

Valley Quilt Notes

Shenandoah Valley Quilt Guild

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President's Message -



Hurrah, hurrah **October's** here
Fall leaves are rustling in our ear
Cold weather's coming, but do not fear
Our quilts will warm us up this year.

Get out your UFOs and PHDs, the time is here
With new ideas to learn and cheer
To create many quilts to hold so dear
And then we can go get that beer!

If you didn't make it to September's meeting, you missed a GREAT program with Barbara Kline. She not only showed us beautiful quilts, but explained the way they were constructed. So many gorgeous quilts, so little time! We also learned a great deal about turkey farming - did you know Barbara is a professional "turkey shooer" . Ask her to show you how she does it!

See you at the meeting,
Molly



**Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild
General Meeting
September 20, 2014**

The September meeting of the Shenandoah Quilters Guild was called to order by Molly Toth, guild president.

The minutes from the August meeting were approved as written in the newsletter.

Molly shared a news article that she had read in the Washington Post about a group of quilters in the Fairfax area that make art quilts. There are about 55 members in the group and they pick a topic and make wall hangings that represent that topic. They chose the sights and sounds of Washington DC for one of their topics and titles of The Beatles songs for another topic. For the Beatles songs each member chose a different song to depict in a quilt.

Membership: There were no visitors at the meeting today.

Announcements: Long time guild member Joan Leffel's husband died last week and his funeral is being held today.

Cheryl Hawes has fabric for sale today at the meeting.

Connie Broy announced that The Scrappy Apple quilt shop is having a workshop in October with Sue Pritt as the instructor. Sue makes beautiful landscape quilts. The workshops are on October 3rd and 4th.

Treasurer: No income for the month of August.

Newsletter: Articles are due September 26th.

Program coordinator: The October program speaker and teacher will be Lola Jenkins. November's program will be with Kimberly Eimo.

Library: Vicki is taking an inventory of all of the current library books and will emailing reminders out about books that have not been returned.

Sunshine: 15 birthday cards were mailed out and 5 thinking of you blocks were mail.

Bees: Small blessings are working on 3-1/2 inch pieced and appliqued blocks. Their next meeting will be at Jalisco's restaurant. They meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm.

PHD project: The PHD project is now underway with the first PHD due at the November meeting. Project number 5 will be due at that meeting.

SVQG Minutes for September 20, 2014 (continued)

Quilt show: **THERE WILL BE A VOTE** at the October meeting on the future of the quilt show and raffle quilt. If you have not turned in the questionnaire from the August newsletter please do so. Everyone's input is very important.

Program: Barbara Cline wowed us with her beautiful quilts and gave lots of useful information on quilting our own quilts.

Respectfully submitted, Ann VanNoy, Secretary

Programs -

Special thanks again to Barbara Cline for sharing her time and talents with us September 19 and 20 and to Jan Hood for creating a beautiful thank you quilt block we were able to present to Barbara.

On October 18, art quilter Lola Jenkins will be joining us in the morning to present a lecture entitled "Miss Bubble Buster" about her adventures in art quilting. There are still many spaces available for the fantasy collage workshop she would like to offer that afternoon! If you are interested please register using the form included at the end of the newsletter. Deadline to sign up is approaching quickly!

Kimberly Einmo, published author and quilting instructor, will join us on November 15 to present her lecture "Jelly Rolls + Precuts = A Recipe for Design Success!" followed by an afternoon workshop focused on learning her flying geese technique using her flying geese ruler. The ruler is not required for the workshop. Kimberly has promised to have several on hand for participants to use that afternoon and of course if you fall in love with it you can purchase one of the rulers directly from her that day. Both her lecture and her workshop sound like lots and lots of fun! To sign up for the workshop please submit the registration form included at the end by November 7!

Finally I am looking for someone to help me out with "closing up" the Sunny Side room at the end of the October and November workshops. I am not able to participate in either workshop so just need someone who can hang out during the afternoon, turn off the lights, and return the key to the front desk. If you are able to do that please email me at atsirockam@jmu.edu.

Thanks, Amy



Sunshine -

Please contact me if you know that one of our guild members are ill or suffering a loss and I will send a Thinking of You block. Call me at [540-949-0872](tel:540-949-0872) or e-mail at dejbowsandskjquilts@Hotmail.com.

Sue Jones,
Sunshine

Newsletter -

Deadline for the October 2014 Newsletter will be **October 24th** (Friday/noon). Please send your articles to Sandie Hammel at sshammel419@gmail.com.

Hospitality Committee -

Please consider volunteering to join the Hospitality Committee this year (Sept 2014 – Aug 2015). We are looking for another team member or two to assist at the refreshment table for some or all of the monthly meetings. Just contact Barbara or Gail, or catch us at the next meeting.

To everyone with a birthday in October -- we hope you'll be able to attend the meeting on the 18th and bring a snack for the refreshment table. This could be pastries, fruit, cheese, chip & dip whatever you'd like to bring.

Thanks to each of you who brought the tasty treats to the September meeting!

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

Website -

We are still looking for some volunteers to design the new website, please let Dianne Reasons or Nancy Harris know if you are interested in this project. You don't need to know anything about web sites except what you think will be pleasing and usable by our members and guests.

Dianne Reasons - dreasons@ntelos.net
Nancy Harris - relativehunter@gmail.com

Note: Please send your response to both sites, thanks.

BEE News -

The **Bodacious Bumble Bee** of the Shenandoah Valley Quilt Guild delivered 18 quilts, 3 pillows (with cases) and 2 additional pillowcases to the Meals on Wheels program coordinator on September 24th.

The program serves over 80 home-bound, need based clients in the Harrisonburg, Dayton and Bridgewater area and is organized under the Valley Program on Aging Services. We plan to provide more lap quilts and some other things to them over the winter months.

The Bodacious Bumble Bee meets the fourth Tuesday of the month to work on service projects. Members include Joyce Aigner, Lori Abbott-Herrick, Barbara Cline, Jane Crockett, Vicki Graham, Linda Hotinger, Nina Jackson and Gail Oliver.

Jane Crockett

SHENANDOAH VALLEY APPLIQUE SOCIETY

October is special to me because 3 years ago the Shenandoah Valley Applique Society held its first meeting. What a wonderful 3 years it has been for Applique. I do not know what it is but there is something so exciting about Applique. Anyone who knows me knows that it is definitely my passion.

The Applique Society has taken on a very special project for the Virginia Quilt Museum. We will be reproducing the Botanical Album Quilt made in 1859 by Esther Matthews (1776-1866) for her grandson, Addison Blair Martz. Addison enlisted in the Virginia Infantry on April 18, 1861, two days before Robert E. Lee resigned his commission in the U. S. Army to follow Virginia into the Confederacy. The quilt illustrates a sense of local attachment because Esther chose 25 blocks of wildflowers and garden favorites native to Addison's Virginia home. I think of Esther who was born during the Revolutionary War and died not long after the Civil War ended. What a privilege it is to reproduce a quilt made by this wonderful woman who lived and survived through so much in her lifetime. I believe that while Esther worked her Applique on this quilt for her grandson, Addison, that it brought her peace and comfort, as Applique brings to me.

The Shenandoah Valley Applique Society meets on the third Tuesday of every month at the County Library in Edinburg from 1:00-4:00 pm. At the present time, we have 15 members. All who are interested in the art of Applique are welcome.

Jan Hood (540) 459-8118

Eager BEEvers

Year End Report – 9/1/13-8/31/14

The Eager BEEvers, a service-oriented small bee, met monthly in the homes of the members: Lori Abbott-Herrick, Dorice Graham, Sandie Hammel, Pauline Messier, Fran Miller and Carolyn Shank.

For the guild year of 9/1/13-8/31/14 we made and gave 78 quilts to Denise for the guild service project of quilts for both hospice and the foster children's program. We also made and gave a number of pillowcases to the youth housed at the Juvenile Center in Verona. We shipped 27 quilts to Wrap-A-Smile and gave 5 quilts to A Small Hand-Broadway. Last fall when we delivered 33 quilts (including one from another guild member) to A Small Hand-Edinburg, we also enjoyed lunch out at Olive Garden and a shopping trip to Scrappy Apple in Winchester (gotta keep up the fabric inventory, right? ☺)

This past spring we also invited anyone interested in belonging to a service bee to spend the day with us at our April meeting. Two new Service Bees were started and several months later we all met at the Elkton park for a fun day of sewing, games, food and fellowship, hosted by John and Sandie Hammel. Yes, we had electricity so we brought our sewing machines and sewed in the fresh air and enjoyed the sound of rippling water from the river.

We enjoy the fellowship, food and fun each month, and value the satisfaction that we receive of helping others when we deliver our quilts to the guild service project, Wrap-A-Smile and A Small Hand programs in both Broadway and Edinburg.

Service -

Sorry I was unable to attend the meeting on Saturday. I was certainly not having fun sitting along I-81 waiting for the tow truck. My car is fixed now and I am happily driving around town!!!

Hope you are working on those pillows & totes and hospice quilts. Hope to see you in October.

Always sewing
Denise Rudolph



Happy October Birthday

Gay Baker	10/07	Beryl Lawson	10/18
Jenny Miller	10/10	Cheryl Hawes	10/20
Francis Ritchie	10/11	Kathy Chunta	10/29
Lori Abbott Herrick	10/11	Jude McLaughlin	10/30
Nancy Harris	10/13	Bev London	10/31

Several Wonderful Reasons To Buy Fabric -

It insulates the closet where it is kept.

Because I'm worth it.

It is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care.

Because this fabric just talks to me and calls my name.

Without fabric I would have nothing to do with my rotary cutter and my mat and my sewing machine and my iron and my thread and my needles and my quilting books (and my time).

It's so pretty, and I'll use it some day.

Everybody else does it.

Nobody told me not to.

Oh, what a feeling!"

I need something new for show and tell party games. "

"Because I don't have it yet!"

Library News -

The Guild library is currently being inventoried. If you have items that have been out for an extended period, please return them so other members have a chance to enjoy them. Several people have asked if they have materials out. I will be contacting people with long overdues in the near future.

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 October meeting for you. A couple of titles that will be available in October follow. Weekend Quilting Wonders edited by Jeanne Stauffer & Sandra Hatch has over 40 projects including some for baby and a good many for Christmas gifts and décor. If you want to try something with spirals you may be interested in Simply Amazing Spiral Quilts by RaNae Merrill. Precut 5" and 10" squares are used in Schnibbles Times Two by Carrie Nelson.

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.

Librarian, Vicki Graham

Membership -

Welcome to Fall! The leaves won't be at their peak until after the October Guild meeting but the air is already crisp and we've had some beautiful fall days already. Sorry to have missed the September Guild meeting but heard those who made it enjoyed themselves. Good. Our meetings are fun whether we only have a handful or 100 in attendance.

It's that time of the membership year where new members can join or old members can rejoin for only \$10 for the remaining membership year (through March 31, 2015). If you know someone who would like to join or rejoin, extend them a SVQG hearty invite. We still have lots of exciting things scheduled for our upcoming meetings.

Happy quilting!
John Hammel

Dear Guild Members,

Following are the results from the 2014 Raffle Quilt/Quilt Show Survey (RQ/QS). There were only 8 questionnaires turned in. The RQ and QS will be discussed and voted on at the October Meeting. Raffle Quilt tickets are sold at the Quilt Show. While they both share the same questionnaire and are often thought of together, they are entirely separate and operate and function independent from each other. I hope everyone has given both the RQ and QS serious consideration. I think the final vote of these two topics will have a big affect on and perception of the Shenandoah Valley Quilt Guild in the future.

Jan Hood, Raffle Quilt Committee

1. Do you think The Guild should do a raffle quilt in 2015-16?
6 "Yes"; 1 had a ? mark; 1 "Maybe".
Remark to Yes: "This is what guilds do."
2. If No, to #1, what should the Guild do to raise money for its activities?
"A bingo game every other year."
"The bingo game idea mentioned at Aug. mtg. sounded like a profitable idea."
3. Do you think The Guild should have a quilt show in 2016?
7 "Yes. The show is a great way to showcase who we are and what we do."; 1 "No" with note in #4.
Remark to Yes: This is what guilds do.
4. If No to #3, is there another activity The Guild should undertake?
"A combination show/raffle quilt/fundraiser sounds like fun."
5. If the Guild does a raffle quilt in 2015-16, should we share the proceeds with a partner non-profit?
5 "Yes"; 2 "No"; 1 left blank
"There are many organizations that could use the money & not all may be in a position to sell tickets. I think it should be a request not a requirement."
6. If Yes to #5, should the organization be required to sell raffle tickets?
2 "Yes"; 3 "No"; 3 left blank
Remark to No: "If this were so, what would the word 'charity' mean?"

Additional comments on the above:

"Since I travel a great deal, I can't always work at the quilt show. When here, I work all three days."

"The organization should be one willing to sell tickets since they will receive some of the benefits. Almost any charity is willing to partner with organizations to raise money."

"The success of any raffle quilt depends on the selling of the tickets! Also, the "impact" the quilt has on the viewer! If one does not like the quilt, they don't sell tickets!"

"How about a theme quilt display on the walls of the venue? Guild members could select among the submissions via voting if there are too many to hang. We could do this once a year since it would be MUCH less work to set up."

"Bingo has been done in other guilds & they say it is a lot less work & it makes good money."

"If the organization is "required" to sell tickets, this would prohibit very needy organizations from receiving money from us, as some are prohibited from selling raffle tickets. The amount donated could always be determined after determining the profit amount. Having a Raffle Quilt & Show also brings awareness of our Quilt Guild to the public."

Fantasy Collage Workshop with Lola Jenkins

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2014

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

To see examples go to: <http://www.lolasdesignerquilts.com/Portfolio.php> Craftsy instructor and art quilter Lola Jenkins will teach students how to make a landscape collage quilt approximately 11" x 17". Starting out with novelty prints and other outdoor elements students will be able to produce a one of a kind fantasy collage. This technique can be used for clothing, purse, and other projects as well.

Cost: \$30 (members of SVQG) \$35 (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, October 10, 2014

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

Students may bring the supplies listed below or purchase a complete \$30 kit from the instructor the day of the workshop

Supply List

Fabric (sample uses blues and greens):

- ¼ yard "sky" fabric
- ¼ yard "grass" fabric
- ¼ yard "rock" or "pebble" fabric
- ¼ yard small scale flower fabric
- 1 panel or 1 yard of "base fabric"
- Variety of fabrics in a variety of colors with elements such as houses, animals, lighthouses, cards, trees, bushes etc. of various size and scale

Additional Supplies:

- 1 foam core board for use as a portable design wall
- 1 yard fusible web (Heat N Bond recommended)
- 1 large glue stick
- 14"x20" piece of batting (Warm and Natural recommended)
- Colored pencils or markers

Sewing Supplies:

- Scissors
- Pins
- Scissors that can cut very small pieces of fabric
- Small iron and ironing mat/board
- Extension cord and power strip
- Basic sewing supplies

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

Name: _____ Address: _____

_____ Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ (\$30 for members and \$35 for non-members)

Paid registration must be received by October 10, 2014 to reserve a spot in the workshop.

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Lonestar Strip Magic with Flying Geese Border

Quilt Size is 30" x 30"

Three (3) hour class: Skilled beginner or intermediate level

Date: Saturday, November 15, 2014, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

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

Cost: \$35 (members of SVQG) \$40 (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, November 7, 2014

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

Most quilters don't think 2½" strips and diamond units are very compatible but the truth is they were practically made for each other! Using the EZ Jelly Roll Ruler and 2½" strips (either from a pre-cut bundle or your own stash of fabrics) Kimberly will teach you to quickly and expertly strip-piece and cut diamond wedges and construct a traditional-style Lonestar block. The magic with her method is there are no "Y" or set-in seams! Sound impossible? Not with Kimberly's signature technique and precision-pieced method! Simply choose 3 fabrics for the star and additional strips for the fabulous flying geese border (which is made from strips using no math, no wasted fabric and no stress!) plus one background fabric and you'll be finished in no time at all!

Supplies Needed (Note: Kimberly will have her EZ Jelly Roll Rulers and EZ Flying Geese Rulers available for a special discount to guild members.)

- EZ Jelly Roll Ruler by Kimberly Einmo OR a rotary ruler with a 45 degree line
- EZ Flying Geese Ruler by Kimberly Einmo
- Fabric as outlined in Fabric Requirements chart below
- 45 mm (or larger) rotary cutter and rotary mat
- 10½" (or larger) square ruler (optional, but very helpful for squaring up blocks)
- Neutral sewing thread
- Sewing Machine in good working order and extension cord in good working order
- Iron and ironing mat and extension cord or power strip in good working order
- Basic Sewing Supplies such as scissors, straight pins, general sewing supplies, seam ripper
- Bring anything you might need to make your classroom experience more efficient, stress-free, and enjoyable!

(Think: extra light, extension cord, a cushion to sit on, magnifying or reading glasses, something to drink in a cup with a spill proof lid, chocolate... and most importantly, a sense of fun!)

Fabric Requirements – Bring all fabric except batting and backing with you to class. You may bring 1 – Jelly Roll bundle to class plus ½ yard of background fabric OR you may bring yardage as outlined below:

FABRIC YARDS CUTTING

#1 – Center of star and checker border - 1/8 yard Cut 1 – 2½" strip

#2 – Radiant row (middle) of star - 1/8 yard □ Cut 2 – 2½” strips

#3 – Outer star points - 1/8 yard □ Cut 1 – 2½” strip

Lonestar Strip Magic with Flying Geese (continued)

#4 – Background fabric - 1¼ yard □ Cut 1 – 6¾” strip; subcut 4 – 6¾” x 6¾” squares. Cut each square 1x diagonally to yield 8 B triangles; □ Cut 1 – 5½” strip; subcut 4 – 5½” x 5½” squares and cut each square 1x (You will cut additional fabric in class) diagonally to yield 8 A triangles

#5 – Flying Geese border - Can use 1 fabric or 11 different fabrics ½ total yard

□ Cut 1 - 2½” strip from each of 11 different fabrics

OR

□ Cut 4 - 2½” strips from 1 fabric

Backing 1 yd □ 36” x 36”

Batting □ 36” x 36”

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Name: _____ Address: _____
_____ Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ (\$35 for members and \$40 for non-members)

Paid registration must be received by November 7, 2014 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.

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NOTE: The form that was sent to be entered into the newsletter would not transfer. Please go to Kimberly Einmo's web site to see the picture of this project or refer to the attachment to this newsletter.

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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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