

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to thank everyone for Saturday's terrific guild meeting.

"Spring is when life's alive in everything"
Christina Rosetti

Aren't the crocus and daffodils just wonderful? Saturday was the first day of spring and we celebrated National Quilt Day with our 12" patriotic quilt blocks. A thank you to everyone who brought in blocks. We now have 16 and could still use some more.

Dorothy Peterson won the raffle basket. What fun!

A thank you also goes to Linda Halpin for two wonderful workshops plus the lecture. We learned a lot. Weren't the bog coats just wonderful. Can't wait to see them all finished and displayed at the quilt show.

I also want to thank the Quilt Show Committee for the hard work they are doing. The plans are coming along just great. I hope everyone was inspired by the great show and tell. I hope everyone will be willing to share some of their creations in our show. Can't wait to see what the Fortune Cookie Challenge will bring in May.

I want to send well wishes to Ann VanNoy and Betty Clatterbuck. I hope they will be better soon. Please send a little sunshine their way.

FYI: SVQG Board members and Committee Chairs. are invited to April's Board Meeting. Come ready to share. I appreciate all that you do. It takes all of us to make a great guild.

So keep those machines a buzzing and your bobbins full.

Barbara

PROGRAMS

So, we had spring and today they are using the "s" word again. Good day to be inside and quilting. I'm finishing up the top of one of the quilts I want to put in the show. It seems to be excessively orange. I don't know how that happens. Well, on to business. Wasn't Linda Halpin the greatest? Did you see those Bog Coats? Wonderful! Aren't we lucky to get such good speakers and teachers?

And we've got a good one coming up in April. Cathy Miller, the Singing Quilter, will be in Virginia during the month of April and we have been fortunate to be able to schedule her. If you are thinking of introducing a friend to the Guild this might be the program to bring them to. Cathy will also be doing a workshop Saturday afternoon. It's called Mock Mola and you saw the sample at the March meeting. How can you resist this one? I think the art quilters should be especially interested. I can see terrific creative opportunities using this technique. And Cathy says we will finish our pieces in class. What could be better?

In May, Molly will be educating us. I think this will prove that learning can be fun.

June and July. More information later.

NOW, I get to climb up on my soapbox. The Quilt Show. We want to show people what we do, what we all do, not just what 10 super quilters do (of course, we like to show off our super quilters, too) Let people know what a great Guild we have, what terrific workshops

we've had in the past 2 years. What have you finished? Put it in the show. We had 34 people in the mystery quilt in July 2 years ago. Let's have 34 table runners in the show. It's not about who wins a ribbon, it's about showing what we are about. Let's have 16 Bog Coats on display, they are all wonderful. OK, now I'll go back to working on my own quilt and I'll let you get on with yours.

Mary Carlton and Sue McDonald



SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes - March 20, 2010

President Barbara Linzey welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. She pointed out that the meeting fell on the first day of spring and on National Quilt Day. She suggested that everyone get their entry forms in for the quilt show and added that all members who took classes turn in entries for their projects. The show will be June 12th.

Visitors were introduced. Betty Clatterbuck fell and Ann VanNoy had knee replacement.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter. Sally Jones gave the treasurer's report, which included income of \$2,993.55 and expenses of \$881.86 for a balance of \$5,313.13 in the checking account. With the CD currently valued at \$6,568.92, the total balance is \$11,882.05.

Sandie Hammel reported on her work with Sunnyside. She has contacted the Activities Director and will be working with her to present a program for residents on May 17th or 20th. They will include giving a few lap quilts at that time. They would like to do a Show and Tell program. It will be at 2:00 p.m. on one of the dates planned.

PROGRAM: Mary Carlton reported on the workshop held yesterday at the Bridgewater Town Center. She asked that everyone enter their Bog Coats in the quilt show.

SECRET PAL: Pam Nixon handed out the Secret Pal gifts. She also asked for donations for the silent auction at the quilt show.

EDUCATION: Molly Toth will present the education program in May. It will center around how to remove a safety pin that has been accidentally left in a quilt.

NEWSLETTER: The Newsletter deadline will be Friday, March 26th.

PUBLICITY: John Hammel reported on contacts made to quilt shops and quilt guilds to give out information about the quilt show. He asked that members who would be traveling in the state check and see if they could deliver information packets as they were expensive to mail.

SERVICE: Sue Jones, who chairs the "pillows and totes" distribution for the breast cancer patients, suggested that we concentrate on the quilt show for the next three months. They will be presenting a program on April 17th at Blue Ridge Community College. Information is available to anyone interested in attending.

Door prizes were given to lucky winners. Tickets for the quilt show are now available for purchase in case anyone would like to give them to friends and family. They are \$5.00 apiece.

QUILT SHOW: Debbie Lane thanked the quilt show chairs for their work. They have copies of the entry application in case anyone needed one. They are also available to be downloaded from the internet.

Following a wonderful Show and Tell, Linda Halpin presented a slide show, "If Quilts Could Talk."

Norma Harris,
Secretary

MEMBERSHIP

It is that time of year again
Gain a card and make a friend
Bring a pal - Have them join too
To see, to laugh, to learn something new.

You may have noticed from the busy buzzing at the membership table dues are being collected

for the 2010-2011 year. To be so close to April 1, I am disappointed to report the numbers are not as high as I would have liked. We currently have only 62 members (7 of which are new for this year). At the meeting, we had 8 members take their application envelopes but have not yet returned them.

I have sent out over 100 letters to members from last year and others that may be interested in joining. I can only hope we have a better response in the coming month.

When you arrive at the April meeting please form a nice single file line at the membership table when signing in. This will provide me an opportunity to give you your new membership card and to collect payments in an orderly fashion. I know everyone is so excited for the meeting to start they want to rush in the door and get seated, but often this can cause chaos at the sign in table especially at this time of year.

Thank you for your understanding concerning the cards not being available at the last meeting.

Please make sure that once you get your card you bring it to each meeting.

Once the April membership drive has concluded, cards will be checked at the door when signing in for meetings.

I am issuing a challenge to every member to bring a guest to the next meeting! I am sure you have a quilting friend that hasn't come to visit us yet ... So what are you waiting for?!!

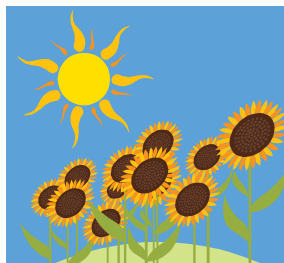
Sara Wood

**SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD
INCOME AND EXPENSES
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2010**

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$3,201.44
INCOME:	
Membership	870.50
Newsletter-ad	12.00
Quilt Raffle 2010	375.00
Quilt Show vendors	550.00
W & M-Jan. raffle	129.00
Feb. auction	1057.00
Interest	.05
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,993.55
EXPENSES:	
Library	328.90

Membership	111.85
Newsletter	65.61
Quilt Show 2010-advertising	375.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	881.86
TOTAL CHECKBOOK BALANCE	\$5,313.13
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	\$6,568.92
TOTAL FUNDS FEBRUARY 28, 2010	\$11,882.05

Sally Jones



SUNSHINE

Please be mindful of members with health concerns; brighten up their day with a T.O.Y. block! Betty Clatterbuck suffered a hip fracture recently and is at Augusta Rehab Center. Ann VanNoy is recovering from knee surgery.

If you know of a guild member who needs a card or T.O.Y. block from our Sunshine Committee, please let Aleris Wright know. Her phone number is 540-686-7890, and email is swright494@comcast.net.

Aleris Wright

There's still time to finish quilts for the June show.

Gaytha Lindensmith
Quilts & Curiosities
Longarm Machine Quilting
Fine Hand Finishing
(540) 828.2879

WAYS & MEANS

Thanks to all who participated...we made \$61.

Joan Leffel

I Am A Quilter!

Well, not a good one but I've made progress. Last year Kathy gave me a membership in SVQG, even though I never ever touched a

sewing machine before. The membership started me on a road to begin sewing and to begin quilting. Through SVQG and the *Free Spirits* art bee, I've learned to love the art of quilting and the people who love it too.

Now I've only done one small wall hanging quilt so far but I'm working on another one, a table topper. And now the reason for this note.

I've heard some people say that they are not going to enter anything in the quilt show because it's "not good enough". Well my entries are definitely "not good enough" but I'm darn proud of them and want to show everyone what I've learned, how I've progressed and, hopefully where I'm going.

We are not being judged in the way that serious money prizes are at stake. But we are being judged by the public in what the SVQG is all about. We are about beginners, in-betweens, experts and semi professionals. We are about a group of people who love quilting in all its forms of expression. And as such, we need to put our efforts out there for all to see.

I challenge all of our members to put something into the 2010 Quilt Show. Let's knock out the walls of Bridgewater College in June because it is bursting at the seams with member entries. The Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild is the best Guild with the widest variety of activities. We know that and we should want everyone else to know it too. Let's show them our "stuff".

Happy quilting and will look for your entry in the show.



John Hammel
Newbie quilter and loving it.

2010 QUILT SHOW

Calling all Quilters – We Need YOU!!!

The June 12th and 13th Quilt Guild Show is fast approaching us!! Plans have been made, ads have been placed, flyers have been distributed, committees have been established, and now ***the rest is up to you!!***

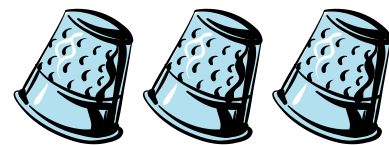
You may be asking yourself "How can I help?" The following is a list of what is still needed:

1. Pillow donations for the "Pillow Puddle" fund raiser.
2. Door prizes and items for the silent auction.
3. Raffle tickets need to be sold – contact everyone you know.
4. Help distribute posters throughout the valley – and beyond.
5. Send in your forms to Leslie Bulken for the projects you will be entering – no need to panic – only the forms are due by May 1st – you still have until June 11th to complete that prize winning entry.
6. Volunteers to help set up on Friday, June 11th and volunteers to help tear down on Sunday evening, June 13th.
7. Everyone to say a little prayer for the success of our show!!!

The Committee Chairs will meet briefly after the close of the April Guild meeting. Please bring a brief report on your area of responsibility and a list of those that you've recruited to help you.

We are so pleased with the enthusiasm and cooperation of all our guild members – we know that this can be the best show yet!!!!

2010 Quilt Show Committee Chairs.
Debbie Lane and Sharon Angle



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 12th 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 May 15th at our regular meeting. Thank you kindly for your support.

2010 Quilt Show Program Chair.

Dianne Reasons



Demonstrators Needed

Please be thinking about what skill or technique you would like to demonstrate during our 2010 show. A sign-up sheet will be passed around during our next meeting so that you can write down the time and skill or technique you would like to share. Thanks so much for your help.

2010 Quilt Show Demonstration Chair.

Vicki Graham



What Is a Boutique? – The dictionary says it's a small retail shop that specializes in gifts!

A feature of SVQG's quilt show has always been the Boutique. A place to sell small items that quilt guild members have made.

After you have completed the quilts you are going to hang in the show... finished up the Round Robin quilt... finished the Fortune Cookie Challenge and some of those projects you did in the Classes, go to your sewing room and make some "Gift" items for sale at the show.

I'm Josephine Millett and this year I am the Boutique Committee chairman. I'll be selling your items for you, (the guild will keep only 15%)...what a deal. The thing that you, the guild member has to do, is bring them to me on Friday, June 11th when we are setting up the show. Please make a list of the items that you bring, and what they are to sell for. I'll take care of all of the rest.

If you have a quilt that you are going to hang in the show, and want to sell it, I'll take care of that for you too. Just decide what price you want. When you turn in your quilt, be sure that it gets a sign placed on it that indicates that it is for sale, and let me know the price you are asking. The potential buyer is to be referred to the Boutique to close the sale. (Once again, the Guild will keep 15%)

I'm looking forward to having loads of unique gift items to sell in the Boutique. Get Busy!

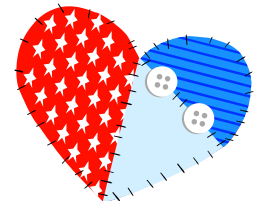
2010 Boutique Committee Chair.

Josephine Millett

Upcoming Quilt Shows

1. Blue Ridge Quilt Festival - JUNE 18-20, 2010 (www.BRQFestival.com)
2. Shishewana Quilt Festival - JUNE 23-26, 2010 (INDIANA) (www.ShipshewanaQuiltFest.com)
3. West Va Quilters, Inc. Quilt Festival - JUNE 24-26, 2010 (www.wvquilters.org)
4. Vermont Quilt Festival - June 25-27, 2010 (www.vqf.org)

Check these out on the internet and Barbara will bring more information to the April meeting.



COMFORT PILLOWS/TOTES

Thank you for the 10 pillow/totes you donated this month. As I said at the meeting, let's "pause" making pillows/totes until after the quilt show. I encourage you to concentrate on completing those projects you're working on for the quilt show and make this quilt show the best ever!

At the guild meeting, Linda Halpin, our guest lecturer and workshop teacher, asked for info. about making the pillow/tote. She said she was impressed with this service project. I gave her

one of our pillows/totes and directions for making them.

Pass the word about the Breast Cancer Symposium being held at Blue Ridge Community College, the Plecker Building, on April 17th from 8am to 5 pm. Hope to see you there.

Sue Jones

Outreach to Sunnyside Residents

Date Thursday, May 20th at 2 p.m. (1 hour program). Anyone who would like to volunteer for this outreach please email Sandie Hammel at sandie419@hotmail.com or call 540-652-6189. There will be an introduction describing our guild, songs from "Impetuous", show and tell, announcement about our "2010 Quilt Show", information about membership, individual design boards and fabric pieces for the residents to have some hands on fun, and refreshments. So far we have 6 lap quilts that will be given to residents at Sunnyside that day. A very good opportunity to give back to the community who gives us the wonderful facility we use for our meetings each month.

Sandie Hammel

DEADLINE FOR MAY NEWSLETTER

April 23, 2010

Vicki Graham
4142 Traveler Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
540-433-9877

E-mail: grahamvl@comcast.net

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following Guild members are having a birthday in April or May:

Barbara Johnson	4/5
Barbara Linzey	4/5
Pamela Nixon	4/5
Thurston Bechtel	4/7
Sally Jones	4/8
Gayle Price	4/8
Deborah Pfeiffer	4/10

John Hammel	4/13
Kerry Vansant	4/25
Margaret LaRosa	4/26
Dorothy Williams	4/26
Connie Taylor	4/29
Barbara Johnson	5/4
Kathi Stein	5/18
Lila Schafer	5/20
Helen Ridder	5/26

To everyone having a birthday in April or May, Happy Birthday! Have a great day!



HOSPITALITY

Thank you to all of our March and August quilters who brought in treats for our refreshment table last month. This month it is April and December 1-15th Birthday's turn to bring in the goodies.

Pauline Messier

"Secret" block for the President - 1930's flowery appliqué quilt

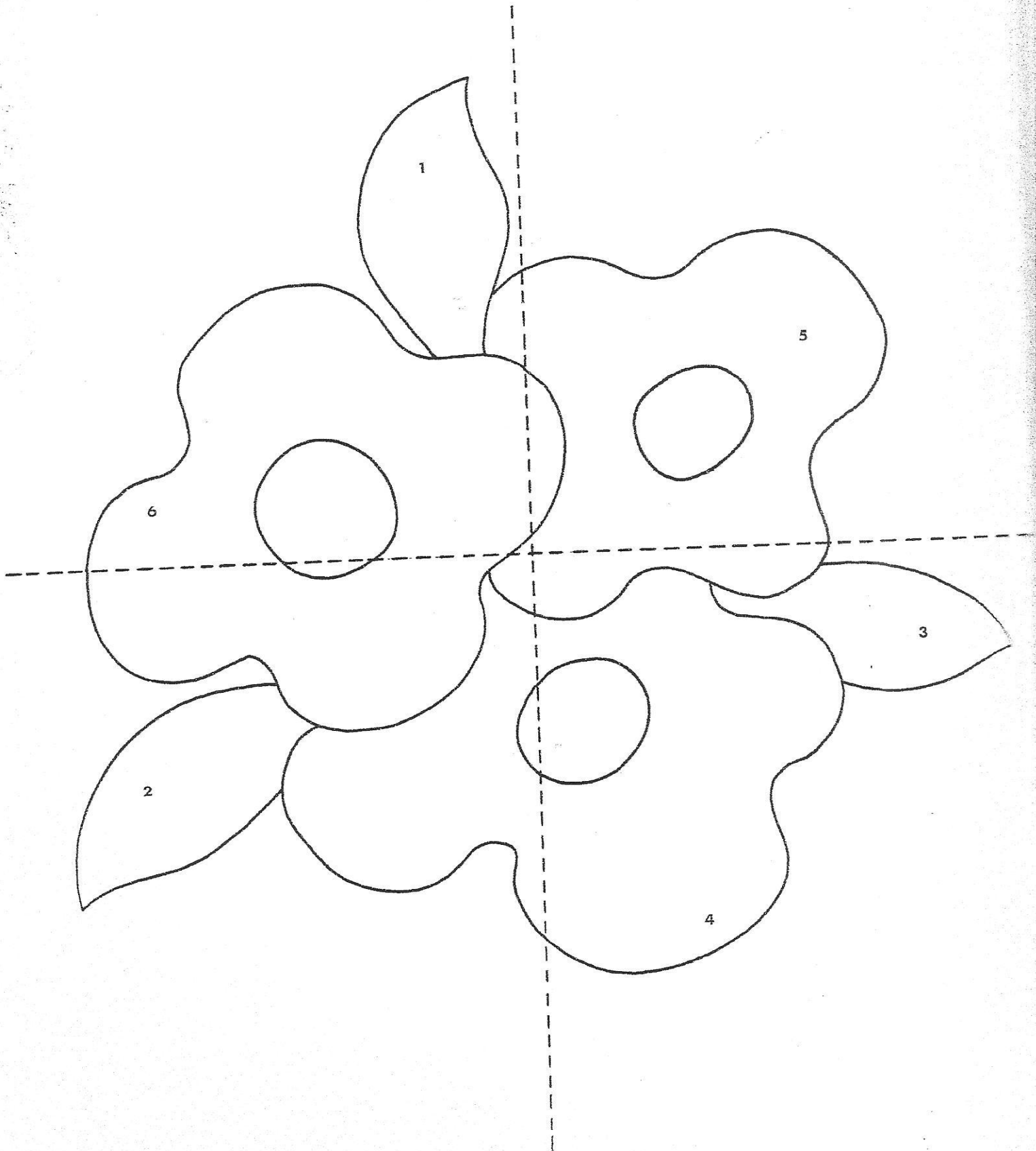
It is time to create our blocks to thank Barbara for her service as Guild President. You have your choice of an Appliqué Block or a nine patch block. Each block is 9 ½" square.

For the nine patch block use 9 different 30's fabrics, cutting 3 ½" squares to make the 9-patch.

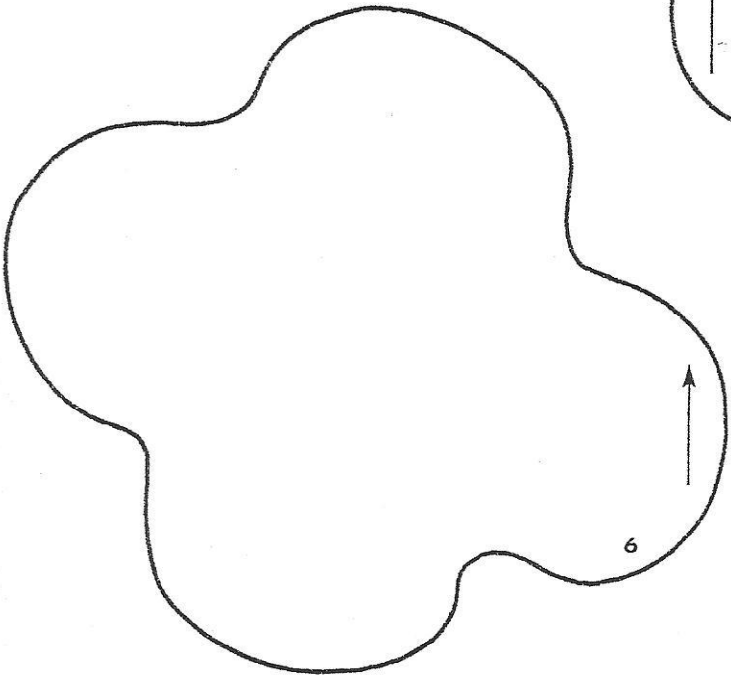
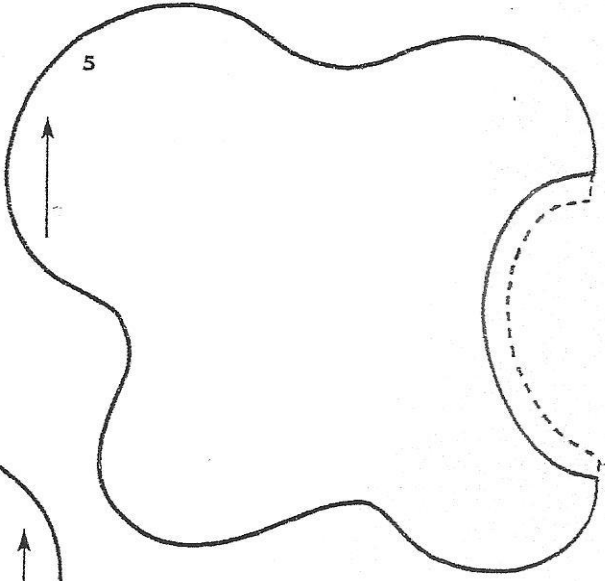
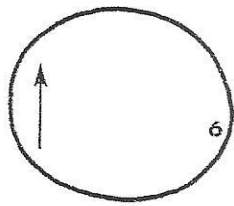
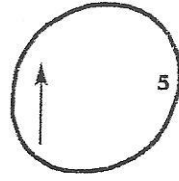
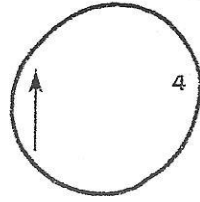
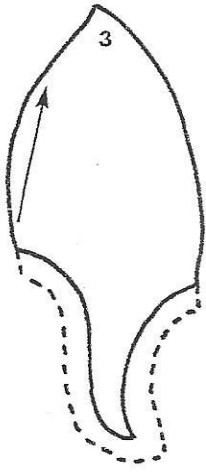
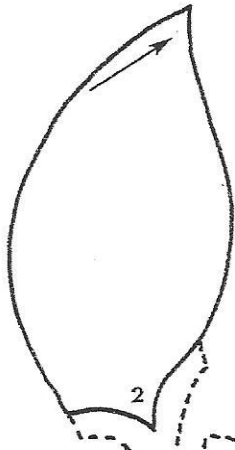
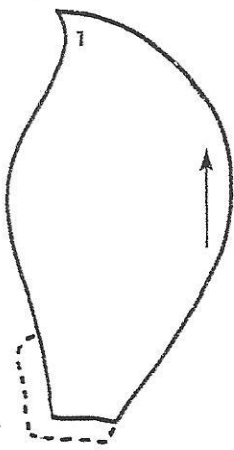
For the appliqué block use 3 different 30's fabrics plus off white for the background fabric and a solid green for the leaves. You start with a 9 ½" square block, and then place your appliqué in the center. The appliqué patterns and placement sheet are at the end of the newsletter.

When you have completed your block, please return it to Pam Nixon. Thank you for your help. I will need all blocks by July's meeting.

Pam Nixon



Appliqué
Quilt pieces



Mock Mola Applique

Description: You will work on a small project using two layers of fabric plus batting and backing. You will design your own pieces with Cathy's help. Pieces should be finished by the end of class.

Who: Cathy Miller, the Singing Quilter

When: Saturday, April 17, 2010. 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Where: Sunnyside Retirement Community, Sunnyside Room

Supply list: Sewing machine with walking foot and free motion foot

1 fat quarter of the following:

Plain black

Bright batik or hand-dye, good contrast to the black

Low loft batting, black if you have it

Backing fabric

Black thread

Safety pins (about 30)

White marking pencil

Compass (optional)

Small sharp scissors

Seam ripper

Pen/pencil and paper for sketching your design

As usual we will have a potluck lunch between the meeting and the workshop.

Questions? Mary Carlton 540-459-7094 qltnfsh@shentel.net

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ e-mail: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ \$20 member _____ \$25 non-member

Make check payable to SVQG and mail to Mary Carlton, 1598 Stagecoach Rd.,
Woodstock VA 22664. Registration deadline is **April 3, 2010**

Only a paid registration reserves your place in the workshop. Paid workshops are transferable to another Guild member, but not refundable unless the class is cancelled, nor can the money be applied to a future workshop.

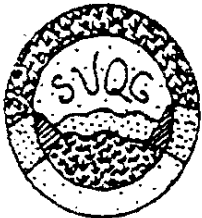
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To join the Shenandoah Valley Quilters' Guild, send \$20 Annual Dues to: Membership Chairman SVQG, PO Box 913, Harrisonburg VA 22803. The Guild year runs 4/1-3/31. Newsletter mailed - \$7.50/yr.

PLACE OF MEETING--THE SUNNYSIDE ROOM, THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED) Time: 9:30 am

SUNNYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA
 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 is available on the street and in lots but **DO NOT PARK IN THE NUMBERED SPACES**. These numbered spaces are for residents. Please observe the 15-mph speed limit while on the grounds of Sunnyside.



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