Valley Quilt Notes

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sew Many Opportunities!

The husband and I just returned from a 3-week road trip to Nevada, Utah and Colorado. We're exhausted but happy to be home in our beautiful valley! Along the way we met many kind people in quilt shops (the husband is very indulgent of me and my fabric addiction) and added significantly to my stash.

The long haul through Missouri was broken up by a delightful visit to The Missouri Star Quilt Company and an afternoon gabbing with Jenny Doan and her husband and daughter. Jenny is a world-famous quilter whose free online tutorials teach quilting in a unique and no-fuss way. She has always wanted to come to the Shenandoah Valley, so we talked about her bringing her trunk show to our Guild! She's as funny and gracious in person as she is in her tutorials. And her shop is "just adorable"! Check out her website at www.missouriquiltco.com.

Whenever the opportunity presented itself I told people about our Guild and the hundreds of quilts we've donated to various charities over the years. I told them about our Hospice quilts; *Wrap-a-Smile* quilts; *A Small Hand* quilts; breast cancer pillow and totes; and of course, our *Samantha Dolls*. And a beautiful thing happened – people were moved to reach out and find ways to help others in their own communities

Mahatma Gandhi said, "Consciously or unconsciously, every one of us does render some service or other. If we cultivate the habit of doing this service deliberately, our desire for service will steadily grow stronger, and will make, not only our own happiness, but that of the world at large."

I urge each of you to render compassion in your lives and in our Guild. It will be returned to you. Looking forward,

Lori Abbott-Herrick

PROGRAMS

I want to thank **Bev London** for her great programs this past year. We had some wonderful workshops and speakers. The picnic was outstanding, the weather was very cooperating, and the "back on the farm" theme fun".

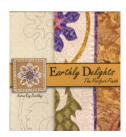
Weren't those bags Dianne brought to the July meeting absolutely beautiful??

You still have time to sign up for the September workshop with our very own **Dianne Reasons**, and her "A Bag of All Reasons" -- a cute and catchy name. There are still some slots available. The sign-up sheet is printed further in this newsletter. Deadline for sign-up is Sept 5, 2012.

The program for the general meeting in September will be 4 stations of different "how to" techniques. We will have **Leslie Bulken** showing us how to make those very nice chemo caps. **Denise Rudolph** will be showing us the way to make a sharp mitered corner in binding. **Molly Toth** will be teasing us with her beautiful way of painting an abstract quilt. **Connie Broy** will show you how to do those oh so dreaded "Y" seams an easy way.

Hope you all have your new list of UFOs to hand to **Diana Norman.** We really made a dent in our UFOs with Bev and I hope more will join the UFO challenge with Diana. This is the best way I know to complete our UFOs and have fun doing it!!





October 19 and 20, 2012—Will be Karen Kay Buckley for an all day workshop on Friday and a lecture and afternoon workshop on Saturday. Friday Karen will be teaching hand appliqué "Heard it Through the Grape Vine". Saturday her lecture is "To Border or Not to Border and the afternoon workshop will be Borders by design. You can go to her website and see the Friday workshop and read about this very talented woman.

www.karenkaybuckley.com. Sign up sheet will be in this and the next newsletters.

November – will be service with Denise

Connie

PROGRAMS – 2nd CO-ORDINATOR

Dear Member,

It's time for me to start working on our programs for the 2013-2014 year. I have put together an electronic survey on Survey Monkey. It is painless and will only take a minute or two. The survey is completely anonymous and there is no way for me to know unless you type in your name in one of the comment boxes. Please take a moment to click on the following link and complete the survey. Your input would be greatly appreciated as it helps me give direction in the planning process. I've also provided an opportunity for you to provide input in a few other areas as well. Please complete the survey by the September 15th meeting.

Thanks so much, Lori Schrock

Survey Link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KY6PDQ2

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD August 18, 2012 Meeting Minutes

President Sally Jones welcomed everyone to the Annual Picnic, "Down on the Farm." A rousing crowd of quilters greeted her.

The minutes of the July Meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter.

NEWSLETTER: The deadline for the September Newsletter is August 24th. Please send information to Sally Jones. Use Arial Font Size 12 to make it easier to edit.

Sally then installed the officers for the 2012-2013 year.

Bev London then spoke about the UFO projects for the past year. The names of the participants were "all shook up" and a non-participant was selected to draw the name of the winner of all those fat quarters! A cheer arose as Sally Jones' name was selected. She even got to keep the basket!

The UFO project was so popular that it is being extended to another year. Be sure to bring your two fat quarters in September to get the "pot" started for next year.

The food was spread and again we were reminded that quilters are also good cooks. If you missed, make sure to mark your 2013 calendars for the third Saturday in August. You don't want to miss next year!

It has been fun to be secretary for the past two years, but I willingly turn the notebook over to Jane Crockett and wish her better luck with her computers than I have had. I look forward to sleeping later on Saturdays and thank you all for your help and tolerance!

Submitted by Norma Harris, Secretary

Closing Thoughts-Programs 2011-2012 Bear with me, one last time:

First, I want to thank you for putting up with me and my programs this year. Secondly; I'd like to thank you for your immense patience. Pulling together programs for the past guild year was a bit of a challenge—I'm new to quilting and new to the guild. I don't know Ami Simms from Ricki Timms . . . I really don't. Fran was an invaluable resource, although I can well imagine she tired of all of my uncertainties. . . I could not have gotten through this year without her. When you see her, thank her for helping me.

Okay, the other thing you need to know, I'm cheap, no, I think the better word would be "thrifty". I have been fortunate for people to flit in and out of my life; I try to gain something from each person I encounter. Hence, why you were subjected to Kathleen Conery and Bill Dean – they came to me through another piece of my life – my work. I thought they'd be interesting, a bit different. And they were. How many of us will ever forget Thurston and Liz's modeling of Kathleen's costumes? What good sports they were. Then of course, we couldn't forget Zoia's visit! Paula Golden, the folks from Hospice.

If you afforded yourself the opportunity to go on our first ever (at least I think it was) Tour de Guild, we were blessed with one of the most pleasant days, weather and companion-wise. I hope you were able to get to know another guild member during our journey. We can all probably admit the car was a lot noisier on the ride north than it was on the return to the Valley. (Kind of reminding me of the team bus in High School.)

It was a fun year, lots going on, but NO NEW PROJ-ECTS, at least not the kind you couldn't finish during **Kathy Christy's** bowl workshop! (Don't worry. Connie will more than make up for the year off I've given you! Obviously, she knows who's who in the quilting world. Hang on to your hats, folks! It's going to be a wild, fun-filled year.)

Our UFO challenge was great. All those finished projects! Come to think of it, I've got to get my #3 finished for September. I wouldn't want Diana to get three fat quarters from me at the start of next year's challenge

Congratulations to **Sally Jones**, the winner of our UFO drawing. **Nellie Pitcock** pulled her name from the jar! By the way, the yellow slips of paper represented the "buy-in", that was the chance you got just by getting into the challenge. The green papers represented each finished project. Sally won, simply for joining the challenge and paying her initial two fat quarters.

Here are the stats: # of Participants 36

Of Completed Projects 127 of a possible 180 +/- (some of you had more than one project to complete each month, yes; we have a few over achievers amongst us!)

of fat quarters 132 (+ some were ½ yard cuts) and a lovely handmade basket by Sue Graham of Staunton (rumor has it, she's also a quilter!)

If you didn't do the challenge last year, give it a try this year. **Diana Norman** will do a great job keeping all the statistics and we'll have another fabulous round of Show & Tells.

Before I close, I want to thank so many of you for entertaining me this past year with your "excuses". Some months I had to chuckle at all the "True Confessions". You certainly made me laugh. For those of you with other, more pressing excuses, I'm so glad your challenges have passed. I am very thankful for my health and the health of my family members. Some have had a pretty rough year. Better days ahead!

I also want to thank you for allowing me to get to know so many of you in a whole different way. (And I mean that in a good way.) For those of you that rescued me during party planning time, THANK YOU! As I warned all of you, I did not get the party planning gene in my family – I have three sisters, they hogged it all. What would I have done without the help of all of you that pitched in, especially the Hospitality Committee-Vicki, Dorice and Anna Lee? The Christmas Party and the picnic would have been pretty bleak without their (and a few others') help.

Yep, it was a good year. And now, I promise to turn off my cell phone for all future meetings, I will no longer be watching out the window, pacing at the door AND I promise to actually pay attention

during the meetings! Yay. Thank you so much for your support and encouragement.

I will ask one more thing, please complete Lori Schrock's survey, it's so important when you're trying to plan programs to know what interests our members. Those of you that completed my survey, way back when, were a great help. Of course, I still didn't know who was who, but hey, we got through it anyway! Yippee!

Bev

PS Do NOT make eye contact with Fran Miller! (Gosh, I love that woman!)



Six Foot High Letters—THANK YOU

What a beautiful and loving gift that you, the members of the SVQG, made for me and was presented to me at our August picnic. The "what" are quilt squares of teddy bear heads and snow ball blocks for my outgoing gift as your guild President. I have been collecting bears for over 30 years and many of them are very special; but nothing can compete with these tokens from you.

As I started to make up my list of UFO's for this next guild year, completing my "President's Quilt" will definitely be one of my projects to finish. Rest assured that you will see it completed!

Thank each and every one of you who either made a block or sent fabrics for me to use in finishing the quilt.

Bear hugs to you, Sally

ANOTHER THANK YOU!!!

I would like to thank the guild for the wonderful DVDs about different ways and techniques for my long arm quilting machine. I really appreciate them.

Connie

SERVICE

I am really excited to continue on with the Hospice projects that Lori started.

At the September meeting I will have more Samantha Dolls to hand out. I would like to have at least half of these back for the November meeting since that is our service meeting and I will be inviting the Hospice representatives to come and give us stories about how the quilts and dolls have helped patients and family members. It will be great to send them back home with lap quilts and dolls. The letters we received last year really touched your heart. I loved making the quilts knowing they would mean so much to those receiving them.

My goal this year is that I want <u>everyone</u> in the guild to participate in service. There are several ways to serve outside of making an entire quilt. Do you like to sew on labels, sew on binding, cut out blocks, and put together kits? I can use your help.

We have been asked to make patriot lap quilts. By the November meeting I would like everyone to bring an 8.5" strip block or 8.5" 4-patch using red/white/blue fabrics. These will be put with 8.5" fabric blocks. The 8.5" is the measurement of the unfinished block, it will finish 8" once the ½" seams are sewn. If you don't feel comfortable sewing these blocks you can donate the 8.5" fabric blocks. See you can contribute to service!!! I will demonstrate how to make these two blocks at the September meeting and will get the patterns on the web site.

I will also have kits and we do have a few quilts that need to be machine quilted.

Please feel free to call me at 540-465-4484 or email at <u>billyjoe@shentel.net</u> if you have any questions.

Denise Rudolph Service Chairperson

MESSAGE FROM SANDIE

Hi everyone. A reminder that the input for the October Newsletter is due Friday, September 21st.

I'm not sure of my recovery rate but my plan is for me to be able to publish the Newsletter for October. I want to thank Sally Jones and Connie Broy for volunteering to undertake this project for this newsletter this month. Thanks Gals.

I have so enjoyed all the nice cards, letters, notes, TOY blocks, phone calls, and visits that you have sent and made. I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful circle of friends who really care. All of your kind thoughts, prayers and words have helped me on my road to recovery.

Thank you so much.

Sandie Hammel

MEMBERSHIP

With the annual picnic over (and a very nice picnic it was. Thank you Bev and the Hospitality team.), and with the election of new officers, we are ready to roll forward into the new SVQG year.

As appointed to the Membership Chair, I pledge to better serve all our members this year. The current updated membership list will always be available online at the SVQG web site. Copies of the list will be mailed to members upon request.

Badges will be updated and available for the September meeting with the new and old officers getting different colored ones

All new members for the 2012-2013 Membership year will receive updated Welcome packets by the end of September.

I will strive to reach out to obtain new members for our Guild. By getting more personally involved I hope to let people see what a dynamic and fun place is available to them in our Guild.

I am always available to all our members for questions and requests. I want to serve you.

And now on a personal note; thank all of you for your cards, letters, emails, phone calls and inquiries into Sandie's well-being. I appreciate your concern and I assure you Sandie most definitely does. With a little bit of luck she will be able to attend the September meeting. Thanks again.

Keep those sewing machines humming and those needles and threads stitching.

Happy quilting!

John Hammel

HOSPITALITY

Our "Back on the Farm Picnic" was great. Delicious food, beautiful day and good company, what more could you ask for, now on to next year.

Our folks with September birthdays will be bringing goodies for our meeting on September 15th.

Information for our new members, you will be asked to bring something for refreshments the month of your birthday and if your birthday falls in August or December be prepared for a call the months we do not have many birthdays. Thanks Hospitality Committee

DEADLINE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

Sandie's message, in this month's newsletter, tells us that she expects to attend the Sept. meeting and do the Oct. newsletter. Connie and Sally want to be prepared in case this does not nappen; therefore, please send your column info to us at clbroy@shentel.net or auntsallygee@gmail.com. Like the Scouts, we want to "be prepared" and by sending us your newsletter info we will be prepared. If Sandie is up to doing the newsletter, then we can forward all info to her.

Connie Broy & Sally Jones

FOUND

I have a red lawn chair from the Quilt Guild Picnic on Saturday if you forgot your lawn chair or know to whom it belongs, please contact me at 540-879-9611 or by email.

NewmanLAAM@aol.com.

Anna Lee Newman



SUNSHINE

Do you know a guild member who needs a thinking of you card? Either from a family illness or loss. Let's also remember the successes that can be celebrated. If you would like someone to be recognized for a success, please let me know. You may contact me at dejbowsandskjquilts@hotmail.com or 540-949-0872.

Sue Jones



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following Guild members are having a birthday in the months of Sentember and October:

the months of September and Octobe	er:
Sharon Culbertson	9/1
Roberta Patterson	9/5
Bobbie Champaign	9/7
Betty Ott	9/10
Lynda Vaught	9/12
Norma Harris	9/14
Lori Schrock	9/14
Larry Brown	9/17
Daria Roby	9/22
Gae Baker	10/7
Alice Zuidema	10/10
Lori Abbot-Herick	10/11
Frances Ritchie	10/11
Carol Cassidy	10/16
Beryl Lawson	10/18
Cheryl Hawes	10/20
Suann Edwards	10/27
Kathleen Chunta	10/29
Jude McLaughlin	10/30
Beverly London	10/31

To everyone having a birthday in September or October, have a great one!

ITEMS FYI

Floyd County Woman's Club Arts & Crafts Fair

2012 Quilt Show

September 29-30, 2012 Saturday 9-5 & Sunday noon-5 Floyd Elementary School, Floyd, VA Admission \$3.00

2012 Sewing & Quilt EXPO **Dulles Expo Center** October 4-6, 2012, 10 am – 6pm Thurs/Fri; 10 am – 5:30 pm Sat. Chantilly, VA Admission \$10.00

Virginia Quilt Museum Hosts Los hilos de la vida (The Threads of Life)

Small story quilts made by Latina women while they learned to speak and

write English will be featured at the Virginia Quilt Museum from August 28 to

December 15, 2012. Working with fabric and thread, immigrants in Northern

California told stories of family, dreams and home.

Talking and writing about the

meaning of the quilts, they learned to speak English and to use computers. The

resulting folk art in fabric is thought provoking and beautiful.

Sponsors of this exhibit include The Community

Foundation of

Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, Darrin-

McHone Charitable Foundation and James McHone Jewelry, Inc.

The Virginia Quilt Museum is located at 301 South

Main Street,

Harrisonburg, VA. It is open Tuesday - Saturday from

10am to 4pm and parking

in the municipal lot behind the museum is free. The

gift shop contains reasonably

priced gifts and mementos of a visit.

SVQG 2013-2014 Survey

Dear Member,

Please take a moment to answer the following questions. Your input would be greatly appreciated as I begin to put together our programs for the 2013-2014 year. I've also provided an opportunity for you to provide input in a few other areas as well. Please return this form to me by the September meeting.

Thanks so much, Lori Schrock

	Not Interested	Somewhat	Interested	Interested	Greatly Interested
Appliqué by Hand					
Appliqué by Machine					
Hand Quilting Technique					
Machine Quilting Technique					
Quilt Design Selection					
Traditional Piecing					
Paper Piecing					
Thread & Needle Techniques					
Color & Design Theory					
Trapunto					
Quilting for Shows					
Machine Embroidery for Quilts					
Art Quilts					
Modern Quilts					
Traditional Quilts					
Quilt History					
Quilt Appraisal					
Embellishing	L				
What other quilting topics are yo	u interested in?				
2. Do you have suggestions for sp	eakers or worksh	nop instructor	rs? If so, who	?	
3. Is there someone from within t what topic?	he guild you wou	ld like to see	offer a prog	ram or works	shop? If so, who and
4. How would you describe your Beginner	expertise as a qui	lter? _Intermediate	e _	Ad	vanced
5. What do you like most about the	ne SVQG?				
6. What areas of the SVQG would like to see something changed.	d you like to see o	changed, if an	ny? Please p	rovide a sugg	gestion if you would

"A Bag for All Reasons"

DESCRIPTION:	This darling little bag is fun to make. You will not o	only have a bag for all reasons, but you
can also have a bag	g for all seasons. Size of the bag is about 10" wide by	y 8" high.

WHO: Dianne Reasons

WHEN: September 15, 2012 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Sunnyside Retirement Community, Sunnyside Room, Harrisonburg, VA.

COST: \$10.00 for members, \$20.00 for non-members

BRING YOUR LUNCH – Beverages will be supply.

Supply List:

Total of 3 fat quarters: One for lining (a lighter fabric); one for the body, flap, and back picket; and one for the strap and front pocket; or 1 yard of one fabric.

½ yard of Pellon Décor Bond 809 (or a fusible interfacing that is 42" + wide)

Velcro – 1 inch Button – 5/8"

Thread to match fabric

Sewing machine (in good working order)

Rotary cutter

Cutting mat (18" x 24")

Cutting ruler

Iron and Ironing surface

Extension cord

Normal sewing supplies (scissors, pins, pencils, etc.)

DEADLINE: September 5, 2012

A "BAG" for all Reasons

Complete and mail this portion to: Connie Broy, 38 Cecelia St., Toms Brook, VA. 22660

Name:			
Address:			_
Phone:			
Amount Enclosed:	\$10.00 member:	\$20.00 nonmember	

Make check payable to SVQG. Registration deadline is September 5, 2012. Only a paid registration reserves your place in the workshop. Paid workshops are transferable to another member but not refundable unless the class is cancelled, nor can the money be applied to a future workshop.



"Heard it Through the Grapevine"

DESCRIPTION: In this workshop Karen will teaching how to make stuffed bias stems, perfectly rounded flat grapes, stuffed grapes, dimensional leaves and dimensional flowers. All those items of appliqué that makes a very nice 14" block. Web site: www.karenkaybuckley.com.

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WHO:	Karen Kay Buckley			
WHEN:	October 19, 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.1	October 19, 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.		
WHERE:	Sunnyside Retirement Community, Sunnyside Room, Harrisonburg, VA.			
COST:	\$30.00 for members, \$40.00 for non-members Plus \$10.00 kit fee includes pattern paid to instructor.			
BRING YO	OUR LUNCH – Beverages will be suppl	y.		
FABRIC: 16" square of b 1/4 yard for ster		r leaves, grapes or berries r small blue flowers & butterfly		
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"Borders by Design"

DESCRIPTION: in this workshop Karen will teach how to create the perfect border for your quilt. Karen has combined her lecture "To Border or Not to Border, That is the Question" with her easy approach to hands on designing. Participants in the afternoon workshop will be amazed at the ease in designing pieced and appliqué borders to fit any quilt. Web site: www.karenkaybuckley.com.

WHO: Karen Kay Buckley WHEN: October 20, 2012, 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m. Sunnyside Retirement Community, Sunnyside Room, Harrisonburg, VA. WHERE: **COST:** \$20.00 for members, \$30.00 for non-members, Plus \$23.00 for Karen's book, "Earthly Delights: The Perfect Finish" paid to instructor. BRING YOUR LUNCH – Beverages will be supply. **Supply List:** Paper scissors Pencil Eraser 3" x 18" rotary ruler (or close to that size) Template plastic-approximately 10" x 6" DEADLINE: October 5, 2012 QUESTIONS: Call Connie Broy, 540-335-1039 or email at clbroy@shentel.net. ****************** "Borders by Design" Complete and mail this portion to: Connie Broy, 38 Cecelia St., Toms Brook, VA. 22660 Name:

Address:

Amount Enclosed: \$20.00 member; \$30.00 nonmember

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PLACE OF MEETING--THE **SUNNYSIDE ROOM**, THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED) Time: 9:30 am

SUNNYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

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 in the lots but DO NOT PARK IN THE NUMBERED SPACES. These numbered spaces are for residents. Please observe the 15-mph speed limit while on the grounds of Sunnyside.



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