the show as well. Kathy Christy will be teaching a class in February. The Whisper Block Challenge is advancing. UFO #5 was drawn to be completed in March. We also have our show in June so there's plenty to do.

If you need additional inspiration, there are several quilt shows in the near future. The Mid-Atlantic Quilt Fest is at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, Feb. 27-March 2, 2014. AQS Quilt Week takes place in Lancaster, PA, March 12-15, 2014.

Pick a project and have some fun!

See you in February,

Vicki



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January 18, 2014

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Vicki Graham, who welcomed everyone to the annual Quilters Auction meeting.

The minutes of the November, 2013, meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter. The December meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. Cerise Haas gave the treasurer's report, which was filed for audit.

Kathy Christy spoke about the Whisper Quilts squares for that project. The class she will have next month will be "Tucks and Textures". There will be information about it in the Newsletter along with a sign-up sheet.

SUNSHINE: Sue Jones sent 16 birthday cards, one sympathy card, and one Thinking of You block since the last meeting.

SERVICE: Denise Rudolph reported that 18 quilt tops were received at the end of the November service meeting and have been quilted. They are ready to be bound and have labels attached. These quilts will be given out when finished to Hospice.

NEWSLETTER: The deadline for the February Newsletter is January 24th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Virginia Consortium of Quilters will host a quilt documentation project at the Dayton Heritage Museum on February 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The dates of the quilts to be documented will be included in the February Newsletter. A sign-up sheet was circulated for volunteers to help with the quilt documentation.
- Bev London, Carolyn Purdy, Lori and Bryan Shrock. And Larry Brown took the 18 pillowcases and the Christmas stockings to the foster children housed at the Juvenile Center and reported on their trip. The teenagers were delighted with their pillowcases and looked forward to opening their Christmas stockings. They returned after Christmas and held a craft session with both the boys and the girls.
- The March meeting will feature Meegan Carr speaking in the morning and there will be a workshop by Connie Broy in the afternoon. Connie will be helping members create a table runner and the top should be pieced when you are finished.

QUILT SHOW UPDATE: The quilt show set-up date will be June 27th with the show going on June 28th and 29th. The chairs are enjoying the progress they are making on

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the show and will shortly let the rest of us know how we can volunteer to do our part in putting on the Quilt Show.

Fran Miller spoke about a new category for entries in the Quilt Show – Blue Ribbon Winners. Anyone who has previously won a blue ribbon for a bed-sized quilt will be eligible to enter their quilts in the Blue Ribbon Winners category. This will give more of our entries a chance to become Blue Ribbon Winners for subsequent Quilt Shows and will also be a “Super Bowl” category for those quilters who might not enter if they felt they had had their share of blue ribbons.

The miniature quilt group showed the miniature blocks they have made. They are currently meeting at Bob Evans Restaurant in Harrisonburg on the second Thursday at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in making miniature blocks, they would be happy if you joined them.

Show and Tell was enjoyed by all followed by a busy auction of lots of fabric, notions and books.

Submitted by
Norma Harris
Substitute for Diane Reasons

Hospitality -

Thank you to our January birthday members who brought food to our last Guild meeting.

If you have a February birthday, please remember it's your turn to provide refreshments at the February 15th meeting.

Thanks!
Barbara and Gail

Newsletter -

The deadline for the March, 2014 newsletter will be Friday, February 21st.
Email Sandie Hammel at sshammel419@gmail.com.

Service -

You guys are doing a great job keeping me busy with those quilts tops!!! Keep sewing and I will keep quilting. I ended up with only one of the 18 quilts that needed to have the binding sewn on. Thanks to all those that took the kits home. Looks like I ended up with around 10 quilt tops to keep me busy this month during the snow times. Thank you all for your support to Hospice and the foster children. We are well on our way to have the 30 quilts for the camp in August.

Denise Rudolph

UFO Challenge -

Wow! The Holidays must have come between most of us and our sewing machines! **Congratulations** to the few of you who completed your January UFO's.

Project #5 was drawn at our January meeting to be completed by the March 15th Guild Meeting.

Happy quilting,
Diana

Ways and Means -

I know that you all are waiting to hear what the Auction total was for this year. We made **\$1,464.00!!** Many thanks to Amy, Denise, and Thurston who helped keep the auction flowing by holding, showing and delivering purchased items to their new owners. Three cheers to Cerise, Liz, and Nina. Keeping track of who bought what and the \$Money\$ is a big job. The auction could not be successful if we did not have such generous members who donate to the cause and to those who bid on those items they couldn't live without, "**Thank You**" to all for another successful year.

Karen Jones



Sunshine -

Do you know of anyone who would benefit from a "Thinking of You" card? If so, let me know at dejbowsndskquilts@hotmail.com or 540-949-0872.

Thank you,
Sue Jones



HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

Karen Jones	2/02	Carolyn Lee Purdy	2/16
Paula Tehlewitz	2/05	Fran Miller	2/20
Molly Toth	2/11	Denise Rudolph	2/22

Membership -

Another brand new year rolling along and we're freezing and shoveling snow and quilting because it's too cold to do anything else.

Once again, it's coming up on that time of the year to renew your membership. The dues remain at \$20 for the year and, in this time of rising expenses, is truly still a bargain. Your \$20 includes your monthly newsletter emailed to your account. If you want the newsletter postal mailed to you, it will be an additional \$12 to handle printing and postage. You will find an application blank attached to your email and also a copy at the SVQG web site, svqg.org.

You already know the benefits of membership but there is one very big benefit this year. With your membership you are allowed to make entries into the SVQG Quilt Show 2014. Non-members are not allowed to enter and show off their work.

We all want to show our "stuff" and share our pride in what we do with our stitchery skills. More on why every one of us should enter at a later newsletter.

So get your memberships in any time between now and March 31st. This will make you a paid member until March 31, 2015.

Happy Quilting. John Hammel

Quilt Show Update -

2014 SVQG Show Quilts in the Valley 14 "Q" is for QUILT

Show Dates: Saturday, June 28, 9 AM to 5 PM
& Sunday, June 29, NOON to 5 PM

Location: Turner Ashby High School

Set-up: Quilt intake, hanging & vendor set-up, Friday, June 27 (time to be determined)

Show Categories

Bed Quilts

 Hand quilted

 Machine quilted (Domestic or Long Arm)

Lap Quilts/Throws

Wall Hangings/Traditional Home Decor

Kid's Quilts

Modern/Art quilts

Appliqué

Miniature quilts

Blue Ribbon Winners

Pillow Puddle: Members can start gathering ideas for making pillows with all themes- including kids and watching for sales of pillow forms or stuffing. Our goal is to have 50 pillows. Larry Brown and Carol Cunius will be working on this project but will need a couple of helpers.

Silent Auction: Amy Sirocky-Meck and Jan Hood will need help with the silent auction. We need items of value in **new or like-new** condition that will appeal to show attendees, including quilters.

Boutique: Josephine Millett and Dianne Reasons will be heading up the boutique. Please consider making some items for the boutique to offer for sale. It would be wonderful to have a great variety of items.

Demos and Classes: We will be needing quilters to help with demos. Sandie Hammel is planning and designing classes for kids and adults.

Show Ribbons: Denise Rudolph has volunteered to make the show ribbons, just when I was about to order them from NQA, **thank you** Denise. We know they'll be awesome!

Quilt Show Update - (continued)

Bill and Sue Story Board: If you have any traveling to do in the coming months, please consider taking Bill and Sue along for the ride and snapping a few photos. They're very well behaved.

Quilt Show Vendors wanted: We are looking for Quilt Show Vendors!

If you want to rent a booth space for the Quilt Show please contact Lori Abbott-Herrick.

8'x8' space with one table is \$50

8'x16' space with two tables is \$75

8'x24' space with three tables costs \$100

Set-up is on Friday, June 27th. The loading dock at the back of Turner Ashby High School will be available for you to load and unload and help can be provided. Contact Lori at laherrick@gmail.com, or 540-421-1620.

Programs -

Unfortunately the Christmas party in December had to be canceled due to weather. Even though we didn't get to spend time together I'm sure we all had warm thoughts of our Guild friends. A big thank you goes to everyone who contributed stockings, pillowcases and goodies for the teen at Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center. Your thoughtfulness truly touched these teens and brightened their Christmas. Another big thank you goes to everyone who contributed canned goods for the Food Bank.

In January, Karen Jones and her capable crew held the annual auction to raise funds to operate the Guild's projects and programs. Many of us look forward to the event with eager anticipation. All sorts of patterns, books, fabric and other items found new homes in the midst of flying bid numbers and fun.

Looking ahead to February, Kathy Christy will be offering a workshop on a new technique she learned at the Houston Quilt Show. The technique involves tucking, turning and embellishing fabric into textured shapes destined to enhance any quilt. This should be a fun and creative workshop for all. Please see the attached registration sheet for details and sign up soon.

To celebrate national Quilt Day in March another pair of our very own will be taking the stage. Meegan Carr, who is also the Director of the Virginia Quilt Museum, will be our speaker for the program.

Programs - (continued)

Connie Broy will be presenting a workshop on piecing those tricky seams that test the patience of any quilter. Come and learn updated techniques that will enable anyone to get sharp results every time. Register now, application attached to this newsletter.

Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center - Shelter

The Saturday before Christmas Larry Brown, Lori and Bryan Schrock and I delivered the pillow cases and Christmas stockings the guild members had made for the kids at the shelter. On that particular day, there were five girls and ten boys in the shelter. We spent several hours with the kids getting to know them. The guys played basketball and corn hole. Lori and I went into the girls' pod - sitting with them, getting to know them a bit. Several of the kids were from the area, the rest . . . here, there and everywhere.

Each had their own story, each of them made us feel very blessed. We had enough pillow cases for all the kids, but not really enough masculine ones. (Lori and her Mom whipped a few more for our return trip after Christmas). Lori and I were with the girls when they selected their pillow cases. You would have thought we were handing them a million dollars. "Do I get to keep it?" "Did someone really make this? Wow!" They loved the colorful, goofy ones. Dogs, dolphins, bright colors, etc.

The boys selected theirs via a lottery that afternoon after we left. When we returned the day after Christmas we were met with great, big smiles and words of thanks and gratitude (and a few more kids!). I am so glad we had a spare or two. Each of the kids had received a stocking and a pillow case. Even the non-English speaking ones expressed their thanks. A couple of the girls wanted to know if we knew who had made their stockings. Their aids told us the kids felt very special; the stockings and the pillow cases were a big hit!

Lori started the girls on Chicken Scratch embroidery, a couple of them picked it up relatively quickly. (I had never seen it before! It was pretty neat.). Carolyn Purdy spent some time with the boys, just visiting, getting to know them. It was a big day for some of them - they were going hiking, which was a really big deal.

Less than a week later, two of the girls had been released - Sandy and Milady were no longer at the shelter. I can honestly tell you, I can't remember all the boys' names except now there were eleven boys. They come. They go.

We would like to try to keep a stock of pillow cases at the Shelter for new arrivals. If you have a fabric you think a teenager would enjoy and would like to share a

Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center - Shelter (continued)

"homemade" pillow case, please get it/them to Lori Schrock or myself. We'll make certain they get to the Shelter Director, Jason Klingensmith.

One thing I'd like to clarify - **these kids are not juvenile delinquents** - they are in the foster system. As one young lady put it "I'm fifteen, I'm not "cute". Nobody wants me." Talk about bringing a person to their knees. I love my boys and couldn't imagine walking away from them. . .

We hope to spend more time with these kids. They help remind us there is more to this great big world than what we find in our day to day lives - family - church - home - work - critters and our sewing rooms. We have so much, they have so little. . . Grey sweat suits, white cotton socks and plastic sandals. . . Really makes you think. . .

Thank you for helping the guild pull together the stockings and pillow cases in time for Christmas. Like the hospice quilts and breast cancer pillows, we saw a little bit of fabric show these forgotten kids a lot of love. **SVQG, well done!**

Bev

Whisper Challenge -

Don't forget to bring your block for March to the meeting on the 15th. Your next in-line quilter will be looking forward to starting the new challenge from the block that you have created. If you forget to bring your block this causes a problem in the flow of the whisper challenge. We would love to have this finished to enter in the show in June. If you can't make it to the next meeting please send your completed block with a friend or email Kathy Christy at kckwilter@hotmail.com with questions.

Bee News -

EagerBEEvers had a wonderful sew-in-day at "Sew Classic Fabrics" on January 12th. Many thanks to Dot and Amanda for their generosity by allowing us to hold our monthly get together at their shop last month. Several service quilt tops were worked on as well as some UFO's.

Small Blessing Bee will be meeting at Bob Evans on February 13th at 6 p.m. (second Thursday of each month). Anyone interested in miniature quilting is welcome to join in the fun of a meal, show and tell and the next challenge.

Tucked & Embellished Fabric in the Style of Jennie Rayment

DESCRIPTION: Based on the books by *Jennie Rayment*. Experiment with delectable, textural, and tactile circular designs. Twist tucks into a stunning square or circular wall hanging, pillow, or quilt block. Embellish tucks with stitch or yarn. Complete with appliqué and bias binding. *Tucks, Textures, & Pleats*, JR; www.jennierayment.com

WHO: Kathy Christy

WHEN: Feb 15, 2014 @ 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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

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

BRING YOUR LUNCH

Supply List:

- Fabric and paper scissors; thread snips; pins; eraser; mechanical pencil; small trash bag; seam ripper.
- sewing thread cream or ecru; variegated/multi-color sewing thread for embellishment (optional).
- 12in to 18in ruler.
- 2 squares of a light colored fabric about 24 inches each.
- 2 squares of same fabric about 8 inches each.
- 1 square of batting about 24 inches.
- additional fabric for tucks (optional - bring can cut in class)
- Optional: about 48 inches of bias for binding.

DEADLINE: February 8th, 2014

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

Tucked & Embellished Fabric in the style of Jennie Rayment Style

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!

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Technique Table Runner By Connie Broy 2014



DESCRIPTION:

This is a study in several different techniques. These are some more difficult blocks to stitch and this workshop is to make them more manageable. Techniques to cover are “Y” seam, 8 split points in center, changing the grid, and miter corners. You will learn how to do these the easy way.

Block Size Finished: 12” Runner size: 42” x 16”

WHO: Connie Broy

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

BRING YOUR LUNCH

Supply List:

- Machine in good working order.
- Thread to match fabric
- Rotary cutter, mat, and 12” ruler and a smaller ruler (8 ½” x 12”)
- Hexagon ruler if you have one (teacher will bring a template if not)
- 12” square of light weight sew in interfacing
- Scissors , Pins and basic sew items
- Iron, pad

Material List:

- 5/8 yard: light for background
- ½ yard each: dark, medium and border
- ¾ yard: 45” wide for backing and binding
- Batting to fit: 45” x 18”

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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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