

# SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER



## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe that we are heading into the month of February. By the end of the month I begin to look forward to the arrival of Spring and all the wonderful colors, sights and sound it brings. My projects, this time of year, tend to take on lots of color. I have chosen POP as our word for February. "Adding a little bit of the unexpected color is usually what makes a quilt really dynamic" (Heather Thomas, "Adding Pop to your Quilt", You Tube). Effective quilters plan their color palate by including an unexpected color which provided the POP or focal point. While there are many theories on how to do this, the easiest way to do this is to choose complimentary colors – colors that are opposite on the color wheel. This month let's focus on making our creations POP!

## CALENDAR

February 18<sup>th</sup> -- SVQG member, Nancy Roche will discuss her process to create her Civil War quilt.

March 18<sup>th</sup> – SVQG member Kris Califiano will have a trunk show with a workshop to follow on creating a notebook cover and adding a little "Bling".

*Both meetings start at 9:30 in the Sunnyside Room at Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community in Harrisonburg, VA.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Our tradition is for those who have a birthday during the month of the meeting to bring a snack. The members with February birthdays are:

Kelly Zuber 2/4

Vicki Graham – 2/8

Carolyn Purdy –2/16

Fran Miller – 2/20

Denise Rudolph – 2/22

Have a wonderful birthday, ladies!

## JANUARY 21, 2023 SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD MEETING MINUTES

Terry Wiita, President, opened the meeting by welcoming members and introducing her word of the month which is MAGIC. The Snowman favors given to members represent the magic of the first snowman of the year and serve as a reminder for us to create magic in our sewing rooms. Terry then introduced each of the officers with their reports.

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Officers:

President -Elect- Leigh Ann McMurray,  
Secretary, Judy Augst Secretary. The December minutes were approved.  
Treasurer Cerise Haas- the board created a budget and it will be in the newsletter and on the website.

This was followed by the Committee Chairs and their reports.

Program Committee chairs- Debbie Jungling and Melinda Smith. Debbie announced that the Quilt Museum is hosting an exhibit of Jinny Beyer's work. Jinny is a national treasure and this exhibit is a must see! Debbie also shared that Pat Sloan is hosting a quilt along in conjunction with the Quilt Museum. The quilt along is using a Wendy Shepherd pattern and runs from 2/14 to the end of April. The quilt will finish at 78x93.

Ways and Means -Beth Cayer and Wanda Walker announced they have been to the area quilt shops seeking donations for our meeting raffles and this month Sew Classics donated a Valentine Quilt Kit valued at \$110. Raffle tickets were \$1 for one, \$5 for six or \$12 for ten. They also reminded us to tell the quilt shops we are guild members when purchasing from them.

Webmaster- John McMurray is resigning his position as webmaster and social media and we are looking for a replacement. John is starting a new food truck business that will be located across the street from the Quilt Museum and open on Saturdays. Therefore, he will not be able to attend Quilt Guild Meetings.

Membership- Seanna Powell has made name tags for all members. She encouraged us to leave our name tags in the plastic bins when we leave the meeting. She will bring them back to each meeting so we don't have to worry about misplacing them between meetings. There were 46 people in attendance at the meeting.

Newsletter- Terry Wiita reminded us newsletter articles were due to her by 1/27/23.

Quilt Show-Monica Soebbing has volunteered to head the raffle quilt for the 2024 quilt show. She has selected a Bonnie Hunter scrappy quilt called Blue Ridge Beauty, a pattern in one of Bonnie's earlier books. Each member will need to make 8 half square triangles of blue and neutral and 8 four patches of blue and neutral that will combine to make a 12" block. Monica requests we save our scraps and use all shades of blue but nothing aqua and no neutral darker than a brown paper bag. The half square triangles will be made of 4" squares and finish at 3.5 including seam allowances. The four patches will begin with 2" squares and finish at 3.5 including seam allowances. The blocks will be due by 9/23/23 so that the quilt can be finished by January 2024 for publicity photos.

Fran Miller's Quilt-The quilt Fran Miller donated to the guild was displayed for members. Fran's heart's desire is that the quilt go to someone who would cherish it. The board decided no one would love it more than guild members. So every time a member attends a guild meeting their name will be entered into a drawing to be held in December 2023. The more meetings members attend, the more chances they have to win!

Service-Denise Rudolph has kits for patriotic pillow cases and drainage bags for us to take home and complete. She showed the Bento Box Quilts made at the November meeting. She also showed new quilt labels made with the new logo and two new lap quilts made with layer cakes.

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## Other Announcements

Our flicker account has been closed. There were many photos from past meeting show and tells on that account and **Cerise will make thumb drives of these photos for anyone that requests them.**

The box of membership pins with the new logo was lost at the June quilt show. **We urge everyone that attended the quilt show to check your stash and what you brought home from the show. The pins were in an 8x8x8 cardboard shipping box.** We'd love to locate them as many members would like to buy one. If they are not relocated soon, the guild will place another order.

The business meeting ended with a break for refreshments, show and tell and a program on applique techniques led by Debbie Jungling and Kris Califano.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judy Augst, Secretary

### **MEMBERSHIP –Seanna Powell**

Hello! I wanted to say thank you to John Hammel as he steps down as the Membership chair and turns the reins over to me. I know that I have big shoes to fill, but I will do my best. Just a friendly reminder that the dues year runs from February 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup> so if you have not already done so make sure you complete an updated membership application and submit your payment. If you have not paid by the February meeting, this will be your last newsletter. I will have blanks available at the meeting or you can print the one that is attached to the newsletter and mail it in. I look forward to getting to know each of you, please stop by the membership table and introduce yourselves!

### **PROGRAMS FOR 2023 – Debbie Jungling**

February 18<sup>th</sup>: Member Nancy Roche will discuss her process to create her civil war quilt.

March 18<sup>th</sup>: Member Kris Califano (A Rhinestone Genie Educator) will have a trunk show with a workshop to follow where we will create a notebook cover. This notebook cover would make a wonderful gift.

April 15<sup>th</sup>: Virginia quilter, Mary Kerr will present a quilt talk "Quilting Old Into Art" with a workshop to follow "Twist and Shout". (This is change from what I said during the December meeting – oops). You can view Mary's work on her website, [Home | Mary W Kerr](#)

May 20<sup>th</sup>: Regular service meeting

June 17<sup>th</sup>: My friend and National APQS winning quilter Cheryl See will present a trunk show with a workshop to follow.

July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Picnic

August 19<sup>th</sup>: All members are encouraged to participate in "First Quilt, Last Quilt". Bring your earliest

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work still in your possession and your latest work to compare and discuss. This was a regular feature in Quilter's Newsletter Magazine (no longer published). All quilters regardless of their current proficiency started somewhere and this is a fun and interactive way to share our quilting journeys. A very fun way to see how far we have come!

September 16<sup>th</sup>: Auction

October 21<sup>st</sup>: Charlottesville quilters and sisters Moira and Ellen MacAvoy will present a trunk show of their fantastic work, followed by a workshop where participants will create a wool applique needle case. This is Moira's original design. You will not want to miss this!

November 18<sup>th</sup> will be our final service meeting of the year and December 16<sup>th</sup> will be out holiday get together to finish 2023!

### **Virginia Quilt Museum – Harrisonburg (Debbie Jungling)**

Beginning January 10<sup>th</sup> – March 22<sup>nd</sup> OURstory: human rights stories in fabric

January 10<sup>th</sup> – April 29<sup>th</sup> Star Struck (historic star quilts)

January 10<sup>th</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup> Jinny Beyer Retrospective - Jinny is a world-renowned quilter, and this is a must-see exhibit!

Pat Sloan will be starting a quilt-along, using Wendy Shepphard's pattern based on a historic quilt in the Quilt Museum's collection will start February 14. The pattern, "Harrisonburg" can be downloaded from the museum site or bought at the Museum Store in Harrisonburg. Several SVQG members have agreed to participate in this quilt-along and hope others will join us.

### **SERVICE - Denise Rudolph**

The January meeting was great – a lot of people turned in tops, pillowcases and p/t's and took kits. With the cold weather you are being productive in your sewing rooms!!! Enclosed is the pattern for the layer cake top that I seem to be addicted too!! Just let me know if you have any questions.

We have a new zoom sign in number for our Wednesday night Service Zoom. We meet from 7 to 9 pm and all are welcome to join.

We will have our next collection in May 2023

The sizes of quilt tops - 35" to 60" in width and 45" to 60" in length. If you only like to make the tops, I will quilt and get them back to you to bind. If you want to do the whole thing that works. We have labels with the guilds name on them - please put one on your quilt – I am going to do some modifications to the labels with our new logo. You can use the ones you got at the meeting but they don't have a lot of room for turning under. I should have those at the next meeting.

### **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE – Lori Abbott-Herrick**

Thinking of You, (TOY) blocks have been made by the Sunshine Committee since the founding of the Guild. It's always nice to know that someone is thinking of you on your worst and on your best days! Please email me at [laherrick@gmail.com](mailto:laherrick@gmail.com) when you know a member who needs a little reminder that they are not alone in their struggles or their joys.

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## **PUBLICITY COMMITTEE – Anna Lynn Bell**

Looking ahead to the 2024 Quilt Show

The raffle quilt needs to be completed by the Christmas Party, 2023 so that photographs can be taken for publicity which starts in January 2024.

### Quilt Shows 2023

Below is a listing of upcoming quilt shows.

Feb. 23-26 Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Hampton Roads, VA

Mar. 3-4 Charlotte Quilters Guild Show, Monroe, NC

Mar. 17-18 Capital Quilters Guild Show, Raleigh, NC

Mar. 29-Apr.1 Lancaster Quilt Show, Lancaster, PA

Apr. 26-29 AQS Quilt Week, Paducah, KY

For information about each show go to the following website and click on 2023 Quilt Shows:

Ronatheribbiter.com

## **RAFFLE QUILT – Monica Soebbing**

We have received Bonnie Hunter's blessing to use her design "Blue Ridge Beauty" for our Raffle Quilt. Her only request is that the quilt is labeled with the name of the design, credited to her, along with being so noted in all publicity.

What does "Blue Ridge Beauty" entail? It is made up of 62 - 12" blocks. The 12" blocks will each be made of 8- 4 patches and 8 HST's (Half Square Triangles.) The color scheme will be scrappy blues and neutrals. No whites, please. And no darker than a brown paper bag on the neutrals. Finished size on the quilt will be 96 x 108; a nice queen size.

You are welcome to make one block or as many as you would like. Completed blocks are due at the September guild meeting, so we can sew them together, add borders, and quilt it, for completion by January 2024.

A handout with detailed instructions will be passed out to all at the February meeting. Hoping you will join the fun of this guild project!

## **2023 SVQG PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE QUILT**

The thought behind the challenge quilt and the directions for the blocks can be found on the attached directions page. An addition to the directions is that each member will sign their "swap blocks" . I will have pens suitable for this purpose at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meetings we would still like you to participate in this "Swap". You could do so by contacting Terry Wiita at 276-252-9909 or [tcwiita@gmail.com](mailto:tcwiita@gmail.com) and we can devise a plan to get your blocks and return to you the swapped blocks. I really hope everyone will consider making a block a month – allowing you to add at least 12 blocks to your quilt top.

## **SECRET PAL GROUP STARTING – DEBBIE JUNGLING**

An idea.... A member approached me about starting a "Secret Pal" group where members would sign up, receive a secret pal's name and info on their likes and dislikes, and members would leave little thoughtful gifts at each of 6 or 7 meetings, and the secret pal would be revealed at the end. I will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting to gauge interest in this idea. This would be completely voluntary.

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### **QUILT ENTRY INVITATION – Smokey Mountain Quilters by way of Jane Crocket**

You labored for hundreds of hours on your latest creation, so why not share your quilt with others who will appreciate it? You may also get some well-deserved recognition for your hard work. The Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee will offer more than \$6,000 in awards at their show on June 23 and 24, 2023 at the Knoxville Expo Center in Tennessee. There will be 14 categories, including juniors, in which to enter your quilts and an additional 13 special awards. Deadline for entries is April 22, 2023, so you have plenty of time to complete your masterpiece. Please visit [www.smokymtnquilters.com](http://www.smokymtnquilters.com) for more information on the competition and for entry forms.

According to Jane, several of our members have exhibited at this show in the past, attended the show and taken classes there.

### **WEBSITE – Terry Wiita**

I have been working on updating the website. I have uploaded the December newsletter, the 10 inch square pattern, the President's Challenge Directions and placed the Show and Tell pictures in the Show and Tell area. I still am working on changing the logo image and updating a few more things. The Bees area needs my focus next. If you belong to a Bee could you send me an updated piece about your bee and a contact person for the Bee. You can look at what is in the Bee section and just tell me how to edit that.

### **NEWSLETTER – Terry Wiita**

The deadline for the March newsletter is Friday, February 24th . Please email any items to me at [tcwiita@gmail.com](mailto:tcwiita@gmail.com). If you could possibly put "SVQG" in the subject line of your email submissions, it would greatly be appreciated.

**SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTER'S GUILD**  
**PO Box 913**  
**Harrisonburg, VA 22803**

**Board Members:**

President	Terry Wiita
President -Elect	Leigh Anne McMurray
Secretary	Judy Augst
Treasurer	Cerise Haas
Program Coor. #1	Debbie Jungling
Program Coor. # 2	Melinda Smith
Immed. Past President	Cindy Holland

**Special Duties:**

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

**Committee Chairpersons:**

Service	Denise Rudolph
Ways & Means	Beth Cayer & Wanda Walker
Membership	Seana Powell
Sunshine	Lori Abbot-Herick
Hospitality	Monica Soebbing
Publicity	Anna Lynn Bell
Newsletter	Terry Wiita

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

**DIRECTIONS TO THE SUNNYSIDE ROOM:** After passing the guard station at the entrance, take the second right and follow the road up and through the portico in front of the main building. Continue to the bottom of the parking lot (where you are welcome to park). Then look to your right. Our meeting is held on the ground floor of that building (not the main building). There is parking in the front of this building as well.

Shenandoah Valley Quilter's Guild  
Year Membership Application  
February 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024

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. Bring this form and your check to a Guild meeting or 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 first)

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