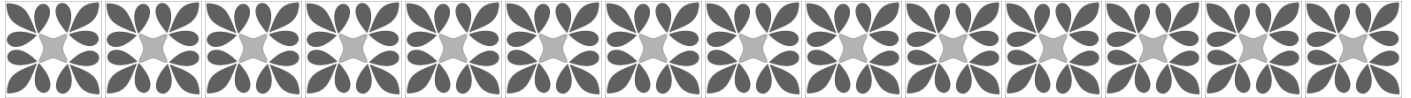


# Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD  
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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Red, White and Blue July spells family picnics, vacations, flag waving parades and a reflection on the beginnings of this great country.

Remember the hopes and dreams that our founding fathers had for our freedom. That freedom is something that many who live here take for granted. Being a military wife for 20 years, I have great emotional attachment when I see the young men and women leave our shores to protect that freedom. The freedom that we hold so dear could not be without the sacrifices of our military and the families that stand behind them. Only 1% protects the 99% who enjoy these freedoms. Please do an act of kindness for an active military family over the month of July, it will be greatly appreciated. God Bless America!!

At our June meeting, we were beguiled by the talented Sara Ann Smith as she shared with us her process and inspiration for creating her beautiful art quilts. Her thread work was amazing. Many of our members had the opportunity to take the two classes offered to set us on the path of learning some of the processes and tricks of art quilting.

Not only did we have a wonderful "Show and Tell" June was the month to reveal our Round Robins. Mary Carlton did a great job of keeping everyone straight and the results were great. Thank you to all who participated in this year's round robin. Now it is time to finish these so we can see them in the 2012 quilt show.

August picnic is coming up and we have been challenged to a hat contest. So get out that old

straw hat and the glue gun and have fun creating a hat to remember.

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July, may our flag always wave!



Your President,  
Sandie Hammel

## PROGRAMS

Our program for the July general meeting will be provided by Catherine Etter from the Richmond area. She will share some of her work made from her many faceted skills of quilting, beading, embellishing, and painting to produce beautiful artistic quilts and clothing, jewelry, and various art pieces. Her work has been displayed in many museums and art galleries and purchased for private art collections. She will do a trunk show and answer questions. I've invited her to have some of her work for sale after the program.

Mary Carlton will "puzzle" us with another mystery quilt pattern for the afternoon workshop. She handed out the cutting instructions and the first two clues at the June meeting but they are also included in this newsletter on the registration form. I've studied the clues and my guess is that we will have flying geese and four patches!! What is your

guess? Mary always gives us very workable and attractive designs so come and join the fun.

Our August picnic will be at Oakdale Park, Mt Crawford Ave., Bridgewater, VA, Shelter #2. I don't have a street number for your GPS but the park is next to the North River Library at 118 Mt Crawford Ave. Our backup plan in case of rain will be the usual Bridgewater meeting place which is close. We will have a pot luck brunch, hat contest, a short program, and the installation of 2011-2012 officers and committee chairs. By August we will be ready for some picnic fun and food!!

Fran Miller

### **PRESIDENT'S BLOCK**

Please mail them (12" finished, red and white - not cream, Ohio Star blocks) to me at 208 Mayfield Lane, Waynesboro, VA 22980. I won't be at the July meeting because I'll be on vacation and I need them before the August Picnic so that I can get them together to give to Sandi. Thanks, everyone.

Barbara Linzey



### **SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD MEETING - Minutes June 18, 2011**

The June Meeting was called to order by President Sandie Hammel.

It was moved by Leslie Bulken and seconded by Joan Leffel that the May guild minutes be approved as printed in the June Newsletter. The motion was carried.

Cerise Haas, Treasurer; gave her report.

Program Coordinator # 1: Fran Miller announced that members of the EagerBEEvers had packed and shipped 70 quilts to send to "Wrap a Smile" in Maine, the cost of shipping for this was \$90.00. She also said that there

were 11 quilts ready to go to "A Small Hand" in Edinburg along with bags and bags of donated baby clothes. With verification from Carolyn Shank, Fran reported that there are still 15 service quilts outstanding that are due to be completed and turned in by our August Picnic.

July will be a Mystery led by Mary Carlton, we were directed to pick up a sheet with cutting directions from Mary if you want to participate in the Mystery.

Our August Picnic in the Park will be held at Oakdale Park in Bridgewater and in case of inclement weather our backup plan will be the Bridgewater Community Center where we have held our picnics in the past.

Guild Librarian, Kathy Christy announced that since she was moving she did not bring library books for today. She invited members to check out any books she had on the back table that had been returned. All outstanding books will not be due back until the August Picnic. Kathy will be out of the area next month, but will bring Library Books to the August Picnic.

Membership Chairman, John Hammel, reported that we had two more members join this past month. He also made a pitch for the Free Spirits Art Bee for members who were interested. He asked that interested members contact him or Kathy Christy if they are interested. The Free Spirits Art Bee meets the second Tuesday of the month, 10:00 to 12:00 at Bridgewater in the North River Library meeting room.

Newsletter Chairman, Vicki Graham, said that the deadline to have input for the July Newsletter will be Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Sunshine Chairman, Carolyn Shank, reported on a sad note that Barbara Cline's father had passed away the week before our guild meeting and asked members to send Barbara a Thinking of You block. On a happier note, Carolyn pointed out our birthday girl, Dorice Graham, was 80 years young on June 18<sup>th</sup>. After members sang "Happy Birthday", Dorice said, "I don't feel any different than when I was 79".

Ways and Means chairman, Denise Rudolph, gave 3 wonderful door prizes and our raffle gift for the month.

New business: There will be a joint business meeting in July with all Board members and Committee chairs for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. This is the meeting where we will be turning over our notebooks and supplies to those members who will be taking over new offices and chairmanships.

President Elect, Sally Jones, read her list of Board members and asked each to briefly stand and be recognized. This list was President Elect (vacant), Program #1: Bev London, Program #2: Connie Broy, Secretary: Norma Harris, Treasurer: Cerise Haas. Sally next read the following list of Committee Chairs for 2011-2012. Comfort Pillows & Totes: (vacant), Education: Joan Leffel & Molly Toth, Historian: Mary Carlton, Hospitality: (vacant), Library: Kathy Christy, Membership: John Hammel, Newsletter: Sandie Hammel, Publicity: Lou Emswiler, Service: Lori Abbott-Herrick, Sunshine: Lenore Mitchell, Ways & Means: Denise Rudolph, Web Mistress: Roberta Patterson. Elections were held with no further nominations from the floor, all Board Members listed above were voted in for guild year 2011-2012.

Mary Carlton handed out the Round Robin bags to reveal the final quilt tops, with each participating member displaying their quilt top.

After our break Sara Ann Smith was introduced by Fran Miller. Sarah presented a program showing us slides of her award winning quilts and the techniques used to create each.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandie Hammel

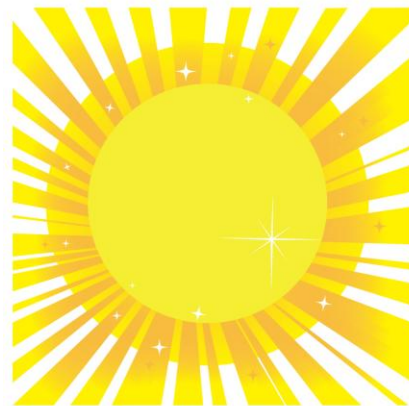


## **BOARD MEMBERS AND COMM. CHAIRS FOR 2010-11 AND 2011-12**

Attention all board members and committee chairs, please plan to attend the 8:30 business meeting July 16<sup>th</sup>. For all of those who will be leaving their posts, please bring your notebook and supplies to pass on to the incoming board member or committee chair who will be replacing you. Please take time this month to call the person who will be replacing you to make sure that they will be attending the meeting (vacations at this time of the year sometimes get in the way). It is your responsibility to pass on the information needed to the next person to keep our guild running smoothly. No other person will be responsible for your exchange of information.

Thank you for a smooth transition.

President,  
Sandie 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](mailto:ceshank@gmail.com).

Carolyn Shank

## UPCOMING SHOWS

Peaks & Pieces Annual Quilt Show  
July 13-26, 2011  
Bedford, VA  
Bedford Central Library during library hours  
Pam Nixon

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Michelle Perkins whose quilt made the sacred threads exhibit! Use the link below to find out more information about the show. To see Michelle's listing click on the call for entries at the top of the page. Next click on the list of artists who made the show and you will see her name (Michelle L. Perkins).  
<http://www.sacredthreadsquilts.com/>



## QUILT RESEARCH

Hello, my name is Tami Oxenrider and I would like to ask your guild for help with a research paper. I am writing a paper on quilting in America for college. The title is "Quilting: is there a comeback". I would appreciate it if you could put these questions in your newsletter.

1. Over the past five (5) years would you say that the interest in quilting has decreased, increased or remained the same?
2. How many years have you been quilting?
3. What type of quilts do you like to make – Art quilts or traditional?
4. What size do you regularly make – wall, baby, bed size, table runner or other?
5. About how many quilts do you make per year?
6. Do you quilt your own or take it to a long arm quilter?
7. Do you hand sew/quilt any of your quilts?
8. What would you say the age range of you guild is?

9. What state do you live in?
10. Do you do any quilts for charities?

For the Long arm quilters:

1. Do you quilt for others?
2. Do you have a store front or do you quilt in your home?
3. About how many quilts do you quilt in a month?
4. When would you say the busiest time for quilting is and do you have a cutoff date for Christmas quilts?

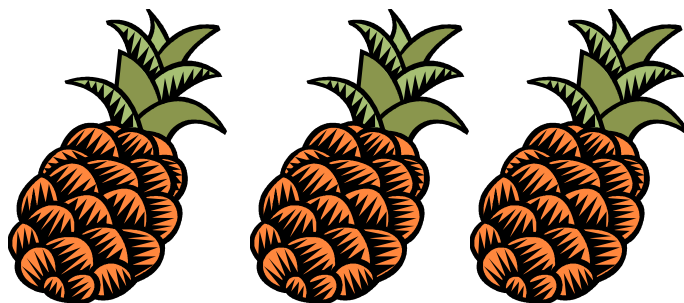
You can either mail the answers to:

Tami Oxenrider  
502 Providence Drive  
Bryant, AR 72022

Or E-mail [decox@yahoo.com](mailto:decox@yahoo.com). Please place "Quilt Research" in the subject line.

Thank you for all your help.

Tami Oxenrider



## Pineapples, Pineapples

A small group will start making pineapple squares using Gyleen Fitzgerald's pattern and challenge. There are no group rules or deadlines and most of the work can be done on your own. We will meet to get started with the block instructions and plan at that time how we will proceed. If you are interested in joining this group or want more info, email Fran at [franmill@aol.com](mailto:franmill@aol.com) or call 540-421-0186.



**DEADLINE FOR AUG. NEWSLETTER**

July 22, 2011

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

E-mail: [grahamvl@comcast.net](mailto:grahamvl@comcast.net)

**COMFORT PILLOWS/TOTES**

In 2005 when Ginny Biggs asked me to become chairman of this service project, I had no close friends or family in need of these p/t but, there was an overwhelming feeling this was something I needed to do.

Early on I became aware of guild members, family and friends who had or were going through this breast cancer journey. It became clear on this committee, the value of this service, the donations of fabric and sewn pillows/totes and the comfort they provided to post surgical patients. We have received some "thank you" cards and many verbal thank you's from our 3 regions.

My sister used these pillows/totes, as well as drainage pouches and proclaimed their value. She introduced them to her surgeon, oncologist, and survivor sisters. It seems that this was something new for her small area in California.

This service project has kept me working toward doing "something" for the comfort of many breast cancer patients in our area.

I am saying goodbye as chairman but will continue sewing pillows/totes until there is a cure for breast cancer.

We have a good supply of p/t right now, but when our regions are ready to replenish their supplies, they can go fast. There will be kits at the July meeting, so you can begin your Fall sewing.

Thank you for your support these past years. Your commitment has made this service project possible.

Sue Jones



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

The following Guild members are having a birthday in July or August:

Margie Hockman	7/2
Mary Gregory	7/2
Cerise Haas	7/4
Dorothy Peterson	7/5
Kathy Christy	7/12
Martha Tobias	7/14
Carol Rogers	7/15
Joyce Aigner	7/20
Sandie Hammel	7/21
Katherine Phillips	7/28
Carolyn Shank	7/28
Crystal Gooden	8/1
Pauline Messier	8/1
Ginny Biggs	8/2
Marianne Simmons	8/2
Ruth Glick	8/3
Patricia Albaugh	8/7
Betty Durrett	8/15
Anna Newman	8/21
Lenore Mitchell	8/25
Mary Daigle	8/28
Mary Carlton	8/29
Charlotte Bogue	8/30
Diana Norman	8/30

To everyone having a birthday in July or August, Happy Birthday! Have a wonderful day!

## HOSPITALITY

Thank you to everyone who participated in providing the food for the June meeting.

This is a reminder to members with July birthdays that it's their turn to bring goodies for the July meeting. If they can't make the meeting, please ask a quilter friend to change months with them so we can have a good assortment.

Pauline Messier



## MEMBERSHIP

Now that everyone is a full-fledged member, let's think about expanding your horizons. Think about joining a bee.

The Free Spirits art bee meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Bridgewater Library at 10:00am. We teach each other about new techniques, learn how to better do existing techniques, issue challenges to each other and have a show-& -tell. In other words, we just have fun. You are invited to come and join us. If you aren't sure if you want to join, come check us out and see what it's all about.

If an art bee is not your thing, think about getting several of your friends together and starting a bee of your own. It's a great way to have fellowship.

Have a great day and happy quilting.

John Hammel  
Membership

Registration for a Mystery Workshop with Mary

**DESCRIPTION:** By the sea, By the sea, By the Beautiful Sea Summer Mystery. The quilt is 56" square before borders. It would be lovely in batiks but not as lovely using scraps unless the scraps would be kept in the same color family, such as all dark purple scraps for your dark, etc. You will need three fabrics – a neutral background, a medium, and a dark. Think beach!!

**WHO:** Mary Carlton, Woodstock, VA

**WHEN:** July 16, 2011 -----1:00PM-4:00PM

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

**COST:** \$10.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members

**Supplies:**

**Fabric Requirements:** Light – 2 ½ yards, Medium – 1 ¾ yards, Dark – 1 ¼ yards. (This does not include fabric for borders and binding)

**Cutting directions:**

From the light fabric cut:

- ❖ 24 – 5 inch squares
- ❖ 25 – 4 ½ inch squares
- ❖ 200 – 2 ½ inch squares
- ❖ 6 – 2 ½ by 42 inch strips

From the medium fabric cut:

- ❖ 100 – 2 ½ inch squares
- ❖ 100 – 2 ½ inch by 4 ½ inch pieces

From the dark fabric cut:

- ❖ 24 – 5 inch squares
- ❖ 6 – 2 ½ inch by 42 inch strips

**Step 1**

- Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of 200 – 2 ½ inch light squares.
- Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of 24 – 5 inch light squares.

**Step 2**

- Sew the 2 ½ inch by 42 inch light strips to the dark strips, then cross cut these strips into 2 ½ inch segments. You will have 96 pieces.

Bring your sewing machine, cords, pressing equipment, and usual sewing supplies. Don't forget a lunch and drink.

**DEADLINE:** June 13<sup>th</sup> or until Workshop is full

**QUESTIONS:** Call Fran Miller, 540-421-0186 or [franmill@aol.com](mailto:franmill@aol.com)

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**By the Sea Mystery Workshop**

(If easier for you, just email or call Fran to save your place and pay at the workshop.)

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 member \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 non-member

**Make check payable to SVQG.**

**SVQG BOARD MEMBERS**

President	Sandie Hammel	Ways & Means	Denise Rudolph
President-Elect	Sally Jones	Education	Molly Toth
Secretary	Norma Harris	Library	Kathy Christy
Treasurer	Cerise Haas	Service	The Eager BEEvers
Program Coor. #1	Fran Miller	Comfort Pillows	Sue Jones
Program Coor. #2	VACANT	Quilt Show	Connie Broy and Sally Jones
Immed. Past President	Barbara Linzey	Sunshine	Carolyn Shank

**SVQG STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Nominating	Sally Jones
Newsletter	Vicki Graham
Membership	John Hammel
Publicity	Lou Emswiler
Historian	Roberta Patterson
Hospitality	Pauline Messier

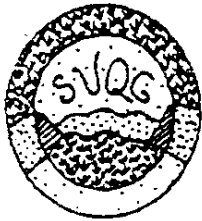
**SPECIAL DUTIES:**

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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