

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

NOTE FROM JANE

Oh What a Beautiful Morning.....

The September guild meeting/social was such a beautiful morning. It was a little chilly with a nice breeze, but the sun was shining, and the first touch of Fall was in the air. Most of all, it was a beautiful morning because I felt blessed to see some of my fellow guild members!

We met at Oakdale Park in Bridgewater, a little later than usual – which was a good decision since it was cool that morning. We were masked and trying hard to stay appropriately socially distanced, but each one of the sixteen people who ventured out, whether it was for just a few minutes or the entire hour, was a welcome sight.

Debbie Jungling showed the beautiful finished raffle quilt. Thank you, Debbie for your work and leadership in creating the quilt, and for organizing the Fall Guild Social.

Barbara Cline brought samples and her new book. She gave a quick presentation to members about her creative approach to assembling diamonds without inset seams. Shelba Bellamy showed the lovely quilt she has created for her lucky grandson, and other members displayed hospice quilts and mini quilts that they had created for the VQM challenge. At the end of the meeting hospice quilts and pillows and totes left with Carolyn Purdy for delivery to Sentara RMH.

Don't forget to contact Jane Crockett or Teresa Wiita if you have a VQM mini quilt to submit for the challenge. We need to arrange to get your quilt by October 10th so that we can deliver them to the museum by the deadline.

Being apart for months has made us appreciate even more how much we value our fellowship. I came home energized and with such gratitude for each one of my fellow guild members. Enjoy the beautiful Fall days ahead, and on the rainy ones – keep sewing!

Jane

CALENDAR

October

10 Deadline for turning in
"Colors of Fall" entries

17, 10AM "Oompah!
Accordion Sewn HSTs" via
Zoom with Beth Helfter

23, Noon Deadline for
November newsletter

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13-14 Bethanne Nemesh
workshops via Zoom

21 Service quilt collection

October Birthdays

Judy Augst	3rd
Kate Seaton	4th
Lori Abbott-Herrick	11th
Frances Ritchie	11th
Beryl Lawson	18th
Cheryl Hawes	20th
Barbara Boothe	30th
Bev London	31st

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SVQG BOARD

We received notification from Teresa Yonce that she is no longer able to serve as guild President. As per the bylaws, Jane Crockett will assume the duties of the President.

The SVQG Board and members thank Terri for the super job she did for the guild. Members of the guild are encouraged to send cards and "Thinking of You" blocks to Terri and to submit blocks for the President's Quilt to Debbie Jungling by November 21st.

Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild

Minutes

September 19, 2020

President Elect Jane Crockett called the September meeting of the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild (SVQG) to order. The meeting was held at Oakdale Park, Bridgewater, Va. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the minutes from the August meeting be approved.

Teresa Yonce has withdrawn from the duties of serving as President of the Guild. The guild board and members thank Terri for her efforts this year during this most challenging period. Guild members are encouraged to send cards and 'Thinking of You' blocks to Terri.

The SVQG Nominating Committee, consisting of Jane Crockett, Cindy Holland, Terry Wiita and Vicki Graham has secured a slate of officers for 2021. Cindy Holland has agreed to serve as President Elect. Cerise Haas, Nina Jackson, Terry Wiita and Linda Puhle have graciously agreed to continue to serve in their current roles (secretary, treasurer, program chair #1 and program chair #2, respectively) for an additional year. We are very thankful for their willingness to continue in these roles. The slate of officers will be announced in the October and November newsletters. The election will be closed on December 19, 2020, and the new and returning officers will be installed when possible. If any members have questions or comments, they should contact Jane Crockett.

Reports

Past President: Debbie Jungling brought the completed raffle quilt to show to the members. Thank you to Debbie for beautiful work on this project and for organizing the September social. Flower arrangements were donated by Debbie for door prizes.

Treasurer: Nina Jackson reported that the corporate membership dues and form were sent to VQM in early September. The guild has received a thank you letter from Susie Farmer, VQM director.

Programs: Terry Wiita reminded members that submissions for the VQM Colors of Fall benefit are due to Terry or Jane by October 10th. Five mini quilts were shown and submitted at the meeting. A presenter has been secured for the October 17th guild meeting which will be held via Zoom. Details about the meeting will be provided in the newsletter. Members who need assistance in getting access to Zoom can contact Terry.

Service: A large number of hospice quilts were delivered at the meeting to Denise Rudolph, service chair. Carolyn Purdy volunteered to deliver quilts and pillows and totes to Sentara RMH. The next service collection

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will be November 21, 2020. Details of where and how this will be handled will be announced in the November newsletter.

Newsletter: The newsletter deadline is noon, Friday September 25.

The meeting was concluded with show and tell and a few minutes of socializing before adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Crockett for Cerise Haas

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Election – Slate of Officers for 2021

Jane Crockett, President
Cindy Holland, President Elect
Cerise Haas, Secretary
Nina Jackson, Treasurer
Teresa Wiita, Program Chair 1
Linda Puhle, Program Chair 2

Thank you to all who have agreed to serve next year. This slate will be published in the October and November newsletters, with election December 19, 2020. Installation of officers will occur when circumstances permit. Please contact Jane Crockett, crockeja@gmail.com, with any questions or comments.

SERVICE

I did another collection/distribution at the September meeting. Not sure if or when we might get locked down again and I wanted to get out what I had.

We collected 94 quilts. Thanks to Carolyn Purdy and Sue Jones for distributing these to Augusta and Sentara. We also collected breast cancer pillow/totes and Carolyn took those to Sentara.

I have quite a collection of tops at home to work on. My machine decided it wanted some time off so once I get the piece replaced I hope to be up and running again!!!

Thanks for all your support.

Keep quilting – not much else you can do!

Denise Rudolph
Service Chair

WAYS AND MEANS

Hello everyone! Hope everyone is well and storing your nuts and projects for the winter.

Fall is in the air and is my personal favorite time of the year. Crisp clear days make me think of all the end of season fruits and vegetables. The last tomatoes on the vine are the best, pears, pumpkins, and of course the wonderful old and new varieties of apple. Since we cannot have a Ways and Means event Sue and I agreed on a Guild challenge. We would like to have an Apple themed challenge. Any guild member who would like to

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participate would have about six months to complete. We need to have entries submitted by April 17th, "Apple Blossom Time". Small quilts 18" square or table runners any length. These can be shown at our April meeting whether Zoom or in person. Those attendees at the meeting will have a chance to vote for the winner. The winner will receive an Apple themed basket. True it is not a fund raiser but these would be so much fun to show as a group for our next quilt show. Hope to have 30 or more sign on for this challenge. Sign up form in next month's newsletter and on line.

If your favorite organization is not having their normal Apple butter boiling and you think you may have Apple butter withdrawal this winter try this easy crock pot recipe.

Refrigerator/Freezer Easy Apple Butter-

Peel, quarter and slice 5 pounds any variety of apple (gala is a favorite) Add apples to 6 quart or larger slow cooker.

To apples add: one cup brown sugar, one tablespoon cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg, pinch of clove, 1/4 teaspoon salt. Stir to coat all apples with sugar/spice mixture.

Cook on high for 5 hours or on low for 8 to 10 hours.

When done blend★ until smooth. Return to or keep in slow cooker the blended apple mixture with lid removed and cook on high for an additional 45 to 60 minutes stirring often. Cool and refrigerate for one week or place in freezer containers to keep up to one year.

★Blend - use Immersion blender and keep in slow cooker or transfer part of recipe at a time to blender and return to slow cooker. (Note: be careful when blending hot foods, I remove center from Lid and hold a towel over the lid to allow some steam to escape.

Happy Fall you all,
Sandie and Sue
Ways and Means

PROGRAMS

At our September meeting we had a few members bring their 15" X 15" mini quilt entries in for the Virginia Quilt Museum's Colors of Fall Quilting Challenge. Each of the quilt entries were beautifully done and had a unique interpretation of the Colors of Fall theme. I am so excited that we have many members taking advantage of the SVQG's offer to pay one entry fee per Guild member. Remember, so that the Guild can write one check, we are asking our members to have their pieces ready for submission by October 10, 2020. Please contact Jane Crockett or Terry Wiita to arrange for pick-up of your masterpiece. More information about the VQM challenge can be found on their website <https://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/2020-colors-of-fall-quilting-challenge>

For our October meeting (10/17) at 10:00 AM, Beth Helfter, from Eva Paige Quilt Designs will present the program, "Oompah! Accordion Sewn HST's" via Zoom. Beth has published over 40 patterns and her work has been featured in many quilting magazines. She describes herself as a "scrappy" designer and likes to use her stash to create her quilts. In 2017, her drive to use as many fabrics as possible along with her need to be "scrappy" led her to develop the Accordion Sewn HST's method of creating half square triangles that don't have a matching triangle and yet waste little to no fabric. She went on further to use these accordions to create many different blocks that were arranged into variety of quilts. Her book, Oompah! Jazz Up Your Scrap Quilts With Accordion Sewn HST's was published in 2018. "It's been called life-changing, magical, addictive, and her

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favorite, witchcraft". You don't want to miss this Halloween treat! Eva Paige Quilt Designs will provide the Zoom link for the presentation to me in early October. I will make sure it is sent to all Guild members so you can join in the fun. Don't miss out, connect with Zoom October 17 at 10:00 and enjoy the fun.

FALL SOCIAL

We had a lovely if not windy time at Oakdale Park in Bridgewater for our outdoor show and tell. We all saw some lovely patriotic hospice quilts and some of the quilts for the October event at the Virginia Quilt museum, the raffle quilt, and others. I would like to thank Jane for reserving the site at no cost to the guild.

We are planning a fun surprise for our December event. Watch your snail mail the first week of December for the details!

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the November newsletter is Friday, October 23rd at noon. Please email any items to grahamvl@comcast.net.

Vicki Graham, Newsletter Chair

JUMP ON THE BONNIE HUNTER MAGICAL MYSTERY BUS

We have all been weathering some rather unusual times with no idea just when life will return to the normal we once knew. I'm sure many of us have filled the voids in our day with sewing, gardening, reading, de-cluttering and a variety of other previously ignored projects. With the prospect of colder weather and less possible distractions ahead (after all, how many times can you clean out the garage?!?!), may I suggest a holiday tour on the Bonnie Hunter Magical Mystery Bus? Many of you are familiar with Bonnie Hunter. She is a quilt designer and teacher who specializes in scrappy quilts. You can see her work on her website, <https://www.quiltville.com>. Every fall she conducts a mystery quilt. Around the end of October she will announce the colors and fabric amounts needed to complete a quilt of undisclosed design. Then starting in late November she will release one clue a week with cutting and sewing directions for that clue. The design is not revealed until the end. Some of us in the guild have decided to jump on the bus and take this adventure. Please consider joining us. Clues come out on Fridays so we were hoping to get together virtually via Zoom on Mondays (exact time to be decided later) to share our thoughts, fabrics, progress, etc.

If you are interested in jumping on, let Nina (hikeswithseamus@gmail.com) or Jane (crockeja@gmail.com) know so we can get the Zoom invite to you. Also, let us know if you are interested but have time constraints. We can consider these as we are planning exactly when to meet. Virtual tours don't have COVID restrictions so the more the merrier!

Nina

VIRGINIA QUILT MUSEUM

Dear SVQG members,

I just wanted to say how happy we are that your group is willing to be more active with the museum and support us in so many ways. I know that you all are a very talented group so I look forward to seeing what all you create for the Colors of Fall. I also wanted to let you know that we received your membership check in the mail the other day and thank you all so much for renewing your membership. I look forward to working with you all in the future.

Susan Farmer, Executive Director - Virginia Quilt Museum

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Board Members:

President	Vacant
President-Elect	Jane Crockett
Secretary	Cerise Haas
Treasurer	Nina Jackson
Program Coor #1	Terry Wiita
Program Coor #2	Linda Puhle
Immed. Past President	Debbie Jungling

Special Duties:

Web Site Liaison	Jane Crockett
SVQG/VQM Liaison	Trudy Van Dyke

Committee Chairpersons:

Service	Denise Rudolph
Ways & Means	Sue Jones and Sandie Hammel
Membership	John Hammel
Sunshine	Barbara Paulson
Hospitality	Linda Quintrell, Deborah Smiley and Shelba Bellamy
Publicity	Lori Abbott-Herrick
Newsletter	Vicki Graham

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

PLACE OF MEETING: TBA until further notice

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

TIME OF MEETING: 9:30 AM

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