

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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President's Message -

Hello, **Spring!**

Isn't it great to have some beautiful weather and enjoy going outside. The flowers are blooming as are the cherry trees and next will be gardens. This kind of weather makes you realize just how close the quilt show is to being a reality.

The show is starting to come together. Bev, Fran and Lori have been doing a great job and the word is getting out. People are starting to finish up projects to put in the show. I gave Kathy my entry forms this week. I hope you're getting your projects finished so you can share them.

The Whisper Quilt Reveal was a lot of fun! It was interesting to see the progression of the various themes. Now we have to wait for the show to see what happens next. I haven't figured mine out yet. I wonder what would happen if...

I've been working on the publicity for the quilt show and have run across several websites for quilt shows and other quilt activities. The first one is Quilt Show News <http://quiltshownews.com/quilt-shows-by-state/> which lists quilt shows by state so you can see what's happening in places you might be visiting. The second one is SWVA Quilt News - http://brqfestival.com/swva_quilt_news_62.html They have information on quilt shows and activities in southwest Virginia. Also, do you ever check for activities on Craigslist? Try some of these and see what you think.

Hope everyone has a productive month, Vicki



Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild
General Meeting
April 12, 2014

The general meeting was called to order at 9:30am by Vicki Graham. There was one new member. Vicki announced two upcoming quilt shows – Blue Ridge Quilt Fest and Richmond Quilt Show – and their information is at the Bulletin Board.

The general meeting minutes from March 2014 were approved as printed in the newsletter on a motion by Liz Adams, seconded by Molly Toth.

The Treasurer's Report had an ending balance of \$8,755.72. The report was filed and will be on the website.

Barbara Johnson gave the quilt committee four applique blocks to be made into pillows. After discussion, it was decided to ask Barbara if they could be put into the silent auction.

President Elect: Molly announced her nominating committee. Joining her are Denise Rudolph and Pauline Messier. Openings needed are President-Elect, Treasurer, and Program #2.

Program Coordinator #1: Lori announced that today's program speaker was Debbie Thomas who would give tips on making four patch blocks, half-square triangle units and other block units. The afternoon workshop by Debbie Thomas is teaching a pineapple block. Next month's speaker and workshop teacher is Marty Moon. Lori will have samples when Marty returns from traveling. She will have an email sent to everyone that shows what the workshop will entail.

Ways and Means: Karen has an Easter Basket for today's raffle as well as door prizes.

Service: Denise said that quilts are going well. She is getting tops, which she quilts, and passes them on to someone to bind.

Membership: John reported that we had 84 members and approximately 30 members from last year who have not yet renewed. John asked that everyone meet and greet new members. Someone suggested that the new member badge indicated that they were a new member. Another suggestion was to have mentors for new members.

Hospitality: Anna Lee Newman and Dorice Graham are helping with Hospitality for April and May.

Sunshine: Sue sent 8 birthday cards and 2 TOY blocks.

Quilt Show Update: Lori Abbott-Herrick updated us on the quilt show. A sheet was passed around for "white glovers" to sign up. Become a Patron of the Quilt Show by making a donation to help defray costs. Bronze Thimble is up to \$25; Silver Thimble is up to \$50; and Gold Thimble is up to \$100. There will be a meeting of all show committee chairs and interested persons Wednesday, May 14 at 6pm at Pano's in Harrisonburg. Dinner is on your own. All mail entries deadline is May 1 and email entries deadline is May 17. **The deadline for bringing your quilts to Turner Ashby High School, 800 North Main Street (Route 42), in Bridgewater is Friday, June 27th at 11am.** There will be a children's room with scheduled reading time, coloring muslin blocks, watching gems made into spheres and a Sudoku quilt to play with. They will be stuffing dog pillows that will be donated to area animal shelters. There are postcards and flyers available to deliver to shops if you can help with this. By the time that Lori finished her report on the quilt show, all but one spot was filled for "white glovers".

Newsletter: The deadline for the newsletter is Friday, April 25 by noon. Sandi asked that the articles should be complete and spellchecked before sending them.

(SVQG Minutes for April 12, 2014 continued)

Following Show and Tell and during break, everyone had a chance to view all the Whisper Challenges. Kathy asked that everyone who participated complete the challenge for the quilt show. She asked that the picture and four blocks be finished horizontally. You must submit an entry form for the quilt show.

Lori Schrock introduced today's speaker, Debbie Thomas, who gave a talk on quilting tips.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Reasons, Secretary

Programs -



Debe Thomas presented quick tips with the added bonus of how to get those tips to turn out just right. Many members, including me could be seen sketching and taking notes as quickly as our pencils would write. We learned when to steam and when to use a dry iron. We learned which quick tips resulted in extra care when a bias angle was introduced and how to use biased strips to make half square triangles on the straight-of-grain. All in all it was a fun and educational morning.

The afternoon workshop had many eager participants including Diana Norman. When I asked Diana how she liked the workshop this is what she had to say. *"Debe Thomas' Pineapple workshop was the 2nd class I've taken with her. She explains the process well, interacts humorously with the class, and offers assistance when needed. (She stopped me twice from cutting the wrong "slice" of my pineapple!) Debe is very knowledgeable and shares her tried and true methods. She is also a creative pattern designer, and I enjoy watching her ideas come to life as she sews at retreats."*

At the end of the session I saw many beautiful pineapple blocks. Participants were very pleased with their new skills and with how well their blocks went together and how nicely they turned out. It was fun seeing all the color combinations and getting to spend time sewing with other guild members. I would encourage everyone to attend a workshop whenever possible. The afternoon always ends with new skills, deeper friendships, fun and (sometimes true) stories of quilting feats. The atmosphere makes the experience seem like you have attended a mini quilt retreat. Come join us for some fun and social time in our May workshops!

Marty Moon from Early Times Workshops in Culpeper will be with us in May. On Friday she will be giving a Shirbori Dyeing Workshop. On Saturday morning Marty will be giving us ideas to transform lonely orphan blocks into beautiful things. On Saturday afternoon Marty will be doing a workshop in which we learn to design projects for our orphan blocks, half square triangles and various other assorted orphan pieces. This month's programs are bound to be colorful and creative. Be sure to join us!

Program Mystery

At the morning session Debe Thomas talked about a beautiful ship in a circle workshop that our guild held sometime in the 1980's (possibly 1989). *"The pattern is called "Ship in a Circle". It was a workshop given by Jean V Johnson, Olathe, Kansas. The pattern has a copyright date of 1983. This workshop was presented Sat, June 24, ???? at the Highlands Building at the Sunnyside Retirement Community. [Debe] noticed a note from Dorothy B Williams to the grandmother of [her] friend's daughter-in-law. "What I have is a "pre-class" packet with the supply list and a swatch card of fabrics. I'm missing the pattern for the templates and instructions."* Debe would love to find the whole pattern or learn more about the workshop. If anyone remembers this workshop, has the pattern, the finished project or even photos of the finished project please let me (Lori Schrock) know and I'll pass it along to her.



Sunshine -

Do you know of a guild member who is ill, has had surgery, is celebrating a special event, please contact me so that we can send a card and TOY block to let them know we're thinking of them. Contact me at dejbowsandskquilts@hotmail.com or [540-949-0872](tel:540-949-0872).

Thanks,
Sue Jones

UFO Challenge -

We are working on UFO project #1, which is due at our May 17th meeting. And we'll pick one of our last 2 projects for this year's Challenge. I'm loving the enthusiasm of this group!

Do you still have **UnFinished Objects** left? Well, beginning in September, join us at the "SVQG Institute of Higher Education". That's right--we will be working on our PhDs at the guild! "Projects half Done", that is! You may still call them UFOs if you prefer, but those of us who are still trying to complete our once-loved, long-forgotten class projects, kits, baby or wedding shower gifts, graduation presents, and whatever other incomplete (or not even started yet??) works of art, are taking it to the next level. Start thinking about your next list of "Projects half Done" now and write them down. I'll be sending out a new sign-up sheet in the next month or so to get ready for September.

Newsletter -

The next newsletter deadline will be noon on Thursday May 22nd. This is a little early due to Memorial Day weekend. If anyone is in the Shenandoah area this is a BIG weekend for this small town. Please send your input via email to sshammel419@gmail.com.

Thanks, Sandie



BEE News -

Small Blessings: We are going to have some gorgeous miniature quilts in our Small Blessings Bee display at the quilt show, folks! We have finished our final 6.5" challenge blocks and are putting them together in time for the show.

Next month, we will celebrate our one year anniversary as a Bee. For this special occasion, we plan to gather at Red Lobster in Harrisonburg on May 8th at 6:00 pm for our monthly meeting. We are downsizing our work this year; we will be working on 3.5" (unfinished) blocks! We also discussed the idea of making 4.5" (unfinished) Baltimore Album blocks, based on Eleanor Burns' Applique-in-a-Day patterns. We have lots going on now as we begin our second year!

(Bee News - continued)

Eager BEEvers: For several years we have supported a Rotary Club project, Wrap-A-Smile, by making quilts for kids having surgery to repair cleft lip/cleft palate deformities. The medical teams go to countries where hospitals may have NO linens at all and no recovery rooms or wards. With limited supplies to keep the kids warm during surgery the quilts are used as a crucial part of the recovery process. They provide comfort not only to the child but for the concerned parents. When the children are discharged to go home they take their quilt with them and we get reports that sometimes the quilt is the ONLY item of value the family treasures other than cooking implements.

An article about the Wrap-A-Smile project is in the current magazine, Quilt Life, produced by Ricky Tims and Alex Anderson. Our guild label is prominently pictured on one of the quilts!

This month we shipped another 27 quilts to Wrap-A-Smile, making the total of **195** kid's quilts sent in 7 shipments since 2009! We give many thanks of appreciation to guild members who have made quilts and helped with the cost of shipments.

Dorice, Pauline, Lori, Sandie, Carolyn, Fran

Shenandoah Area - New Service Bee (Name TBA): After being invited to spend a day with the Eager BEEvers we saw a need in this part of the Valley to expand service. We have had the kind o.k. from Christ United Methodist Church in Shenandoah to use one of their social halls for our sewing time. We plan to twice a month, the second and fourth Tuesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. After we sew the morning away we will pack up our sewing machines and have a quilters' lunch out. The first sew-in will be May 13th. Members of SVQG, who are interested in joining a new service bee in the Shenandoah area, please contact Sandie Hammel, sshammel419@gmail.com or Marsha Hill, hillbee@embarqmail.com for further information. During the first meeting we will decide on a name for our group and review the need in this area of the valley for our service focus plus support for SVQG service projects.

Guild By-Laws Update -

The proposed changes/additions to the Guild By-Laws will be voted on in the May meeting. They can be found on the website under the **Member's Only** section. If you'd like to make any suggestions please contact Lori at laherrick@gmail.com.

Hospitality Committee -

Thank you to all our April birthdays for the delicious treats at the last meeting. It's always nice to visit over good food!

Please remember if you have a May birthday, snacks for the June 17 meeting are your responsibility.

Thanks,
Barbara and Gail



Denise Rudolph - May 20th

Membership -

Spring into Spring! After a winter of cold and snow, I'm finally glad to see all the flowers. Not so glad to see the grass grow, as mowing is not my favorite pastime, but I'll take it.

Membership renewal for about 25 of our last year members has not happened yet. If you see or know someone who has not renewed, ask them why. Maybe we aren't doing enough of the right things to hold their interest. If we don't know where we can improve, we won't. I know we cannot please everyone all of the time but sometimes it's only a little thing that can change one's outlook.

An updated membership list will be sent along with the newsletter this month, both email and postal mail. It will also be updated on the website at svqg.org.

I need to get back to finishing up my projects for the Quilt Show. I hope everyone is getting an entry ready. We are proud of our stuff and should want to put it in "Show-n-Tell" and the Quilt Show. See you at guild on May 17th.

Happy Quilting.
John Hammel, Membership Chair

Ways and Means -

Quilt Raffle Ticket money turned in for the month of April was \$162.00

Monthly Raffle total for April was \$41.00.

Any members who have fabric/books/patterns/sewing notions/ cute containers and would like to donate to the guild for the monthly raffle please contact Karen Jones or drop off at the raffle table during any of our monthly meetings. This saves the guild money and allows members who are unable to participate on a committee or project to contribute.

Quilt Show Updates -

Q is for QUILTS! 2014

Ladies and gentlemen, we're getting down to the wire. If you have not already done so, it's time to step up to the plate and volunteer your time and talents. Congratulations to and thank you from Anna Lee Newman who stepped up at our last meeting to solicit and organize our **White Glovers** for the show after Deborah's work schedule made the task too daunting. We are a great team!

(Quilt Show Updates - continued)

Right now our biggest hole is that of “quilt hangers”. We could really use some help in that category! We have a few husbands and sons that have volunteered to help with the heavy lifting (it’s not that bad, the frames are just a little awkward), but we really need some folks with **tender loving care** to help hang our masterpieces. Please let me know if you (or someone you know and love – or someone that owes YOU a favor) would be willing to help with this task. It should only take a couple of hours on Friday morning. Kathy Christy and her crew have a pretty smooth system, so we don’t anticipate any hiccups.

Get your entry information into Kathy Christy ASAP-I’m going to make a trip to Shenandoah County where Mary Carlton has graciously offered her guidance as I layout my first quilt exhibit. I know with your entries, it’s going to be a fabulous show.

SO, who wants to help hang it? Please call me, Bev- (540)-578-0779 or email: mc162kinley@yahoo.com and let me know you, or someone that you’ve successfully twisted his or her arm, will help!

Vicki Graham has done a phenomenal job getting the word out, with lots of willing helpers! We’ve come across our post cards, here, there and everywhere. The show committee really appreciates their efforts! If your church or organization has a newsletter or bulletin board, ask if you can submit our show information or post it on their bulletin board.

Have you given Amy Meck or Jan Hood your Silent Auction offering? Dianne Reasons and Josephine Millett are looking forward to having a great variety of handmade goodies to offer our show guests. Remember, you can sell your crafts via the boutique OR you can donate them to the good of the guild! Anyone wishing to sell a quilt must have it registered with the Boutique; **make certain you note this on the entry you’re submitting to Kathy Christy.**

Carol Cunius is collecting the pillows for the Pillow Puddle – we have received some awesome pillows. Beautiful, quirky, whimsical, enchanting – pick an adjective, I’m sure we’ve got one you’ll love. Now, if you haven’t contributed to the puddle, yet. . . .You won’t want to be left out. Get into that sewing room and create something awesome!!!

The success of the Silent Auction, Boutique and the Pillow Puddle, like the rest of the show, are dependent upon what we can come up with as a group! This is a HUGE TEAM undertaking.

If you haven’t done so already, please make certain that your hanging sleeve is sewn onto your quilt if any dimension (length or width) exceeds 48”.

We remind all committee chairs, and otherwise interested persons, we will be meeting as a group, at Pano’s Restaurant on Wednesday, May 14th at 6 PM. Pano’s is located at 3190 South Main Street, Harrisonburg. Dinner will be Dutch treat. Their menu is extensive, you can eat (or not) just about anything your little heart desires. This will be a time for those of you that are heading up a portion of the show to express any concerns you may have – it will also give us an opportunity to meet as a group. Someone within the group may just have the solution to what you may have thought was a problem. We are a great group! Together, we will make this a great show!

Your Q is for Quilts, Quilt Show Committee
Bev (London), Fran (Miller) and Lori (Abbott-Herrick)

(Quilt Show Updates - continued)

Become a Patron of the Quilt Show:

One of our most costly items for the quilt show is the program booklet. This is your opportunity to help in a different way. By making a donation your name will be listed in the program booklet as a Patron of the Show.

We have three levels of giving - For a contribution up to \$15 you will be recognized as a Bronze Thimble Patron; over \$15 to \$25 a Silver Thimble Patron; and over \$25 to \$50 a Gold Thimble Patron.

Perhaps this will be your way of supporting our 13th SVQG Quilt Show. Mail your checks or give them to Dianne Reasons, 310 Isle Avenue, Waynesboro, VA 22980. All donations need to be received by June 1st. (I'll not be at the May meeting.)

Thank you kindly for your support.
Dianne Reasons

Advertise Your Business in the Quilt Show Program Booklet:

Business card size (2 x 3.5")	\$15
¼ page (2.5 x 4")	\$25
½ page (4.5 x 4")	\$50
Full page (7 x 4")	\$100

Mail your business card and payment to Lori Abbott-Herrick, 6384 Wengers Mill Road Linville, VA 22834 or send a .pdf file to laherrick@gmail.com.

Make check out to SVQG. Deadline is June 1st.

Patron Application for *Q is for Quilts*:

There are many expenses involved in producing our biennial quilt show. If selling raffle tickets is not for you please consider becoming a Patron of the Quilt Show.

With a \$100 donation you will be recognized in the program booklet as a **Gold Thimble Patron**, a \$50 donation will earn you a **Silver Thimble**. To become a **Bronze Thimble Patron** you must donate \$25.

To be recognized, your donation must be received by June 1st.
Checks are payable to SVQG and mailed to
PO Box 913, Harrisonburg, VA 22803. The Guild thanks you!

Your name _____
Amount of donation \$ _____
Please use my donation to support (General Fund, Demonstrations, Program Booklet, etc.) _____
_____.

(Quilt Show Updates - continued)

Whisper Quilts Display for the Quilt Show:

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Whisper Challenge. I hope everyone had a good time getting "out of the box." You all did a great job. We will have a display of the Whisper Challenge. Finish up the challenge by quilting your blocks. You can either finish them individually or you can put them all in a row and finish them as one quilt, please include the original photo. You will also need to enter them into the quilt show by filling out one entry form for the entire series. You don't need to mark a category, but write Whisper at the top of your form, so we will know to hang altogether as a group. Questions please email Kathy Christy at kckwilter@hotmail.com.

Quilt Show Silent Auction

We continue to collect items for the silent auction that will take place during the quilt show. Please bring your **contributions to the May or June meeting along with a description of your item**. If you are unable to deliver your contribution until the Friday of the Auction that is ok too. However, please email information to me in advance about what you are donating so I will know to make space for it!

Thanks so much!
Amy

Quilt entries:

It's time to get those quilts ready. June 27 is coming fast.

US Mail-----

You can mail the entries to me along with a picture of the quilt. All mailed entries must be received by May 8th. Please mail to-

Kathy Christy
506 Third Street
Shenandoah, VA 22849

Email-----

You can email your entry form and picture to me at kckwilter@hotmail.com. These need to get to me absolutely no later than May 20th. I will be checking email continually. If you don't get an email from me acknowledging receipt of the entries in 2 or 3 days, please contact me. I just want to make sure I don't lose any entries. So far we have about 27 entries. That is good but not quite enough to make a memorable quilt show. I've seen some wonderful Show and Tell items over the past two years, so I know there are some wonderful quilts out there. Please enter them in the show. Let's show our community what kind of beautiful work we are creating.

(Note: If you have completed a top for the quilt show, but are still working on getting it quilted you can still take the picture and send. Also would like to see items from our new members. We have a category for first time quilt show entries, please enter. This is a show for the new beginners as well as those with lots of experience. Come and join the fun! Applications for the quilt show can be found in the March and April newsletter or found on svqg.org.)



Quilters, Do You Have a Specialty?

Do you get asked questions about quilting? For instance, do you know anyone who can take my son's T-shirts and make them into a quilt? Or, I have some quilt blocks; do you know anyone who can put them together for me? It doesn't stop there. I know I get questions about refurbishing quilts all the time and I'd like to be able to give them a name of someone who has that expertise. We have decided to provide that type of information on our website. It would mean listing your name, telephone number, email address and most importantly what your special skill is.

We normally do not give out such personal information. Therefore, we need your written permission with this project. Please fill out and give/send to Dianne Reasons (dreasons@lumos.net) or any board member.

My special skill(s) that I like to do in quilting is _____

Name (print): _____ Phone No. _____

Email address: _____

I give permission to use my name, phone number and email address on the website.

_____ Signature

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 from 1:00-4:00 pm

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

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

Supply List:

- 1 yd or more of WASHED muslin (bleached or unbleached) or PFD fabric
- Gloves
- Apron
- Gallon ziplock bag(s) to take wet dyed fabric home in
- 1 qt plastic container with lid
- Clean plastic bucket (5-10 gal) - check with grocery deli for icing buckets or a thrift store
- 1 wooden spoon - thrift store or Dollar Tree

Notes:

- Marty will be bringing a microwave, extension cord, paper towels, dye, rubber bands, popsicle sticks, iron and ironing board, handouts, etc. If someone else has a microwave that is not used in the kitchen for food preparation and wants to bring it, that would be good.

CAUTION:

All of the items participants bring from home to use in dyeing cannot be used in the kitchen at home. These items are dedicated to dyeing only!!

DEADLINE: May 10th, 2014

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

Shibori Techniques

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 May 10, 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.

Orphan Blocks: Leftovers Become Cassoulet

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 from 1:00-4:00 pm (*workshop may start early if everyone is ready*)

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

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

BRING YOUR LUNCH

Supply List:

- Digital camera
- Mechanical pencil
- Graph Paper
- Journal - any kind of notebook to jot down ideas or draw little designs
- Imagination and creative juices
- All kinds of leftover strips, 4 patches, 9 patches, blocks of any size, 1/2 square triangles, ends of strips, orphan squares, orphan triangles, orphan rectangles ,etc.
- Design Wall - batting, fleece, flannel, felt, etc.
- Rotary cutter, mat and rulers of various sizes but at least 6 1/2" x 12 1/2"
- Yo-yo makers **if you have one**
- Basic sewing supplies- pins, scissors, needles, thread, seam ripper, etc.
- Optional --sewing machine with bobbins of neutral thread. Marty is unsure how much actual sewing we'll get to on Sat afternoon. She is suggesting that the sewing machine be optional. Marty will have a Featherweight with her if someone wants to use it.

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