

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SEWING CORNER -

Hello quilters and happy spring fabric colors to you!

After viewing all the Show & Tell projects and the now completed UFO's, it really has the creative juices flowing to get a new project started. Anyone feel free to jump on my back right now and tell me to wait until the Quilt Show in June has been wrapped up. Oh well, one can dream anyway.

Also at the March meeting, Denise conducted an outstanding auction, with over 100 units on which to bid. You members really did some clearing out of your sewing rooms and supplies, to come up with all the goodies which netted our guild over \$1500. Good work members!

Our By-Laws need a little "tweaking", so I have appointed an ad hoc committee, comprised of: Lori Abbot-Herrick, President-Elect; Connie Broy and Mary Carlton, our two resident Guild experts in By-Laws and Past Presidents; Sandie Hammel, immediate Past President; Bev London, Program Coordinator and myself. This Guild belongs to you, the members, so if you would care to reread the By-Laws and see if there are any areas which you feel need to be expanded, eliminated, or otherwise worked on please contact one of the committee members with your comments.

Thanks to Vicki Graham, the Publicity Chair for our upcoming Quilt Show, we have some beautiful post cards advertising the show, which you can use to mail to your friends or other people you think would like to know about the show. They will continue to be available at our guild meetings.

An item of business that the Board addressed was the notification of informing our members about the death of a member or an immediate family member. A motion was passed asking that members notify the Newsletter Editor when they learn about a death. The Newsletter Editor can then inform the membership via E mail.

This beautiful month of April brings about the Easter Holiday, and this season has many tender and significant memories for all. As you have learned by now, I have this quirky

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calendar that gives me the unimportant holidays throughout the year. April is known as "Frog Month", with the 12th being Licorice Day and the 21st High Five Day.

And to end my column, a few hints for quilting. At the auction, someone bid on and won a jar of old wooden spools. I used to use them on the necks of wire hangers, to keep the hangers from becoming twisted together in my closet (plastic spools will work as well). If/When you have draperies cleaned and they are returned to you on wide, heavy duty hangers, with a strong cardboard tube...keep them, as these hangers are great for hanging your completed quilt tops. And finally, a silverware caddy is great for keeping small, but necessary items close at hand. The napkin compartment holds small acrylic rulers and squares and the silverware compartments hold a rotary cutter, scissors, and pencils and pens.

Since I did not get my UFO completed for last month's meeting, I have double duty to do for May.

Seems like I'm destined to be tangled in my threads,
Sally

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March 17, 2012

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened by President Sally Jones who welcomed members and guests, along with newly re-joined member Beryl Lawson. A thank-you note was given to Lori Abbott-Herrick written for a Hospice quilt by one of the patients.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as printed in the March Newsletter. Cerise Haas gave the Treasurer's Report and it was filed for audit. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR #1 - Bev London announced that the next project to be undertaken by those participating in the 2011-2012 Challenge will be #5. This will be due in May. Next month Paula Golden will be our speaker and the afternoon workshop will feature Lori Schrock.

PRESIDENT-ELECT - Lori Abbott-Herrick gave a list of nominations for next year's officers. These will be in the next Newsletter. There is still a need for a President-Elect. In her capacity as Service Chair she announced that 66 quilts have been finished and delivered to various local Hospice groups. A quilt retreat is being planned for May 2013

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in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. It will be held from Monday to Wednesday and members need to sign the register as soon as possible to select their preference.

NEWSLETTER - The deadline for the April Newsletter is March 23rd. Ad space is available in the Newsletter. A small ad is 50 cents per word.

QUILT RAFFLE TICKET SALES - We can participate in May Fest in Strasburg on May 19 and 20. We would be set up at the Town Hall parking lot under a tent.

LIBRARY - Kathy Christy has entry forms for the quilt show. These need to be submitted by May 1st in order to give the committee time to organize the show. A copy will be printed in the April Newsletter and the form may be copied to give you all you may need.

OLD BUSINESS - We need to have the by-laws updated. A committee has been appointed to go over them consisting of Mary Carlton, Connie Broy, Bev London, Sandie Hammel, Sally Jones, and Lori Abbott-Herrick.

NEW BUSINESS - Sally Jones asked, if members hear about a death of a guild member or their immediate family, would they send the information to the Newsletter editor (Sandie Hammel) so that it can be posted on line and included in the Newsletter.

An extensive and marvelous showing of completed UFO's and quilts followed. Following refreshments chairs were turned around and the annual auction began under the direction of Ways and Means Chair Denise Rudolph. A complete report will be in the April Newsletter.

Submitted by Norma Harris, Secretary

QUILT RETREAT for 2013

**LANCASTER HOST RESORT
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA**

MAY 13TH – 16TH or 20TH – 23RD ???

EMAIL Lori (laherrick@gmail.com) to state your preference?

SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR - 2012-2013

OFFICERS

President-elect	Vickie Graham
Secretary	Jane Crockett
Treasurer	Cerise Haas
Program Coordinator #1	Connie Broy
Program Coordinator #1	Lori Schrock

CHAIRPERSONS

Education	Denise Rudolph
Hospitality	Anna Lee Newman, Dorice Graham, Betty Beall
Library	Kathy Christy
Historian	Mary Carlton
Membership	John Hammel
Newsletter	Sandie Hammel
Publicity	Lu Emswiler
Web Mistress	Dianne Reasons
Ways & Means	Amy Meck, Thurston Bechtel
Sunshine	Sue Jones
Service	VACANT (we need your help)

WAYS and MEANS –

A great big thank you to all that helped and those who purchased at the auction. We raised a little over \$1,500!!!! There were a lot of great things to buy.

Don't forget to see me about more raffle tickets on the 2012 raffle quilt.

Denise Rudolph

SERVICE –

Thank you to all of those who have made Hospice Quilts. Our members have made 65 quilts to date. The annual goal was 125 so we are on our way, please keep going so we can meet this goal.

Our May workshop will be a dish-to-pass followed by an afternoon of sewing Hospice Quilts. I'll have food sign-up lists at our April Guild Meeting. Besides sewing, we'll be putting together kits for members to check out.

Bring your sewing machine and supplies if you want to sew; cutting mat, rotary cutter, scissors and ruler if you want to make kits. And enjoy a yummy dish-to-pass!

Thank you,
Lori

HOSPITALITY –

Thanks to everyone for the delicious refreshments and to Bev for providing the sandwiches to make National Quilting Day and our Auction special. Those with April birthdays will have the opportunity to provide goodies on April 21, 2012. Thanks again to everyone, our refreshment time is our special time to visit and make new friends.

Anna Lee, Dorice, Vicki and Betty.

LOST AND FOUND -

At the end of our March meeting, the following two items were found:

a pair of ladies sunglasses (non-prescriptive?) and
a white plastic bag of knitting, light blue yarn.

Both items will be brought to the April meeting.

MEMBERSHIP -

2012-2013 Membership Renewals

The current membership year is drawing to a close. It ends March 31, 2012. 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.

Only twenty of you have not renewed as yet. At the end of April, those members who have not paid will not find their badges in the buckets. Also they will not receive the newsletter for May and thereafter until the dues are brought up to date.

Use the application sent as separate attachment with this newsletter, or get one from the SVQG website (svqg.org), fill it out and bring or mail it to SVQG with your \$20 (\$32.00 if you want the newsletter mailed to you).

After the April meeting, I will send everyone an updated copy of the Membership list. That way you will have the most current addresses of your fellow members. We'll be looking for you.

Happy Quilting!
John Hammel

PILLOWS NEEDED –

Get out your “OLD” Blocks or make a new one, then make a pillow for your “Pillow Puddle”. The “Quilt Show” is only three (3) months away. We have only 18 pillows as of last meeting. Last quilt show we made 100 pillows, so let’s break that record this year.

Thank you,
Carol Cunius

BECOME A PATRON OF THE QUILT SHOW –

One of our most costly items for the quilt show is the program booklet. This is your opportunity to help in a different way. By making a donation your name will be listed in the program booklet as a Patron of the Show.

We have three levels of giving:

For a contribution up to \$15 you will be recognized as a Bronze Thimble Patron; Over \$15 to \$25 a Silver Thimble Patron; and over \$25 to \$50 a Gold Thimble Patron.

Perhaps this will be your way of supporting our 13th SVQG Quilt Show. Mail your checks or give them to Dianne Reasons, 310 Isle Avenue, Waynesboro, VA 22980. All donations need to be received by June 1st. (I’ll not be at the May meeting.)

Thank you kindly for your Support,
Dianne Reasons

MEMBER UPDATES –

Today I received an email from Lenore's husband. He relates that Lenore came home from rehab three days ago, is feeling better, her recovery continues, and she will continue her therapy program at home. She is encouraged by the expressions of support she has received. Submitted by Aleris Wright

I just found out from Jan Hood that Margie Hockman is in the Warren County Hospital Rehab Dept. She broke her leg in a couple of places and can't put weight on that leg for 3 weeks. If any member would like to send a card and/or TOY block to her home, the address is 347 Lazy River Lane, Bentonville, VA 22610. Submitted by Connie Broy

SUNRISE OVER THE BLUE RIDGE - QUILT SHOW -

We are moving along, getting loose ends tied up for the guilds show. At our guild meeting in March, we had a relatively new member, **Amy Meck**; volunteer to be the Chairperson for the Silent Auction. This was the final committee needing someone to lead.

If you missed our last meeting, come to the April meeting, and please pick up some of the beautiful post cards to advertise our show by sending them to friends and relatives.

Included in this newsletter you will find a copy of the Quilt Application Entry Form. A form must be completed for each entry and returned to **Kathy Christy, by May 1st**. We hope that EVERY guild member will exhibit at least one quilted object that they have made. From what we are hearing, this promises to be a very exciting show, with some very innovative displays.

Mary Carlton will be designing the hanging plans for our quilts. Lots more help is needed for this part.

We will be having FOOD for our workers on Friday which consist of are the guild members and some of their husbands who will erect the quilt hanging frames. Their hard work will burn lots of calories, so they will need some hearty food to maintain all that energy. We will have a "Break Room" for the vendors and members who work all day on Saturday and most of Sunday. Think about what you can contribute: like sandwiches, ham rolls, cheeses, crackers, fruit trays, cookies, cakes, etc.—you get the idea. **Phyllis Liskey** and **SuAnn Edwards** will be wearing the aprons in this section.

Deborah Watts will be passing around signup sheets for "White Gloves" at the April, May, and June meetings. Remember, if you work two 2 hours shifts you may stay and view the show without having to pay admission.

Josephine Millett will be displaying and selling all the hand created articles in our Boutique. What are you making???

Demonstrations and works-in-progress are always a highlight of our shows and **Molly Toth** will need a lot of you to sign up on her schedule.

We have checked out the swimming pool and it is ready for all your pillows that we know you are busily making. **Carol Cunius** is already accepting pillows for our "Pillow Puddle".

Dianne Reasons produced a beautiful program last show and is doing it for this year. Do you want to be listed as a sponsor? There will be more info to follow about being a sponsor.

Sunrise Over the Blue Ridge – Quilt Show - (continued)

And an area very near and dear to our guild pocket book, is the Raffle Quilt. If you have already sold your two books of tickets, great...did you get more tickets to sell???? We need a lot of help here. There will be updates each month up to show time. We know this is a lot of information to cover and digest. To quote Uncle Sam, "We need you!" Please step forward.... consider yourself asked to do even the smallest job. Every little bit helps more than you might think. It is like putting together a quilt one piece at a time and every piece counts. Now you have to decide which little piece you are going to do, and you're not limited to only one job.

Thanks, Connie & Sally

APRIL BIRTHDAYS –

Patricia Higgins	4/03
Pam Nixon	4/05
Barbara Linzey	4/05
Thurston Bechtel	4/07
Sally Jones	4/08
Debra Pfeiffer	4/10
John Hammel	4/13
Lois Snavely	4/23
Kerry Vansant	4/25
Connie Taylor	4/29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!

PROGRAMS -

Well now that we've had yet another great UFO Challenge Show and Tell, I know we're all working hard to have the next **UFO(#5)** ready for May. It's been great to get the closets, drawers and bins cleared of those projects. I've heard more than one person say they hadn't realized just how little was left to do (on/to their project) to finish. I've also heard a few "I just don't like it enough to invest the time". After that the kitty is graced with yet another fat quarter.

It was a great turn out for our annual guild auction, it may have been two months later than usual, but you out did yourselves with your contributions of auction items and your generous bidding. Denise and her crew did a great job!

April is right around the corner which means Paula Golden will be joining us. Her morning lecture "With a Judge's Eye" (some timely tips right before you wrap up your

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preparations for our very own quilt show) will be followed by her afternoon "Color Confidence for Quilters", please send in your registration as soon as possible! The afternoon workshop is limited to 25 participants. Registration form will be sent as separate attachment or refer to your March 2012 newsletter.

If you've run out of dowel rods and quilt hangers here's your opportunity to get a few tips to help display your quilts in a non-traditional way. In May our own Lori Schrock will be giving us some insight into Framed Quilts and Needlework. Quilts are mounted onto a mat board or fabric covered foam core and then placed in a frame. Frames are easy to hang on a wall and keep your quilts nice and flat. So, if you have a piece you're just not quite sure what you want to do with, Lori may just give you a little food for thought. Our afternoon will be dedicated to Service. Our "Other Lori" President-elect Lori Abbott-Herrick has plenty of work for some willing hands. I think we're about half way to our Hospice quilt goal for 2012.

In June, Molly and Joan will share a short educational presentation so we can dedicate the balance of our time together to finalize our Quilt Show preparations.

Bev

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

SPECIAL DUTIES

NQA Liaison	Lori Abbott-Herrick
VCQ	Norma Harris
Web Master	Roberta Patterson
2012 Quilt Show	Sally Jones & Connie Broy

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

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 (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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