

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT –

Happy Holidays to Y'all!

What a wonderful time of the year, full of secrets, shiny lights, grumpy uncles, inspiring music, yummy foods and **HOPE**. I pray you are able to find **JOY AND PEACE** in all the turmoil and reflect upon the important things in life. Like a warm home and a loving family, a country where we're free to speak our minds, the beautiful scenery outside our windows, the ability to help others and all that fabric in our stashes!

I've learned that true happiness comes when we serve others. In the November Guild meeting we were blessed to hear inspirational stories from our Hospice visitors. Did you go home hoping your quilt was the one easing the elderly woman's pain and loneliness or the child's fears? I did. And it made me want to do more. More Hospice quilts, more *Wrap-A-Smile* quilts, more quilts for *A Small Hand Infant Pantry*.

We, in and around the Valley, were mostly spared the ravages of Super Storm Sandy but many were not. My oldest son just returned from New Jersey where he shoveled sand from homes, removed moldy drywall from basements and hauled precious possessions-turned-to-trash to the dump. I wanted to go but knew my contribution to manual labor would be minimal. I CAN however, make quilts to keep the cold from families displaced by the storm or to cheer a despairing heart. Will you join me?

The Sandy Quilt Block Drive is calling for "Wonky Log Cabin" blocks. Visit quiltinggallery.com/quilters-fun/sandy-quilt-block-drive/ to register and get instructions. Sew Fun Quilts is calling for "Disappearing 4-Patch" blocks. Visit sewfunquilts-sewmeow.blogspot.com/2012/11/quilt-blocks-for-sandy-victims.html

I am proud to be a member of the Shenandoah Valley Quilt Guild because of the generosity and kindness of its members. If you'd like to make any quilt blocks for the victims of Sandy please bring them to the **December Christmas party (December 8th)** and we'll mail them together.

Looking forward,
Lori Abbott-Herrick

PROGRAMS



DECEMBER: **Christmas Party - December 8, 2012**

This will be our Christmas party. We will meet at the Sunnyside Room on the 2nd Saturday, December 8, 2012, at 9:30 a. m. This year we will be doing a brunch and will be eating around 10:15 a.m. Here are some ideas for brunch; egg dishes, meat dishes, muffins, fruit, cheese & crackers, veggie plate, etc.

NO desserts please.

Also, please bring some canned foods for the bags to support food pantries in the south and north. Please remember to check the dates on the cans and boxes, as we cannot accept expired products or weight loss foods. Any questions please call me at 540-335-1039 or email: at clbroy@shentel.net.



JANUARY: **AUCTION - January 19, 2013**

If we all start now collecting items for the auction, we will all have a nice neat sewing area by the time January arrives. One nice thing, **Amy** said she will be glad to take the items at the December meeting. This will help her out a lot and she won't be so swamped at the last minute.

You can call Amy at 540-564-0901 or email her at: sirockam@jmu.edu.



FEBRUARY: **FABULOUS FRACTURES – Kathy Christy - February 16, 2013**

This class will be a fun and easy workshop. Also, you will more than likely be able to finish the quilt in class. How wonderful NO UFO for later. The sign-up sheet is in this newsletter. You can see some of Brenda Esslinger's fractures on her site at: <http://thegypsyquilter.com>

VMRC EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITY -

Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community (VMRC) has offered The Guild the opportunity of displaying our quilts this spring. Please take a look at what you are currently working on or quilts you have previously completed and choose a few to show the public. We'd like to have a range of various types of quilts to exhibit so that the interests of all our members are represented. The exhibit will open in March 2013 and be open to the public until mid-May. If you are interested in helping with this exhibit, or have quilts to display please contact me at 540-433-9877 or grahamvl@comcast.net. Further information will be available in the next newsletter.

Vicki L. Graham
President-Elect

SERVICE -

A big thank you to all who contributed to the meeting on November!!! We collected 11 dolls and 30 quilts for Hospice!!! The Hospice representatives were very happy as they left with all their goodies. In the afternoon, we had a small group that stayed and sewed patriotic 4 patch blocks. I have some blocks left over and will put these in kits. I also have tops that need to be quilted. I will have these to give out in January. I know everyone will be busy in December!!!

Start sewing on those scrappy string quilt blocks. They should be 8 ½". They will be a finished 8" block when sewn. I warn they are addictive. We made 79 blocks over the Thanksgiving holiday when my sisters and mother got together. We had an assembly line going!!! Each quilt takes 35 blocks. We will be putting these together in March. I kept saying April at the November meeting but Connie set me straight!!! Everyone should be able to make at least one block.

Always sewing,
Denise Rudolph

HOSPITALITY -

Thanks to everyone for the goodies in November. December will be our Christmas Brunch planned by Connie Broy, Program Coordinator. Please read your newsletter for the plans. January birthdays will have refreshments on Auction Day, January 19, 2013.

Thanks,
Anna Lee Newman

WAYS and MEANS -

Raffles: Thank you so much for participating in our monthly raffles! We are excited to report these total amounts made each month: September: \$78, October: \$84 and November: \$97. No raffle for December and January but look for another exciting round of raffle items in February!

Bragging Rights: The brag jar seemed to be a big hit and it was great to hear everyone's wonderful news! We brought in \$18 for the guild. Look for the brag jar again in months to come!

January Auction: The annual Guild auction is set for the January meeting. To refresh our collective memories: Who donates: all members are welcomed and encouraged to donate gently loved or even never used sewing, quilting and crafting items. Auction Item Ideas: Have a quilt top you are never going to finish? Have a box of orphan blocks looking for a good home? Do you have more thread or other notions than you could possibly use in a lifetime? Is there a quilting or crafting book that maybe you aren't enjoying as much anymore or would like to pass on to someone else? Have some fabric in your stash that you think needs a good home? These are only some ideas! Preparing your donation: It's always great when items are bundled with some ribbon or gathered in a basket or a pretty bag so if you have a basket or gift bag if possible. Most importantly: make sure to include some sort of handwritten or typed description of your donation! This is extremely helpful when it comes time to auction off your treasure. When do I bring my item(s) in: You can bring your items to the December meeting, you can contact Thurston or Amy to arrange a different time for a drop off or pick up! You can also bring your donation with you the day of the auction when we will be assigning numbers to each item to be auctioned off. If you have any questions at all please contact Thurston or Amy!

Thurston Bechtel and Amy Meck

THE SHENDNAODH VALLEY QUILT RETREAT 2013 -

Join us at the Lancaster Host Resort in Lancaster, Pennsylvania May 13 -16, 2013.

Rooms are still available:

1 person w/King bed: \$110 per night*

2 people w/2 Double beds: \$60 EACH per night*

*Includes tax and fees and hot breakfast each morning

If you're interested in going please send a \$50 room deposit to:
Lori Abbott-Herrick, 6384 Wengers Mill Road Linville, VA 22834.

Each person is responsible for his or her own transportation to and from Lancaster.

MEMBERSHIP -

The Christmas season is upon us once again. I know because I heard my first Christmas song yesterday. It was Jingle Bells by the barking dogs. Put me right in the old Christmas spirit. Maybe someone will sing it or bring their dog and have it performed for us at the Christmas Party!

Know of any past members or of any new member prospects, remind them that that they can join for the rest of the 2012-2013 membership year for only \$10 (instead of the normal \$20). It's a great bargain considering all the events still to come. Application blanks may be picked up at the Guild meeting or found on our website svqg.org. Giving a SVQG membership is also a great Christmas gift!!

At the January meeting I will have the applications for the 2013-2014 Membership year. It isn't due until the end of March but if you want to get it out of the way, I'll be more than happy to accept it.

I send wishes to all of you for a very Merry Holiday Season and a Happy New Year from my house to yours.

Happy quilting,
John Hammel



HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY -

Lois Johnson	12/13
Linda Quintrell	12/13
Judy Randow	12/17
Aleris Wright	12/18
Nellie Pitcock	12/18
Jan Hood	12/21

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY -

Marcia Hill	1/4
Marcia Vehrs	1/4
Jane Crocket	1/9
Carol Sloan	1/9
Joan Leffel	1/12
Micky Gardner	1/18
Betty Clatterbuck	1/19
Elizabeth Beall	1/21
Sue Jones	1/23
Cannie Campbell	1/25

SUNSHINE - submitted by Sue Jones

Please notify me if you know a guild member who has been ill or could use "cheering up". We'll send a TOY card and block. Contact me (Sue Jones) at 540-949-0872 or dejbowsandskjquilts@hotmail.com

NEWSLETTER -

The deadline for the next newsletter will be Friday, January 25th.

Please remember that all members may submit an article that could be included in the newsletter. The Board and Committee Chairs have first space with information for the guild, but there is usually space for tips, recipes, Bee information, etc. The only limitation that we have is to 10 pages, because of postage. Other than that I would love to have some items from the membership that I could add to the newsletter when space allows.

I have heard that a few of the mailed newsletters are not being received or are torn when received. I will try to add some extra tape to help with this problem. If you are one of those who are having a problem please let me know. Also, there are a few copies available at each guild meeting, so if you need a replacement please pick up a copy there. Also a copy of the newsletter is available from our web site at svqg.org.

Hope that each of you has a wonderful Holiday filled with family and friends,
Sandie Hammel

RECIPE -

Sweet Potato Puffs

Lori Abbott-Herrick

- 2 cups flour
- ½ tsp. salt
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- 4 Tbs. shortening

Cut shortening into dry ingredients. Dribble milk into mixture until dough is to rolling consistency (2 Tbs. at a time).

- 4 Tbs. raw sugar
- 1 cup mashed sweet potatoes
(approx. 2 large sweet potatoes boiled, drained and mashed)

Mix together and add to the dough. Knead until smooth.
Roll dough to about ¼" thick on a floured surface. Cut into shapes with a small biscuit cutter.

Bake on parchment paper for 8-10 minutes, 425 degree oven.
Cool 2 minutes then slice open.

When cooled, smear with apple butter or fig preserves. Top with Virginia Country ham and serve. Makes about 3 dozen.

2012 SURVEY SUMMARY - submitted by Lori Schrock

At long last here are the results of the survey! Your list of topics gives me a good foundation of what **programs and workshops to schedule. Thank you so much for taking time to send in your ideas.**

What the Guild likes and does well is probably not a surprise for anyone. Thank you to each and every one of you for making this happen!

The survey indicates that the ways in which our Guild can do better are largely things each of us can change as individuals and maybe even hold each other accountable. Good manners are always welcome and appreciated. They make us feel good about each other and really enhance the things we all like about the Guild.

We can also create our own social activities outside of Guild meetings. Please feel free to initiate quilt gatherings and invite each other. These can only strengthen the ties we already share. On another note President Lori's quilt retreat is bound to be another exciting and fun opportunity for us to socialize and spend time with each other.

Top 10 Topics by order of interest

1. Traditional Quilts
2. Machine Quilting Technique
3. Paper Piecing
4. Quilting Design Selection (quilt as desired)
5. Hand Quilting Technique
6. Piecing
7. Machine Applique
8. Embellishing
9. Color & Design Theory
10. Trapunto

The next tier (less than 50% of respondents but still areas of interest)

- Thread & Needle Selection
- Applique by Hand
- Quilt History
- Art Quilts
- Quilting for Shows

Additional Program Themes:

- Time Saving
- Accuracy
- Gadgets
- Tips

Things Members Like:

- Show & Tell
- Sharing a common interest/passion with others
- Friendships & Socialization
- Quality learning opportunities
- Motivation & Inspiration

Things Members would like to see Improved:

- Rudeness (to each other & talking during programs/meetings)
- More social time for both during meeting days and opportunities for socialization between meetings
- Keeping meetings on quilt related topics

LIBRARY - NEW BOOKS LIST

submitted by Kathy Christy

630	150 Blocks for Baby Quilts	Briscoe, Susan
631	Applique with Attitude	Goldsmith, Becky
632	Batch of Quilt Soup	Jones, Barbara J
633	Art Deco: Making Classic Quilts	Dobson, Jenni
634	Beginner's Guide to Free-Motion Quilting	Bonner, Natalia
635	Cozy Quilted Christmas	Schaefer, Kim
636	Doubledipity: More Serendipity Quilts	Nephew, Sara
637	Flowers of the Bible	Curtis, Helga
638	Fresh Look at Seasonal Quilts	Popa, Julia
639	Fresh Perspective	Jones, Carol Gilham
640	Friendship Blocks	Edie, Marge
641	In the Studio with Angela Walters	Waters, Angela
642	Journey to Inspired Art Quilting	Wells, Jean
643	Listen to Your Quilt	Persing, Barbara
644	Mastering the Art of Longarm Quilting	Perkes, Gina
645	Mini-Mosaic Quilt	Doyle, Paula
646	New English Paper Piecing	Daley, Sue
647	Pixel Play	Cier, Emily
648	Quilter's Academy, Vol. 2: Sophomore Year	Hargrave, Harriet
649	Quilter's Academy, Vol. 3: Junior Year	Hargrave, Harriet
650	Quilter's Academy, Vol. 4: Senior Year	Hargrave, Harriet
651	Quilter's Academy, Vol. 1: Freshman Year	Hargrave, Harriet
652	Sew Vintage	Atwood, Jennie Archer
653	Shadow Trapunto Quilts	Grama, Geta
654	Simply Successful Applique	Sullivan, Jeanne
655	Simple Triangles	Cline, Barbara
656	Singular Sensations	Douglas, Barbara
657	Skip the Borders	Herman, Julie
658	Stop. Go. Quilt. Sew!	Yosten, Angela
659	Sunday Morning Quilts	Nyberg, Amanda Jean
660	Sweet Celebrations with the Moda Bake Shop	Alexander, Lissa
661	Transparency Quilts	Ringle, Weeks



“Fabulous Fractures”

DESCRIPTION: This is a fabulous way to make a quick quilt using a large print fabric or a scenic panel. The technique is easy and the creation is wonderful little quilt. Brenda Esslinger’s web site to see more <http://thegypsyquilter.com>

WHO: Kathy Christy

WHEN: February 16, 2013 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: 4 repeats of a large print fabric or 4 of the same panel
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: February 5, 2013

QUESTIONS: Call Connie Broy, 540-335-1039 or email at cbroy@shentel.net.

Fabulous Fractures

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 February 5, 2013. Only a paid registration reserves your place in the workshop. Paid workshops are transferable to another member but not refundable unless the class is canceled, nor can the money be applied to a future workshop.

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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 \$12.00 (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: 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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