

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SEWING CORNER—

We absolutely could not have asked for a better day than last Saturday for our annual picnic. After all the rain that fell in Bridgewater last Friday morning, I was all set to wear my hip waders. But Fran had the weather Gods on her side and we had wonderful sunshine and a calm breeze. Many thanks to ALL who helped give us this wonderful fellowship.

You, the membership, have placed your trust in me to guide our guild this year, and I plan to do my best to live up to your hopes and expectations. There are times when wearing the hat of President and Quilt Show Co-Chair will prove to be a bit heavy and I will have to rely on you for help. The word NO is not one that I hear willingly, whereas YES puts a smile on my face.

We have an exciting Program Chair #1 in Bev London and hope that you will take advantage of each month's program. It takes much thinking and planning to come up with subjects that will be of interest to the guild. Her programs for the next few months are outlined elsewhere in this newsletter.

Each month I hope to be able to give you a quilting idea. This month's hint is: when putting your label on the back side of your quilt, it can go anywhere. If you have a mistake than needs to be hidden, sew your label over it, No one will be the wiser.

Also, each month will have specials days; such as September 7th is *Salami Day* and September 19th is *Talk Like a Pirate Day; September is also *Happy Cat Month*. Enjoy and celebrate that you are a member of the best quilt guild in Virginia!

Tangled in loose threads til next month,

Sally

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD MEETING

Minutes - August 19, 2011

Members of the SVQG gathered at Oakdale Park in Bridgewater in absolutely perfect weather for the August meeting and picnic. President Sandie Hammel welcomed everyone. The minutes of the July meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

The Guild has purchased a printer to economize on the cost of printing the Newsletter for those members who still wish to receive their copy by USPS. This should be less than paying for having copies made commercially.

The Virginia Quilt Museum is having a reception on September 24th and would like Guild members to bring refreshments and also to work in the kitchen. The reception is at 4:00 p.m., but the volunteers would need to be there between 10:00 and 11:00 to get the food ready. Josephine Millet suggested that SVQG members make ornaments for the museum to sell. Sally Jones made a motion that the Guild donate \$500.00 to the museum. The motion was seconded by Bev London and was carried.

Lori Abbott-Herrick reported on the service projects for this year and told the members that there were kits ready to pick up today for the Hospice lap quilts.

Fran Miller gave out the ballots for the Hat Contest; no description by your secretary could do justice to the many, unique, wonderful and humorous entries that members wore. Winners were Phyllis Liskey and Molly Toth.

Officers to serve during the 2011-2012 term were installed by Sandie Hammel:

President:	Sally Jones
President-Elect:	Lori Abbott-Herrick
Program	
Coordinator. #1:	Bev London
Program	
Coordinator #2:	Connie Broy
Secretary:	Norma Harris
Treasurer:	Cerise Haas

SVQG Minutes – August 19, 2011 *(continued)*

Committee Chairs were introduced:

Education: Molly Toth / Joan Leffel
Historian: Mary Carlton
Hospitality: Anna Newman, with Dorice and Vicky Graham
Newsletter: Sandie Hammel
Service: Lori Abbott-Herrick and Cerise Haas
Sunshine: Lenore Mitchell
Library: Kathy Christy
Membership: John Hammel
Publicity: Lou Emswiler
Ways and Means: Denise Rudolph
Web Master: Roberta Patterson

This was followed by Show and Tell.

Following show and tell all members enjoyed partaking in a most sumptuous picnic feast with the best hot dogs (and many, many marvelous toppings thanks to John Hammel) I have seen in many a day.

Submitted by,
Norma Harris, Secretary

2011-2012 PROGRAMS AND CHALLENGE

Hey! (First, let me apologize for addressing you all as “ladies” last month, Thurston, John and Larry, forgive me?)

2011-2012 UFO Challenge: So far we have 19 participants in our UFO Challenge. Those of you that have not already done so, please bring two of your favorite fat quarters for the Kitty.

If you haven't already signed up, there's still time! Find six UFOs, get them listed, bring your 2 fat quarters and join in the fun (okay, maybe a little stress, but we'll all be in it together)! Attached in our newsletter are the rules of the Challenge. Please complete it and return it to me by September's meeting; then sit back. The fun is only beginning! We will pull our first number at the meeting. Oh, the suspense. (I wonder if we'll hear any groaning from the group?)

Programs: September 17th - Our morning program: Kathleen Ann Conery, Costumer from the Forbes Center @ JMU. Kathleen spends her days in a wonderful land of fabrics, trims, dress forms, etc. Your imagination would just run wild if you ever have the opportunity to visit her Costume Shop. What a place! I can't wait to see what she brings to show us.

Programs *(continued)*

After morning meeting we be hitting the road for our own Tour de Guild. See the attached sign-up sheet for more details. It should be a fun day.

October 15th How It's Made - Transprint USA's own Bill Dean will be here to talk to us about how all those lush colors find their way to our fabrics. I've recently been able to tour Transprint for the first Time ever WOW, talk about eye opening. I had no clue that's how it's done!

Mary Carlton will also be introducing us to our next raffle quilt! In other words, she's going to put us to work!

In the afternoon-bring your UFO (remember we'll find out this month which one will be due in November!), sewing machine or hand sewing goodies (don't forget your lunch). If you have a project you need to pin/baste, we'll throw a couple of tables together. I will ask you to sign-up so I have the room set up to accommodate the group. Call me 540-578-3658, drop me an email, snail mail (I love to get mail without window envelopes-162 McKinley Drive, Broadway, VA 22815), whatever works for you.

November 19th - is service month! More details next month!

December 10th - is our Christmas Party. So far, one of our newest members, Amy Meck, has volunteered to help plan, but she is only one person, and since I've only been in the guild two years. . . need I say more? Please help us. (I'm really not that difficult to work with. . .I promise.)

January 21st - will be the Annual SVQG Auction! I'm certain you've come upon a few items while sorting through your UFOs for our challenge perhaps now's the time to part with them (if nothing else you'll be helping the guild raise a little cash, clearing your closets and your conscience in the process).

Bev

SERVICE COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Guild shall be to promote the various aspects of the art of quilting, to educate and develop the skill levels of the members, and to make a contribution to the Community, relative to quilt making. By-Laws of the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild

And that's just what we'll be doing with our two service projects this year!

#1 - Come join us in teaching beginning sewing lessons in anticipation of creating

Our Community Quilt

Where? Our Community Place, 17 East Johnson Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia

When? 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. October 13 & 27, November 10, & December 8

We need at least four volunteers.

Email Lori at laherrick@gmail.com or call (540) 833-5309.

Service *(continued)*

#2 - Most of us are aware of or have been blessed by a hospice program. The Shenandoah Valley Quilters' Guild wants to provide comfort to patients and their families and demonstrate our support for Valley hospice programs by making

Lap Quilts

What? Lap quilts of any design and fabric. Min. size: 36" x 50". Max. size: 50" x 60".

When? Now! There are over 300 patients in hospice-care right now in the Valley.

How? Blue Ridge Hospice, Hospice of the Shenandoah, and Rockingham Memorial Hospice will distribute the quilts to their patients.

Please join us in providing a bit of comfort to those in need.

Service Committee: Lori Abbott-Herrick, Barbara Cline, Cerise Haas, Rachel Herrick, Josephine Millett

WAYS AND MEANS AND 2012 RAFFLE QUILT -

I have tickets and pictures of the 2012 quilt for the raffle. Every member is asked to sell at least two books of tickets. Please pick up your packet at the September meeting. We are splitting the raffle money with Skyline Literacy.

Denise Rudolph

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! -

Volunteers are needed for the Virginia Quilt Museum on September 24th. Still need one more volunteer for help on Saturday September 24th to prepare food and set up. Also need a few more volunteers for food slots. Give me a call or email me if you can help out.

Barbara Cline / tbcline7@gmail.com or / 540-828-6815

SVQG BOUTIQUE

Two tables each month are available to members to sell quilting related items. The only fee is that 10% of your sales go back to the Guild. Just let Kathy Christy know ahead of time to reserve your table. Call me at 540-652-8671 or email me at kckwilter@hotmail.com.

So far In September: Kathy Christy will be selling quality quilt fabric at \$6 a yard.

MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP -

What a great time to be a Member! If you missed the August SVQG picnic, you missed a real treat. Fran did a wonderful job organizing the event and those of us that were there had a great time. Boy, weren't those hot dogs great?

With the swearing-in of the new Board members, we are ready to roll into a new year. From the looks of things, it promises to be a fun filled year.

Make sure you come to the meetings and bring a friend. We are proud of our Guild and enjoy showing off the stuff we do.

Happy Quilting,
John Hammel / Membership Chair

PINEAPPLE CLUB -

The array of pineapple blocks produced by this group is exciting to see. The different colors used and the placements of those colors makes it a surprise each time a block is finished. Ginny Biggs, a member of the Sunnyside Community, has reserved the Sunnyside Room for our next "sew-in" on Tuesday, October 11, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bring your own snack, drink and a sandwich if you wish. Maybe a better idea is to go out for lunch after we finish! We invite everyone to join us and either participate or just see what we are doing. Our goal is to have some pineapple quilts for the quilt show.

Fran Miller

VIRGINIA QUILT MUSEUM –

Please plan to attend the reception on September 24th from 2-4 p.m. at the Virginia Quilt Museum.

SUNSHINE -

Please contact Lenore Mitchell if you hear of any SVQG members who are in need of cheering. Lenore can be reached by email at lenoreclar@aol.com.

2012-2013 / PROGRAM #2 –

Please be thinking about what type of programs you would like, or some teacher you would like to take a workshop from. I will have a survey with me at the September meeting for those at the meeting to fill out.

Connie Broy

RECIPE OF THE MONTH - Holiday Cheese Ball

2 (8oz) packages of cream cheese, softened

1 (8 oz) can crushed pineapple, drained well

1/4 cup chopped green pepper

2 Tbsp. chopped onion

2 tsp. seasoned salt

2 cups chopped pecans (reserve half)

Mix all ingredients together thoroughly except half of the pecans. Shape into 1 large or 2 small balls and roll in reserved pecans to coat. Chill.

I just placed the mixture in a dish and skipped the "messy" part of shaping into a ball. Sprinkle pecans on top.

submitted by

Carolyn Shank

Each month we will be featuring one or two recipes (space permitting). If you have a favorite recipe to share please send via email to - Newsletter Recipe Entries, sandie419@hotmail.com

SAVE THOSE SCRAPS -

The SPCA is in need of pet pillows. How about making a square pillowcase and stuffing with all of those little scraps that normally hit the trash can. When the pillow case is full machine stitch closed and bring to guild and I will deliver to the SPCA or you can take to your local SPCA. Remember cats and dogs of all sizes need your help.

Lori Schrock

Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild:

Your Name: _____

2011-2012 UFO Challenge

Here's the challenge!

Since so many of you have voiced your opinion that you really didn't want to start a new project right now all those UFOs tucked away at home are making you feel very guilty. . .

I'm going to ask that you list SIX UFOs in no particular order.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

To start the challenge, your commitment will be two fat quarters. Bring them to the September meeting. (Bring fat quarters that you LOVE you may end up with ALL of them in the end!)

In September, we're going to draw a number (1-6). The number that's drawn will be the project we'll be challenged to complete by our November meeting. That gives us two months to complete the chosen UFO.

Our October Program will be a "Sew-Sew Program". We'll bring our lunch and SEW!!!! So we should be able to get something accomplished for November's UFO Challenge Show and Tell.

IF, by the end of the two months you do not have your UFO completed, you owe the kitty another beautiful fat quarter (not the end of the world, but you understand we have to have some sort of penalty).

In November, we'll pull another number that UFO will be due in January. In January we'll pull a number for March, March we'll pull a number for May. Due to the Quilt show in June, we might just pull one in May and wrap the challenge up in August @ our picnic.

For each project you complete your name will be entered to win the pot of fat quarters. Knowing some of us, it could be a sizeable pot. :)

Please send me your list via email svqg.programs@yahoo.com,

Snail mail: Bev London 162 McKinley Drive, Broadway, VA 22815 or just bring the list to the meeting NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER, please. I'll make a copy of the list and return it to you—I'll have a copy of your list just in case you lose your copy. :)

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A QUILTER IF

There is more fabric in the house than food.

"Fat Quarters" are not the heaviest part of your body.

Your ironing board is always set up but you never iron clothes.

You think of your job as an interruption of your quilting.

You "pet" fabric.

People are always picking threads off you.

"Featherweight" doesn't mean Boxer.

Your UFO's are not from outer space.

You clean up your sewing room and they think you are leaving.

Rules of Quilting

1. Always buy fabric no matter how much you already have.
2. Sew all day and night, absolutely no cooking allowed.
3. Use a lot of spit for tiny droplets of blood, this always makes the quilt more personal.
4. Start a new quilt before the last one is finished, this requires you to go back to step number one.

SVQG – TOUR DE GUILD - - - -SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

We will be traveling north on I-81, so if there are any of you that would like to leave your car at a point along the way, please let me know. I will do my best to work out the logistics. There is a Park N Ride @ Mauzy and any number of places along I-81 that we can zip off and leave a vehicle, so you needn't worry about driving all the way back to Harrisonburg if you're one of our northern valley guild members.

Itinerary:

Leave Sunnyside (around noon) heading north to Winchester's Olive Garden. We will have had refreshments @ guild, so we should be able to make it to Winchester without anyone passing out. Then, after lunch:

The Scrappy Apple (Winchester) will leave in time to -

Arrive @ WebFabrics approximately 4 PM to give us about an hour to browse the owner, Carly closes the shop @ 5 PM, then she's all ours! Q & A with Carly. Approximately 6 PM we'll start heading back to Harrisonburg, (or points north if you live on the way home) a quick snack on the way home will be entirely up to your fellow travelers.

If you have friends you would like to travel with and want to arrange a carload, please feel free to do so. Just let me know who's coming, so I can give Olive Garden, the Scrappy Apple and Carly a head's up.

The "rider fee" for the "tour" is \$10. Each of the drivers should be paid \$10 by each person they are transporting. Lunch @ Olive Garden will be your expense.

NAME: _____ phone # _____

Email address: _____

____ Yes, I am willing to drive.

____ Yes, I would like to go, but cannot drive. I have arranged to ride with _____.

Those of us without a specific "ride" will be matched up with a willing chauffeur.

If you're driving and have individuals that have asked to ride with you, please supply their names below:

Please send your registration form to Bev London, 162 McKinley Drive, Broadway, VA 22815 no later than September 10th. Your \$10 can be paid directly to your chauffeur.

SVQG BOARD MEMBERS

President	Sally Jones
President-Elect	Lori Abbott-Herrick
Secretary	Norma Harris
Treasurer	Cerise Haas
Program Coor. #1	Bev London
Program Coor. #2	Connie Broy
Immed. Past Pres.	Sandie Hammel

SVQG STANDING COMMITTEES

Comfort Pillows	Sally Jones
Education	Molly Toth & Joan Leffel
Historian	Mary Carlton
Hospitality	Anna Newman & Dorice Graham & Vicki Graham
Library	Kathy Christy
Membership	John Hammel
Newsletter	Sandie Hammel
Publicity	Lou Emswiler
Service	Lori Abbott-Herrick & Cerise Haas
Sunshine	Lenore Mitchell
Ways & Means	Denise Rudolph

SPECIAL DUTIES

NQA Liaison	Lori Abbott-Herrick
VCQ	Norma Harris
Web Master	Roberta Patterson

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 \$7.50. The Newsletter is included in the membership fee if you have your newsletter sent via email.

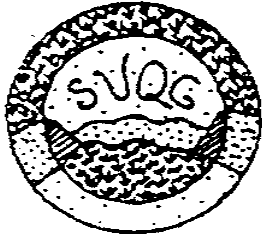
PLACE OF MEETING: The Sunnyside Room, Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community, Harrisonburg, Virginia

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 is 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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