

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

Notes from the President

March is Blowing our Way

Can you believe how quickly 2021 is rushing along? It seems as if we were just celebrating the start of the new year a few weeks ago, and two months are gone.

Despite our optimism with the start of a new year, it has proved to be a challenging time. Many of us are anxiously awaiting our vaccines, as we celebrate with other friends having received one or more of their shots. The weather has been “frightful”, with two of our members facing the brunt of the power and water outages in Texas, and the rest of us shivering through rounds of ice and snow storms.

Nevertheless, we go forward, hoping for an early spring, and watching the first shoots of the crocus and daffodils poking up and the birds starting to return. March comes blowing in bringing fresh air (too fresh some days) and uncertain weather, and sometimes the hint of spring warmth in the sunshine.

I hope we can celebrate days that are warm enough to open a window or get out and enjoy a walk in the sun, and be content enjoying the blustery days snuggled in our quilts.

Jane



CALENDAR

February

16 – April 17 HERstory exhibit at VQM

March

12 Barbara Cline workshop, 10:00am

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

April

10 Stash Blast at VQM, 10:00am – 2:00pm

17 SVQG Mtg., 9:30am, Celeste Compion, “The Bolt and The Beautiful – The Shweshwe Saga”

March Birthdays

John McMurray	1st
Deborah Watts	5th
Sarah Healy-Welden	6th
Ann VanNoy	11th
Trudi Van Dyke	14th
Gail Oliver	20th
Nina Jackson	28th

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MINUTES

Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild

Minutes

February 20, 2021

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

Treasurer - Nina Jackson presented the Treasurer's Report. She reported that the Guild gained 4 new members. Jane Crockett commented that memorial gifts made to the Guild are tax deductible since the Guild is non-profit. The 2021 budget was opened for questions. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the members to accept the budget as presented.

Programs – Terry Witta stated that the March 12 workshop will be led by Barbara Cline. The workshop will be conducted in person and via Zoom at the same time. Barbara will be the speaker at the March 20th Guild meeting.

Membership – Membership badges were mailed out to the membership. Anyone who has not received their badge should contact John or Sandie Hammel.

Newsletter – The newsletter deadline is Friday, Feb 26th at 12:00pm.

Terry Witta introduced Rose Parr as the presenter of the February program.

Respectfully submitted,
Cerise Haas, Secretary

SERVICE

It feels like groundhog day doesn't it! We still can't get together and are all at home. But you are sewing and keeping me busy.

Keep up the good work.

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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PROGRAMS

Our February program featured Rose Parr from Healthy Quilting who provided all sorts of tips about sewing room setup and how to determine the perfect height for your sewing table, ironing board, and sewing chair. She also provided some basic stretches to do to keep our sewing bodies in tip top shape. She invited members to follow her on Facebook @ healthy quilting with Rose Parr or on Instagram @ Rose Parr_Healthy Quilting. She also invited folks to join her in her free sew along “Sew Grateful for 2021 – Sew Along” starting April 10, which can also be found as a group on Facebook. Her new book Sew Healthy & Happy is available for preorder from Amazon or CT publishing (<https://www.ctpub.com>). She is sending me several handouts and information on the fabric lines she used in her sew along which I will be forwarding to Guild members.

On March 12 at 10:00 Barbara Cline will be presenting a workshop on her Sampler Project from her new book, Diamond Star Quilts. Barbara will be presenting the workshop in person at the Dayton Mennonite Church and virtually online via Zoom. So those of you who cannot or do not wish to do in-person can now join us. There is no cost for the workshop but please let me know if you plan to join in-person or via Zoom as there is a bit of “homework” that needs to be completed before the class. To the left take a look at the luscious choices for my star! I just couldn’t help myself when I walked into Sew Classics. I am so tired of snow and cold weather. I am ready for Spring – in person or through the selection of gorgeous fabrics. Barbara will also be the featured speaker at our March 20 Guild Meeting.



Due to the Covid still impacting our area, I did not think it was wise to hold an in-person meeting at the Virginia quilt Museum for April so I have had to regroup and change our program for April. I am happy to announce that Celeste Compion of Meerkat Shweshwe in Canada will be our guest speaker.

Originally from South Africa, Celeste will present “The Bolt and The Beautiful – The Shweshwe Saga” which includes a slide show and trunk show of Shweshwe items to illustrate the history of this fabric and how it connects to the world history of cotton production, exploration and trade. Her shop is a treasure trove of this wonderful fabric. I hope you will join the Guild on April 17 for this presentation.

WAYS AND MEANS

There is not much to tell until we can get together in person again. Sue and I are keeping in touch and have our brains working to come up with ideas. We need more people to sign up for the apple challenge. When that will happen is contingent on when we can meet in person again. We want everyone to be able to really see the great work of our quilters. Keep in mind the auction coming up and start cleaning out your sewing room. Now is the time to downsize !!!! and place those things in the auction. For now keep safe, well, and hope everyone will soon get their vaccines. Please get it when offered.

Sue and Phyllis

NEWSLETTER

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

Vicki Graham, Newsletter Chair

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FACEBOOK GROUP/PAGE

Members, feel free to upload pictures to the group page. They should be subject matter quilts and can be links to something quilt related that you have seen and think others may be interested in. If you upload your own quilt photo, can you also message me with permission to use as the cover photo? I would not want to use anyone's photo in such a prominent place without permission. Also, if you or someone else has become aware of any guild member asking to join the group and I have not responded, please shoot me an email or message me about it. I just allowed two people in and realized I had not checked the requests in 2 months! My apologies ladies!

I thank those of you who have posted photos; I love a fun interactive group! By sharing on this platform I think we can be more inclusive.

Debbie Jungling

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next guild meeting is March 20th, which is International Quilt Day AND the first day of Spring. Come celebrate with SVQG. Our meeting will be held via Zoom and our speaker will be Barbara Cline.

The Quiltery in Fairfield, Va. is hosting an online Zoom retreat March 16-18. Participants receive a swag bag which includes 8 different jelly roll patterns and other goodies. There will be Zoom sessions with other participants during the retreat week. If you are interested in this online opportunity, please contact their shop at 540.377.9191 by March 6.

SVQG RETREAT

Rescheduled SVQG RETREAT at Massanetta Springs Conference Center, Massanetta Springs, Va. September, 16-18, 2021

The SVQG Quilt Retreat was postponed in 2020 to September 16-18, 2021.

We have reserved Hubler Lodge which features large rooms with two queen beds, private bathrooms, an elevator, and a beautiful conference room.

Retreat reservations will include **two** nights housing, double occupancy, and meals: dinner Thursday evening, breakfast, lunch and dinner Friday, and breakfast Saturday.

The room and meal package is \$220. Private rooms are available for an additional \$50.

Thirteen guild members signed up last year, and there are still a few openings. If you signed up last year, you do not need to re-register. Members who want to sign up this year should provide a **\$50 non-refundable** deposit and the attached reservation form to the guild treasurer, Nina Jackson, SVQG, P.O. Box 913, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. The openings will be filled on a first come basis.

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If you have any questions, please contact Jane Crockett or Cindy Holland for more information.

2021 Retreat Application

First Name

Last Name

Phone Number

Email

My roommate's name

I want a private room ()

*If you do not have a roommate selection, we can
match you with another single registrant.*

I understand that the deposit is nonrefundable, but that my reservation can be transferred to another registrant from the waiting list (if applicable).

I agree to make the final payment for the reservation by August 1, 2021

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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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
Ways & Means	Sue Jones and Phyllis Hollowell
Membership	John Hammel
Sunshine	Carolyn Shank
Hospitality	Linda Quintrell, Deborah Smiley and Shelba Bellamy
Publicity	Vacant
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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