

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SEWING CORNER -

If you are enjoying the beautiful colors of the spring flowers as much as I am, then you must be inside sewing up a storm with equally colorful fabrics. The pollen levels have been so high, that hibernating is the safest way to survive AND get some quilting accomplished. Washing the windows will just have to wait until the trees have finished blooming. Show and Tell at the April meeting was like a giant color wheel. We are surrounded by beauty at this time of year! As we near the end of the month we will be focusing our colors on the always patriotic red, white and blue as we remember those who have served our country.

It hardly seems possible that we are three quarters of the way through our guild year and getting ready for the quilt show and shortly after that our picnic. Time flies when you are having fun....hope you're having some fun, I am. Much of the information in this newsletter will be devoted to the upcoming quilt show, so please read carefully and volunteer to help with one or more of the committees.

My quirky calendar reminds me that May is known as "Young Achievers of Tomorrow" month. This doesn't mean only the young in age, but achievers in thoughts, actions and spirit too. Guess that we fit into this category as we are creating our quilts for tomorrow. May 4th is "Star Wars" Day (May the Fourth be with you) and May 23rd-30th is Backyard Games Week (just in time for family and friends Memorial Day celebrations).

A few hints to help you create a masterpiece quilt: 1) when pressing (not ironing) seams in quilt blocks, use a DRY iron and lift up on the iron (do not move iron laterally like when you iron clothes) and place it in another area, then let fabric cool before you move it; 2) use only plain water when washing out water soluble marking pen ink from fabric, as soap or detergent will set the ink permanently; and 3) when you can't find your stiletto and you need something immediately, a toothpick works wonderfully.

In closing, thank you all for making our guild such a remarkable group of accomplished and dedicated quilters. Your accolades will be sounded at the quilt show when the viewers see all your creations.

Tangled in less threads but much more paper work these days,

Sally

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

April 21, 2012
Meeting Minutes

President Sally Jones opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests. She read a thank-you note from Beth Wampler's family thanking the guild for the contribution made to the Virginia Quilt Museum in their mother's memory.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as printed in the April 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 project #5 will be due in May. If it is not completed, a fat quarter will need to be turned in. Our speaker today will be Paula Golden, who will give a presentation on quilt judging. She will give a program on color in the afternoon.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR #2 - Connie Broy spoke about the National Quilt Association (NQA), who will have their quilt show in early June. If you have a quilt that is finished and worked on by more than four members of the guild, it may be submitted to the NQA show and represent the SVQG.

SERVICE - Lori Abbott-Herrick reported that 67 Hospice quilts have been completed. In May the afternoon will be spent working on service projects. Fran Miller spoke about the dolls that were on display. These were made by a group in North Carolina who passed them on to us to give with our Hospice quilts to children served by Hospice.

QUILT RETREAT - The quilt retreat planned for Lancaster, Pennsylvania May 13-16, 2013, was discussed. It will be held from Monday to Wednesday and members need to sign up as we need to register for enough rooms to allow us to receive rooms without charge to use as classrooms.

NEWSLETTER - The deadline for the May Newsletter is April 27th. Anyone submitting material should use Arial font size 12.

WAYS AND MEANS - The raffle for today will be floral fabrics. Door prizes were awarded to Deborah Watts, Fran Miller, Lenore Mitchell, and Bobbie Champaign.

QUILT SHOW - Kathy Christy said that she now has 42 entries and that this would not make much of a quilt show. She encouraged all members to complete the forms and get them submitted in order to have many, many quilts to hang for the show. Josephine Millet will head up the Boutique. Amy Meck will chair the Silent Auction. Every Member is being asked to donate a fat quarter.

- HOSPITALITY - SuAnn Edwards and Phyllis Liskey will chair the hospitality area. On Friday it would help to have a crock-pot of barbecue, chili, with rolls, or a veggie plate, cookies or cupcakes. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the May meeting so that we have a "balanced menu." Finger foods will be needed for Saturday and Sunday.

- **PRE-SALE TICKETS** - If you would like to gift someone a ticket to the show, these tickets will be available at the May meeting.
- The May Festival to be held in Strasburg will be on May 19 and 20 and will be an opportunity to sell raffle tickets. It starts at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and Connie circulated a sign-up sheet to be filled out.

OLD BUSINESS - To help cover the costs of the Quilt Show program, Dianne Reasons announced that sponsors will be encouraged to participate. Contributions up to \$15 will be in the Bronze Thimble category; contributions from \$16 to \$25 will be in the Silver Thimble category; and contributions from \$26 to \$50 will be in the Gold Thimble category. Checks can be mailed to Dianne, but she needs to receive them by May 29th.

Following a wonderful, extensive Show and Tell, refreshments were served.

The program for the day was presented by Paula Golden, who shared her knowledge of how quilt judges are trained and how quilts are judged. Even though we may feel uncomfortable about having our quilts judged, quilters who do have their quilts judged learn how to improve their work and make their quilts even better.

Submitted by Norma Harris, Secretary

SERVICE -

Hospice Quilts

Due to your efforts, a beautiful, handmade quilt has comforted 72 terminally ill people.

We can't make it to our goal of 125 quilts without everyone's help. Lap quilts of any design and fabric are acceptable. Minimum size: 36" x 50". Maximum size: 50" x 60". I have ten quilt tops that need to be quilted. Please let Lori Abbott-Herrick know if you can help!

Samantha Dolls

We received 10 adorable, hand-made dolls, from the Danville Baptist Church. Inspired by the death of the creator's granddaughter and made by volunteers, each doll has "Jesus Loves You" written on the chest to comfort and remind a sick child of the love of Jesus. The dolls are to be given to terminally or chronically ill children, whether at home or in a hospital. Dolls are also given to patients in Hospice and to siblings of patients in Ronald McDonald Houses.

All of the dolls have been temporarily adopted by a Guild member who has agreed to sew a child's lap quilt, approximately 36"x 45" by June 15th. The dolls and their quilts will be displayed at our Guild Quilt Show.

May Service Workshop and Dish-to-Pass Luncheon

Come and join us for a few hours of good food, good company, and good service on May 19th! Bring your sewing machine, supplies and your current service project and join us for an afternoon of fun. We'll be working on Hospice and Samantha Quilts.

Nominations

Service Chairperson for next year needed!

Feeling a little down or left out? A sure cure is to get involved in the Guild! Being the Service Chairperson this year has been a wonderful experience and enriched my life greatly. It can do

Service (continued)

the same for you. Choose a charity close to your heart and rally the kind-hearted souls of the SVQG to support it. I promise, you won't regret it!

Quilt Retreat

Our Guild Retreat is May 13-16, 2013 at the Lancaster Host Resort in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Room Rates (per night) are as follows: 1 King bed \$110; 2 people/2 double beds \$60 each; 4 people/2 double beds \$36 each. This includes a full breakfast. Rates are good 3 days before and 3 days after the retreat. Sign up now to hold your spot! See Lori Abbott-Herrick.

The Virginia Quilt Museum Little Quilts, Big Talents ~ The 2012 Silent Auction of Little Quilts
Rules: no more than 72" in perimeter; 3 layers w/ quilting; ready to hang; design copyright holder's permission.

Deadlines: 2nd Submission Deadline: June 9, 2012
3rd Submission Deadline: September 8, 2012
On-line auction begins May 10th; vaquiltmuseum.org

Submitted by,
Lori Abbott-Herrick

Programs!

If nothing else, through doing this "program-thing" I'm learning. Learning I've come a long way and still have a long way to go. But that's okay. After spending a wonderful Friday evening with Paula Golden, I learned that she, too, has been on a quilting journey, hers beginning 20+ years ago—so I think I'll cut myself a little slack and just keep plugging along. (She showed me one of her first quilts—I think I'll be okay). While I don't think I'll be entering any of my handiwork in a quilt show anytime soon, I know what a quilt judge looks for and might take just a bit more time to get my bindings and quilting "just so". Paula's Color Confidence for Quilters workshop was great—we learned a bit more about stretching ourselves beyond the two colors "right next door". All in all it was a fast Saturday and I am blessed to have acquired a new friend. I hope you all enjoyed having Paula with us.

A thousand apologies to Paula for my blundered introduction.

Next month (May), our own Lori Schrock will be showing us some of her tips and tricks beyond what we know as traditional quilting—no bed quilts or coverlets. Lori's going to talk to us about finishing and mounting needlework and wall hangings. If you've ever worked yourself through a beautiful piece of needlework and didn't quite know what to do to "finish" it, Lori will be able to share a few answers.

I visited Lori several months ago and was amazed at the creative ways she mounted a beautiful quilted panel and some of her needlework. Quilting as art? I think so. Her presentation should appeal to all of us, art quilters and those of us that decided after the third block was complete we really didn't LOVE the pattern as much as we thought. It looks good, but. . .

Programs (continued)

Our UFO Challenge continues with our UFO Show and Tell and the drawing of our last "official" UFO for this guild year. There is a certain excitement in the air as we show each other a bit about our past. I still have one lurking on my UFO list I started more than 25 years ago. . .will that be the number drawn?

The afternoon will be dedicated to service, please plan on sharing a couple of hours together working towards reaching our Service Committee's hospice quilt goal! Or perhaps you have a small quilt to finish up for your Samantha doll?

June – I get a month off, thanks to our guild quilt show. Connie, Sally and the quilt show committee chairs will be filling us in on our final preparations for our guild show. If you have a binding you need to finish or a sleeve you have to stitch on, bring it along, I'm sure someone will be there with a needle, thread and a willingness to give you a hand.

July - "Are you crazy for basket blocks? Would you like to learn how to fill those baskets with flowers, leaves, ribbons, raffia and other beautiful things? Become a "Basket Case" like Diana Norman as you embellish a basket block to make a pillow top, a lovely wall hanging or enough blocks to make a quilt! Use your own favorite

basket pattern (with or without a "handle", but the basket should be "empty"), or Diana will provide various patterns at the May and June Guild meetings. You will need to bring a completed block (12.5" unfinished) to class in July, as well as any embellishments you'd like to use. Diana will also bring lots of fun stuff to share. A supply list will be published in the June and July newsletters."

Happy Spring!

Bev

MEMBERSHIP –

Welcome new members: Connie Campbell, Harrisonburg; Lynda Vaught, Bridgewater; Carol Cassidy, Churchville; Micky Gardner, McGaheysville; and welcome back one of our first members - Beryl Lawson, Harrisonburg.

2012-2013 Quilt Show –

It's almost here; the SVQG 2012 Quilt Show! Got your quilts ready to enter? I have and will be proud to display my "stuff".

Now I have heard some members say that they are not going to enter anything because they are "not good enough". Horse Pucky!!! Well I'm definitely not good enough either. But, and this is the key, I'm better than I was last year. And even if I wasn't, I didn't join the Guild to worry about what people think about my work. I joined to have fun, to learn new things and, yes, even to show off.

Membership (continued)

I want people to look at my work and feel the inspiration I had; feel the problems I endured trying to put it together successfully. I want them to see me, not the points that didn't come together perfectly or any of the many other obvious mistakes. I want them to say, "Pretty good stuff" even if they know they can do it so much better.

Mine and your "stuff" is a gift from our hearts to the rest of the viewers. Imperfect as it may be, it shows that we love our work and want to show it off. I know the viewer will recognize our efforts and congratulate us for a job well done. I'll be looking for your "stuff" at the Quilt Show.

Happy Quilting!
John Hammel

ATTENTION ALL QUILTERS -

We are having a quilt show! So far we only have 56 entries. 56!!!

This won't be much of a show if we don't get more entries. I know those quilts are out there because we saw them at Show and Tell. Please send me your application. I am moving the deadline to May 10th. We want this quilt show to be as good as it can possibly be. We can't do this unless we have an impressive collection of quilts to display.

Send your quilt entries to Kathy Christy, 506 Third Street, Shenandoah, Virginia 22849 or scan and send via email to kckwilter@hotmail.com.

Thanks,
Kathy Christy

QUILTS IN THE VALLEY XIII

In less than two months our quilt show will be relegated to fond memories of beautiful quilts and our goal of raising funds via the raffle quilt... "**Sunrise Over the Blue Ridge**". The production of a quilt show is similar to making a quilt; it takes lots of little "bits" to create something beautiful. Each member is one of the "bits" that go into making our show spectacular... entering a **quilt** for viewing, supplying some **food** for our hospitality area, volunteering to be a **white glove** guide, creating an irresistible item or two for the **boutique**, finishing up an orphan block into a pillow for the **pillow puddle**, signing up to do a **demonstration or work-in-progress**, selling more **raffle tickets** for our beautiful quilt, talking up our quilt show to your friends is a wonderful type of **publicity** that everyone can help do, our brochure needs advertisers and sponsors, the **silent auction** is ready to accept your donations of new or gently used items and lastly but not

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least we need **volunteers to help set up the frames** and **hang the quilts** on Friday, June 22nd. Husbands and strong guys are needed here.

Each of the committee chairpersons has written an article for this newsletter, letting you know how you can help. If you need further information, give Connie Broy (540-436-3054) or Sally Jones (540-740-3443) a call to say what you need. To paraphrase an old saying, your quilt guild needs you...say yes.

Quilt Show Co-Chairs,
Connie & Sally

BECOME A QUILT SHOW PATRON –

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.

Also, if you would like to advertise in the program space is available. The cost for half a page (approximate size is 4 inches by 4.5 inches) is \$25.

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

QUILT SHOW SILENT AUCTION -

I am very excited and so honored to have the opportunity to work on the silent auction for the Guild's Quilt show! From my conversations with Sally and Connie I have really come to understand and appreciate how much the membership and your generous and creative donations are the key to the auction's success! I look forward to collecting a treasured item (or more if you would like) from you at our Guild meeting in May! If it will not be possible for you to bring your item to the May meeting and you would like to arrange an alternative time for either pick up or drop off, please feel free to call me 8-5 M-F at [540-568-3493](tel:540-568-3493) or weeknights and weekends at [540-564-0901](tel:540-564-0901) or by emailing me at sirockam@jmu.edu.

Quilt Show Silent Auction (continued)

I am excited to report that I have heard members buzzing about what they would like to donate and a couple of the mentioned items include: a beautiful White House ornament and a very pretty necklace with a lovely rhinestone heart pendant! What will you be bringing? If you would like to brainstorm ideas I would be happy to do that with you as well!

Please remember that in addition to an item to be auctioned we are asking that each member donate as many fat quarters as you would like so they can be bundled as potential auction items.

Thanks again and I look forward to receiving your fat quarter and auction treasures in May!

Amy Meck

FOOD AND FARE -

We want to have food available for those volunteers and vendors who set up Friday Night, work Saturday and Sunday, so your help is needed and appreciated. A sign up sheet will be sent around at this coming meeting.

Friday - we'd like a couple of crock pots of hot dishes like BBQ, Chili, or casserole along with rolls, a veggie tray, fruit and cookies or cake.

Saturday - finger foods, crackers and cheese, muffins, sandwiches, chips, fruit, veggies, etc.

Sunday - will probably be enough leftovers from Saturday but we'll check on it. A person to help set up Friday and clean up Sunday will also be appreciated.

Thanks, Phyllis and SuAnn

SELL RAFFLE TICKETS -

MAYFEST –STRASBURG, VA
May 19, 2012 from 10 am to 5pm.
May 20, 2012 from 2 pm to 4pm

I am sending an S.O.S. to the members for help on Saturday May 19, 2012 to sell raffle tickets. The time slots I need coverage is 10am to 12n; 12n to 2pm and 2pm to 4pm and May 20, 2012 from 2pm to 4pm. The tent will be in the parking lot of the Town Hall which is on Main Street across from the Fire Hall.

If any of you could spare a couple of hours, I would appreciate it. Please call Connie Broy 540-436-3054 or 540-335-1039 cell.

HOSPITALITY –

Thanks to everyone who provided the delicious refreshments on Saturday for the meeting. Remember **May Birthdays** we are looking forward to what you will provide on May 19th for everyone to enjoy.

Thanks,
Hospitality Committee

NEWSLETTER –

The next newsletter deadline will be May 25th! This will be the last time to send out an appeal to our membership for those last loose ends for the Quilt Show. Let's all pitch in help make this quilt show a big success.

Thanks, Sandie Hammel

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY –

Barbara Johnson May 5th
Lila Schafer May 20th

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TO JOIN: the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild, send \$20.00 Annual Dues to:

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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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