

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD
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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Three cheers for Gyleen Fitzgerald!!! A wonderful program that kept us laughing and learning. Her class that followed eased us into the art of star tessellation quilting and when the pieces of the puzzle fit together – amazing. Come to the March Guild meeting. During Show and Tell you will see what happens when you don't follow the cutting instructions (new quilter misread, but neat results) and see how it looks when done right. Everyone will want to make this quick, neat looking small quilt. Lots of fun! Keep up with Gyleen at colourfulstitches.com to see her latest and greatest.

March will be full of fun, learning, celebration and inspiration as we concentrate on National Quilters Day, March 18th and SVQG Guild meeting March 19th. I for one am looking forward to learning how to domestic machine quilt from Barbara Cline.

What about all of those empty spools we have been turning in to Carolyn and Fran? It is all about the mystery of numbers and who the lucky one will be to win the very creative “spool block wall hanging” that Fran revealed at our February meeting.

A thank you goes out to Barbara Paulson and Kathy Christy to start our new monthly boutique. It would be nice to have all three tables full each month. The 10% of sales fee goes towards our Ways and Means each month to support the guild. If you have a hobby or craft that you would like to display and sell

which is quilt, fabric or sewing related, please contact Kathy and put your name on the list.

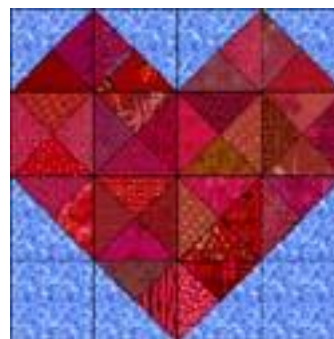
The Robin's have been landing in the yard all day, with every curious cat in the neighborhood doing a walk through. Rain has started to fall, the daffodils and crocus are beginning to emerge and my thoughts of spring are getting stronger. O gee, I might need some new fabric!! All those bright and warm colors I have been working with may need a new supply of pastel and flowers to increase my stash. See you in March!

Your President,
Sandie Hammel

Could spring be ever near?

Daffodils popping through ground

No more falling snow!



PROGRAMS

Gyleen Fitzgerald left us with lots of ideas for saving old quilt blocks with a contemporary touch. She also challenged us with her gorgeous Pineapple quilt, sporting many bright

colors. There is some interest in starting a “Pineapple Club” so if you are interested just let us know. A fabric exchange would work as we gather colors and fabrics for this sparkling quilt.

Two events are scheduled for March. On Friday, March 18th we will celebrate National Quilting Day with an agenda full of activities to celebrate quilting and quilters. We are meeting in the Arey Assembly Hall at the Bridgewater Community Center, 10:00 AM - 3:15 PM, and you will be entertained with quilt-related fun and educational activities. The large collection of empty spools will be there and prizes will be awarded to the persons with the nearest guesses to the actual count. Boxed lunches from McAllister’s Deli will be provided so you need to send in your registration (in this newsletter) to let us know your choice of sandwich. Cost is \$10 with registration and be sure to bring 3 fat quarters for a new game.

Our regular general meeting is Saturday, March 19th at Sunnyside. After the business meeting and show and tell, Ann McBroom, Director of *A Small Hand*, an outreach project in Edinburg will be the speaker. The program mission is to provide formula, food, diapers, clothing and baby essentials to young infants to 36 months of age in times of need. Our Guild Service project will provide kids quilts to this worthy local program. The afternoon workshop, Domestic Sewing Machine Quilting, will be taught by Barbara Cline. Barbara will teach basic machine quilting as well as provide design help for a finished quilt top and the class size will be small enough to allow individual instruction and assistance. The registration form and supply list are in this newsletter.

The April programs will be planned and implemented by Molly Toth, Education Committee chairman. More information is available in the Education section of this newsletter.

Fran Miller



SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD MEETING Minutes February 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Sandie Hammel. Visitors included Debi Harding, President of the Virginia Consortium of Quilters (VCQ), and Jane Crockett’s granddaughter, Avery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Beverly London will step into the job of Program Coordinator #2.
- The Mid-Atlantic Quilt Show will be in Hampton on February 24-27.
- There was an article on the Virginia Quilt Museum in the Harrisonburg newspaper that included a biography on Josephine Millet.
- On February 27th Neva Hart will present a free lecture on “Wars and Pieces” at the Heritage Museum in Dayton, Virginia.
- The Eager BEEvers visited “Small Hands,” in Edinburg. This will be one of our charities for the new year. The director will be attending next month’s meeting.
- We will have up to three vendor tables at each meeting. An application form is available to fill out for all members; rules include that selling be limited to breaks and no longer than 30 minutes after the meeting or 12:30 p.m., whichever is later.

Show and tell followed.

SERVICE: Sue Jones reported that pillows and totes now total 368.

HISTORIAN: Roberta Patterson offered to train any member interested in taking over the historian's job in posting pictures for the web page.

HOSPITALITY: Pauline Messier thanked everyone who brought refreshments for the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: There are currently 47 renewed members for next year and one new member, Karen Jones.

SERVICE PROJECT: There will be a work day at the May meeting. They have kits available to make children's quilts to be finished and returned by the May meeting. Minimum size will be 40" x 48" and maximum will be 48" x 60".

PROGRAM: Fran Miller, Program Coordinator #1, expressed delight in having Gyleen Fitzgerald from Maryland as our speaker today. Gyleen has written a book about finding old quilt tops and completing them. On March 18th (Friday) we will meet at 10:00 a.m. in Bridgewater and celebrate National Quilters' Day. Each member should bring three fat quarters. Registration will be \$10.00 and must be made ahead of time in order to specify what you want for your lunch. At the Saturday meeting Ann McBroom will speak about the "Small Hands" project to meet the needs of children in the Valley. The final drawing for guessing the spools will be held. In the afternoon, Barbara Cline will be teaching a class on machine quilting limited to 10-12 members.

Mary Carlton reminded all participants to pick up their round robins.

Denise Rudolph gave out door prizes to lucky members. Raffle tickets will be sold at break time for a special prize.

There was a discussion on possible charities to participate in the next raffle quilt. A vote will be taken at the March meeting.

NEWSLETTER: Vicki Graham announced that the deadline for the March Newsletter will

be Friday, February 25th. She would appreciate having materials early as she will be attending Mid-Atlantic this weekend.

A marvelous program was presented by Gyleen Fitzgerald on her experiences in finishing old quilt tops into new quilts.

Norma Harris,
Secretary

MEMBERSHIP

2011-2012 Membership Renewals

The current membership year is drawing to a close. It ends March 31, 2011. You want to renew as soon as possible so you don't miss out on the many fun and exciting events coming up in the next membership year.

Fifty-five of you have renewed already and are ready to go. Now we need the rest of you to step up and join the group. Use the application in the back of the newsletter, or get one from the SVQG website (svqg.org), fill it out and bring or mail it to SVQG with your \$20 (\$27.50 if you want the newsletter mailed to you). We'll be looking for you. Happy Quilting!

John Hammel



SUNSHINE

Please let me know of any guild member who could use our get well wishes, sympathy thoughts, etc. Call me at 540-867-9486 or email me at ceshank@gmail.com.

Carolyn Shank



WAYS & MEANS

Thanks to everyone who supported the February raffle of Japanese fabric. We raised \$106!!!

Denise Rudolph

PILLOWS & TOTES

You donated 24 pillows/totes this month, bringing the total to 410. Surpassing our goal of 350 for the year. Thank you for all your hard work.

We delivered 20 pillows & totes to the Cancer Center at Augusta Health, this week. In her e-mail to me, Meg Shrader wrote, "I can't tell you how many wonderful patient comments we get about the pillows."

Please finish up the kits you are working on now, then join me and the rest of the service committee in sewing/quilting for Wrap a Smile and the baby quilts. Thanks you,

Sue Jones



EDUCATION

Morning Program for April Mtg.

It's that time of year again when the educational program rolls around and this year's subject will be HOW TO CHEAT AND GET AWAY WITH IT! I only mean to apply this to quilts, so don't try this with husbands or income taxes.

As you know from past education programs, there are quilters among us who are very talented and very professional in their work - too bad you are not getting one of them this year! I am working on the premise that "you never go back and re-work anything and no one will notice the mistakes from the back of a galloping horse!"

'So with those goals in mind, we will meander down the drunkard's path to the quilting scrap heap and back again. (Don't say you weren't warned). See you in April!

P.S. The management has stated that no rotten fruit or vegetables are allowed on the premises for the specific objective of throwing them at the sleazy lecturer - only fresh fruit is acceptable and the speaker is partial to peaches and bananas.

Afternoon Program for April Mtg.



THE QUILT MARKET AND PARKING LOT

Join us for a bag lunch and then a stroll around our quilting lot of new 2011 models featuring pencil appliqué, lots of new features of quilt binding, enriched fabrics, new threads and lots more! Our Customer Service Department will also be open for the afternoon to help with new ideas for any old clunkers and quilt wrecks you have - that goes for UFO's too! So, spruce up your quilt lot with new sewing tricks and plans to repair your old works with new models. And now for the best part - all this at zero cost to you! So come into our showroom, sit down and sew a spell at our quilt lot - the best quilts in town!

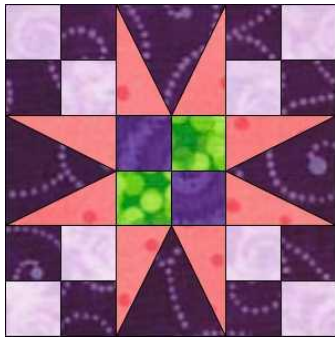
Don't forget your lunch!

Molly Toth

DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER

March 25, 2011

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 March and April:

Deborah Watts	3/5
Ann Vannoy	3/11
Carol Cunius	3/13
Connie Broy	3/24



Evah Roller	3/26
Gaytha Lindensmith	3/27
Darlene Fiske	3/28
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
Lois Snavelly	4/23
Kerry Vasant	4/25
Dorothy Williams	4/26

Happy Birthday! May your wishes come true!



HOSPITALITY

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

Pauline Messier



Registration for March 18th Quilters Celebration at Bridgewater

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ \$10 member or guest. **Be sure to bring 3 fat quarters.**
Make check payable to SVQG. Registration deadline is March 12th.

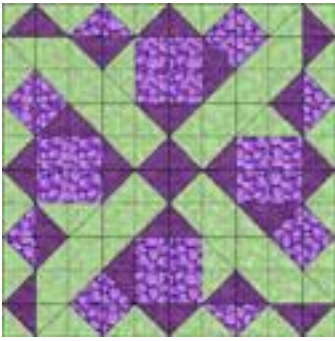
Mark your choice of one sandwich for your boxed lunch from McAllister's Deli.

Turkey on Croissant _____

Roast Beef on Wheat Hoagie _____

Veggie Pita _____

Complete and mail to: Fran Miller, PO Box 15, Pleasant Valley, VA 22848



SVQG

SVQG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

April 1, 2011—March 31, 2012

Renewal Membership New Membership

Date of Application: _____ Check Number: _____

This form should be completed in its entirety and returned with your check for \$20.00 (which includes your newsletter by e-mail) or \$27.50 (which includes your newsletter delivered by the US Mail) payable to:

The Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild
c/o Membership Chair
P. O. Box 913
Harrisonburg, VA 22803

NAME _____ BIRTHDAY: ____/____
Please Print *Month Day*

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: ____ - ____ - ____
(Area Code)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Note: If you wish to have your membership card mailed, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your application and check.

For Immediate Release
January 27, 2011



Sundance
by Jinny Beyer

The Magic of Mirrors: The Beauty of Kaleidoscope Quilts

The Virginia Quilt Museum's new exhibit does not have your Grandmother's quilt from scraps, although the Museum has lots of historic quilts like she made. The quilt exhibit, Magic of Mirrors, is a celebration of color and art in fabric. You remember the kaleidoscopes that turned to create a circle of riotous color when you looked through it toward the light. You would feel the tiny pieces of glass inside the tube shift and be thrilled at what you saw. The quilt artists in this exhibit have translated those patterns to small pieces of fabric and sewn them together again as color saturated contemporary wall hangings.

The quilt artists who created these hangings are internationally known for their teaching, books, pattern and fabric designs and expertise in quilting. They are Jinny Beyer, Paula Nadelstern, Ricky Tims, Jane Sassaman, Marti Michell and other artists. To see these quilts in the Valley is an extraordinary treat. The show is curated by Paula Golden of Blacksburg, VA and Bunnie Jordan of Vienna, VA.

The Magic of Mirrors: The Beauty of Kaleidoscope Quilts is sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, Vintage Fabric and Quilt Dating Club, Kaleidoscope Collections and Marti Michell.

While you visit the Museum, notice the details of the pre Civil War home it occupies, the Civil War quilts and sewing machine collection. Take the time to spend a day or two in one of the motels or bed and breakfasts nearby. Then you'll have time to visit the many historic sites and battlefields in the area.

Purchase a memento of your visit or a gift at the Virginia Quilt Museum Shop. It features quilt patterns and books, Celtic jewelry, blue and white tea pots, cards, handmade kaleidoscopes and beautiful surprises for your home and life.

The Magic of Mirrors exhibit opens February 1, 2011. The Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10am to 4pm at 301 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA. Admission is \$5 and parking in the municipal lot behind the museum is free. Phone 540-433-3818 for more information and for groups.

Registration for Machine Quilting

DESCRIPTION: Barbara Cline will help us feel comfortable quilting on our home sewing machines. You can bring a quilt top for design help or start out from scratch as a new machine quilter. Note the difference in the supply list.

WHO: Barbara Cline, Bridgewater, VA

WHEN: March 19, 2011

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

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

Supplies:

- A sewing machine with darning foot or quilting foot and extension cord
- Thread that matches or contrasts with your piece
- Quilting gloves (optional)
- Basic sewing kit—including a seam ripper!!
- Paper and pencil for drawing
- Marking pencil/chalk roller
- Safety pins for making the “sandwich”
- A packed lunch and drink

Projects:

- For practice: ½ yard of solid fabric and 18” x 22” batting
(Barbara likes 100% cotton or 80/20 blend since it is not as bulky as polyester)
- For designing on your own quilt top: Bring a quilt top, can be wall, throw, or full size.
- Bring batting and the backing so you can start machine quilting.

DEADLINE: March 12th or until Workshop is full

QUESTIONS: Call Fran Miller, 540-421-0186 or franmill@aol.com

Machine Quilting Workshop

Complete and mail this portion to: Fran Miller, PO Box 15, Pleasant Valley, VA 22848

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ \$15 member _____ \$25 non-member/late registration

Make check payable to SVQG. **Registration deadline is March 12th or until the workshop is full.** Only a paid registration reserves your place in the workshop. Paid workshops are transferable to another member but not refundable unless the class is canceled, nor can the money be applied to a future workshop.

SVQG BOARD MEMBERS

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Nominating	Sally Jones
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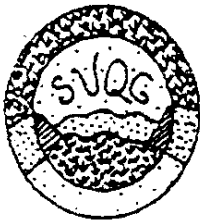
SPECIAL DUTIES:

NQA Liaison	Sally Jones
VCQ	Norma Harris
Web Master	Roberta Patterson

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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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