

# SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER



## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sorry this newsletter is a week late. I was at the Beach last week with family and had good intentions of doing the newsletter while I was there. I even took my laptop but time with family called and I decided that being present with them was most important.

I am so happy to see all the members engaging in the sewing activities I have been designing on a regular basis. The tables filled with tree and house blocks and potato chip blocks makes my heart sing. The participation in the games at the picnic was unbelievable and it seemed that everyone had a good time.

This month the word is connections. Quilting allows us to build so many connections with each other. These connections are so important, and it is necessary to foster these on a regular basis with common activities. I have come up with another "sewing activity". It has a Christmas theme. If you have been in the local stores, you have seen that Christmas merchandise is already creeping onto the shelves and people are buying the goods. So, the next sewing activity is Christmas themed and includes a community building aspect, allowing us to build connections with each other.

## CALENDAR

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

September 16<sup>th</sup> – Annual Auction (start collecting your donations NOW)

*All 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 August birthdays are:

Pauline Messier, 8/1  
Mariann Simmons and Ginny Biggs, 8/2  
Fays Souder, 8/3  
Sharon Pafford, 8/5

Debbie Jungling, 8/20  
Sallie Mahan, 8/22  
Crystal Gooden, 8/26  
Judy Bukauskas, 8/29

## **JULY MEETING MINUTES**

### **Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild Minutes**

The meeting was opened by our President, Terry Wiita who began by welcoming our newest member, Shawna O'Driscoll and a special guest, Denise's father, Roland Baker. Often, Denise leaves our quilts that she has quilted with her father for us to pick up for us to bind. Thank you, Mr. Baker! Terry then introduced the phrase of the month, "On the Go Hexagon". Terry placed directions and beginning fabric squares on one of the back tables. Terry encouraged everyone to make one hexagon and bring it to next month's meeting. The goal is to have enough blocks to make a hospice quilt.

### **Officer Reports**

The minutes were approved.

Program Chair #1, Debbie Jungling, announced that the Mac Avoy sisters were lecturing and conducting a workshop at our October meeting. The project will be to make a needlebook. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Debbie also spoke briefly about the changing exhibits at the Quilt Museum and encouraged us to visit the museum.

Treasurer, Cerise Haas, reported that there is \$2,867.13 in our CD, \$8,291.67 in our checking account. She has paid out \$1,111.19 in program costs. She deposited \$400.00 in fees for programs and \$89 from last month's raffle ticket sales.

### **Committee Chair Reports**

Auction Quilt, Monica Soebing reports she has laid out 65 blocks and has found backing for the quilt.

Service, Denise Rudolph reports she has some pillowcase kits and some quilts that need binding.

An announcement was made that this is the 75th year for the Rockingham County Fair and they would love to have some quilts to exhibit at the fair.

The rest of the meeting was turned over to Terry who led us in some silly games and fun was had by all! Thank you, Terry! The games were followed by an indoor covered dish picnic.

### **MEMBERSHIP –Seana Powell**

Hello all! We are offering half price memberships for the duration of this membership year! From now until December membership will be \$12.50. You can complete the application attached and mail it in, or bring it to the next meeting. We would love to have you join us!

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

August 19<sup>th</sup>: Our program will be US! We will be talking about "First Quilt, Most Recent Quilt". This program will only be successful if everyone is involved. PLEASE bring in your earliest quilt that you still have or can borrow back, and your latest creation. The idea is to show how far our years (or maybe months) of experience and or class taking can bring us. We are mimicking a column that ran in Quilter's Newsletter magazine regularly which showed amazing current day quilters and where they started from. I think this program will be enjoyable for all. You do not have to limit yourself to two quilts, bring anything which shows your evolution as a quilter and artist....

September 16<sup>th</sup>: Auction - Please bring your donated items packaged, labeled and ready to sell.

October 21<sup>st</sup>: Our October program will feature the Macavoy Sisters from Charlottesville. Our workshop will be creating a cute needle book, pictured here:



November 18<sup>th</sup>: Final service meeting of the year  
December 16<sup>th</sup>:SVQG holiday get together to finish 2023!

Virginia Quilt Museum – Harrisonburg (Debbie Jungling)  
Thru Aug 26th Quilts Gone Wild  
Thru Oct 4th Play Land by Susan Lapham  
Thru Oct 7th No Boundaries curated by Dr. Carolyn Mazloomi  
Thru Oct 7th Stories are Made loop by Loop

#### SERVICE - Denise Rudolph

Take a break from this heat and stay in your nice, air-conditioned sewing room!!! There are plenty of easy patterns on the internet. You will be able to get supplies at our auction in September at good prices – fabric and patterns!!

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

I have kits for pillowcases, breast cancer pillow and totes and drainage bags. If you like to cut out quilts and make kits that would be great.

Next collection will be the November meeting.

#### NEWSLETTER – Terry Wiita

The deadline for the September newsletter is Friday, July 25th. 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.

#### Book and Puzzle specific yard sale:

Hosted by Debbie on August 12th from 8am - 12noon. It is going to be at 266 Dylan Circle, Bridgewater, VA. The rain date is scheduled for August 19th just in case.

#### PICTURES from July Picnic:



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### **Slow Cooker Cream Cheese Chicken (from the July picnic)**

Chicken breast cooked with ranch and cream cheese, topped with bacon, cheese and green onions.

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

3 large boneless skinless chicken breasts  
1 packet ranch seasoning mix or 3 tbsp  
1 8 ounce package cream cheese  
2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese  
6 slices bacon - cooked and crumbled  
2 large green onions, chopped

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Place chicken breasts in the bottom of the slow cooker.
2. Sprinkle the chicken breasts with ranch seasoning. Top with cream cheese, broken up into chunks.
3. Cover the slow cooker and cook on low for 4-6 hours or high for 3-4. The dish is done when chicken breasts are cooked through.
4. Shred the chicken and stir well to combine with the cream cheese.
5. Top with the shredded cheddar cheese and cover until the cheese has melted.
6. Sprinkle the top with bacon and sliced green onions.
7. Serve warm over rice or noodles.

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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/ 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.