

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SEWING CORNER -

During the past year, we have been treated (and exposed) to a variety of programs presented by the Program Coordinator. I have especially enjoyed the UFO challenge; of which I have tried to participate, but fallen short due to being over programmed. This is definitely a challenge that bears repetition; maybe Connie, as Program Coordinator for next year, can fit this into her plans.

Our current challenge is the Quilt Show coming up June 23rd and 24th, with set up taking place on June 22nd (Friday). As your Guild President and Co-Chair of the Quilt Show, I am asking every member of the guild to participate in making this show a memorable one for our guild. If you haven't volunteered to help on a committee, it is not too late. You will find information in this newsletter about how you can fill in here and there. We are counting on you!

My quirky calendar says that June is known as "Candy Month"; with the 17th being "Yellow Pig Day" (does this mean than sows are now being bleached to a lovely blonde shade) and the 27th is "Walk on Stilts Day". If you want to practice, this could provide some interesting entertainment during the Quilt Show.

Our current guild year is quickly spinning to an end and with it a change in our leadership. We have been extremely lucky in having such a dedicated Board and for this I am very grateful. It is never possible to give adequate thanks for the people who have served as officers and committee chairs, but I am attempting to do so at this time. You, as members, also need to thank these members of our guild who have stepped forward this past year. From me, you deserve a gigantic THANK YOU.

Quilting hints for this month's column are: 1) when you are machine appliquéing, use a tight zigzag stitch of 1/8th to 3/16th of an inch around the perimeter of your object, for the best results; 2) even if you are a quilter of long time this next hint bears repeating, cut three 2 inch squares and sew together in a row. The middle square should measure 1 ½ inch when you accurately measure it and that will let you know your ¼ inch seams are true; 3) to catch thread snips when sewing, use a small square of batting, near your sewing machine, to receive these snips and then use the batting square to clean up you

and your machine area; and 4) place a mattress pad on top of your cutting table for a great pressing surface, especially for large pieces of fabric.

And now, until next month, let there be no bitchin' but plenty of new stitchin'. You SVQG quilters are the best, while I remain tangled in me threads and UFO's.

Sally

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD
May 19, 2012
Meeting Minutes

President Sally Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting and pointed out that it is only 35 days until the Quilt Show. Lou Emswiler introduced her sister, Dorothy, as her guest. She is also the mother of our speaker, Lori Schrock.

Cerise Haas gave the Treasurer's Report and it was filed for audit. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes.

President-Elect Lori - Abbott-Herrick gave the service report. As of today, 78 Hospice Quilts have been donated toward our goal of 125. The ten Samantha dolls were adopted at the April meeting and a child's lap quilt will be completed by June 15th. The dolls and their quilts will be displayed at our Guild Quilt Show. The designer is willing to send he pattern if anyone would like to make dolls. The only restriction is that they can't be sold. This afternoon will be spent working on Service Quilts. Members have been asked to bring their sewing machines and supplies and any Hospice kits they are working on. Batting, backing and a few kits will be available to work on.

Lori will welcome help putting together the Community Outreach Booth at the Quilt Show. This will showcase our Hospice and Samantha quilts and Cancer Pillows and Totes. In April, 2013, the Augusta Hospice will have a Quilt Auction. The entry deadline is February 22, 2013, and all donations will be welcome.

She added that we do not have a Service Chair for next year. We will, therefore, not be doing a service project. If anyone (or a committee) would be willing to take this on, please get in touch with Lori.

Josephine Millet reported that the Quilt Museum has been sent fabric being produced by Hancock Fabrics from one of the Museum's quilts. They have to analyze how much of each fabric it will take to make a kit to duplicate the quilt. The fabric will be sold either in fat quarters or in kits. The new exhibit of the work of Hazel Carter will open Tuesday.

The Quilt Retreat will be held next May at Lancaster Host Resorts in Pennsylvania. A \$50.00 deposit is needed to hold a space.

MEMBERSHIP - We now have 98 members. Twenty members from last year have not renewed.

QUILT SHOW - Pillows are needed for the Pillow Puddle. Fat Quarters are also needed for the silent auction. Josephine Millet will take items for the Boutique at the same time that quilts are being turned in for the show.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR #1 - Bev London announced that project #2 will be due in July. If it is not completed, a fat quarter will need to be turned in.

Door Prizes were handed out followed by break time. After this a wonderful show and tell was enjoyed by all.

The program was given by Lori Schrock who explained many ways to frame your handwork and gave us terrific ideas on how to frame wall quilts.

Submitted by Norma Harris, Secretary

PROGRAMS!

I don't know about you, but our guild members never cease to amaze me! I hope Lori's presentation sent you away with a few ideas for mounting and displaying your needlework and those small quilts and wall hangings you've put together over the years. I sometimes think we come away learning so much when those that are presenting, like Lori, share their blunders as well as their successes. "Don't try this at home. . ." Our service afternoon went well. I think we got a good bit accomplished. Not for nothing, like usual, we always have a good time together.

June – Molly and Joan are cooking up a little education presentation. So please join us for a bit of enlightenment from our Education Committee. 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 – The quilt show will be over! So now it's time for a much needed break from all the preparation and details, details and details!

TRUNK SHOW! & Basket Embellishment workshop! We all know July is one of the hottest months of the year, so why not plan to spend the afternoon with your friends? Our own Diana Norman will be sharing some of her lovely quilt works with us in the morning and leading a "Basket Case" workshop in the afternoon. The workshop is very reasonably priced at \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Details are attached. If

you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me (Or Diana, for that matter.) Rest assured, it's going to be fun AND it's going to be different!

August – Ah, the guild picnic! If you'd like to help with the planning, please let me, or one of the gals on the hospitality committee-Anna Lee, Dorice and Vicki, know you're willing. :o) Weather permitting we'll have another great gathering at Oakdale Park in Bridgewater – if the weather decides not to cooperate, we have a contingency plan – Bridgewater Town Hall! We will have a pot luck brunch, Show and Tell, the drawing for our UFO Challenge, installation of 2012-2013 officers and committee chairs and a short program. More details, next month.

Bev

Note: Workshop registration information at the end of this newsletter.

SERVICE –

Hospice Quilts -

88 is the wonderful, magical number of Hospice Quilts made by our Guild this year! And with 11 kits and 11 tops out there being worked on, our total is 110. **WE CAN DO IT!** We can make 125 quilts by August, if you help. Lap quilts of any design and fabric are acceptable. Minimum size: 36" x 50". Maximum size: 50" x 60". I also have ten more quilt tops that need to be quilted. Can you help?

May Service Workshop and Dish-to-Pass Luncheon -

Thanks to Josephine and the Hospitality Committee for serving a scrumptious luncheon at our Service Project on May 19th. Learning how to "tube" quilt was fun! At least 8 hospice quilts will be produced from mostly orphaned fabric. Thanks to those who stayed and helped.

Quilts of Comfort -

Augusta Health will be holding a Quilt Auction on April 13, 2013 to benefit their "gifted care" program. Entries to auction are needed. Check out their website if you're interested: quiltsofcomfort.org.

Harrisonburg Court Days is June 2nd -

Quilters needed to promote The Virginia Quilt Museum. Contact Lori Abbott-Herrick.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – June 29th

Note: This is a week later than usual since the normal deadline falls on our quilt show weekend and will allow information from our June guild meeting and our quilt show to get to you.

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICER AND CHAIRPERSONS

President-elect	Vickie Graham
Secretary	Jane Crockett
Treasurer	Cerise Haas
Education	Denise Rudolph
Program Coordinator #1	Connie Broy
Program Coordinator #2	Lori Schrock
Hospitality	Anna Lee Newman & Dorice Graham
Library	Kathy Christy
Historian	Mary Carlton
Membership	John Hammel
Newsletter	Sandie Hammel
Publicity	Lou Emswiler
Web Mistress	Dianne Reasons
Ways & Means	Thurston Bechtel & Amy Meck
Sunshine	Sue Jones
Service	_____ (PLEASE HELP)

Note: Election of Officers will take place at the SVQG June meeting.

What does your membership do for you?

Now that you have all paid for your SVQG membership, it's time to think about all the benefits.

1. An opportunity to provide quality quilts and service to various organizations and people in need.
2. A picnic in the summer and a party at Christmas.
3. A 500 book library with free monthly check-out.
4. A quilt show every other year where you can display your handiwork and admire the work of others.
5. At least one or two nationally recognized guest speakers per year. They will provide opportunities for classes to learn new skills or to brush up on old ones.
6. Fun projects, raffles, door prizes and –**“SHOW & TELL.”**

And, most importantly, a place to meet and greet old friends and make new friends; a place to relax and get away from the everyday problems; and a place to share in the fellowship of good company.

Thank you for your membership. Your Guild is what you make of it.

See you at the Quilt Show! John Hammel – Membership

WAYS AND MEANS / RAFFLE QUILT 2012 –

Special thanks to those who sold tickets at the Strasburg May Festival and to Connie Broy for setting this up. We raised \$182!

To date, we have collected about \$1,700 on our raffle quilt. Please turn in tickets at the June meeting and get more tickets!!! The drawing will be at our July meeting.

Thanks to all who supported the May guild raffle of patriotic fabric in a basket. We raised \$70.

Denise Rudolph

HOSPITALITY –

Thanks to everyone for the refreshments with the August Birthdays helping out, it was a feast. Thanks to everyone! Now June babies it is your turn to share goodies.

Looking forward to seeing you in June – Hospitality Committee

QUILT SHOW UP DATE

By the time you read this newsletter, our Quilts in the Valley XIII show will be just a few weeks away. Many of your fellow Guild members have been working very diligently on preparing for various aspects of the show. There is always room and jobs for more willing workers: The people, who spend hours working on setting up on Friday and then “work” the show on Saturday and Sunday, need some food for staying power. The signup sheet that was circulated at the last Guild meeting had quite a few empty spaces for more people to sign up to bring food items and goodies. Likewise, we can still use more “white gloves”. The success of our show is entertaining our viewing public with our quilts AND making money by selling articles at the Boutique and Silent Auction. These are two areas of our show that could use more contributions. Remember, at the Boutique, you are donating 15% of the sale price and you get the balance. That sounds like a win win deal.

Committee chairs for the show have individually submitted articles, which appear in this issue. Also, if you go back and review past issues of our newsletter you can get more info as to “who” is chairing “what” committee. Please contact some of these people and step up to volunteer.

We thank you for your support. Please plan to attend our June Guild, where you will receive the very latest updates.

Connie & Sally, Quilt Show Co-Chairs

FYI ANNOUNCEMENT –

NQA has our guild show listed on their website. Just click on calendar on the left side once you have pulled up their website, and a USA map will appear; click on the State of VA and there we are. Submitted by Lou Emswiler

QUILT SHOW SILENT AUCTION –

Just a reminder to bring your silent auction item or items to the Guild meeting in June as well as the fat quarters you would like to donate. If it will not be possible for you to bring your item to the June 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.

Thanks to all of you who brought your auction items to the May meeting!
Amy Meck

A JUNE - HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!

Leslie Bulkin	6/9
Bonnie Spoon	6/12
Dorice Graham	6/18
Barbara Paulson	6/20
Robert Just	6/30

INVITATION TO THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

The Virginia Quilt Museum presents
COLLECTIONS AND CREATIONS
QUILTS OF HAZEL CARTER
May 22 – August 18, 2012
Please join us for an Artist's Reception
Saturday, June 16, 2012 from 4 to 6 pm

Made possible by Carolyn Lynch, Fabric Dating Club, McLean Quilters Unlimited,
Old Dominion Applique Society and Vienna Quilters Unlimited

RSVP by Tuesday, June 12th

Phone 540-433-3818 Email: info@vaquiltmuseum.org.

JULY GUILD WORKSHOP

Workshop: "Basket Case" (basket block embellishment)
Instructor: Diana Norman
Date: Saturday, July 21, 2012, 1 - 4 p.m. (bring snack or light lunch, if desired)
Where: Sunnyside Room
Fee: \$10 for Members; \$20 for Non-Members

Description: In this workshop, *we will focus on embellishment--not making the block.* You will need to bring to class **one completed 12 ½" (unfinished size) basket block.** We'll embellish and quilt one basket block of your choice, suitable for framing, making a pillow top or adding to other blocks for a wall hanging!

Suggestions: PLEASE READ. For best results, your background fabric should be muslin or other light, solid or tone-on-tone fabric. Your basket can have a "handle" or not, but the basket should be "empty"—same plain fabric as background, no prints. Any embellishments used (as recommended below) should be flat or no thicker than 1/8" to 1/4". Any silk (not plastic) flowers will be removed from stems, and thick, plastic "stamen" will be removed; small, flat buttons can be used in their place. Free-motion quilting works best, but a regular walking foot is okay.

Supplies: basket block (see Description, above)
batting and backing, at least 14 ½" square
sewing machine with appropriate cords and pedal
free-motion quilting foot or regular quilting/walking foot
extension cord or surge protector
straight pins for basting layers
glue stick, optional
thread for quilting (to match background fabric if possible)
scissors (not your good fabric scissors!)
general sewing supplies

Possible embellishments: Your choice! Silk flowers and leaves to complement your basket colors (see Suggestions, above); small, flat buttons, ribbons, raffia, sparkly confetti, tinsel; small, flat scrapbooking words, letters, decals, pictures, etc.; iron-on decals (bows, butterflies, etc.). Instructor will bring additional items to share, plus the "Secret Ingredient".

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Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____\$10 Member; _____\$20 Non-Member

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

*Please make check payable to **SVQG**.
Mail to Bev London, 162 McKinley Dr.,
Broadway, VA 22815, or
phone: 540-578-3658 or
email: mc162kinley@yahoo.com.*

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

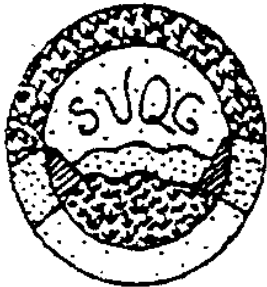
the Sunnyside Room, that's the building at the bottom of the hill, to the left of the Highlands Building.

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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