

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

Notes from the President

What a snowy start to the new year! I hope everyone has been able to stay inside to quilt. It was so enjoyable to visit with folks at the Holiday Tea.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in person at our gatherings this coming year. We have a lot to look forward to: interesting programs; the Quilt Show; a raffle quilt; new publicity ideas; new activities; the yearly Auction; and a presidents challenge. So much to participate in with each other!

It was so disappointing to get a call from Sunnyside canceling our January meeting. They do hope to be open to outside meetings in February. Please be aware that Sunnyside's Covid guidelines may change at any time and we will all have to abide by whatever is currently in effect.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in person as soon as possible!

Happy Quilting! Cindy

A message from our outgoing President

Thank you seems inadequate to express my appreciation for the absolutely lovely Churn Dash blocks that guild members gave me in December. I hope I can do them justice in putting together a quilt that I know I will cherish. Working and visiting with each of you has made my term as president a real pleasure. So even if the words fail to express it, my heart is full of gratitude for you all.

Jane

HOSPITALITY

Our tradition has been for those who have a birthday during the month of the meeting to bring a snack

Here are our Birthday Quilters for February:



Mary Judge	2/1
Vicki Graham	2/8
Carolyn Purdy	2/16
Amy Sirocky-Meck	2/22
Denise Rudolph	2/22
Kathleen Pantaleo	2/25
Cindy Holland	2/26

CALENDAR

February

19 9:30 am Mtg. in Sunnyside Room, Rhonda Cox Dort video presentation

March

19 9:30 am Mtg. in Sunnyside Room, Judge Arlene Blackburn will present her lecture entitled Quilting Techniques Extraordinaire

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OPPORTUNITY (see Jane Crockett for additional information)

Here is something to consider during the coming weeks:

The Piecemakers of Sevier County (Tennessee) have invited SVQG to participate in a challenge entitled “Animals You See at the Zoo”. This invites our guild to submit entries representing animal(s) seen at a zoo. The maximum size is 160 inches (no minimum size is indicated). Each entry must have a 4 inch sleeve and an identifying tag on the back.

To participate in the challenge, our guild must submit **five** entries. These pieces will be exhibited and judged at the Mountain Quiltfest which is being held in Pigeon Forge, TN June 6-9, 2022.

Several of us have attended Quiltfest during past years including Lori Abbott-Herrick, Fran Miller, Linda Puhle, Cindy Holland, and Shelby Bellamy. It’s a good show, and there are always good classes offered.

Information on the show can be found at <https://www.mypigeonforge.com/event/quiltfest>. If you are interested in creating an entry, please see me for more information about the entry process. The registration deadline for submissions is May 1.

SERVICE

Once again, we seem to have a lot of time to spend in our sewing rooms – between the weather and the latest Covid variant!

I did come to Bridgewater on the 15th and got a lot of quilt tops at my dad’s house!! I usually see Dad between meeting times so if you have tops, I can pick them up and get them back to you at the next meeting. His phone number is 540-280-3500.

We will be having our next collection in June, and we want to have a great display at the quilt show!!

I have been using Carolyn Shank’s pattern and am on my 4th patriotic quilt with that technique. I can’t wait to show you how it turned out!! It is really easy and gave me a way to use up some of my 10” packs!!

A reminder of the lap quilt sizes – width 36” to 60”, length 45” to 60”.

Sewing in the snow!

Denise Rudolph, Service Chair

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

The Guild bylaws state: “The Sunshine Committee shall be responsible for providing notes and/or thinking-of-you blocks to Guild members who may be in need of physical or emotional support.”

It is easy for me to get the birthdays of members from the newsletter listing or from the membership list. As for other thinking-of-you situations, I need help from you guild members.

If you know of someone that could use a TOY block, please call or text me at 540-867-9486 or email me at ceshank@gmail.com.

Thank you for your help!

Carolyn Shank, Sunshine Chairman

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NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the March newsletter is Friday, February 25th. Please look for your newsletter to be sent out early the following week. Please email any items to Leigh Anne McMurray at leighanne.mcmurray@gmail.com.

QUILT SHOW

Our theme for the show will be Stronger Together. I would like the focus to be on group quilts such as Bonnie Hunter quilts, the Apple Challenge, Patriotic and Quilt Bee quilts done on a theme (if any), but of course anything you want to enter will be fine. We should be able to have each member enter one or more items. Please finish those quilts and add your sleeve NOW!

Debbie Jungling

PUBLICITY

A big thank you to Vicki Graham for sponsoring a full-page ad in the Turner Ashby High School playbill. Her donation allows the guild to advertise the quilt show to a wider audience who would have interest in the show. Thank you, Vicki, for your generosity!

Work is underway for the color postcards advertising the quilt show and Anna Lynn hopes to have them ready by the February guild meeting. A publicity plan for the quilt show is being developed and will be submitted to the quilt show committee before the February meeting. Once a plan has been developed, we will need everyone's ideas and help.

Some members suggested at the December meeting that it would be nice to have a publicity board at guild meetings announcing quilting events. The board will be available at the February meeting. If you have a quilting opportunity you would like to advertise, please let Anna Lynn Bell know.

PROGRAMS

*February: A video presentation from Rhonda Cox Dort about vintage linens. She demonstrates how she uses vintage linens to get them out of the closet and into new pieces, treasuring their heritage. Jane Crockett and I have attended two of her workshops in Texas and she is so knowledgeable, so inspiring, and a delight.

*March: Get ready for the quilt show! Judge Arlene Blackburn will share how she judges a quilt and is bringing samples to share from expert quilters that we can touch and examine. The lecture is titled Quilting Techniques Extraordinaire.

*April: Do you hate doing bindings even though it means the quilt is finished? Shannon Shirley from Once in a Rabbit Moon will present a trunk show and then a 1/2 day workshop on bindings.

*May: Service

*June: No program as this is the month for our Quilt Show.

*July: Auction

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*August: Meet Judy Gula from Artistic Artifacts in Alexandria. She will be doing a trunk show/lecture about Indonesian batiks and then a lecture/ demo titled Embellishments Explained and Illustrated.

*September: Picnic

October: Be prepared to be educated and entertained by Carlene Halsing as she teaches us how to clean and maintain our Featherweight machines.

*November: Service

*December: Christmas Party

Linda Puhle, Program chair for 2022

FUN STUFF - Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange

Many of our members like to take a little break from sewing once in a while to assemble jigsaw puzzles. At the recent Christmas party three of the gifts exchanged were puzzles and all were appreciated. So, in light of this, we will try something new! Starting at our next meeting we will have a jigsaw puzzle exchange. Nina is organizing this so any questions can be directed to her (hikeswithseamus@gmail.com). The "rules" will be few and simple. Bring a puzzle in to share and choose a puzzle from those brought in by others. Please have the pieces contained inside a ziploc bag or secure the box with tape or a strong rubber band to prevent any disasters! If the amount of unclaimed puzzles exceeds the size of Nina's tote bag she reserves the right to donate them to an appropriate charity. Remember, you bring one AND take one so her tote bag should not become full!

ITEM OF INTEREST

Connie Broy, one of our former guild members in the January 2022 Mountain Courier. Her newest quilt "Ring of Fire" is on the cover of The American Quilter's Society 2022 calendar; The quilt will soon be on it's way to Branson, MO and Paducah, KY for quilt shows. Submitted by Carolyn Purdy – thank you Carolyn!

MEMBERSHIP

Remember that the renewal deadline is the end of January. Don't miss any of the 2022 Guild excitement or upcoming newsletters. Renew today if you haven't already! Form follows:

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**SHENANDOAH VALLEY
QUILTERS GUILD
YEAR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
February 1, 2022 – January 31, 2023**

Renewal Membership New Membership

Date of Application: _____ Check Number: _____ Cash: _____

This form should be completed in its entirety and returned with your check for **\$25.00 (which includes your newsletter by e-mail)**. If you want to receive the newsletter by postal mail, please include an additional \$15. Mail to:

The Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild
c/o Membership Chair
P. O. Box 913
Harrisonburg, VA 22803

Note: If you wish to have your membership card and receipt mailed to you, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your application and check.

NAME _____ **BIRTHDAY:** ____/____/____
Please print name as you want it on Membership card and Badge Month Day

YEARS A MEMBER (To update the Membership List): _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: ____ - ____ - ____ **EMAIL:** _____
(Area Code)

WHY JOIN?

A place to meet and greet old friends and make new friends; a place to relax and get away from the everyday problems; a place to share in the fellowship of good company

Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild Has It All!

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Board Members:

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

Special Duties:

Facebook Facilitator	Debbie Jungling
Webmaster	John McMurray
SVQG/VQM Liaison	Jane Crockett/Trudy Van Dyke

Committee Chairpersons:

Service	Denise Rudolph
Ways & Means	Volunteer Needed
Membership	John Hammel
Sunshine	Carolyn Shank
Hospitality	Debbie Timberlake, Deborah Smiley
Publicity	Anna Lynn Bell
Newsletter	Leigh Anne McMurray

To join the SVQG, send \$25 annual dues and application to PO Box 913 Harrisonburg, VA 22803

PLACE OF MEETING: Sunnyside Room, Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community, Harrisonburg, VA (unless otherwise noted)

DATE OF MEETING: Third Saturday of each month unless otherwise notified

TIME OF MEETING: 9:30 AM

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