

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last month, Mary Wilson Kerr gave the presentation and a workshop afterwards to our guild. In the Introduction to her newest book, *The Art of Make Do Quilting* (2022), Mary states:

“For as long as women have been quilting, we have been making things work... We make do with what is on hand...” (p.8)

Some people might say this statement is the justification for the “Quilter’s Stash”. In order, to make things work we have to have some raw materials on hand – hence our stash. People approach building their stash in lots of different ways. There are folks who purchase a fat quarter or yard of a particular line because “it speaks to them” and “they really like it”, regardless, if they have a project in mind. Other folks tend to purchase/accumulate fabrics in a particular color or genre. Another group, purchase extra fabric for any project they are making – “just in case”. Other quilters, purchase specific fabric for a project and then go onto something else and don’t start or complete the project – hence the coining of the term, “ufo” unfinished object. And then there are folks like me, at the end of a sewing session I close up my fabric cabinet and turn off the lights. When I next enter my sewing room, I open the cabinet and a “magic fairy” has delivered more fabric into my cabinet until the shelves begin to buckle with the additional weight of all the “new” fabric. Each year in my quilting journey, the “fairy” brings more and more – and the stash grows! So, our word for the month is stash. May you enjoy continuing visits by the Stash “fairy”.



CALENDAR

May 20th -- Service Meeting

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-see>

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 May birthdays are:

Eleanor Heisman 5/3; Leigh Ann McMurray 5/10; Jeff Crawford 5/22

Happy Birthday to these folks!

APRIL MEETING MINUTES- Judy August

Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild Minutes

Our President, Terry Wiita, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and issuing this month's challenge. She related a story about a quilt store worker calling our fabric purchases "quilter's booty". This month's challenge is to use the fabric scraps attached to a "Pirate's Booty" snack bag to make a "potato chip block". The scraps are just to get us started and we are to use our own scraps to complete the block. The instructions are located on a back table. The idea is for Denise to use the blocks to make a hospice quilt top.

There were no visitors this month.

Officers Reports

President -Elect-Leigh Ann McMurray-there are no new guild announcements. However, Leigh Ann shared that their food truck is having a "soft" opening next Saturday. The truck will be located on Main directly across from the Quilt Museum

Secretary-Seanna Powell graciously agreed to take last month's minutes in Judy's absence (thank you Seanna!) The minutes were approved.

Treasurer-Cerise Haas-Last month we took in \$147 from ways and means and \$200 in membership dues, spent \$550 for program fees and \$392 for service supplies. Our new balance is \$13,570.25

Program #1-Debbie Jungling-Today's program speaker is Mary Wilson Kerr, May's program is service and in June Cheryl See will be presenting with a workshop following the meeting. There is a kit fee of \$40 and a workshop fee of \$12. A sign up sheet is circulating.

Program #2-Melinda Smith reports she already has 3 speakers confirmed for next year!

Committee Chair Reports

Hospitality and Auction Quilt-Monica Soebing- Monica thanked the birthday members for bringing snacks. 38 squares for the auction quilt have been submitted. 64 more are needed. Monica reports the quilt is going to be beautiful!

Membership-Seanna Powell reports we have 79 members. She will not be here next month and needs someone to sit at the membership table.

Publicity and Quilt Pins-Anna Lynn Bell-no report but the pins have come in and will be given to Ways and Means to sell for \$5 each.

May 2023

Quilt Museum -Debbie Jungling reports the museum is presenting new exhibits every few months making repeat visits to the museum worthwhile. She is working on her Harrisonburg Quilt for the quilt along sponsored by Wendy Shepherd and Pat Sloan benefitting the Quilt Museum. There will be a virtual quilt show of all completed quilts and images should be submitted to Pat Sloan's web page. In 2024 there will be an in person quilt show of selected quilts at the Quilt Museum.

Service-Denise Rudolph-Denise has quilted 39 quilts and her cart is full with more quilt tops to take home. She has new pillows and drainage bags for Augusta. Next month's service program will be cutting pillow cases and kits. Please bring rotary cutters. So far, Blue Ridge Hospice is coming to speak but she thinks other hospice organizations will also be coming.

Sunshine-Lori Abbott-Herrick-no report.

Ways and Means-Beth Cayer and Wanda Walker-announced the raffle prize of a handmade quilt hanger made by Wanda's husband and fat quarters.

Website- Terry Wiita-let Terry know of any additions needed.

Guild Retreat-will be Thursday 10/12-Saturday 10/14. There are lots of attendance options so try to come sew with us.

Quilt Show Chairman or Co-Chairmen- any volunteers? The show will take place in the summer of 2024.

President's Quilt Challenge-We are in our fourth month of the challenge. Please continue to make blocks and bring them to swap.

The business meeting was followed by a refreshment break, the awarding of the door prize and raffle drawing , Show and Tell and the National Quilting Day Challenge from last month and Mary Wilson Kerr's program.

FOLLOW-UP ON POTATO CHIP BLOCK DIRECTIONS (DIRECTIONS ARE ATTACHED)

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

Traveling This Summer? The following website provides a listing of quilt shows around the country: www.ronatheribbiter.com

May 2023

Academy of Applique (Barbara Blanton) A weeklong retreat held annually in Williamsburg, VA (March 4-9, 2024). For more information, 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 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

May 20th: Regular service meeting

June 17th: My friend and National APQS winning quilter Cheryl See will present a trunk show with a workshop to follow. For more information about this author <https://thequiltshow.com/quiltipedia/who-is-cheryl-l-see>.

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 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!

Virginia Quilt Museum – Harrisonburg (Debbie Jungling)

January 10 th – April 29 th	Star Struck (historic star quilts)
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

SERVICE - Denise Rudolph

The May meeting is all about Service!!! Bring your completed quilts, pillow/totes, drainage bags and patriotic pillowcases!! We will display the quilts at the meeting. Representatives from Augusta, Sentara and Blue Ridge Hospice groups are coming to share their stories with us and then they get to take the quilts back with them! I know they are excited to receive them.

May 2023

After the meeting, we will work on service projects. Bring your ruler, mat and cutting board and we will work on making kits for patriotic pillowcase, breast cancer totes & pillows, and drainage bags. I will have fabric for making these kits. This is a great time to hang out, socialize and work on service! We have been giving quilts to Hospice for 11 years and have given 2,884 lap quilts and 179 patriotic pillowcases!! Last year we collected 359 quilts! We started the breast cancer pillows/totes in 2003 and have given out 1,190 of these and 177 drainage bags!!

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 guild's name on them - please put one on your quilt. We do have a zoom service group that meets every Wednesday night from 7 to 9 pm. Everyone is welcome to join, please email me at drudolph@perryeng.com and I will give you the link. You are invited to attend anytime if you cannot commit to a weekly schedule. Just a good time to work on service projects and talk to other members.

NEWSLETTER – Terry Wiita

The deadline for the June newsletter is Friday, May 26. Please email any items to me at 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. 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

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

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTER'S GUILD
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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.

Potato Chip Block

“Bet you can’t make just one!”



1. Take the 1 piece of fabric from the “Quilter’s Booty” and make a block that measures $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$.
 - You could cut your ‘Booty Piece” $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ and then add a another $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ piece to make a piece $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$.
 - You could cut your ‘Booty Piece” $2\frac{1}{2} \times 3$ and then add a another $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2$ piece to make a piece $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$.
 - You could cut your ‘Booty Piece” $2\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ and then add a another $2\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ piece to make a piece $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$.
2. Take the other piece from your “Quilter’s Booty” and complete step 1 above for it.
3. Sew the 2 pieces you created together long sides together. Steps 1 and 2 below.
4. Cut/create 16 more $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ blocks.
5. Take 2 more blocks and turn them sideways and sew to the top and bottom of the block created in 3 above. Steps 3 and 4 below.
6. Take 2 more blocks and sew them short side together. This becomes block 5/6. Repeat for blocks 7, 8. Using the diagram below, add blocks 5/6 and 7/8 to the block created in step 5.
7. Follow the diagram below to finish the block – steps 9 -18.
8. Your finished block should resemble the diagram below and should measure 12.5×12.5 unfinished and 12×12 finished.
9. You have created one “Potato Chip Block”. Can you stop at just one?
10. Bring your finished blocks to the meeting next month and we will put them together for hospice quilts.

