

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

Notes from the President-Elect

Upcoming SVQG Meetings and Your Calendar

We have said it too often that this is a strange year. Our guild has held meetings face-to-face, in person at Sunnyside in February and outdoors in July, virtual meetings on ZOOM, and we had several months without meetings due to public health concerns and restrictions.

Despite the challenges, the SVQG Board is committed to having meetings every month for the rest of the year, and we are already planning meetings, virtual and in-person for the coming year.

It is time for you to put SVQG meetings back on your calendar as part of your regular activities.

The October meeting was our first experiment with a virtual meeting led by a professional presenter, and what a delight it was. Beth Helfter was charming, and she delivered an engaging and very interesting demonstration and trunk show. Virtual meetings are a very practical and cost-effective method for the guild to have a high level of speakers at a reasonable cost. It is also a safe alternative for members who cannot meet in person.

In November we have an exciting program planned. First, we will meet outdoors between 10 and 10:45 a.m. to “Stuff the Van” – Denise’s van - with our hospice quilts. Rain or shine, stop in at the Harrisonburg Municipal Parking lot on Liberty St. (across from the DNR) and bring your hospice quilts. We hope to take a picture and submit an article about our hospice quilt program to the DNR, so we need smiling faces and lots and lots of quilts to fill the van.

After the collection, we are invited to the Virginia Quilt Museum (in the same general location) at 11 a.m. Susie Farmer, the director, and her staff will take small groups of members on tours of the museum. We will get a chance to see the SVQG Colors of Fall mini-quilts, and many others donated by other groups and individuals. There are also beautiful exhibits on display, and they plan to take us into some of the back areas of the museum where quilts are processed and restored.

CALENDAR

November

9 7:00pm, Bonnie Hunter
Mystery Tour

11 12:30-3:30pm, Veteran’s
Day ZOOM

17 & 19, 4:00-5:30pm, Global
Quilt Connection will launch
“Meet the Teachers” webinar
series

21 10:00-10:45am, Stuff the
Van, 11:00am VQM tours

November Birthdays

Carol Ervin	3rd
Phyllis Hollowell	4th
Celia Mitchell	5th
Liz Adams	7th
Deborah Bulissa	9th
Anna Lynn Bell	11th
Terry Wiita	14th
Carolyn Van Dyck	22nd
Barbara Cline	28th

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Members who are VQM members are asked to bring their membership card for free admission. But the SVQG board has voted to pay the entrance fee for any members who are not VQM members. Everyone is welcome.

Because of the tight spaces in some areas, our group will be subdivided into smaller groups. We are asked to use the hand sanitizer provided, and to WEAR OUR MASKS while we are in the museum. In order for the staff to plan for our visit, please email me, crockeja@gmail.com, if you plan to participate in the tour, so that I can provide a general idea to the VQM staff about how many of us are coming.

If you cannot meet with us in person yet, be sure to read the articles in this newsletter about online opportunities in November. We love to see your smiling faces!

Jane

Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild

Minutes

October 17, 2020

President Elect Jane Crockett called the October meeting of the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild (SVQG) to order. The meeting was held via Zoom. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the minutes from the September meeting be approved.

Members, guests and the guest speaker, Beth Helfter were welcomed to the meeting. A brief business meeting and a social period were held before the presentation began at 10 a.m.

Reports

Past President: Debbie Jungling encouraged guild members to join the “Members Only” SVQG Facebook page. This page will allow members to share photos of their quilts and view announcements from the guild.

Service: Denise Rudolph spoke about the plans for service day at the next guild meeting. A hospice quilt drop-off will be held at the Harrisonburg Municipal parking lot on Liberty Street. Details about the meeting will be announced in the November newsletter. Denise will be delivering and picking up quilts in Bridgewater later this month.

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned.

Program

Program Chair, Teresa Wiita introduced the speaker, Beth Helfter of EvaPaige Quilt Designs. Beth made an hour-long presentation of her technique of Oompah Accordion Sewn HSTs. She showed her quilts, the tools and technique she developed for creating HSTs and discussed variations of her designs. It was a very enjoyable lecture and demonstration.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Crockett for Cerise Haas

SERVICE

November is Service Month!!! Let's fill up my car so there is no room for me to get back in!!!

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My longarm is fixed and I managed to beat my own record – I quilted 49 tops in 2 weeks!!! That will teach my machine to break down! At least I now have everyone's quilts done and a few of my own hospice ones. I am finding that binding is not that bad on the sewing machine. Still not my favorite thing to do!

I will be in the big parking lot behind VA Quilt Museum and Asbury Church in Harrisonburg on November 21 collecting quilts.

If you cannot attend contact me and we will arrange to get your quilts. I know there should be a lot of quilts out there since you can't go anywhere!!

I will arrive at 10:00 and we will collect until 11:00. Jane will have more on what the plans are for the rest of the meeting.

Thanks for all your support.

Quilting with cats,

Denise Rudolph

Service Chairperson

STILL TIME TO JOIN THE TOUR!

The Bonnie Hunter Mystery Tour will soon be underway. To recap: We are forming a group of members who will be doing Bonnie Hunter's Mystery Quilt this year. Each Autumn she starts a mystery quilt with clues being released weekly. Colors and fabric amounts will be announced around the end of October on her blog with clues starting around Thanksgiving. The mystery usually concludes in January. If you are unfamiliar with Bonnie Hunter you can view her past mysteries and other designs on her website:

<https://quiltville.blogspot.com/> or facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/QuiltvilleFriends/>. There is no charge for participating in this mystery. The only cost is your materials for the quilt itself.

We will be sharing our journey via Zoom on the Monday after the clues are released so our first meeting will be November 9. We will try a 7pm starting time to accommodate those who work. If that does not seem to be the best for everyone we can discuss it at the first meeting and adjust accordingly. At this first meeting we will have a chance to share our fabric choices/considerations. Please feel free to join even if you don't want to make the mystery quilt! It will be a fun time to get together and share. Nina and Jane are keeping a list of those interested so you need to be sure they know to put you on the list to get the Zoom invitation. So far the list includes: Jane, Nina, Judy, Anna Lynn, Debbie, Gail, Cindy. If you are not listed and want to join in, please let us know!

Sometimes the idea of a project like this can be overwhelming so here are a few suggestions to make it a bit easier:

- Consider making a half size quilt. Nina usually does this. Bonnie's quilts tend to be large and ½ size is still very usable. When doing this the yardage and block numbers, while close, are not always exact so don't let that discourage you!
- When she releases the colors, don't be afraid to pull out everything from your stash that looks close, i.e., aqua means all those greenish blues, light to dark - solids, florals, plaids, stripes, the works. The pieces will be small if you go full out with her small pieces, and the effect will be richer and more interesting, like a mosaic.
- For the scrappy neutrals, look at her quilts online. Bonnie is very liberal with using busy neutrals, but the scale needs to be fairly small to make them work together.

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- If you don't like scrappy, you can use a single fabric in the given color category. Just remember value and contrast. That's what makes most of her designs pop.
- If you hate the suggested colors, change them. Again, remember value and contrast. I have, in the past, used the suggested colors, done the quilt in a single fabric for each color, used primary colors and used patriotic colors. All of those worked fine.
- Some fabric stores will feature fabrics that fit with Bonnie's mystery once the colors are released. In the past <https://webfabrics.net/index.html> has even sold kits. I asked our local shops but no one had a definitive answer for me about their plans at this time. This is a good project to shop the fat quarter bins, sale rooms, and thrift stores. Barbara Cline has been working on stocking fabric at Tried and True Thrift and they have had lots of nice quilting cottons lately.
- We can consider fabric swaps also. So, if you have lots of one color but little of another, perhaps there will be someone in the opposite situation to swap with. We can swap via mail, drop off or at our November parking lot meeting to stuff the van with hospice quilts.
- If you haven't yet joined the SVQG Facebook group, this is a good time. There are some photos posted there of BH mystery quilts from past years made by guild members. It is a good way to compare ½ size to full size, personal variations and different colorways.

OK! Hop aboard! Let Nina (hikeswithseamus@gmail.com) or Jane (crockeja@gmail.com) know you are interested. Tickets are free!

PROGRAMS

I hope those of you that were able to join us for the October meeting enjoyed the program by Beth Helfter, from Eva Paige Quilt Designs. She was quite an entertaining presenter and her accordion sewn half square triangles technique was nothing short of amazing. I was fortunate enough to connect with her from a presentation she did for the Global Quilt Connection. The Global Quilt Connection was founded by two ladies (Sue Bleiweiss and Lyric Kinard) to connect quilt guilds with teachers who are ready to present online lectures and teaching events for groups.

The Global Quilt Connection will launch its new "Meet the Teachers" webinar series starting on November 17, 2020 from 4:00-5:30 eastern time. This series will showcase teachers offering individual open enrollment to their own unique virtual workshops. During the webinar, each teacher will provide a glimpse of the virtual class they will offer to give you a sense of what you can expect when you sign up for their class. The first 2 webinars are November 17th and 19th at 4:00-5:30. I urge you all to watch and take notes on what classes you might like to sign up for. Perhaps then we can form some SVQG groups to take the classes virtually together and then chat about them and show your class project progress on our Facebook page. Also, you might see some classes/presenters that you might like to have for next year's programs (2021). If you do, just let me know! The event is free but you must register before you can attend. Click the link below to register.

<http://www.globalquiltconnection.com/studentmainpage.html>

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the December newsletter is Friday, November 27th at noon. Please email any items to grahamvl@comcast.net.

Vicki Graham, Newsletter Chair

2020 GUILD RAFFLE QUILT

The SVQG Board has voted to donate the 2020 SVQG Raffle Quilt to the Virginia Quilt Museum. They will hang the quilt on the staircase to the second floor in the museum in 2021 and sell raffle tickets as a fundraiser for the museum. We

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are proud to see our beautiful quilt featured at the museum and glad that we can support their fundraising efforts next year.

We will present the quilt to the museum during our visit in November.

VETERANS DAY – A ZOOM INVITATION

The Bodacious BumbleBEEs and the Eager BEEvers invite you to join a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, November 11 – Veterans Day. We will meet from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Our challenge is to work on patriotic quilts for veterans who are hospice patients. You can start a project, finish binding a red, white and blue hospice quilt, or cut fabric for red, white and blue quilts.

Whatever your project, don't miss this opportunity to meet with your fellow quilters and enjoy the time visiting and sewing.

If you are interested in the Veterans Day Zoom service meeting, contact Jane Crockett at crockeja@gmail.com so you can be included in the ZOOM invitation.

DECEMBER PARTY

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

Our December "party" will be virtual and via Zoom. We had a great speaker via Zoom in October. If you do not have a computer and/or internet access I strongly encourage you to get with a fellow guild member who does so that you can fully participate. We would love to see all your faces!

Thank you,
Debbie Jungling

MEMBERSHIP

Here we are still under semi-lockdown, trying our best to get through it all and maintain our sanity. Sandie and I are doing okay and have been good at isolating and watching out for each other. Hopefully one day soon we'll be able to be out and about and mingling with our friends at Guild in person. We miss the personal contact we use to have with each other. Hope all is well with all of you.

I use the following site to check how the COVID-19 Virus is doing in a particular ZIPCODE. It is very informative and helps us plan areas we might want to avoid. The site is:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/vdh.population.health#!/vizhome/VirginiaCOVID-19ZIPCodeDashboard/ZIPCodeDashboard>

Scroll down the ZIPCODE list until you find the one you want. It is updated daily by about 10:00am. For example on October 19, 2020, the total number of accumulated cases for Shenandoah, ZIP 22849, was 115. Any questions let me know.

Our year has been really split up and the lack of meetings has hurt us all. *So as a little gift for each of you, the Guild Board has decided to gift each of you that have paid dues in 2020, your dues for 2021.* Those who

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receive their newsletter by postal mail will still owe the postage fee of \$15, payable to the Guild by January 1, 2021. So, everyone is **all paid up for the Membership year 2021.**

A membership form is attached to this newsletter. Why do we need the form, you may ask. This allows us to check your address, email and telephone number so that we can be sure we have correct information for our membership list next year. You can return it to me via email jthammel@gmail.com. If you do not use email, please mail your form to the guild at PO Box 913, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

I will be sending out new membership cards to each of you at the first of the year. I will also send you your name badge so you can take it to any function the Guild might have. With it in your possession, there will be less handling and less chance of spreading nasty bugs. If it needs replacement you can let me know and I'll get a new one to you.

Wishing all of you a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

John Hammel, Membership Chair

WAYS AND MEANS

As announced last month, Sandie and I have agreed on an Apple themed challenge and hope you will join us. I have chosen fabric and a pattern so plan to begin soon. We're hoping for 30 participants. We will have about six months to complete. See the sign up form in this newsletter. We need to have entries by April 17th. Small quilts 18" square or table runners any length. We'll plan on showing them at the April meeting, in person or through Zoom. Those attending the meeting will have a chance to vote for the winner. The winner will receive an Apple themed basket full of goodies.

Area quilt shops have lots of apple themed fabrics available right now!

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And in keeping with the Apple theme: my favorite apple cake recipe.

Sally's Fresh Apple Cake

1 cup salad oil

2 cups sugar

3 well beaten eggs

3 cups plain flour

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. cinnamon

1 tsp. soda

2 tsp. vanilla

Grease 2 layer cake pans or 9 X 13 pan

Bake at 350 degrees 1 hour, check at 45 minutes

Fold in 4 cups coarsely chopped apples.

1 1/2 cups nuts

Icing and Filling

1 stick butter

8 oz. cream cheese

1 box powdered sugar

2 tsp. vanilla

Have cream cheese and butter at room temperature. Mix well and spread on cooled cake.

Sue and Sandie, Ways and Means

APPLICATION FORM - SVQG Apple Challenge

Challenge due date is April 17, 2021 at our April Guild meeting (in person or on Zoom)

Challenge to create an Apple themed 18" x 18" wall quilt or an Apple themed table runner any size. For each entry you will have a chance to win a basket filled with Apple themed goodies. Use your imagination to create a unique one of a kind creation. Appliqué, confetti, embroidery, paint, piece, multimedia, etc.

Member Name: _____

Phone or Email: _____

Date Submitted: _____

Name and Description of your entry:

Mail or email your application form to be received before April 10th to Sue Jones 209 Brandon Circle, Waynesboro, VA 22980 or dejbowsandskiquilts@hotmail.com.

**SHENANDOAH VALLEY
QUILTERS GUILD
YEAR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021**

If you are currently a member, there is no charge for dues. This info is required to make sure our membership list is current and up-to-date. If you get your newsletter by postal mail there is a \$15 fee.

- Renewal Membership – No Charge**
- New Membership - \$25
- Postal mail of newsletter - \$15

Date of Application: _____ Check Number: _____ Cash: _____

For new membership this form should be completed in its entirety and returned by postal mail to:

The Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild
c/o Membership Chair
P. O. Box 913
Harrisonburg, VA 22803

For renewals, please email the following info to: jthammel@gmail.com

NAME _____ **BIRTHDAY:** ____/____/____
Please print name as you want it on Membership card and Badge *Month Day*

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: ____ - ____ - ____ **EMAIL:** _____
(Area Code)

Note: Your Receipt, membership badge, membership card and a copy of the membership list will be mailed to you after the first of the year.

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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 Liason	Sandie Hammel
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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