

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

Notes from the President

At Last

What a relief to be able to meet again in person. It was so much fun to see each other at the park last Saturday morning, and to talk with those who were online to sew in the afternoon. Thank you for bravely coming out on a brisk, cloudy morning. Thank you to those who contributed quilts and all who helped with the packing up and distribution of the quilts at the end of the morning. Your generosity is always inspiring.

In the coming months, our guild plans to have in-person meetings every month. They will be at the regular time – 9:30 a.m., third Saturday of the month. Please put these dates on your calendars: June 19, July 17, August 21 and plan on joining us.

We will also have opportunities to meet virtually, just because we have found that to be an effective way to “sewcialize”. The Wednesday and Thursday afternoon Zoom groups are still meeting. You can contact Jane Crockett or Lori Abbott-Herrick for a link. We are willing to set up a weekend service Zoom group if there is enough interest. Please contact Denise Rudolph if you want to participate and cannot meet during the weekdays.

On Friday, June 18th guild members are invited to participate in a fun ‘field trip’ to Greene County, Va. to see barn quilts. Be sure to look at the program chair’s article in this newsletter for more details. Then on Saturday, we will have our regular 9:30 a.m. meeting – at Oakdale Park, Bridgewater, Shelter #2. We will have a speaker, and we want to see show and tell – lots of it. Plan to collect items and come to the Guild Auction on Saturday, July 17th at Oakdale Park, Shelter #3. Collect your donations and plan to support the guild with your contributions, your presence, by making purchases, and by being willing to lend a hand. Bring a snack or finger food to share, and we’ll make it a party.

A little tip about parking at Oakdale Park on a Saturday morning. There are lots of children and parents coming in for baseball games on Saturdays. Visitors are permitted to park on the grass – you will see rows of cars parked just past Shelter #3. You can also stop at Shelters 1 and 2 and park, and it is just a short distance (within sight). And be patient, because we are going to only have this inconvenience for just a little while longer.

Website: www.svqg.org

CALENDAR

June

18 Road trip to Greene County – “Blue Ridge Barn Quilt Trail”- contact Terri Wiita if interested (276-252-9909)

19 SVQG Mtg., 9:30am, Oakdale Park in Bridgewater, Shelter #2, Vvyan Rundgren – Barn Quilts

July

17 SVQG Mtg., 9:30am, Oakdale Park in Bridgewater, Shelter #3, Annual Auction

June Birthdays

Morgan Brown	5th
Sue McDonald	5th
Jo Bowman	10th
Bonnie Spoon	12th
Dorice Graham	18th
Barbara Paulson	20th

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Here is the most exciting news of all. For the August meeting (and through the fall), we have a reservation to begin meeting again in the Sunnyside Room at Sunnyside Retirement Community. This is contingent on the relaxation of meeting room capacity limits which are still somewhat strict, but we are hopeful that it is only a matter of a few more weeks for these to relax.

We will be 'home' again, **at last**

See you at guild meetings!

Jane

PROGRAMS

On Friday, June 18 interested members of the SVQG will take a road trip to view some of the barn quilts located along Greene County's "Blue Ridge Barn Quilt Trail". Interested parties will meet at the Elkton Community Center parking lot at 10:00. We will caravan on Rt. 33 over the mountain and stop at several locations as we make our way towards Ruckersville. We will not be able to view all 125 of the barn quilts in the 96 locations but we will see some spectacular ones, I can assure you. If there is enough interest, "we can do lunch". Because of the advanced planning needed for this, I ask that I have the names of the interested parties by June 4, 2021. Also, I will need to know if you are willing to drive a group and if you are interested in lunch. Please contact me at 276-252-9909 or tcwiita@gmail.com. So far, I have names of 4 folks (Joyce Aigner, Linda Puhle, Jane Crockett, Terry Wiita) that are interested, but would love to have more join us.

On Saturday, June 19 we will meet, in person, at Oakdale Park, Bridgewater, VA Picnic Shelter #2. Vvyan Rundgren, one of the masterminds behind this barn quilt trail will be the presenter.

Don't forget on July 17 we will hold our annual auction at Oakdale Park Shelter #3 in Bridgewater. Gather up all those supplies and projects that no longer hold your interest but might be just the thing for someone else and donate them. The auction is always such a fun time – I hope to see you there.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY FAIR VOLUNTEERS

We are asking for volunteers to serve as greeters at The Rockingham County Fair in Aug. We need greeters from the 16th thru 21st, to serve a 2 1/2 hour shift during the afternoon or evening. As greeters they are to welcome people to the fair, answer questions about exhibits, and discretely watch over the exhibits. If interested, please contact Barbara Roadcap at (540) 830-1896 or by email at bbroadcap@gmail.com.

Thanks, Carolyn Lee Purdy

OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The guild has received flyers for the "Original Sewing and Quilt Expo" being held in Fredericksburg, Va. October 1-2, 2021. I will bring these to our summer meetings. There are workshops offered September 28-29. Also, I have 8 free admission tickets for the event. I will be glad to pass them along to the first people to request one.

The Virginia Consortium of Quilters is a state-wide organization of quilters which meets three to four times a year in various parts of the state during non-pandemic years. This year they are offering online meetings and monthly classes. VCQ's Zoom classes are open to non-members as well as members, and they have some interesting ones scheduled this summer. In May, I took a modern piecing class with Cindy Griselda from Reston, Va. That was a lot of fun. If you are interested, you can check their schedule at www.vcq.org

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SERVICE

The bar just keeps getting set higher and higher!!! In November we collected 144 quilts, 2 pillow cases, and 8 pillow/totes. On May 15 we collected 172 quilts, 35 pillow cases, 58 pillow/totes, and 36 drainage bags!!! Beyond awesome!! The Hospice ladies were so happy to get the quilts and Augusta had just given out their last one.

Actually our count for this year on p/t and drainage bags is higher because they have been contacting us for the last few months. Surgeries are up and the need has been great - including what we collected on May 15 – this year we have given 120 pillow/totes and 178 drainage bags. A big thank you to Sue Jones for her help on making the p/t kits, working with Augusta Health and making drainage bags!

It looks like restrictions may be lifting so we can actually leave our sewing rooms and get out. Hopefully!! Don't forget to come in when it is really hot outside, enjoy the air conditioning and do some sewing!!!

Thank you again for all your support to Service. We have something to really be proud of!!

Denise Rudolph
Service Chair

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the July newsletter is Friday, June 25th at noon. Please email any items to grahamvl@comcast.net.

Vicki Graham, Newsletter Chair

WAYS AND MEANS

Our guild auction is scheduled for July 17, 2021 at Oakdale Park in Bridgewater, shelter #3. It has always been a popular event and an important fundraiser for the guild. We are asking for volunteers to help organize items as they come in, to set up, assist during the auction and clean up. Several of you have signed up and the signup sheet will be circulated again in June. Denise Rudolph has agreed to be Auctioneer as well as Nina Jackson and Cerise Haas, cashiers. Thank you!

We appreciate your donations. Clean out your sewing rooms, look through your fabric stashes, notions, kits, patterns, unfinished quilt tops, UFO's. We accept sewing machines and related furniture. We do ask that all items are clean and packaged in attractive, colorful baskets, totes, boxes with ribbons and attach a note stating the contents of your package. Make your package visually appealing, something you would like to buy. We do ask that all items are clean. No magazines please.

You may use check, cash and credit cards to purchase your treasures.

Reminder: The Apple Challenge will be revealed in October.

Our raffle basket theme for June will be July 4th related.

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If you have questions, please contact either Sue Jones at 540-949-0872, dejbowsandskjquilts@hotmail.com or Phyllis Hollowell at 540-943-2959 or ehollow@ntelos.net

Sue Jones and Phyllis Hollowell, Ways and Means co-chairs

SUNSHINE

As Sunshine Chairman, I send out the Thinking of You blocks for birthdays. In addition, if you know of someone who would be cheered by receiving a get well or sympathy card, please let me know and I will be glad to send out a block. My contact information is in the membership directory or on the SVQG website.

Thanks, Carolyn Shank

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In Memory. Rollin Baker sent us a memorial article about one of our former members (and Denise Rudolph's mother), Gae Baker. Many of you have met Rollin while dropping off quilts at his house in Bridgewater for the service program.
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Opa Gae Baker

Opa Gae Kesner was born on Kesner Mountain east of Upper Tract and back of Kline, West Virginia on October 7, 1937 to Mary and Walter Kesner, Sr. When she was 6 years old they moved to Clover Hill, Virginia. She graduated from Mt. Clinton High School and from business college in Harrisonburg, Virginia. She started working at Harrisonburg Loan and Thrift Company.

In 1956 she was working with Dot Heatwole who was a sister to Rollin Baker's sister-in-law. After much coaxing on both of them, they finally went on a blind date. After dating for almost three years, of which Rollin spent two years in the army from May 1957 to May 1959 with 18 months stationed in Germany. On the third day home from the army, they were engaged to be married.

Rollin said he felt obligated to marry Gae after she had waited for him for two years while he was in the army. This is so far from the truth that it is not funny. On his last letter to Gae while he was in Germany, he told her that if he didn't ask her to marry him in the first week after he got home that she should tell him to get lost. Gae always got a good laugh at that story.

They got married on August 23, 1959 at Mt. Horeb Methodist Church with her uncle Reverend Olin Kesner performing the ceremony. Their happy years lasted for 61 years and 118 days till she was called home to be with our Lord.

They have 3 beautiful girls who they love and adore with their husbands and children:

Denise and Billy Rudolph, Wesley

Diane and Eric Hillyard

Dot and Dave Braun, Carrie and Daniel

Gae enjoyed making matching clothes for the three girls and herself. She loved to cook, do needlework, sewing, quilting, scrapbooking, and putting our trips pictures in albums. After her 40 years at the bank and Rollin's 37 years with McQuay/Westinghouse, they retired. Gae joined the Salvation Army Auxiliary and worked hard getting the Christmas Toys ready for Kids Toy Convoy.

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SVQG RETREAT NEWS

A couple of you have asked me how the planning is going, for our September retreat so here's where things stand. I have spoken to the Massanetta Springs coordinator, and we are confirmed for September 16-18, 2021. Fourteen quilters are signed up, and we have plans to be there Thursday afternoon through Saturday morning. The exact check-in time will be provided later.

We are staying in Hubler Lodge and will be eating in the dining room in the main building. Food is being served from a buffet line (by a server) and will include dinner Thursday, three meals on Friday and a continental breakfast at the lodge on Saturday morning.

The September Guild meeting on Saturday, September 18th at 10 a.m., will be in the Hubler Lodge meeting room, so all guild members are invited to join us there. There is parking near the lodge. More specific directions (and a map) will be provided in August, or you can look online at the Massanetta Springs Conference Center website.

Everyone's roommate preferences and single room requests have been noted.

As you plan for the retreat, here are a few tips to keep in mind. Pack your sewing supplies and equipment carefully – do not forget your cord or the foot pedal for your machine! Make sure your sewing machine is in good order. Bring an extension cord. There are wall outlets, but you may not be next to one. Prewinding bobbins is a good idea. Bring sewing machine needles, sewing tools that you like to use, and a small cutting mat, favorite rulers and a rotary cutter to put beside your machine. You may want a workstation lamp if you plan to sew after dinner. I am bringing an ironing board and iron (nothing fancy), risers to create a "cutting table" and a couple of larger mats.

For those of you who are going on your first quilt retreat, consider pre-cutting fabric and bagging up "kits" for projects you plan to work on, rather than bringing bolts and bins of fabric. I try planning at least one project per day – plus one. So, for this retreat I will bring 3 projects to work on. Don't worry about dressing up, just be comfortable. We will be the only people in our building and meeting room.

You are welcome to bring a snack to share with others if you want to. There will be a snack table and there is a full-size refrigerator near the meeting room to store drinks and food. We hope to have a Keurig, so if you want coffee or tea, please bring coffee pods and/or teabags.

Cindy and I are planning a game for Thursday evening. If you want to play, you will be asked to contribute something for the prizes. We will let you know.

Most of all – plan to relax and enjoy the retreat! There are walks to take around the campus, rocking chairs on the porch, and best of all, lots of fun sewing early and late in the evening with good friends.

Jane

FACEBOOK GROUP

Join our Facebook Group!

It's easy. If you have a computer with internet access, go to Facebook.com and set up an account if you don't already have one. You can actually use an alias if you don't want to use your real name, such as Quilter lady or

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something.....Then you can request to join the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Group on Facebook. If you do use an alias, please send me an email and let me know that it's you, so I can admit you to the group. This group is a fun way to see what people are working on and is a virtual "show and tell". Members upload their own pictures so there is no burden on any one person to upload them as with the web page...

On this note, I am looking for a few people to be administrators with me, so more people are monitoring the site. Just email me if you would like to participate!

I am looking forward to the guild picnic meeting September 18th. I am still undecided on a theme and welcome your suggestions. We should be meeting at the Massanetta Springs resort where the retreat is taking place. More details to follow as we get closer to this date.

Summer Reading

I am reading a Marie Bostwick book that I've had for some time, [A Thread of Truth](#). It's very good. Copyright date is 2009 so some of you may have read this already. Incidentally, I met Marie when we shared a ride on Super Shuttle in Houston some years ago. She is a wonderful person and writer.

Debbie Jungling

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Board Members:

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Sunshine	Carolyn Shank
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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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