

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

Notes from the President

It's a Small World

Refrain –

“It's a small world after all.
It's a small, small world.

It's a world of hopes,
And a world of fears.
There's so much that we share,
That it's time we're aware,
It's a small world after all.

There is just one moon,
And one golden sun.
And a smile means,
Friendship to every one.
Though the mountains divide,
And the oceans are wide,
It's a small world after all.” *written by Robert M. Sherman*

In April, we were treated to a presentation by Celeste Compion, a Canadian quilter from near Toronto. She shared her beautiful fabric, shewheshwe (pronounced sway-sway) from South Africa and talked about the history and technique of cotton fabric printing in England and Africa. The beautiful indigo printed fabrics that she shared were inspirational.

Celeste was born in South Africa into a family of creative seamstresses and knitters. Shweshwe is traditional, 100 percent cotton print that evokes many memories for her as a little girl in the fabric warehouses of Cape Town, South Africa shopping with her mother. It is an aromatic memory: the sweet starchy smell of sizing, used to protect shweshwe for its sea voyage from Manchester, England, to South Africa. The cotton for this traditional fabric came from colonial America and now much of it comes from India.

As I was watching and listening to Celeste, I was reminded about what a small world we live in, not just now with modern forms of transportation, but even in much earlier times. People and families moved from continent to continent, raw materials and finished products were shipped thousands of miles across oceans. Our roots run deep, not just in our local communities, but world-wide.

CALENDAR

May

15 SVQG Mtg., 9:30am,
Oakdale Park in Bridgewater –
Shelter #3 - Service

June

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

May Birthdays

Angela Schup	9th
Leigh Anne	
McMurray	10th
Lila Schafer	20th

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If you did not get a chance to hear Celeste Compion, you can read her inspiring story and look at her quilts at her website: <https://canadianquilter.com/members-only-studio/the-bolt-and-the-beautiful-the-shweshwe-saga/>.

In preparation for our May meeting, please remember those we interact with much closer to home. The guild received a very meaningful thank you note in April as follows:

Dear SVQG Members, Thank you for my small pillow and tote that was given to me as I awaited the implant of my part for my chemo infusions at Augusta Health. The one pillow worked perfectly to protect my part from the seat belt of the car. I've used the tote to keep the cards, etc. I've received as I start my treatment for breast cancer. Your thoughtful and practical gifts are most appreciated. Sincerely, SV, Lyndhurst, Va.

We hope to see you at the May meeting in Bridgewater at Oakdale Park where we will be collecting service quilts, pillows and totes and drainage bags. We hope you can be with us. As always we request masks and social distancing. Please bring a lawn chair so we can spread out comfortably. For those who cannot stay for the meeting, dropping off quilts and waving is welcome. You will receive a Zoom invitation for an afternoon service sew-along.

Jane Crockett, President

Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild Minutes, April 17, 2021

President Jane Crockett called the April meeting of the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild (SVQG) via Zoom to order at 9:30am. Guest speaker Celeste Compion from Canada was welcomed. Terry Wiita made a motion to accept the minutes as presented in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Denise Rudolph and passed.

The Guild Board met on April 3rd to discuss the Quilt Show scheduled for June 25, 2022. There will an opportunity available for everyone to help.

Newsletter – The newsletter deadline is Friday, April 23rd at 12:00pm.

Service – May will be the 1st in person meeting at picnic shelter 3 at Oakdale Park in Bridgewater. Hospitality will be asked to provide pre-packaged snacks and bottled water. Denise will be collecting quilts for hospice and any pillow/totes and drainage bags. Arrangements can be made with Denise to drop off quilts for anyone who is unable to attend the May meeting. There will be ‘Quilt Along or Sew-In’ with Zoom in the afternoon. Denise has asked for feedback on starting a Zoom meeting on a Saturday afternoon or evening for members who work during the day.

Ways and Means – The Apple Challenge will be ending in October. Sue will have a signup sheet for volunteers to assist with the July auction at the May meeting.

Programs – Terry Wiita has planned a field trip for Friday, June 18th to tour Barn Quilts in Green County. The caravan will meet at the Elkton Community Center with a possibility of lunch out. The June 19th meeting will include a presentation about the creation of the Barn Quilt Trail and barn quilts.

Terry introduced Celeste Compion from Meerkat Trading to lead the program.

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Respectfully submitted,
Cerise Haas, Secretary

HOSPITALITY

The hospitality committee would like to extend an invitation for any member that attends the in person service meeting in May to bring a self contained/individually wrapped snack. Example: Little Debbie cakes, Almonds in 100 calorie pack, Lance crackers....

Bottled water will be provided. There will be NO coffee, tea or homemade snacks. This precaution is being taken because of Covid. Look forward to seeing you in person in May.

Thank you
Linda

FACEBOOK PAGE/GROUP

I encourage everyone to join in on our group on Facebook, there you can post pictures of your quilts, pose questions for the group, and see what people are working on.

On a related note, a question was posed to me via Facebook, does anyone use scraps to make dog/cat beds for shelters? There is a person who would like somewhere to donate her scraps.....please let me know ...

Thank you!

Debbie Jungling

PROGRAMS

Our February program featured Rose Parr from Healthy Quilting who provided all sorts of tips about sewing room setup and how to determine your perfect height for your sewing table, ironing board, and sewing chair. She provided the SVQG with several handouts which I forwarded to Guild members via e-mail. For those members that don't have e-mail, you may pick up your handouts at the next in-person meeting you attend. Your name will be on the packet.

Hope you enjoyed yesterday's presentation by Celeste Compion of Meerkat trading. She is a primary distributor of Three Cats Shweshwe produced by De Gamma Textiles. She has an incredible online store at <https://meerkatshweshwe.com/home>. Her site is a treasure trove of wonderful fabric.

Our May meeting will be our first meeting in person since over a year ago. We will meet outside at Oakdale Park in Bridgewater, VA – Shelter # 3. For those that need a street address it is 134 Mt. Crawford Ave. Starting at 9:30 there will be a service quilt and donated hospice item drop off and business meeting. That afternoon there will be a Zoom sew-along. See more detailed information located in this newsletter.

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

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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.

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.

I am providing the tentative calendar for the remainder of the year for your planning purposes.

Date	Workshop	Meeting Presentation	Location
June 19		Vvyan Rundgren, one of the masterminds behind largest barn quilt trail in VA (Greene County) and one of the largest in the US.	June 18 Fieldtrip to Greene June 19: Oakdale Park in Bridgewater VA Shelter 2
July 17		Auction (Ways & Means)	Oakdale Park, Bridgewater, VA Shelter 3
August 21		Everything Quilt Show	TBD
September 18		Brunch Picnic (Past President: Debbie Jungling)	Tentatively Massanetta Springs Retreat Center
October 16	Tentative (in process of booking) Make the Most of your Machine Applique'	Tentative (in process of booking) Why Didn't I think of That? Sandy Fitzpatrick	TBD although program will be via Zoom
November 20		Service	TBD
December 18		Christmas Party (Past President: Debbie Jungling)	TBD

MEMBERSHIP

My goodness what a beautiful Spring. The flowers and tree blooms have been just glorious! I can hardly wait to get out and plant...what? It's snow flurrying now and freezing??? Hopefully this is not an indication of how the rest of the year will go.

This is just a reminder to let all of you current members know that, since the Guild had such weird year 2020, that your dues for the year 2021 are already paid in full. In January I mailed each of you, your 2021 Membership card as well as an updated Membership List. I also sent you your Membership badge so you can

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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.

Unfortunately the post office charged me the incorrect postage. Because of this, and postal slow-downs, as a result some of you didn't get your badge until LAST WEEK! If you didn't get it please let me know and I'll send it out again. Sorry.

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 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.

If you haven't been vaccinated yet, get it done! Sandie and I have had both shots and are ready to go as soon as more people get with the program. Please join us.

Happy Quilting and keep on the sunny side.
John Hammel, Membership Chair

SERVICE

May 15 is Service Day and also Armed Forces day. We will be doing a quilt collection so we can distribute to Augusta Health, Sentara, and Blue Ridge Hospices. We will be meeting at Oakdale Park in Bridgewater at shelter #3. I will have kits for breast cancer pillow/tote and patriotic pillowcases. We will have demonstrations. I look forward to seeing you again!!!

In the afternoon we will do a Zoom sew along doing patriotic tops or pillowcases. This will be a great time to socialize while getting some service work done.

If you have tops for me to quilt call (540-974-9782) or email (drudolph@perryeng.com or billyjoe@shentel.net) to make arrangements so I can get these quilted and back to you before the May meeting. If you want you can give me the binding, I will finish. Yes I am getting better at doing my own binding!!! Quilt sizes: 36" to 60" width, 45" to 60" long.

Augusta Health is in need of Breast Cancer pillow/totes and drainage bags. You can bring these to the May collection also.

See you in May!

Denise Rudolph, Service Chair

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the June newsletter is Friday, May 21st at noon. Please email any items to grahamvl@comcast.net.

Vicki Graham, Newsletter Chair

WAYS AND MEANS

Ok ladies and gentlemen—here is the date you have been waiting for. The Apple Challenge will be in October 2021. Hopefully we will be meeting in person, somewhere, then. We still have people who have not signed up

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for this. There is still time so get your names in there. This is a small project so you have plenty of time. Next big event will be the Auction. Start getting you items together and packaged so they will sell. Sue will be at the May meeting with a sign up sheet for volunteers. WE need lots of those, so be thinking about what you would like to do. Sorry I will not be there, but I will be at my Granddaughter's graduation from Christopher Newport University that day. Look for Sue and put you name on her list. Enjoy the great weather and get lots of sewing and "gardening" done.

Sue Jones and Phyllis Hollowell

Co-chairmen Ways and Means

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN REMEMBRANCE

A former long-time member of the guild, Betty Durrett, passed away on April 21. Betty enjoyed piecing, hand quilting and appliquéing. She was a guild member for about 30 years until her health declined. Our sympathies to her family and friends, especially her quilting friends.

WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY

Mini Mid-Mod Quilts with David Owen Hastings

Saturday, July 10, 2021

Live stream 3-hour workshop via zoom

12pm – 3 pm Eastern Time

Work small, Work smart, look great!

We will start with a simple, modern color palette of neutral fabrics with a flash of color. Clean lines combined with simple design give each tiny composition a sophisticated feeling. Hand stitching adds a sleek, linear element. Finishing techniques will be demonstrated.

www.davidowenhastings.com

Registration is open

\$40 for members of The Quilting Party & TAVA

\$45 workshop fee per person for non-members

Visit <https://kutauber.wixsite.com/the-quilting-party/programs> to register for the workshop.

Paula Golden

Teacher of the Year

The Professional Quilter Magazine

www.paulagolden.com

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Board Members:

President	Jane Crockett
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Secretary	Cerise Haas
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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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