

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SEWING CORNER -

Hi there quilters,

I guess everyone had their cars loaded up for our auction this past month and then BANG, Mother Nature dealt us a blow with some nasty weather. After consulting with our Board members, it was decided to take caution and cancel our meeting. This gave everybody the opportunity to sleep in on Saturday morning. Hope you enjoyed your morning cup of coffee in your P.J.'s!

As I write this, Bev (our Program co-coordinator for this year) is working to rearrange the schedule. Read further in this newsletter to see when the auction has been rescheduled.

In keeping with my attempt to add a little humor to my column, this month, February, is known as Exotic Vegetables and Star Fruit Month; with the 5th being Ice Cream for Breakfast Day (that sure sounds good to me) and the 9th is Read in the Bathtub Day (happy soaking).

Later in this month will be the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Show, February 23 to 26, at the Hampton Roads Convention Center; admission is \$14/person, which permits re-admission. I have already heard that some of our members are planning a trip, to include a long weekend of sewing/quilting. The month of March brings two shows up in the Lancaster, PA, area; the 22nd Annual Lancaster Quilt Festival, at the Continental Inn and the Lancaster Spring Quilt Festival, right across the road at the Host Resort. Dates for these two shows are March 14 to 17, with admission fees varying as to the show and how many days you to attend.

The six most important words in the English language are: I WAS WRONG, PLEASE FORGIVE ME. The five most important: YOU DID A GOOD JOB. The four most important: WHAT IS YOUR OPINION. The three most important: CAN I HELP? The two most important: THANK YOU. The most important word: YOU. And the least important word: I. This was a short course in Human Relations and I thought we all could use a little reminder at times.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SEWING CORNER - (continued)

In closing, you monthly quilting tips: (1) If your quilting is exquisite, use a solid color backing; but if you use a busy print, any mistakes will be less evident. (2) If your seams don't meet... embellish your quilt, as beads, buttons, an applique or couching can cover a multitude of secrets.

Since I cleaned out my sewing room, in preparation for the auction, I am tangled in less threads but buried under new found UFO projects!

Sally

SVQG MINUTES -

No minutes this month due to the January meeting cancelation because of inclement weather.

PROGRAMS! -

Well now, who wasn't a bit disappointed last week? I actually had my UFO complete, the car was packed and ready to roll before the weatherman ruined our Saturday. I even had my checkbook!

Best to err on the side of caution, I can't afford to wreck my car, or me, for that matter. **WINTER** (I actually accomplished some much needed house cleaning last Saturday thanks to the weather. Now, let's not let **THAT** happen again!). While I know the ski resorts need snow, not on the 3rd Saturday of the month, please.

So, when will we have our auction? It looks like March. We'll be spending National Quilt Day scoring either a cleaned out sewing room or a few new additions (which is what I'm planning on. . .). Please remember to bring your treasures to benefit your guild.

I can imagine that all the UFO participants were disappointed with the cancellation of our meeting last weekend. We'll share our #6 UFOs during Show and Tell in February. If you haven't finished #6, don't forget your fat quarter!

Morgan Brown was visiting the other Friday evening, she was all excited about helping Denise with the Guild Auction, just like last year. Anyway, not to disappoint any of you in the UFO Challenge I asked Morgan to pull the next UFO number. She pulled #1. I just spent my evening pinning the batting and backing for mine, now IF I can quilt it, all will be well, if not, I'll be looking for a long armer to bail me out. We have until the March meeting to finish up our #1 UFO.

PROGRAMS! (continued)

If you're happy, thank Morgan. If you're not, you're in the same boat I am, but there's not much you can do to a nine year old. I know I'll be happy when it's finally finished, but. . . By the way, Morgan has become very good at using a seam ripper. She's working on the borders for her first quilt. Need I say more? We've all been there. But I am pleased to announce she hasn't given up, in spite of some major frustration.

At February's meeting we'll have our UFO Challenge (#6) Show & Tell and Kathy Christy's bowl class after our regular meeting. I encourage you to join this fun workshop, we need to learn a little something new this year! This isn't a workshop that will leave you with yet another UFO, but you will end the day with a new talent. Please get your registration to me ASAP so Kathy can get her kits put together. Don't forget your lunch! Mail your registration and check to: Bev London, 162 McKinley Drive, Broadway, VA. 22815. SVQG.programs@yahoo.com

Sally and Connie will be sharing everything we need to know about our 2012 Quilt Show at our February meeting, too! Do you have a quilt or two you'd like to share with the masses? We'll need all hands on deck to make our show a success, I know the Quilt Show gals will appreciate your willingness to lend a hand.

March - our annual Guild Auction, bring your check book, some cash and a friend (preferably one with some \$ to spend!). We'll have our UFO Show & Tell, too AND draw the next UFO #.

In April Paula Golden will be joining us for a lecture "Through a Judge's Eyes" and a color workshop in the afternoon. Watch for registration beginning in February.

Bev

QUILT SHOW UPDATE -

The 2012 quilt show chairs, Sally and Connie, will have a meeting with the different quilt show committee chairpersons after the February meeting. Also, we would like to invite all members who are interested in working on the quilt show to join us. We need all the help we can get, so anyone who is interested in on site or behind the scenes please plan to join in this meeting. Remember this is your show and we are on the little engine and we need all the cars to make it work.

Sally Jones and Connie Broy, 2012 - Quilt Show, Chairs

RECIPIE OF THE MONTH –

3,2,1 Cake – Mix one box of Angel Food Cake Mix and one box of your favorite flavor cake mix together in a gallon plastic bag, blend well. In mixing bowl add 3 tablespoons blended dry cake mix with 2 tablespoons water, and pour into Pyrex custard cup and microwave for 1 minute.

Enjoy!! (Note: can add a few drops of your favorite jam to top before microwaving)

SUE and BILL -

Y'all can't imagine the wonderful Sues and Bills people are turning in to me. They are so cute! Most are beautifully appliqued and delightfully embellished. So, if you haven't started on them yet, now is the time to do it. And if you haven't picked up a kit or two (or more), I'll have them at the meeting in February. I still have about 30 kits left, so let's get on it before I have to start harassing my friends and making myself extremely unpopular.

Mary Carlton

AND ON ANOTHER SUBJECT (or two) -

What did you do Saturday morning when the meeting was cancelled? I decided to get out my UFO. Thanks, Bev, for being so efficient and getting the number right out to us. Now this UFO was a long way from finished. I have worked diligently on it all week, and it still seems a long way from finished. But, I shall persevere. And, it will look great in the Quilt Show. (In my opinion.) Which brings up the Quilt Show. Let's all pledge to put in at least one item. That's the way we will make it truly a guild show, and a truly great show.

Mary Carlton

SERVICE -

Congratulations on donating 41 lap quilts
to our area Hospice organizations!

Will you offer comfort to a stranger AND help us meet our goal of 125
donated quilts?

WE NEED YOUR HELP ON HOSPICE QUILTS!!

HELPFUL HINT -

To whiten antique linens or remove spots of blood, rust, grease or fabric dye from your quilts, use this easy formula!

Dissolve 12 tablets of *Efferdent Denture Cleaner* (for a double bed-size quilt) in a washer of cold water. Gently agitate then arrange the quilt so the water covers it entirely and soak overnight. **Do not use soap.**

In the morning run the gentle cycle and it should be spotless!
Submitted by Lori Abbott-Herrick who used this method to get the stains out when a red fabric bleed all over a Christmas quilt.

WAYS AND MEANS -

We will reschedule the auction for March. Hopefully the bad weather will be gone by then. Keep collecting your items for the auction and saving your money to buy someone else's stuff!

Quilt Raffle 2012 tickets – Hard to believe but July is only 6 months away. Each member is asked to sell 2 books of tickets. Thanks to all those who have sold more!!! I still have lots of tickets. Email or call and I can get more out to you. I know the economy is hard but our goal is to help the Literacy agency.

See you in February, Denise Rudolph

The Shenandoah Valley Applique Society -

The Shenandoah Valley Applique society has its' meeting the third Tuesday of each month at the Shenandoah Co. Library. For information, contact Jan Hood or Mary Carlton. Next month's meeting will have a lesson conducted by Margie Hockman.

Submitted by Josephine Millett

HOSPITALITY –

January Birthday's, we sure missed your goodies on Saturday. We hope you and your family were able to enjoy them if they were already prepared when cancellation word arrived. I will ask you again another time.

News for February birthday's we are looking forward to your refreshments on Meeting Day, February 18th.

Thanks Anna Lee, Dorice and Vicki

BEE BUZZ -

The *Free Spirits Art Bee* keeps chugging along and we are having a blast! We are currently starting our second venture into following workshops in a particular book. This year it is "A Fiber Artist's Guide to Color & Design" by Heather Thomas. We are currently working on Workshop 2 and we will bring the results of both Workshop 1 and Workshop 2 for Show and Tell at Guild meeting in February. We have lots of fun and we would welcome anyone who would like to join us. We meet the second Tuesday of the month (10:00 to 12:00) at the North River Library in Bridgewater. Please come join us. *Submitted by Kathy Christy*

The *EagerBEEvers* spent a wonderful day on Thursday January 19th visiting with Ann McBroom and volunteers at *A Small Hand* in Edinburg where we delivered eleven more baby quilts and several soft books along with some donated baby cloths. This organization is an inspiration to all who visit. Our chauffer Fran next headed for The Blue Ridge Hospice Group in Winchester for guild Service Chair and bee member Lori to deliver ten more Hospice Quilts. All the volunteers wanted her to lay out the donated quilts and as each was opened there were ooohs and aaahs plus comments on which patient should receive which quilt. It is so nice to know that the hard work of our guild members is so appreciated. After a yummy lunch and some shop hops we contentedly headed home. We continue making quilts for *Wrap A Smile* and are now working on filling a box to send. The *EageBEEvers* meet in member's homes on the first Wednesday of each month. *Submitted by Sandie Hammel*

Guild members we would like to hear from you. Joining a bee is great fun!

If you are not a member of a bee think about joining one or starting a new bee in your neighborhood.

NEWSLETTER -

Members wishing to contribute an article, buy an ad, and all Committee Chairs the deadline for our March Newsletter will be Friday, February 24.

You may send your information to sandie419@hotmail.com or call 540-908-3355 or mail to Sandie Hammel, 419 Fifth Street, Shenandoah, VA 22849

NEWS FROM THE VIRGINIA QUILT MUSEUM –

Historic and Contemporary Fiber Art Open Season at the Virginia Quilt Museum

The Virginia Quilt Museum will open the new exhibit season on February 1, 2012, with “Shenandoah Valley Counterpanes” and “Art Under A Microscope.” These new exhibits will be open until May 12. In addition, rare Civil War quilts made in the Valley, twentieth century quilts and sewing machines from the Museum’s collection will be featured in additional galleries.

Counterpanes are a type of bedcover, often white-work or white fabric with elaborate white quilting or stitching on it. Guest curators, Beverley and Jeff Evans will show white-work bedcovers produced in the Shenandoah Valley during the 1800s. These textiles are from private and institutional collections. Most have not been publically displayed.

The historic counterpanes will be the subject of the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Art’s biennial Textile Seminar to be held in Harrisonburg March 14-17. This is the first time the Winston-Salem, North Carolina, museum has held their Textile Seminar outside their own museum. Speakers and students at the seminar will study the exhibit at the Virginia Quilt Museum.

In contrast, “Art Under A Microscope” is inspired by the beauty of scientific photographs taken through microscopes. This unique collection of twenty art quilts, created by the group Fiber Artists @ Loose Ends, will be exhibited for the first time outside a medical facility. Colorful and dramatic, these quilts show us the beauty of nature within the human body.

“Shenandoah Valley Counterpanes” and “Art Under A Microscope” can be seen at the Virginia Quilt Museum from February 1 through May 12. The Museum is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm at 301 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA.

Parking in the municipal lot behind the museum is free.
Phone 540-433-3818 for more information and for groups

MEMBERSHIP –

BOO! HOO! The Snow took my Guild meeting Away!

I was so looking forward to our Guild meeting in January. What with the auction, the always outstanding Show-and-Tell, the UFO Show-and-Tell, well we missed a lot because of a few snowflakes. To cancel was the correct call as we didn’t want to endanger any of our members. Hopefully the rest of the snow season will work around us.

On a less happy note, while the cost of Guild membership remains at \$20 (which includes the email version of the newsletter), the cost of membership (which includes the mailing out of the

newsletter) has increased from \$27.50 to \$32.00. The cost of postage and printing necessitated this change.

It's that time again. Membership renewal for the April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013 season is about to start. As a separate attachment sent along with the newsletter you will find an application form. You may fill it out and either mail it in or bring it to one of our Guild meetings before April 1st. If for any reason you do not receive a copy of the Application Form for 2012/2013 there will be extra copies at the membership table at Guild meetings or you may find a copy posted on the web site.

New on the form this year is a place where you can indicate areas that you would like to participate in. We need everyone's help in running our Guild.

PLEASE HELP WHERE YOU CAN!!

Happy Quilting!

John Hammel, Membership Chair

Email: jthammel@gmail.com

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 rule one.

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TO JOIN: the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild, send \$20.00 Annual Dues to:
SVQG Membership Chairman
PO Box 913
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The Guild year runs April 1st through March 31st. To have your Newsletter mailed please add an additional \$7.50 (new increase effective, April 2012). The Newsletter is included in the membership fee if you have your newsletter sent via email.

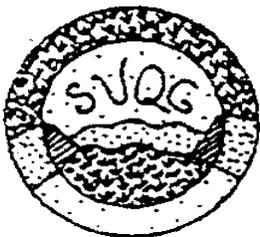
PLACE OF MEETING: The Sunnyside Room, Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community, Harrisonburg, Virginia

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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