

# SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER



## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Memorial Day (May 29, 2023) and Flag Day (June 14, 2023)! The phrase of the month is red, white, and blue.

### God Bless The USA – Lee Greenwood

If tomorrow all the things were gone  
I worked for all my life  
And I had to start again  
With just my children and my wife

I thank my lucky stars  
To be living here today  
'Cause the flag still stands for  
freedom  
And they can't take that away

And I'm proud to be an American  
Where at least I know I'm free  
And I won't forget the men who died  
Who gave that right to me  
And I'd gladly stand up next to you  
And defend Her still today  
'Cause there ain't no doubt  
I love this land  
God Bless the U.S.A.

From the lakes of Minnesota  
To the hills of Tennessee  
Across the plains of Texas  
From sea to shining sea

From Detroit down to Houston  
And New York to L.A.  
Where's pride in every American  
heart  
And it's time we stand and say

That I'm proud to be an American  
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(Hospice Representatives: Augusta County, Lori Showalter; Sentara Health, Christal Yowell and Blue Ridge, Tonia Sweeny Talk about how their organizations use our Service Projects during the May meeting.)

#### CALENDAR

June 17th -- National APQS winning quilter, Cheryl See, will present a trunk show with a workshop to follow. Here is a link about this artist: <https://thequiltshow.com/quiltipedia/who-is-cheryl-i-see>

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Picnic (indoors in regular meeting room)

August 19<sup>th</sup> – Members share “First Quilt, Last Quilt”

*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 June birthdays are:

Bonnie Spoon 6/12, Annise Crawford 6/14; Dorice Graham 6/18; Barbara Paulson 6/20; Jan Worthy 6/26; Seana Powell 6/30;

Happy Birthday to these folks!

#### MAY MEETING MINUTES- Judy August

##### Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild Minutes

Our President, Terry Witta, welcomed everyone and spoke about the magic of our phrase of the month- Quilter’s Stash. The “magic fairy” delivered fat eighths to a table in the back and Terri encouraged everyone to choose just the right fabric to add to our fabric stash. Terri also drew our attention to the potato chip blocks on the back table and encouraged us to continue making them. They will be made into a hospice quilt.

She also welcomed our visitor, Sherri Simmons, from Pennsylvania. Sherri is visiting her friend, Monica.  
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## **Officer Reports**

President-Elect- Leigh Ann McMurray- Reports she found a feedsack and contacted Mary Wilson Kerr, our speaker from last month. Leigh Ann reports she will be attending a retreat and catering Mary Wilson Kerr's husband's retirement party.

Secretary- Judy Augst. The minutes from April were approved.

Treasurer-Cerise Haas-Cerise reports we have \$10,089.01 in the bank, and \$2,867.13 in our CD. She deposited \$94 from last month's raffle.

Program -Melinda Smith-Melinda reports that the Harrisonburg Quilt Museum has new quilt exhibits, Cathedral Windows, Cradle and Quilt, and Out of Whole Cloth. Melinda also announced Cheryl See will conduct our June program. Cheryl will give a lecture and conduct a workshop. The project will be a choice of two patterns from her Walk in the Park pattern series. The workshop cost is \$40. Melinda also reported she has confirmed Paula Golden and Diane Murtha as program speakers for 2024.

## **Committee Chair Reports**

Hospitality and Auction Quilt-Monica Soebing-Monica reports we have 52 blocks and only need 12 more for the auction quilt! She also encouraged us to look at the tablecloth on the hospitality table. It was hand embroidered by her mother.

Newsletter- Terri- newsletter articles are due 5/26.

Ways and Means-Beth Cayer and Wanda Walker-Pins are for sale for \$5. The auction is scheduled for September. There will be a sign up for auction volunteers. Start gathering items for the auction!

Website-Terri- let Terri know of any additions needed.

Picture Directory-Terri is asking anyone who hasn't had their picture taken to get with her today. She would also like members who can't attend to send in a picture so they can be included in the directory.

Guild Retreat-Thursdays 10/12 to Saturday 10/14. There are lots of attendance options so please come and sew with us.

Quilt Show Chairman or Co-Chairman-The show will take place in 2024 and we are still looking for a chairman or co-chairman.

President's Quilt Challenge- We are in our fifth month of the President's Challenge. Please continue to make blocks and swap them at meetings.

Service- Denise Rudolph. Denise reports she has kits for drainage bags and pillow and tote kits for breast cancer patients and will be cutting out more after the meeting. Denise reports that we have 264 quilts, 49 pillows and totes (plus the 25 we donated last month), 53 drainage bags, and 53 patriotic pillowcases. The collection of quilts was inspiring!

After a refreshment break, door prizes were awarded and representatives from Blue Ridge Hospice, Sentara and Augusta Hospice thanked the SVQG for all their efforts and shared inspiring stories of how the quilts impacted patients.

## POTATO CHIP BLOCK



(Pauline Messier put together the collected Potato Chip Blocks after the meeting for a service Quilt. Thanks Pauline. There are still a few potato chip blocks left over to use in an additional quilt. If you did not make the potato chip block last month, make one for this month.)

The unfinished block size is 12.5 X 12.5, finished it will be 12 X 12

## MEMBERSHIP –Seanna Powell

### PUBLICITY – Anna Lynn Bell

SVQG guild lapel pins have been reordered and are now available from the ways and means committee table at guild meetings. Each pin is \$5.

### Upcoming Quilt Shows

June 1-4: 29th Annual Mountain Quiltfest, Pidgeon Forge, TN. For more information go to <https://www.mypidgeonforge.com/event/quiltfest>

June 23-24: Smoky Mountain Quilters Show, Knoxville, TN  
[www.smokymtnquilters.com](http://www.smokymtnquilters.com)

Traveling This Summer? The following website provides a listing of quilt shows around the country: [www.ronatheribbiter.com](http://www.ronatheribbiter.com)

Academy of Applique (Barbara Blanton) A weeklong retreat held annually in Williamsburg, VA (March 4-9, 2024). For more information, [www.academyofapplique.com](http://www.academyofapplique.com) or 757-565-5299

## 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](mailto:laherrick@gmail.com) when you know of a member who needs a little reminder that they are not alone in their struggle and joys.

## PROGRAMS FOR 2023 – Debbie Jungling

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August 19<sup>th</sup>: 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 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)**

March 24 – July 5	Cathedral Windows by Lisa Ellis
April 11 – July 8	For Cradle and Crib curated by Bunnie Jordan
April 12 – July 8	Out of Whole Cloth by Anna Chupa
May 2- July 26	Quilts Gone Wild

### **SERVICE - Denise Rudolph**

According to the by-laws “the purpose of the guild shall be to promote the various aspects of the art of quilting, to educate and develop the skill levels of the members, and to make a contribution to the Community, relative to quilt making”. We did make a statement on May 20!!!!

The representatives from Augusta, Sentara and Blue Ridge Hospice groups were thrilled to see so many quilts and told us how they are used and some stories about those who receive them. Their cars were full when we sent them off!!

After the meeting we divided the collection of quilts and breast cancer items– the final totals were:

Lap quilts	200
Child quilts	22
Patriotic quilts	42
Patriotic pillowcases	59
Other pillowcases	2
Breast Cancer pillow/totes	49
Drainage bags	53

In April, we had given out 20 pillow/totes, 24 drainage bags and 1 patriotic quilt.

Our totals are now:

Quilts - Hospice	3,149
Pillowcases	240
Breast Cancer pillow/totes	1,259
Drainage bags	254

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A big thank you to all that contributed to this wonderful collection with your help from making kits, making tops, quilting, binding, and making all the breast cancer items! This shows that you can get a lot done working as a team! After the meeting, 34 patriotic pillowcase kits were cut. They will be available at the next meeting.

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. We have members who can do the binding – just let me know so I can hand it off when quilting is finished. We have labels with the guild's name on them - please put one on your quilt.



(Photos of the Service Quilts collected from SVQG members at our May meeting)

#### **NEWSLETTER – Terry Wiita**

The deadline for the June newsletter is Friday, June 23. 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.

#### **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 [tcwiita@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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### **RAFFLE QUILT – Monica Soebbing**

Keep making those blocks, If you need additional information contact Monica.



(Here is our Raffle Quilt blocks laid on the floor. We are close to being finished. I think we need about 12 more blocks.)

### **SVQG PICTURE DIRECTORY**

The May 2023 SVQG Picture Directory is being sent to all members. If your picture is not included in the directory, please see Terry Wiita at the next Guild meeting so she can photograph you. If you are a member but unable to attend our monthly meetings we would love to have you send n a picture of yourself (head and shoulders shot) to Terry Wiita ([tcwiita@gmail.com](mailto:tcwiita@gmail.com)) or Terry Wiita, 410 McCoy Lane, Stanley VA 22851 so you can be included in the directory. Thanks!

## 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

### 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.