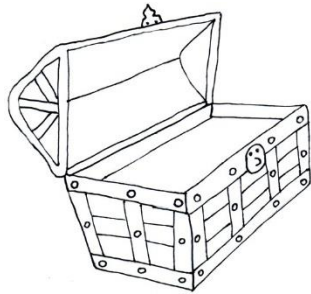


SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT



This month I have chosen a phrase as our “word of the month” – “Quilter’s Booty”. A now closed local quilt shop had a clerk that used this term all the time and it just made me chuckle. According to her, a Quilter’s Booty (somewhat similar to a Pirate’s Booty) is the collection of fabrics and supplies purchased at one time to make a new project. She used to say there is nothing finer! And after all this time, I have to admit she is absolutely correct. There is a special kind of excitement that comes from wandering quilt shops in search of just the group of fabrics that coordinate together for a new project. It is a real MISSION. The wonderful happiness results from seeing all your fabric pieces on the cutting table of the local shop, in a stack, just waiting for you to take it home and cut them apart to sew back together into something new and wonderful. That stack on the cutting table of the local quilt shop before it is placed in a bag is your Quilter’s Booty. Here’s to lots of “Quilter’s Booty” in your future.

CALENDAR

April 15th -- Quilting Old into New presented by nationally renowned Virginia quilter, Mary Kerr. Twist and Shout workshop to follow.

May 20th -- SVQG Service meeting

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 April birthdays are:

Barbara Linzey, Pamela Nixon 4/5

Thurston Bechtel 4/7

John Hammell 4/13

Happy Birthday to our April members!

Deborah Smiley 4/19

Melinda Smith 4/24

Ella Hallbert, Connie Taylor 4/29

MARCH MEETING MINUTES by Seana Powell

Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild Minutes

Terry Wiita, President, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and talking about the word of the month, Lucky. Quilting is a lot of skill but always a little luck comes into it – from finishing your stitching before your bobbin runs out to having just enough fabric to cut out that last needed piece; the list of lucky events when your quilt is endless.

Terry then welcomed new members and visitors – Jeff Crawford and Debbie Thompson as new members were welcomed to SVQG.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

In Cerise Haas' absence, Terry Wiita gave the Treasurer's Report. The Ways and Means Raffle brought in \$100, membership and newsletter postage brought in \$180. Expenses in February were \$179.54 for service, \$100 for program and \$12 for hospitality. Our balance on hand is \$10,682.75 and we have \$2,867.13 in a CD.

Program Chairman, Debbie Jungling reported that Kris Califano was giving today's program and running the afternoon workshop. In April Mary Wilson Kerr will be here giving a presentation on making the old new and holding an afternoon workshop, Twist and Shout. The fee for the workshop is \$60 and there is a supply list. May will be our service meeting. Debbie also talked about the current exhibits at the Virginia Quilt Museum and stated that the time was running out to see the Jinny Beyer exhibit. She also mentioned that she (Debbie) was working on the Harrisonburg Quilt along sponsored by the VA Quilt Museum.

Raffle Quilt (for 2024 Auction) stated that we had 25 blocks turned in at the meeting. She showed a few of them as well. Remember the pattern is Blue Ridge Beauty which was already sent to members. We are asking each member to make at least one block for the Raffle Quilt.

Seanna Powell, Membership Chair stated that we have 76 members on our roster.

Newsletter Chair, Terry Wiita reported that newsletter articles are due to her by March 24.

Publicity Chair, Anna Lynn Bell reported that she hopes to have SVQG pins in the next few months.

Service Chair Denise Rudolph read a note from a Fran Miller about her granddaughters receiving grief quilts from the Guild. She also mentioned the Service Zoom meetings held on Wednesday evenings.

Sunshine Chair, Lori Abbott-Herrick asked members to let her know of any member that needs something.

Ways and Means Chairs, Beth and Wanda reported that Patchwork Plus donated the items for the raffle basket.

April 2023

Terry Wiita asked that members consider being the Quilt Show Chairman for 2024. She also mentioned that the retreat applications are coming in- we have received about 5 and that the space is limited. The applications were mailed to members previously and will be available at the check-in sheet during meetings.

A reminder was made to members to get their picture taken during the break so it can be included in a pictorial membership list available to SVQG members. We will be taking pictures at the meetings for several months.

March 18 is National Quilting Day and President Terry Wiita issued a challenge to members who were interested. Participants in this challenge should choose one fat eighth from the basket (two different fabrics were available for members to choose from) and bring back a creation using this fabric to the April meeting for show and tell.

MEMBERSHIP – Seana Powell

Membership forms and payment are now overdue for the 2023-2024 year. Don't forget that each time you attend our monthly meeting you have a chance to win Fran Miller's beautiful quilt.

PROGRAMS FOR 2023 – Debbie Jungling



In March, SVQG members heard a presentation by Kris Califano on her quilt journey. She ended the presentation by demonstrating how to use rhinestones to enhance your quilting creations. In the afternoon workshop members created their very own notebook cover and enhanced their design with rhinestones.

April 15th: Virginia quilter, Mary Kerr will present a quilt talk "Quilting Old Into Art" with a workshop to follow "Twist and Shout". The cost of the workshop is \$60 for members and \$70 for nonmembers payable to SVQG. Participants in the workshop should also bring "old blocks". We are trying to locate some for folks that may not have any. You can view Mary's work on her website, [Home | Mary W Kerr](#)

May 20th: Regular service meeting

June 17th: National APQS winning quilter Cheryl See will present a trunk show with a workshop to follow.

July 22nd: Picnic

August 19th: All members are encouraged to participate in "First Quilt, Last Quilt". Bring your earliest work still in your possession and your latest work to compare and discuss. This was a regular feature in April 2023

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 16th: Auction

October 21st: 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 18th will be our final service meeting of the year and December 16th will be our holiday get together to finish 2023!

SERVICE – Denise Rudolph

At the April meeting – if you bring me a top, I will have it quilted by the end of April. I will bring the quilts to my dad's house in Bridgewater. If you will not be able to get it from him, just bring me the fabric for the binding and I will finish the quilt.

May's program will be Service. So, bring all your Hospice quilts, pillow/totes, pillowcases, and drainage bags. Be sure they have a SVQG label on them.

I have invited the Hospice groups and Augusta Health to come to the meeting. We will be working on service projects after the meeting for those that can stay and sew or cut.

The sizes of quilt tops - 35" to 60" in width and 45" to 60" in length.

Can we beat our last collection – November 2022 where we collected 167 quilts? I think we are up for the challenge!!!

Got the pedal to the floor on my Janome!!

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 best days! Please email me at laherrick@gmail.com when you know of a member who needs a little reminder that they are not alone in their struggle and joys!

PUBLICITY – Anna Lynn Bell

SVQG pins should be available shortly.

Quilt Events for Spring 2023

Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show

Friday, April 12 - Sunday, April 14

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$10 admission

Clarke County Parks & Recreation Center

225 Al Smith Circle

Berryville, VA 22611

April 2023

Waterford Quilters Guild
Quilters Sale and Auction
Wednesday, April 12
10:00 - 12:00 noon - admission is free
Leesburg Fire Station Hall
215 Loudoun Street, SW
Leesburg, VA

Celebration of Quilts
April 21 - April 23
Friday, 12:00-5:00
Saturday, 10:00-5:00
Sunday, 10:00-4:00
Asbury Methodist Village
Rosborough Center
301 Odendhal Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD

Baltimore Heritage Quilt Expo
April 22-23
10:00-5:00
Admission \$12
Maryland State Fairgrounds
4H Home Arts Building
2200 York Road
Timonium, MD. 21093

Quilters Garage Sale Sponsored by the Central VA Hub of VA Quilter's Guild (28 tables full)
May 6
9:00-2:00
Culpeper United Methodist Church
1233 Oaklawn Drive (enter on the Madison Rd side of the church
Culpeper, VA)

2023 SVQG RETREAT

The retreat is planned for October 12-14, 2023. There are multiple attendance options from a single day attendance to a full retreat with a few additional options. Currently 9 rooms have already been reserved. There are a total of 18 rooms available. See the flier and the application for more information.

2023 SVQG PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE QUILT

Many members have chosen to sew these blocks to exchange with other members. Each month's meeting brings a table of blocks to exchange. I am so excited that you are choosing to participate. Keep making those blocks and exchanging them. If you are unable to attend the meetings, we would still like you to participate in this "Swap". You can do so by contacting Terry Wiita at 276-2529909 or

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tcwiita@gmail.com. I will gladly pick up blocks from you and return with your blocks received in the swap. I hope everyone will consider making a block a month so you will have at least 12 by the end of the year.

RAFFLE QUILT – Monica Soebbing



We had 25 blocks turned in at the March meeting. Great job! We need a total of 64 blocks for our queen size quilt, so we are over two thirds of the way there! Please watch the placement of the 4 patches; I spied 3 that I will have to unsew and turn a quarter turn. Once we have all the blocks turned in, we will see what the final placement will be. I am pleased you all are excited about this quilt project!

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the May newsletter is Friday, April 21. Please email Terry Wiita any items for publication at tcwiita@gmail.com.

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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.