

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

Notes from the President

Dear Quilting Friends,

It feels like spring is finally here.

Thank you, Denise, for our charity quilting afternoon. I learned how to make those neat “burrito Pillowcases”. I think we got a lot done on our different charity quilts. And I plan on making myself some of those pillowcases – so cute and so easy to do.

On to the Quilt Show. Please, please get your quilt entries submitted. We need everyone to make the show a success. When I go to other shows I enjoy seeing a variety of quilts from many different quilters. I entered my first quilt in the last show – and I want to assure everyone your quilt does not have to be perfect to enter a show. Don’t feel your quilt is not good enough, we will love it. Sandie and her committee are working hard to make this show a success, but they need you and your quilts.

Be sure to sign up for the hexagon workshop next month. I am hoping I can use this technique for my many hours traveling in the car or camping this summer. I have often said, hand work while my husband is driving has saved our marriage as I am too busy sewing to comment on his driving.

Are you keeping up with our mystery quilt? We are on Clue 5.

REMINDER – we meet at Asbury United Methodist Church in May. Be sure to stay for the workshop. Looking forward to it.

Doreen

**THERE ARE 54 DAYS LEFT
UNTIL THE SVQG 2018 QUILT
SHOW ON JUNE 22-23, 2018!**

CALENDAR

May

The May meeting, on Saturday, May 19th will be held at Asbury U.M. Church in downtown Harrisonburg. Rm. 100 on the ground floor. Enter through the door facing the Virginia Quilt Museum.

19 Saturday, Guild Meeting, Let’s Get Hexed by Mickey DuPre. Afternoon, Pieced Hexies Buffet

May Birthdays

Barbara Johnson	4th
Angela Schup	9th
B.J. Berlo	10th
Lila Schafer	20th

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Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild
Minutes
April 21, 2018

President Doreen Roadcap called the April meeting of the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild (SVQG) to order at 9:30 a.m. There were no visitors.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the March minutes, as published in the newsletter, be approved.

Reports:

Quilt Show - Sandie Hammel. There are posters printed on cardstock for the members to post throughout the community. There will be an ad in "The Villager". Cindy Holland is coordinating the volunteers.

Quilt Show - Kathy Christy. There have been 6 quilt entries submitted. The deadline for submission is the 1st weekend of May. The show needs 100-150 quilts.

Quilt Show- Josephine Millett – Bring fabric for the fabric blast on the Friday prior to the quilt show. The guild keeps 25% on any handmade items sold in the boutique.

Virginia Quilt Museum - Josephine Millet. There is a celebration at the Cross Keys Vineyard scheduled for April 26th at 3pm to celebrate the volunteers at the Virginia Quilt museum.

The treasurer's report was presented by Bev London.

Programs - Lori Abbott-Herrick. Mickey DePre will be leading the program in May called "Let's Get Hexed". A sign up and supply list was passed around. The meeting will be in room 100 at the Asbury United Methodist Church.

Membership – John Hammel - Help is needed to sit at the membership desk for the May meeting.

Hospitality – Help is needed for the May, June and July meetings.

Service - Denise Rudolph - Josephine will be giving the program on the uses of enders and leaders. Sue Jones will discuss how to make the pillows and totes. Denise Rudolph will demonstrate how to make pillowcases. During the afternoon session there will be stations set up to stuff dog pillows, cut pillowcase kits and sew blocks for hospice quilts.

Ways and Means - Kathy Christy. The raffle has a lavender theme this month.

Announcements:

A quilt from the Border Challenge was displayed. The quilts from the challenge will be voted on in June for the best panel and borders.

Clue #5 for the Mystery Quilt was distributed.

The Web site is active and the first information to be uploaded will be about the quilt show.

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The Facebook page is still under construction and needs an administrator.

After Show and Tell and refreshments, the raffle drawing was held.

Respectfully submitted,
Cerise Haas

Border Challenge

Panels Due Now

We will vote on the best borders at our **May** meeting. If you still have a panel you are working on, bring it to the May meeting. Remember, gift certificates to Sew Classic for the best panel. I hope you enjoyed adding the borders to panels.

Service

We had a good time Saturday for Service. I hope you were inspired by Josephine's leaders and enders. I went home and cut out 2.5" squares of red, white and blue. They are sitting beside both sewing machines and ready to be sewed! Thanks to Sue Jones that showed how to make the pillows and totes.

Thank you to those that took kits home, quilts to bind, and that stayed. We got 5 dog pillows stuffed, 2 tops sewed together, one breast cancer pillow and totes, and several pillow cases sewed and lots of kits cut out for pillow cases. Be sure and see me in May and take a pillowcase kit home to sew. They are fun to make!! Cutting is the worst part and we had several cutters.

I got lots of tops at the meeting so I will be looking for binders in May.

Sewing with cats!
Service Chair,
Denise Rudolph

Sapphire Stars Mystery Quilt Clue #5

For this clue, you will need:

12 red (all shades of red) 6.5" squares

12 yellow (all shades of yellow) 6.5" squares

24 6-7/8" neutral squares

We will also need our:

24 light blue 1.5" x 6.5" strips and

24 bright blue 1.5" x 6.5" strips

These were cut in clue #3.

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Take your red and yellow squares and cut them twice on the diagonal. You will now have a total of 48 red quarter square triangles and 48 yellow quarter square triangles. Next bring out those 1.5" x 6.5" strips of light and bright blues. Place one light blue strip vertically between two red triangles. One straight-of-grain side of the triangle will be at the bottom of the unit, and the second straight edge next to the blue strip. Similarly, pair the bright blue strips with the yellow triangles. Make sure the bottom edge of each 3-piece unit remains even, with the tall blue tip at the top. The blue strip will be longer than the top of the triangles. Sew a red triangle to each side of the light blue strips. Then sew a yellow triangle to each side of the bright blue strips. Make sure you have the triangles positioned correctly. Press seams toward the strips.

Using the corner of a ruler against the two straight-of-grain edges of each unit, cut off the end of each blue strip. This will create a perfect triangle from the three-piece unit. Do this to both the yellow and red triangle units.

We now need to add another side to these units we just made. You can use a variety of tools to get that other side cut appropriately. I used the easy angle ruler to maximize my variety of neutrals. However, if you cut a 6-7/8" square of neutral on the diagonal once, that will work too. Twenty-four 6-7/8" squares of neutral cut once on the diagonal will yield the 48 half squares of neutral needed to complete this last unit.

Align each yellow unit with a neutral. They will only fit one way. Chain piece them through the machine. Do the same with each red unit.

Finger press to get the crease down to the thread where it needs to be to press again with the iron. Press toward the yellow and red, away from the neutral. This may seem wrong to you, but it will help with nesting seams in the final assembly of the quilt top. You should now have 24 yellow half square triangles and 24 red half square triangles. Trim to 6.5" squares.

Call or email Gail Oliver at 540-448-1601 or gail.c.oliver@gmail.com with questions.

Have fun. We're nearing the end. Happy Spring and happy stitching!

Quilt Show

QUILT SHOW REPORT - ***ARE YOU MEMBERS OR NOT***

Guild members, as of Thursday April 26th, the quilt show has only 13 entries from 5 members. Here it is two days later and only 22 quilts from 8 members. After a suggestion by Lori Schrock and Kathy Christy and input from other quilt show committee members the decision to open the show up to other than star quilts has been decided. The categories that have been announced will remain.

The Quilt Show Committee needs to see the majority of quilt entries by May 6th but have conceded to extend the entry deadline to May 19th (our next guild meeting). If by break of that day we do not have 100+ entries from our membership the show will be cancelled and I will walk away from the show and all other obligations to this guild. This means that if we have 99 quilts it is all over.

The money we have spent will be wasted, but that is your decision as members. I am afraid to advertise an event that may not take place so you will not see anything further advertising until we reach the 100 entry mark. Getting the word out to the public is half the battle of a successful show so the sooner we get the count needed to have a good show the better we will be. **Again it all falls on you the members and your participation in your guild.**

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We as volunteers are hoping that you show your "**GUILD SPIRIT**" and come through.

Sandie Hammel
Quilt Show Committee Chairman

Sunshine

Please contact me if you'd like a Thinking of You block sent to a friend in the guild who needs a bit of cheer from us this month. You may call me at 540-949-0872 or e-mail at dejbowsandskjquilts@hotmail.com

Thank you,
Sue Jones, Sunshine

Raffle Quilt

Quilters!

We have a beautiful raffle quilt! We need to make as much money from it as we can. We need to sell as many raffle tickets as we can. The quilt is available to take to other venues to sell tickets. Just let Sandie Hammel or me (Kathy Christy) know that you want to take it to another guild meeting or quilt show and we'll be happy to make sure you get it--quilt stand and all. These tickets won't sell themselves. We only have three more months left before we pull the winning ticket. So sell, sell, sell.

Kathy Christy
kckwilter@hotmail.com
540-652-8671

Newsletter

The deadline for the June newsletter is Friday, May 25 at noon.

Programs

Our May meeting will be presented by Mickey Depre, an international quilt teacher and lecturer and overall fun gal! Her morning lecture, "Let's Get Hexed", is an interactive event filled with tips and techniques to jazz up your next hexie quilt. **You'll need to bring two 3.5" squares of fabric, one pin, one needle, basting thread and small scissors for our morning meeting.**

Join us in the afternoon workshop, "Pieced Hexies Buffet", sure to be interesting and fun!

This is what you need to bring for the afternoon workshop:

- Sewing machine in good working order
- 25- 1.5" hexagon papers*
- Hand sewing needle* (i.e. Hemming #11 Milliners)
- Sturdy hand sewing needle for basting
- Thread for hand sewing (i.e. Aurifil 50 wt)
- Thread for basting –a bright contrasting color is best
- Thimble
- Scissors for fabric cutting – will want a blade at least 5-6" in length
- Scissors for thread snipping- short blade
- Seam Ripper – nice and sharp!
- Pins – at least 1.5" in length

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- Rulers: 3.5" or 4" square; 1" x 6"* (small square ruler(s) will be helpful); 6" x 12"
- Rotary Cutter and mat
- Fine Tip Pen, Marker or Pencil
- Bring LOTS of scraps at least 10" square in size
- A portable light if you have one
- Clover Table Top Needle Threader if you have one

*Can be purchased from Mickey

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Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild
2018 Quilt Show
Entry Form

June 23, 2018

Use one form per entry

Dimensions in inches: Horizontal Width _____ Vertical Length _____

Title of Entry: _____

Made by _____ Quilted by _____

Entry Categories

"Reaching for the Stars" 2018 Quilt Show categories will be....Choose one:

_____ **Applique** - both hand and machine applique covering 50% or more of the front of the quilt, no size restrictions.

_____ **Bed Quilts Large** - Double, Queen, King; all techniques

_____ **Bed Quilts Small** - Lap, Crib, Twin; all techniques

_____ **Wall Art and Mini** - Any quilt you hang on the wall as art using any technique i.e., painted, stamped, embellished, mixed media, thread painting, pieced, etc.

_____ **Off the Bed** - Quilted clothing, purses, totes, table runners, table toppers, any item you would not use to cover up with.

_____ **My First Entry in a SVQG Quilt Show** - Must be the first time you have ever entered **ANYTHING** in a SVQG Quilt show.

~~Every quilt entered in this show must have one or more stars in the quilt. All quilts accepted.~~

Please print a short narrative about your quilt, (subject to editing)

Is the quilt for sale? _____ Price _____ (SVQG gets 25%)

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Board Members:

President	Doreen Roadcap
President-Elect	Debbie Jungling
Secretary	Cerise Haas
Treasurer	Bev London & Larry Brown
Program Coor #1	Lori Abbott-Herrick
Program Coor #2	Cindy Holland
Immed. Past President	Sandie Hammel

Special Duties:

Web Site Manager	
W.I.P. Program	Cerise Haas
SVQG/VQM Liaison	Josephine Millett
2018 Raffle Quilt	Mary Carlton

Committee Chairpersons:

Service	Denise Rudolph
Library	Barbara Cline
Ways & Means	Kathy Christy
Membership	John Hammel
Sunshine	Sue Jones
Hospitality	Oflia Harner
Publicity	Gail Oliver
Newsletter	Vicki Graham

To join the SVQG, send \$25 annual dues and application to PO Box 913 Harrisonburg, VA 22803

PLACE OF MEETING: Sunnyside Room, Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community, Harrisonburg, VA

DATE OF MEETING: Third Saturday of each month unless otherwise notified

TIME OF MEETING: 9:30 AM

DIRECTIONS: From I-81 take Exit 247 towards Elkton (Route 33 East). Turn right on Route 687, Massanetta Springs Road. Proceed south for 0.8 miles and turn left onto Sunnyside Drive. Proceed straight and turn right onto Glenside Drive. Turn right at the first parking lot and the Sunnyside Room is on your right. Parking is available in front and below the building and on the street. Please do not park in the numbered spaces.

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