

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SEWING CORNER—

Thanks to everybody who pitched in at our last meeting to help it take place. You know the old saying...the best laid plans of mice and men. Well, all the plans went out the window when our President-Elect Lori went to RMH with some severe back pains, was administered medication that caused further problems and resulted in her not being able to preside on Saturday morning. She thoughtfully called Norma (Secretary) who pulled things together. So again thanks to all who came to the rescue and Fran Miller for presiding.

The weather was beautiful at Virginia Beach, but I chose to stay in our room. Just a bad cold, I thought; but on our way home I had Horace take me to RMH ER for some relief. My diagnosis was severe sinusitis and acute bronchitis and I left with some cough syrup with a price tag of \$100.00 for the bottle. That hefty price tag could have bought a lot of fabric! But on to the future and finishing up my UFO Challenge for our next meeting.

Next month will have my husband and me sailing in the Caribbean, for Thanksgiving. My wish is for all members to have a safe holiday, with lots of yummy foods. My hand project for taking on this trip will be Sunbonnet Sue and Overall Bill quilt squares for our 2014 raffle quilt. I have seen several of the completed squared and they are adorable. There are quite a few to be appliquéd, so see Mary Carlton to get your kits.

Some of you ladies have had the pleasure of receiving a pedicure, and I'm going to suggest that you keep the foamy rubber thing they use to space your toes apart...sorry about that fellas...you'll have to ask your wives to help you with this quilters hint. These foamy shapes are great for storing your filled bobbins. The sponge rubber provides enough resistance that the bobbins will not slip out and you can thread several bobbins as you begin your quilt, knowing you will not have to stop to wind a bobbin in the middle of a project.

November is Peanut Butter Lovers Month and I dare say that encompasses a lot of us. My very favorite day is the 14th, American Teddy Bear Day. In case some of you don't know, I collect bears and have over 100 in my collection. Your dentist will like you if you floss all the time, keeping in mind that the 25th is National Flossing Day.

Still tangled in my loose threads.....Sally

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MINUTES
October 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Fran Miller, who was substituting for President Sally Jones, President-Elect Lori Abbott-Herrick, and Past President Sandie Hammel. Our thoughts are with Sally, who lost her mother, and Lori, who has not been well. Two new members were introduced: Ann Marie Wright and Carol Cassidy.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter. Cerise Haas gave the treasurer's report. A copy is filed with these minutes.

Bev London reported on an activity of her church which raised funds for A Small Hand. This gave new life to her church and is inspiring them to continue helping with A Small Hand. This is comparable to a food pantry but serves infants from birth to three years. The guild has given quilts to them and last January had a program about this.

Mary Carlton spoke to the guild about the 2014 raffle quilt and her inspiration. This would be TWO twin bed sized quilts to be won by one person. One quilt will be Sunbonnet Sue and the other will be Farmer Bill. These will be small blocks and the directions. Kits (186) are ready to leave today with members. Each kit makes two blocks – one Sue and one Bill. They are due back at the quilt show in 2012.

Molly Toth reported that P. Buckley Moss is interested in doing another quilt with one of her hand-painted centers

Today is UFO sewing day. Bev London added that next month is service project day; December is the Christmas program; January is our auction. Transprint will be the speaker for our program today. They print on paper, but then they test them on fabric. Molly showed dog pillow beds that she made from some of the materials and stuffed with the unprinted edges. These are "toss in the machine" washable and dry quickly – either in the dryer or over a pole outside. The fabric is 100% polyester.

Connie Broy talked about programs for the 2012-2013 year. Karen K. Buckley will be doing a workshop on hand applique in October 2012 and on Saturday she will do a program on borders.

There is now an applique group meeting in Edinburgh on the third Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and all are invited to attend. The Art Quilt Group is also meeting monthly at the North River Library in Bridgewater the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. (Use the side door.)

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Show and Tell was enjoyed by all. Three string quilts for Hospice were shown. Also, a red-work raffle quilt was shown and everyone was interested in how it was done. When begged, they admitted they had tickets with them. The Eager BEEvers showed Family Circle quilts that they made. Fran Miller will bring instructions to the November meeting. Carol Cassidy showed her journal pages and Roberta showed her new iPad and the Round Robin Leaf table runner she will send off to the Art Quilt group.

Following refreshments, Bill Dean, Transprint's Plant Engineer, presented a program on designing fabric and how they then print the fabric. The program was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Harris, Secretary

PROGRAMS

And how are our UFOs coming along? Jane Crockett has already completed her UFO (!), one down, only 35 more of us to go. She had to show them to me before our next meeting—she had Christmas Ornaments to finish—she's donated them to her church, I believe, and had to turn them over before our next meeting. My quilt top is finished and pinned, the binding's made, I just need to sit down and quilt it!

We will have our first UFO Show and Tell in November, separate from our usual Show and Tell. Why? I have to have an opportunity to record who did and who didn't finish . . .okay, it's no big deal. If you didn't make it, bring that fat quarter, you can give it to me before the meeting, inconspicuous-like, I'll be waiting at the check-in table with John. I want you to know I'm keeping excellent records. :o) We have a lovely assortment of fat quarters already! Will the collection grow?

We will then pull the next UFO number . . .and start the countdown to January!

I hope you all enjoyed meeting Bill Dean and Tammy Shifflett from Transprint USA. I thought it was interesting to learn a little bit about their color processes. They have some pretty neat stuff going on, if only we met on a weekday, wouldn't that be an awesome field trip?

For those of you that would like a pallet or two or five of fabric scraps, you can reach Bill via **email_bill@transprintusa.com** to arrange to pick them up. They will load your truck with a forklift in short order and you'll be on your way.

(Programs continued)

For November it's time to shift gears and get back to guild business—we have quilts to make folks!. Lori has arranged for Sue Jarvis to join us to tell us all about Hospice. We will spend the afternoon cutting, sewing and gabbing as we work on our contributions to this year's guild service focus. Please let me know if you will be staying, just send me an email or give me a call at 540-578-3658. Don't forget to bring your sewing stuff and your lunch!

Lois Snavelly, Amy Meck and I will be meeting one evening in early November to plan our Christmas party, mark your calendars, December 10th @ SUNNYSIDE this year. Amy is waiting to hear back from the group we are hoping to snag for our entertainment—if we're successful, I guarantee you will thoroughly enjoy them! If you are interested in helping plan, decorate, etc., please give me a call or drop me a line email svqg.programs@yahoo.com or snail mail 162 McKinley Drive, Broadway, VA 22815

In January we need to have lots of goodies for our Annual Guild Auction. Bring your goodies, package them up all creative-like and make certain you write down everything included—it'll make things easier for Denise our auctioneer. Don't forget your check book! (Cash works, too!) More details next month. February SVQG's Diana Norman – trunk show and “Basket” workshop, we'll be thinking spring and you be able to get something finished in time for Easter, April 8th. She has several different basket patterns and lots of embellishments to play with. Stay tuned.

March 17th National Quilting Day – Connie and I are working on a special way to celebrate the day. If you have any stellar ideas, get in touch with one of us! It's going to be hard to beat Fran and Company's festivities from this past March, but we'll give it a whirl.

April 21st Paula Golden “Through a Judges Eye” and an afternoon color workshop!

Service

By Lori Abbot-Herrick

HOSPICE QUILTS

As of today we have thirteen Hospice Quilts! Can we make it to twenty by November 19th????

Our November Guild Program will feature two speakers: Sue Jarvis, Volunteer Coordinator at Blue Ridge Hospice Services and Kristen Printy, Marketing Coordinator and Community Services Director at Augusta Health. In the afternoon we'll be working on Hospice Quilts. We have fabric left over from other

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SVQG projects and new kits as well to assemble. Or bring your own project. Please bring your sewing machines and supplies and a lunch and join us in this great cause.

If you have a quilt to donate please contact Lori Abbott-Herrick at 540) 833-5309, 540) 421-1620 or laherrick@gmail.com. We need them prior to the Guild meeting so SVQG labels can be attached. Remember, the quilts can measure anywhere between 36"x 50" to 60"x 60" and can be tied or quilted.

OUR COMMUNITY PLACE

Sadly, due to lack of interest, our sewing project with Our Community Place has been cancelled.

A SMALL HAND INFANT PANTRY (Plains District)

A Small Hand Infant Pantry is a national network of volunteer pantries that attempt to supplement subsidies to infants in need. Our own Bev London is the guiding force behind opening a center in the Timberville/Broadway area, which is sponsored by Rader Lutheran Church, Timberville Lutheran Parish. Modeled after the center in Edinburgh, this is an emergency food pantry for babies and toddlers living in the Plains District of Rockingham County.

Last year our Guild donated over forty baby quilts to the Edinburgh center. Let's see how many we can donate to the Plains District this year!! Contact a Small Hand at 540) 896-4241 for more information.

Donations can be mailed to: A Small Hand – Plains District
 PO Box 221, Broadway, VA 22815

Membership

By John Hammel

The Membership year is half over and we still have a lot of great things on tap. Come on out to our meetings and enjoy the fun.

Last year the Guild voted to offer Guild memberships at half rate after six months of the year had passed. It's that time again. If you know any past members who need a nudge to return, let them know. From now through the rest of the year, new and renewal memberships are only \$10! This is half of the regular \$20 membership rate but it includes all the features and benefits. So get those who are interested in joining the best Guild in Virginia (or anywhere else, for that matter) to sign up. They can email me (jthammel@gmail.com) for an application or pick one up at the November meeting. Happy Quilting!

VQM News

By Josephine Millett

The Virginia Quilt Museum Gift shop is now selling the Hand Made Christmas Ornaments that were sent to the Museum for the "contest". The votes for The Christmas Ornament Contest have been counted and our very own Jan Hood won First Place for her ornament. She will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to the Museum shop.

New merchandise in the shop - a Jig saw puzzle made from one of P. Buckley Moss's prints featuring quilts, as well as Gift packages of Tea from "Tea Forte.": This tea is packaged very nice and will make wonderful gifts for your tea drinking friends. Loads of quilt related books have been reduced to 1/4th of the original price, so don't miss out on this opportunity to own a very nice book for a real bargain.

It happened at a quilt guild meeting last winter. . .

By Bev London

One never knows what will happen to you at a quilt guild meeting. . .Last winter Fran arranged for Ann McBroom to come and tell us about A Small Hand, a local infant pantry housed in Edinburg Christian Church that the guild was making quilts for.

Well, some things just stick in your brain, to the point that you actually need to do something. After thinking about it for a couple of months Larry Brown, my neighbor and partner in crime, and I decided to approach our church about taking on a project like A Small Hand. After a lot of soul searching and research, Rader Lutheran Church in Timberville is taking on the challenge of opening an infant pantry to serve the Plains District of Rockingham County-otherwise known as the Broadway Area School District.

Our church council, while supportive of our mission, didn't have funding available for our little project. . .Well, we organized and one poor soul, Debbie Miller volunteered to handle our fund raising. And fundraising she did. On October the 8th we held a Longaberger Basket Bingo, clearing \$3,207 that night. Before the weekend was over we had gathered more than the \$5000 in seed money we had agreed we would need on hand to open our pantry. (We walked into several "gifts" when we arrived at church on Sunday.)

Ann's church in Edinburg showed their support by gifting us a pallet of diapers and we are on our way! Wednesday evening we packaged and inventoried that pallet of diapers. Hard to believe there were 5,011 diapers in that one pallet! What a wonderful way to help us get started. If you check Ann's website you will

see she's posted a "Birth Announcement"—an addition to their family. They have been an invaluable resource.

We will open our doors on the third Thursday of November, the 17th and every third Thursday of the month there after, providing we can continue to gather the support we need to keep in operation. So far, the community is very much "on board", the Department of Social Services is very excited. Other churches are showing their support, contributing to the cause, offering to hold showers, volunteering. . .it has been a lot of work, but we have seen the little ones Ann's group has touched and we know that it will be well worth the work. Ann's husband, Jack, was kidding me that being the Executive Director of A Small Hand was Ann's full time job, I completely understand—dust bunnies are overtaking my house! But as all this falls into place, I can see what the project is doing to the ones involved in our church and I am certain we will be a better church because of our ability to work together on a LOCAL mission, one we can see, one we can touch. It feels so good to be part of it. There are many talents that had been hidden in those pews on Sunday morning. They are hidden no more!

I just wanted you to know there's more to quilt guild than just good fellowship and a quilting education – no one could have told me a year ago Larry and I'd be shopping for baby food, formula and diapers let alone for 60 or 70 babies! To those of you that were able to attend our Bingo, we sincerely thank you for your show of support; it meant so much to us! If, in the coming months, you would like to share any of your time and/or talents with us you are welcome to join us, just let one of us know. Our website is <http://ash-pd.blogspot.com>, it's still a work in progress. Be kind, I've never worked on a website before in my life! :o) Keep good thoughts! Bev (aka/Program Coordinator #1)

2014 RAFFLE QUILT

By Mary Carlton

Work has begun on the 2014 raffle quilt. Aren't those tiny Sues and Bills just too cute for words? I still have lots left, so if you didn't get a kit, not to worry. And if you did take one or more kits, get 'em done and take a few more. Please bring them in as you finish them and we'll be putting them up on a flannel board so we can see our progress.

Oh, and I forgot to mention; there will be a **prize**. You will put your name in the hat each time you finish a kit. The more you do, the better your chance to win.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be December 16th

Ways and Means

By Denise Rudolph

Thanks to everyone who supported the raffle at the October meeting, we raised \$73. The basket with fabrics and books was won by Dorice Graham.

In January we will have our annual auction during the meeting.

Please do not bring magazines.

Have your items grouped together with perhaps a basket or ribbon.

Thanks!!

Hospitality

By Anna Lee Newman

Thanks to everyone for the abundant and delicious refreshments for our October Guild Meeting. Our next meeting will be on November 19th, so November Birthday People we will welcome whatever you bring for all to enjoy. Anna Lee, Dorice and Vickie.

November Birthdays

“Happy Birthday to you - Happy Birthday to you - Happy Birthday dear - Carol, Dianne, Phyllis, Donna, Celia, Elizabeth, Susan, Rachel, Carolyn, Phyllis, Rebecca, Barbara and Michelle - Happy Birthday to you - And Many More!!!!”

Carol Ervin	11/03
Dianne Reasons	11/03
Phyllis Hollowell	11/04
Donna Joy	11/05
Celia Mitchell	11/05
Elizabeth Adams	11/07
Susan Browning	11/11
Rachel Herrick	11/13
Carolyn Hardy	11/15
Phyllis Liskey	11/21
Rebecca Laine	11/22
Barbara Cline	11/28
Michelle Perkins	11/29

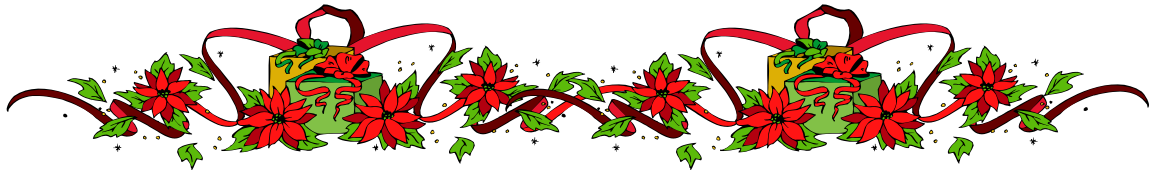
Recipe of the Month - Warm Country Gingerbread Waffles

Great to serve on a chilly fall or winter morning with hot maple syrup or berries

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 t. ground cinnamon
½ t. ground ginger
½ t. salt
1 cup molasses
½ cup butter
1-1/2 t. baking soda
1 cup buttermilk
1 egg

Combine flour, cinnamon, ginger and salt. Heat molasses and butter until butter melts. Remove from heat and stir in baking soda. Add buttermilk and egg. Then add flour mixture. Cook in a preheated, oiled waffle iron until golden. Makes 12 four inch waffles.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!



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SVQG Membership Chairman
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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.

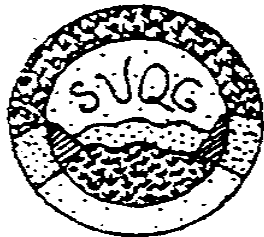
PLACE OF MEETING: The Sunnyside Room, Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community, Harrisonburg, Virginia

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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