

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

Notes from the President

To everyone who has been making masks thank you! Please keep doing what your heart leads you to do, donate where you feel it's needed and know we at the guild know everyone is doing what they can during this time of need. Who knew our skills of sewing would be such a need? Who knew our stash of fabric would become a source for so many? To those who have taught someone else how to sew.... Good for you! To those who have loaned their 2nd sewing machine to someone else... awesome! This time will eventually be in the past, and hopefully the good of it will result in many new people who because of it know how to sew. Maybe people making quilts will be looking for a guild to join. Yes! Let's look for the rainbows.

Till we meet again, President SVQG - Teresa Yonce

WAYS AND MEANS

We hope this virus has stayed away from your doors and that you are coping with a slower life style. Days turn into weeks and weeks into months, we can't believe it has been two months since we were all last together and having a wonderful time in the Sunnyside Room. John and I must have been semi-social distancing for years because we do not feel that it is too different from our normal.

This past month we have been binding quilts and making masks. I will get back next week to mask making until my elastic is no more. I made 40 with ties for the Sentara PCU and many, many more with elastic that we shipped to family, friends or provided for our neighborhood. I know that many of our members have been busy making masks. I encourage you all to keep them coming. Yesterday, Kathy Christy said that Texas has a mandatory mask law going into effect with those not complying to be fined.

CALENDAR

June	
20	SVQG Mtg., 9:30am,
TBA	

May Birthdays

Angela Schup	9th
Lila Schafer	20th

May 2020

Our way to cope is to keep the mind active and grateful, the body moving and well nourished. We still have utilities and services as usual. We may have shortages in some areas when we go to the grocery store, but we are not without. The sun still is shining and the rain still falls. Spring has been more beautiful than ever. The bird songs are more pronounced perhaps because the world is quiet compared to the roar of vehicles. To our members who have a computer there are so many wonderful videos. My favorite: quilting (check out Barbara Cline's excellent videos on face book), food prep, art tutorials and travel. If you are not signed up with Book Bub this is a good outlet for free or low cost online books. Staying in touch is important. Pick up your phone and talk to friends and family, we have spoken to our children more often this past month than we have in years, nice.

Stay well and keep quilting,
Sandie Hammel
Sue Jones
Ways and Means Co-chairs

PROGRAMS

Currently the programs for our Guild are on hold until we know the status of when we can resume our regular meeting times. As far as we know the Brimfield Awakening workshop in June held in Lexington, VA is still on. We still have room if you are interested.

English Paper Piecing with Brimfield Awakening

Who: Brimfield Awakening

Where: with Rockbridge Pieceworkers Quilt Guild (350 Spotswood Drive Lexington, VA

**When: Friday, June 12th 10:30 AM (6-hour workshop)
Saturday June 13th 9:30 AM (Lecture and Trunk Show)**

Cost: Workshop: \$40.00 and \$19.00 kit fee (purchased at the workshop or from BA prior to the workshop) and your fabrics and thread (supply list sent to you with paid workshop fee). Additionally, lunch is also available for \$10.00.

Please note this workshop limited to the first 15 PAID SVQG attendees. Please send a check for \$40 workshop fee and \$10 for lunch (if interested). The check should be made payable to Rockbridge Pieceworkers' Quilt Guild (RPQG) and mailed to Terry Wiita, 410 McCOY Lane, Stanley VA 22851. I will be collecting the fees for our guild members. I will send you the supply list via return e-mail (please include your email) or postal mail. Any questions, please call Terry Wiita at 276-252-9909.

In other Program news, I know many of you have been busily sewing masks and other garments for our essential workers. For all your hard work I offer a big thank you! The Stay-at-Home order has certainly provided some time to sew. Many in the quilting industry have been sponsoring "quarantine quilt-alongs". I have listed a few links below that I obtained from a quick search off the web. I am not endorsing any of them but thought it might provide a "virtual program" of sorts for you.

Pat Sloan: <https://blog.patsloan.com/2020/03/download-the-april-calendar-free-stay-at-home-sew-along.html>

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Stitchin Heaven quarantine quilt along (most have happened but you can see the past videos)

<https://stitchinheaven.com/pages/quarantine-quilt-along>

Gudrun Erla's Elvira Quarantine Quilt Along which occurred on March 15 and her Strip Along 2020 Strip to Shore starting Friday, March 27 and lasting 4 Fridays to April 17 <https://gequilt designs.com/blogs/ge-happenings/strip-along-2020>

Nakey Toes Quilting Quarantine Quilt Challenge 12" blocks released once a week

<https://nakeytoesquilting.com/category/quarantine-quilt-challenge/>

Other Fun Quarantine Quilt Program News

Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts Quarantine Quilt is seeking 12" block submissions to be included in their Quarantine Quilt that will be a part of their collection. For more information

<https://www.wiquiltmuseum.com/the-quarantine-quilt>

Something that has come to my attention recently, some of the instructors that taught at the quilt festivals have taken their classes to online LIVE forums. Here is one organization offering such classes

<https://liveonlinequiltclass.com/>

Finally, perhaps the **biggest** news of all the first-ever **Virtual Quilt Show (VQS)** sponsored by Gammill held online April 27-May 3 . This experience will offer gorgeous quilts, vendor mall, and classes all from your most comfortable chair in your own home. More info can be found at <https://virtualquiltshow.com/>

Teresa Wiita, Program Chair. #2

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the June newsletter is Friday, May 22th at noon. Please email any items to grahamvl@comcast.net.

Vicki Graham, Newsletter Chair

QUILT SHOW/ RAFFLE QUILT

Quilt Show - The quilt show is on hold. The Woodmen of the World have our \$300 deposit and are allowing us to reschedule. The board and perhaps the guild will have to vote on another time frame when we can all assemble again.

Raffle Quilt - I went ahead and assembled the raffle quilt as I had received 90% of the completed blocks, and several more arrived via mail the week of the cancelled March meeting. It is on my frame and I've spent one day so far on the quilting. I think another two more to finish.....I will send pictures to Lori to place on our Facebook page when I have the hanging sleeve all attached and can get a picture of it hanging. The guild can vote on when/how to raffle (wait for the show or just go ahead and raffle....).

What I am working on (besides our raffle quilt)

I am lucky enough to still be working, but in my spare time I've made some masks and I will soon start a project to be my "quarantine quilt project". I'm thinking Farm Girl Vintage II and am collecting fun prints via mail order for that!!!

Debbie Jungling

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MEMBERSHIP

Goodness gracious, hope all are well and sewing up a storm to keep you sane. We are all in the same boat, STILL! Hopefully things will soon turn around and it will get better for all.

A note of interest, especially to some of our long time Guild Members, I received a letter from Dorothy Harper, 104 Northshore Drive, Bridgewater, VA 22812. Here is a transcript of what she had to say.

Dear SVQG,

I am beyond embarrassed to say that, in clearing out my personal needlework library, I've found a book belonging to the guild. I evidently checked it out and never got it back to the guild library. I'm fairly certain that Alaris Wright, former librarian, even asked me once to look for it, and I did, with no luck at that time. I am so very sorry!

I'm enclosing it here, along with a check, (\$100), to help make up for my awful gaffe. Please put it towards more books, or if you no longer manage a library, put it toward speaker fees or workshop materials.

Compounding health problems have kept me from being a member of the guild for many years, but I loved being a part of it while I was able. I learned so many new techniques, was amazed by so many of the marvelous teachers, and greatly enjoyed getting to know the other members.

I hope the SVQG will remain strong for many more years.

Sincerely,

Signed

Dorothy Harper

dlstrate@aol.com

Pretty neat, huh? Those of you who knew Dorothy might want to drop her a line.

Reach out and touch someone (figuratively, not literally) and let folks know that all is well with you and that you are thinking of them. Call or write your fellow Guild members and wish them a blessed day. What with most of us staying put, a little extra keep-in-touch can't hurt and will probably brighten someone's day.

Everyone stay safe and if you need help, call somebody and let us know.

I'm still thinking of all of you and hope to see you as soon as possible.

Happy Quilting!

John Hammel, Membership Chair

SERVICE

I am definitely grateful for Facebook so that I can see what many of my friends are doing and it looks like the quilters are all making masks. I have made 120 many of which I am sharing at work since some jobsites are now requiring facial protection. I would love to get a count of how many masks our members have made so that we can include this on our Service Web page. I ordered one of the Rosy the Riveter T-Shirts for mask making!!! I love T-shirts with messages!

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I am still working and spend time between working at home and the office. Definitely getting good at Zoom and Microsoft Team meetings!!

Please remember to support our local quilt shops and shop online. We need them to be around when this is over. My credit card statement will show that I have been supportive!!!

When we see each other again I am sure you will have plenty of quilt tops and quilts to give me. Hopefully that will be sometime soon.

Stay safe and keep those sewing machines going!!

Denise Rudolph, Service Chair.

QUILT RETREAT

Retreat payments are due to SVQG, c/o Nina Jackson, guild treasurer, by May 10th.

Thank you to those who have already sent in their payments.

Jane and Cindy, SVQG Retreat 2020

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Board Members:

President	Teresa Yonce
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SVQG/VQM Liaison	Trudy Van Dyke
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Ways & Means	Sue Jones and Sandie Hammel
Membership	John Hammel
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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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