

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

Notes from the President

With Love

“What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love
No not just for some, but for everyone” *Hal David/Burt Bacharach*

Now that you have that tune stuck in your head, I hope you are getting ready to celebrate Valentine’s Day with loved ones in February. Maybe there will be chocolate, a funny card, or a romantic movie to watch.

But above all make time to do what you love with the most important people in your world.

In Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Denise Rudolph and her father, Rollin Lee Baker, on the loss of Gae Baker, in December. Gae was a faithful member of SVQG when she was physically able to attend our meetings. The Shenandoah Valley Quilt Guild service program was named as a suggested memorial gift recipient in her obituary. We sincerely appreciate the donations the guild has received in her memory and the faithful service that Denise encourages and supports through the service program that benefits area hospice and cancer patients.

I encourage you to express love by creating a quilt top for a hospice patient. If you need help with the quilting, please contact Denise.

Jane Crockett

CALENDAR

February

20 SVQG Mtg., 9:30am, Rose Parr, “Sew Smart, The Ergonomics of Healthy Quilting” via Zoom

24-27, Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, online at www.quiltfest.com

March

12 Barbara Cline, in person workshop, Sampler Project

20 SVQG Mtg., 9:30am, Barbara Cline via Zoom

February Birthdays

Mary Judge	1st
Vicki Graham	8th
Carolyn Lee Purdy	16th
Fran Miller	20th
Denise Rudolph	22nd
Amy Sirocky-Meck	22nd
Cindy Holland	26th

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Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild Minutes January 16, 2021

President Jane Crockett called the January meeting of the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild (SVQG) via Zoom to order at 9:30. It was moved by Terry Wiita, seconded by Sandie Hammel and carried that the minutes from the December meeting as published in the newsletter, be approved.

Treasurer - Nina Jackson presented the year end Treasurer's Report.

Service – Denise Rudolph picked up a load of quilts in Bridgewater. She will notify guild members prior to her next trip. Anyone with quilts can leave them at her father's house in Bridgewater. Members are asked to call in advance and leave a message on his answering machine.

Ways and Means - Phyllis Hollowell encouraged members to sign up for the apple challenge. The final due date will be announced.

Sunshine - Carolyn Shank mailed out 5 January birthday cards. She asked members to contact her if they were aware of anyone who would appreciate a get well or sympathy TOY block.

Membership – John Hammel will be mailing out new badges, membership cards and an updated membership list.

Newsletter – Vicki gave a newsletter deadline of Friday, Jan 22nd at 12:00 noon. Newsletter submissions should be sent with a 'Times New Roman 12pt' font.

Hospitality – Linda Quintrell is looking forward to in person meetings.

Programs – Terry Wiita has scheduled a February ergonomic program with Rose Parr. The March program will be led by Barbara Cline.

President – Jane Crockett reported that the new board is active and will be meeting on Jan 23rd to discuss the 2021 budget. The proposed budget will be sent to guild members for review prior to the vote for approval at the March meeting. Comments are welcome and may be directed to any guild officer. Additional comments about any guild activities are also welcome.

Jan Hood is home and recovering.

Sandie reported that Augusta Health is asking for drain bags instead of pillows and totes at this time.

Terry Wiita introduced Jaime Davis who spoke of the history of the Baltimore Album quilts.

Respectfully submitted,
Cerise Haas, Secretary

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2021/2022 Program Coordinators – Our Educators

We are blessed to have two experienced educators serving as our 2021 and 2022 program coordinators.

Program Coordinator 1: Teresa Wiita is a lifelong educator. For the past 6 years she has served as the principal of Luray Elementary School. Terry received her undergraduate degree from Virginia Tech, master's degree in education from UVA and her doctoral degree from Virginia Tech. Terry and her husband John moved to the Shenandoah Valley eight and half years ago and live in Stanley. Their two children live in Atlanta, Ga.

In 2009, Terry was introduced to quilting through her local quilt shop in Martinsville, Va. At the shop she found a group of fellow fiber enthusiasts who were generous and welcoming, and she took a variety of classes in quilting and machine embroidery.

Terry considers herself still a novice to quilting, and she enjoys exploring different techniques through in-person and online classes. She is interested in learning more about long arm quilting and paper piecing. The next class she plans to take is No-Tear Paper Piecing.

For her first quilt Terry made a pattern that involved Y-seams. As she put it, "I don't know what I was thinking." You can view Terry's quilt on the SVQG Members Facebook page.

Program Coordinator 2: Linda Puhle has been an active educator for her entire adult life. She and her husband Bruce came to the Shenandoah Valley in 2014 to a secluded cabin in the woods of Bath County, Va. Before retiring, Linda lived in Michigan and was an elementary and middle school educator. She has two daughters and five grandchildren in Michigan.

Linda has been quilting since the early 1990s and longarm quilting since 2013. She has taught extensively in our area, including classes for the Rockbridge Piece Workers Guild, the Shenandoah Valley Quilt Guild and local quilt shops. Some of the classes she has taught include free motion quilting on the domestic sewing machine, Paula Nadelstern puzzle quilt designs, fracture-pieced table runners, collage work, applying borders and fancy binding embellishments, and beginning quilting. Her favorite part of teaching is seeing students have their 'ah ha' moments when they understand the concept and realize that they can master the skill.

Her favorite quilt artists include Jacqueline deJong, BethAnne Nemesh and Jaime Wallen. These designers appeal to her desire to create work that is precise and perfectly executed. She enjoys learning from experts how to do something new to her. The piece that she has created that she is most proud of is a portrait of her dog, Glory, in a class taught by one of our guild members, Lori Schrock. You can view Linda's portrait on the SVQG Members Facebook page.

We look forward to the learning opportunities our program coordinators will bring to us.

Jane Crockett

WAYS AND MEANS

We have 8 signed up for the Apple Challenge but would like more. Some of you haven't decided what you want to do, wall quilt or table runner or haven't decided on the fabric. That's ok. Let us know to include you and you can fill out the application before the "reveal". The application form is included in this newsletter so

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set it aside and fill it out later. Phyllis and I have met and decided we want to do the challenge in person. We were hoping for April and that may happen but would rather be in person, whenever that is.

Also coming is our annual auction, tentatively scheduled for July. We'll firm up details as it gets closer. In the mean time, clean out your drawers, cabinets, closets. Gather your UFO's, fabric, notions. We auction sewing machine tables, machines, chairs. I will include 2" fabric strips, 2 1/2" squares, 3 1/2" squares.

We love those scraps, just can't use them up fast enough.

Wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day! Send a toy block to someone in the guild and let them know how much you miss them!

Sue Jones, Phyllis Hollowell, co-chairmen Ways & 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 dejbowsandskquilts@hotmail.com.

PROGRAMS

I hope everyone enjoyed our January program on "The History and Mystery of Baltimore Album Quilts". Didn't Jaimie Davis of Loopy Tulips Designs have some beautiful pictures of Baltimore Album Quilts to share? If you didn't get a chance, please follow her on Instagram for more beautiful pictures and the symbology behind some of the designs. To do this, on an Ipad or phone go to the store and search for the app "Instagram". On a computer, on the internet search for "Instagram". Follow the directions to download the application and set up an account. Once done, in the search bar of your Instagram account, search for "loopy tulip designs". The option for Loopy Tulip Designs Jaimie Davis will come up. Click on it and on her page, will be a blue box with the word "follow". Click on it and you will now see all her new posts. To see her old posts, again on her page, click on posts. On a computer the pictures of the posts may already be displayed; on a phone/Ipad the pictures should now be showing. Click on any picture and Jaimie's explanation of the picture will show. Happy Instagramming!!!

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For our regular monthly meeting in February, February 20, Rose Parr from Ontario, Canada will present, “Sew Smart, The Ergonomics of Healthy Quilting”. Her talk will feature tips about ergonomics of sewing, cutting, and pressing; stretches to be done at your sewing machine; the importance of hydration and movement; FMQ and long arm quilting posture; and numerous other tips so that we can “sew smart to sew long!” Rose holds many certifications, among them are ones in Personal Training, Nutrition, and Arthritis Pain Management. A Zoom link for the meeting will be sent out on February 18th.

If you are interested in the March 12, **in person**, workshop at Dayton Mennonite Church sign-ups are open. We will be making the Sampler Project from Barbara Cline’s new book, Sampler Project. You will need supplies, fabric, the book and a sewing machine to make the project. For the fabric requirements see page 18 of the book. Because of social distancing space is limited. Please contact me if you are interested. Terry Wiita @ 276-252-9909 or email tcwiita@gmail.com.

Our regular monthly meeting in March will be held on March 20 with Barbara Cline giving the program.

Teresa Wiita, Program Coordinator #1

SERVICE

December was certainly a sad month. As most of you know my mother passed away. She taught me how to sew when I was in elementary school. She made my sisters and I matching outfits for Easter every year. Together we made my wedding dress – which was a task since I liked the front of one dress and the back of another! These are memories I will cherish. My dad would like to thank you for the cards and food he has received from guild members and I appreciate the cards and emails. It was great to see the monetary donations to Service in mom’s memory. This has been a tough time for us with the holidays but it has been wonderful to see how mom had touched so many people.

We also lost another member, Lois Johnson. Most of you probably didn’t know Lois but she was very supportive of service. I would always look for her arrival to the guild meetings because I knew her car would be full of quilts for me and this was on a monthly basis. Her highest counts were around 20 quilts per month. In her obituary it says “Lois’s life was defined by her attitude, “Service is not a specific act, but an attitude and a way of living.” When I read her obituary I realized there was so much I did not know about her. She was a doctor and had served on a medical mission in Africa. We receive cards occasionally from patients that have received the hospice quilts and many times they have been ones that Lois made. She will be missed.

A reminder of the lap quilt sizes – width 36” to 60” and length 45” to 60”. If you just want to make the top, give it to me and I will see that it is quilted. Please attach your name on the quilt so I can get it back to you for binding. I do have batting and backing.

We are also in need of breast cancer pillows/totes and the drainage bags.

We will be doing our next collection in May for Hospice quilts.

Denise Rudolph, Service Chair

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NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the March newsletter is Friday, February 26th at noon. Please email any items to grahamvl@comcast.net.

Vicki Graham, Newsletter Chair

SUNSHINE

I am the Sunshine Chairman for this year. Because our guild is a large diverse group, I will need your help to know who needs a get well or sympathy TOY block. Please contact me by phone or email using the information in the membership directory. Thanks for your help!

Carolyn Shank

MEMBERSHIP

Howdy from the sticks! January 2021 shouldn't have been so busy. I think I'm going to sit February out with my feet propped up and watch the world go by, hopefully at a leisure pace.

Next Tuesday I'll be sending out your new Membership Cards and Badges along with some other info. There is no dues charge this year due to us having missed a lot last year. Those of you who get their newsletters by postal mail, if you haven't paid the postage yet, you need to send \$15 to: Membership, PO Box 913, Harrisonburg VA 22803. This will insure you get your newsletters.

I want to meet and greet each one of you once again. Hopefully it will happen this year.

Take care, stay safe and love thy neighbor, only not too close.

John Hammel

VIRGINIA QUILT MUSEUM

"The Virginia Quilt Museum has opened a call for entries for an exhibit opening in April 2021. "No Boundaries" invites artists to interpret the theme in an original piece of fiber-based artwork. Boundaries may be limited by physical, geographical or even emotional restrictions. Boundaries can keep things in or keep things out." Please see the VQM website for more information.

Trudi C. Van Dyke, SVQG/VQM Liaison

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Board Members:

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

Special Duties:

Facebook Facilitator	Debbie Jungling
Web Site Liaisons	Jane Crockett and Nina Jackson
SVQG/VQM Liaisons	Jane Crockett/Trudy Van Dyke

Committee Chairpersons:

Service	Denise Rudolph
Ways & Means	Sue Jones and Phyllis Hollowell
Membership	John Hammel
Sunshine	Carolyn Shank
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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