

# SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

## Notes from the President



2020 has been a year that none of us could have imagined twelve months ago, and we cannot easily forget or disregard the losses and disappointments that we experienced. Some of us faced the tragic loss of a friend or family member, or perhaps a job loss, and many of us gave up volunteer work that we enjoyed and experienced the sadness of social isolation and separation from friends and loved ones. We were all faced with cancelled plans, trips and vacations, and disrupted schedules.

We are ready to “Ring in” the New Year.

However, we also remember with gratitude some of the unexpected joys of 2020. Most of us spent a great deal of time in our sewing spaces, and the work that we turned out was phenomenal. We donated hospice quilts, made masks, finished a lot of those unfinished projects that had been languishing in storage boxes, learned new skills in virtual classes, found new patterns online and worked up yards of the fabric we had in our stashes. And we maintained connections with quilting friends and family via new electronic media, calls, emails, text messages, cards, and letters.

I would like to thank the officers of the guild who have stepped in and helped us meet the challenges of the year. They have been responsive, creative, and supportive in thinking about what is best for our guild members and devoting their time and energy above and beyond expectations. A few, but not all, of the instances include:

Denise Rudolph, service chair, while dealing with the serious illness of her mother, was instrumental in organizing ongoing hospice quilt production, collections, and distribution. We were able to hold two outdoor collection days, and we donated 360 quilts to hospice this year.

Lori Abbott-Herrick, seeing a need for an additional Zoom group for members has established an open group on Thursday afternoons, as well as hosting the Eager Beavers service bee weekly.

Website: [www.svqg.org](http://www.svqg.org)

## CALENDAR

### January

16 SVQG Mtg., 9:30am, Jaimie Davis of Loopy Tulip Designs, “The History and Mystery of Baltimore Album Quilts”

### February

20 SVQG Mtg., 9:30am,

24 – 27 - Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, online at [www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com)

## January Birthdays

Marcia Hill	4th
Jo Louderback	7th
Jane Crockett	9th
Sue Jones	23rd
Diane Baker	29th

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Nina Jackson organized a special group for the Bonnie Hunter mystery this fall, and that group is meeting via Zoom on Monday evenings.

Debbie Jungling enthusiastically volunteered to work on the guild Facebook page, and we look forward to seeing even more of our members post pictures to share with the group.

Terry Wiita has worked tirelessly finding and promoting program ideas and educational opportunities this year and agreed to continue in that role for 2021, despite the constantly changing calendar.

Sandie Hammel, who is 'retiring' as Ways and Means co-chair, has served the Guild in so many ways over the years that I am almost afraid to mention them, knowing that I will leave out something significant. She has served as President, Past-President, Quilt Show chair (a couple of times), and so forth, and even though she has been largely isolated due to health concerns, she and Sue Jones created an apple-themed guild challenge for our members. Be sure to send in your application to participate.

We are grateful. Thank you!

## **Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild**

### **Minutes**

**Dec 19, 2020**

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

Jane thanked Debbie Jungling for making and sending out the invitations for the December Zoom SVQG meeting.

The 2021 slate of officers was presented. The motion to accept this slate was moved, seconded and passed.

President – Jane Crockett  
President Elect – Cindy Holland  
Secretary – Cerise Haas  
Treasurer – Nina Jackson  
Past President – Debbie Jungling  
Program Coordinator I – Terry Wiita  
Program Coordinator 2 – Linda Puhle

Jane announced the new committee chairs as follows:

Service - Denise Rudolph  
Ways and Means - Sue Jones and Phyllis Hollowell  
Membership - John Hammel  
Newsletter - Vicki Graham  
Hospitality - Shelba Bellamy, Linda Quintrell, Deborah Smiley  
Sunshine – Carolyn Shank  
Publicity - Debbie Jungling, Jane Crockett  
VQM Liaisons - Jane Crockett, Trudy Van Dyke

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There will be a Board meeting in early 2021 to discuss the budget. It will be presented to the membership by March 2021.

The guild wants to remember the following members:

Jan Hood recovering from surgery  
Denise Rudolph on the passing of her mother, Gae Baker  
Lois Johnson in critical condition

The Apple Challenge is scheduled for April 2021. Only 3-4 have signed up and more are encouraged to participate.

Debbie Jungling led the holiday party. She had a 20-question trivia quiz which was won by Carolyn Shank. This was followed with show and tell by the members.

Terry Wiita ended the program with an overview of the programs scheduled through July of 2021. It is hoped to resume in person meetings in March.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cerise Haas, Secretary

## **MEET OUR MEMBERS**

Meet Cindy Holland, our new President-Elect

I am excited to introduce our newest officer in the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild, Cindy Holland. She will serve as President-Elect in 2021 and become the President of the Guild in 2022.

Cindy joined SVQG five years ago and has been very active in our organization. She served as Program Coordinator 1 in 2019 and organized the schedule of workshops and programs. In 2018, while she was Program Coordinator 2, she served as a volunteer coordinator for the Quilt Show at Woodman of the World.

After she received a civil engineering degree from University of the Pacific in California, Cindy worked with the U.S. Forest Service both on the West coast and for 25 years in the Monongahela National Forest (W.Va.) and in the Roanoke, Va. district office as a district ranger.

Cindy and her husband live in Augusta County on a small farm. Cindy has a daughter living in Charlotte, N.C. and a son teaching in Taiwan.

Six years ago, after she retired, Cindy began taking quilting classes and joined SVQG. She is a longarm quilter and pursues a variety of types of quilt making, traditional and landscape. She particularly enjoys the process of selecting colors and fabrics for quilts. Her favorite quilt artist is BethAnne Nemesh and her aspiration for 2021 is to continue to work on her longarm quilting skills.

Thank you Cindy for agreeing to serve as President-Elect (and President) of our guild!

Jane Crockett  
President, SVQG

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## WAYS AND MEANS

My thanks to Sandie Hammel for being co-chair in 2020. Sandie has been the "idea" lady. No matter the question, she always had an answer and solution. You know her as a prolific quilter making hospice quilts. We had a full, fun schedule planned but as you know, it didn't quite work out. Phyllis Hollowell will be co-chair, with me for 2021. Many of you already know Phyllis. She is a long time member of the guild who has been involved and taken many classes and workshops and retreats. She has an eye for color and does beautiful quilting and applique. Phyllis and I have 2 events scheduled for the year, so far, but as we see how soon we can start meeting in person, we'll have a full schedule. The events already scheduled are the Apple Challenge, tentatively for April. We have several signed up to participate and hope you will join us. The application needs to be to me by the April meeting when we hope to do a show and tell of the small quilt or table runner. We will all vote on a winner who will receive a raffle basket of apple themed goodies. You'll find the sign up form in this newsletter. Mail or e-mail to me, Sue Jones, 209 Brandon Circle, Waynesboro, Va. 22980 or [dejbowsandskjquilts@hotmail.com](mailto:dejbowsandskjquilts@hotmail.com)

The 2nd event planned will be the annual guild auction in July. Gather your UFO's, fabric, notions, anything quilting related. No magazines, please. We have several members always interested in used sewing machine tables, machines, chairs. As they say, one person's trash is another person's treasure. We'll be asking for volunteers to help organize and set up for the event. More later.

Wishing you all a safe, happy Christmas!

Sue Jones, Phyllis Holloway, co-chair 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 [dejbowsandskjquilts@hotmail.com](mailto:dejbowsandskjquilts@hotmail.com).

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## **NEWSLETTER**

The deadline for the February newsletter is Friday, January 22nd at noon. Please email any items to [grahamvl@comcast.net](mailto:grahamvl@comcast.net).

Vicki Graham, Newsletter Chair

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Merry Christmas! The year is lousy but the wish is heartfelt. Hoping everyone is okay and can enjoy the holiday safely. Sandie and I are doing well and communicating with family and friends by phone, email and Zoom. Different but in these troubled times, actually feels kind of relaxing.

This is just a reminder to let all of you current members know that, since the Guild has had such a weird year 2020, that your dues for the year 2021 are already paid in full. In January I will be mailing each of you, your 2021 Membership card as well as an updated Membership List. I will also send you your Membership badge so you can bring it to any events that the Guild might have. This will reduce the number of persons that handle it and provide for some safety.

To ensure I have the correct info, I request you let me know if there are any changes to the Membership List that you wish to make (i.e. Cell phone, etc.). Please send any correction to me direct. Email: [jthammel@gmail.com](mailto:jthammel@gmail.com) or postal mail: John Hammel, 419 5th Street, Shenandoah, VA 22849.

If at any time you need additional info, card replacements, changes or updates, you can contact me direct.

Again wishing all of you the best, and safest, holiday season possible.

Happy Quilting!

John Hammel, Membership Chair

## **PROGRAMS**

For the next couple of months (January and February) at least, with COVID-19 and the chance of inclement weather, we will be holding our monthly meetings on Zoom. On January 16 we will hold a general meeting at 9:30 and the presentation, by Jaimie Davis of Loopy Tulip Designs, Oregon will start at 10:00. She will be presenting a lecture on “The History and Mystery of Baltimore Album Quilts”. “The history of Baltimore Album quilts is a fascinating journey into an America headed for the Civil War.”

I know that attending meetings on a virtual platform is definitely not the same as meeting in person but for now it seems this is what we must do to stay healthy and safe. I remember the first couple of times I attended a Zoom meeting it felt awkward and I was unsure of how it all worked. Gradually as I had to participate in more, due to my work situation, it got easier. Do I still wish for face-to-face meetings – absolutely! I am confident that time will return in 2021 but for now virtual is better than not at all.

I used a particular website when I first started out attending Zoom meetings to learn the in and outs of getting to the meetings and all the controls. Here is the website <https://www.seniortechclub.com/tech-recipe/how-to-attend-a-zoom-meeting/>

If you click on the blue writing up above it will take you to a page that explains all about how to join a Zoom meeting. If you read further down the page it even goes into the different controls on the screen when you are in

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a meeting both on a computer and on a tablet/phone. I found this page extremely useful when I started out. I would also like to put in a plug for the entire website <https://www.seniortechclub.com/> they provide some of the best training and clear directions for doing all things technology. When I have technology questions, this is my first stop. Their searchable catalog is wonderful.

The Zoom meeting link for the SVQG will be sent to you in January. I hope to see EVERYONE there. If I can be of any assistance, please call me, Terry Wiita @ 276-252-9909 or email [tcwiita@gmail.com](mailto:tcwiita@gmail.com).

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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 Liaison	Jane Crockett/Trudy Van Dyke

**Committee Chairpersons:**

Service	Denise Rudolph
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Membership	John Hammel
Sunshine	Carolyn Shank
Hospitality	Linda Quintrell, Deborah Smiley and Shelba Bellamy
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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