

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SEWING CORNER -

Dear Friends: 

It's unbelievably cold outside this week! I hope you're each either working in a cozy sewing room or snuggled under one of your creations. I think my family appreciates me more in the wintertime when their toes are all covered up in a quilt! How about yours?

Speaking of appreciation...a BIG thank you to Amy Meck, Thurston Bechtel and their helpers for an incredibly successful auction. Amy might just have a future as a stand-up comedienne. Thanks to their humongous (to quote my granddaughter) efforts and your generosity we brought in over \$1600!

At the January Guild meeting I announced my *President's Ugly Duckling Challenge*. Last year the owner of The Cloth Peddler gave the Guild a whole bolt of what she called the "ugliest fabric ever made." Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to take a fat quarter and turn that ugly chick into a beautiful 12 1/2" swan (I mean block). The rules: you can't use it as backing or batting or in lieu of one of your UFOs. Judging will be at the March Guild meeting. If you want a fat quarter before the February meeting I can mail one to you!

And yet another thanks to Fran Miller and Bev London for agreeing to be Committee Chairs with me for our 2014 Quilt Show. Turner Ashby High School on the last weekend in June is where you'll want to be!

Winston Churchill said, "For myself I am an optimist - it does not seem to be much use being anything else".

Looking forward,
Lori Abbott-Herrick
President

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY -

Karen Jones	2/02	Carolyn Lee Purdy	2/16
Paula Tehlewitz	2/05	Fran Miller	2/20
Vicki Graham	2/08	Josephine Millet	2/20
Molly Toth	2/11	Amy Meck	2/22
Dianne Louvet	2/15	Denise Rudolph	2/22

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD
December 8, 2012
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Lori Abbott-Herrick, who welcomed everyone and asked for a round of applause to thank Connie Broy and Sally Jones for their hard work organizing the Christmas brunch and party.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

The treasurer's report is available on the guild website.

Announcements

The quilts sent by the Hope Guild were displayed, and a photo of the members of the guild was taken with the quilts.

Vicki Graham will chair the quilt show at VMRC. The quilts will be hung in March and taken down in mid-May, 2013. Vicki distributed forms which should be completed for each piece that members enter. There is room for big and small quilts. Quilts demonstrating the types of work that members do (traditional, modern, applique, full-size, lap size, wall hangings and service quilts) are requested. If members are interested in submitting pieces that are for sale, VMRC does not take a percentage. The deadline for submissions is the February meeting. Lori thanked Vicki for taking on this project for the guild.

Lori read a thank you note from Sentara/Rockingham Hospice.

Jude McLaughlin's husband and John Hammel and Kathy Christy's brother have passed away. Dianne Reasons is at home and recovering from surgery.

The Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival is February 21-24.

Forty-two blocks have been placed along Rt. 42 of the Shenandoah Valley Quilt Trail between Timberville and Bridgewater.

Lou Emswiler reported that SVQG is featured on the December NQA website. Also, there is an article on the NQA website for anyone interested in sending quilts to victims of Hurricane Sandy.

The March guild program will be service oriented, and members will be sewing string blocks for service quilts. The February class will be "Fabulous Fractures" with Kathy Christy. Don't forget to bring auction items for the January guild auction.

Submitted by Jane Crockett, Secretary

"MINITURES" BEE? -

We've all heard that good things come in small packages. That goes for quilts also! Some of our members are longing to start a new Bee to make "miniature" quilts, creating small blocks up to 6 1/2" square! The really nice thing about tiny quilts is that you don't need a huge stash to make them. In fact, we know people who go trash can diving at classes and retreats to pull out scraps that others deem unusable.

We are in the planning stages and are looking at an evening gathering, probably once a month, with the location to be discussed. If you are interested in joining our "small" group, let us know. Please email either Amy Meck at sirockam@jmu.edu or Diana Norman at dnorman8816@comcast.net with your ideas.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD
January 19, 2013
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Lori Abbott-Herrick, who welcomed everyone. Guests were introduced as follows:

Meg Carr, new director of the Virginia Quilt Museum, was introduced by Josephine Millet. She comes from a position at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, KY. Meg spoke to the guild about her background and interests. VQM volunteers and others interested in volunteering at the museum are invited to come to an open house and show preview on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 1 p.m.

Diane Baker, new member, was introduced by Lori Schrock.

Trudy VanDyke, independent fine art curator, was introduced by Mary Carlton.

Lori led the members in a round of applause thanking Connie Broy and Sally Jones for putting together such a nice Christmas party in December.

Vicki Graham updated the members at the Virginia Mennonite Quilt Exhibit which the guild is presenting from March 2 through May 4, 2013. Quilts should be turned in at the February guild meeting. All sizes of quilts are needed. If you want to sell your piece, please put that on the entry form. VMRC will collect the money, but does not take a percentage. Forms for those wishing to put pieces in the exhibit are available on the information table and will be sent with the newsletter. Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down the exhibit.

Thank you notes have been received from the following organizations:

Emmanuel Episcopal Church Food Pantry - food donated at the Christmas party;
Virginia Quilt Museum - memorial donations for Mary Harrold and Jude McLaughlin's husband.

Fairfield has donated eight king size batts for use for hospice quilts.

Announcements

The following announcements were made:

March 13-16 is the Lancaster Quilt Show;
Shenandoah Valley Quilt Trail brochures are available on the information table;

Vicki is heading up the nominating committee for next year's officers. Please consider how you might be interested in serving.

Cerise Haas presented the treasurer's report, and it is available on the guild website.

Old Business

The quilt retreat will be May 13-16, 2013 at the Lancaster Host Resort. Thirty one people have signed up. There are four more openings, and the guild needs to fill one more room in order to have free use of the conference room. Please contact Lori if you are interested.

New Business

The Virginia Quilt Museum will have a raffle quilt at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival in Hampton, VA. Volunteers are needed to serve as white glove workers at the show. If you are planning to go to Hampton and would be interested, please contact VQM.

President's Ugly Duckling Challenge: Lori presented fabric donated by The Cloth Peddler in Stephens City, VA. She challenged members to take a fat quarter of this 'ugly' fabric and to make a 12 ½ inch block. Blocks should be brought to the March meeting and will be assembled into a 'swan' quilt as a service project.

2014 Quilt Show: Quilt Show chairwomen will be Bev London, quilt exhibit; Fran Miller, demonstrations, classes and hospitality; Lori Abbott-Herrick, vendors fair. The show will be June 27-29, 2014 at Turner Ashby High School, Bridgewater, VA.

Upcoming Programs: Connie Broy

Kathy Christy presented examples of the "Fabulous Fractures" class that Kathy will be teaching at the February meeting. If you have questions about preparing your four blocks before the class, please call Kathy.

The February meeting program will be "Flying Geese" and several members will present different techniques for constructing the block.

The March program and workshop will be led by Denise Rudolph and will be service oriented.

In April, Sue Brittingham will be leading a two-day workshop.

Service, Denise Rudolph. The March afternoon session will be creating string blocks for hospice quilts and assembling tops. Seven patriotic quilts have been completed and will be delivered to Augusta Hospice. Denise has kits available to make patriotic blocks and tops to be quilted.

Ways and Means, Amy Meck and Thurston Bechtel. The auction will be held after the meeting. Members are asked to turn around their chairs. Purchases can be made with cash and checks.

Library, Kathy Christy. Seventy books have been added to the guild library. The library list is on the website.

Newsletter, Sandie Hammel. The newsletter deadline is January 25. Documents should be formatted in Arial 12.

Membership, John Hammel. The 2013-14 membership drive is beginning. Forms are available at the meeting and will be included in the February newsletter. The dues are \$20/year or \$32/year if you want to have the newsletter mailed to you.

Website, Dianne Reasons. No report.

Raffle Quilt, Mary Carlton. No report.

UFO, Diana Norman. Members are asked to show their #2 UFOs at the meeting today or to submit their fat quarters. At the end of the UFO presentation and Show and Tell, the number was drawn for March: #3.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jane Crockett, Secretary

SUNSHINE -

Please contact me if you are aware of a guild member who needs a thinking of you card and block for illness or sympathy. You may contact me at dejbowsandskjquilts@hotmail.com or call 540-949-0872.

Thank you, Sue Jones

SERVICE -

We gave the Augusta Hospice 8 patriotic quilts in January. I have kits for more patriotic quilts. We will be working on the strip blocks at the March meeting. Thanks to those who have given me blocks. It is always fun to stay after the meeting and work on quilts for Hospice. Hope you will plan to join us in March.

Always sewing!

Denise Rudolph, Service Chairman

PROGRAMS -

February 16, 2013 – **FABULOUS FRACTURES – Kathy Christy**

This class will be a fun and easy workshop. Also, you will more than likely be able to finish the quilt in class. How wonderful NO UFO for later. The sign-up sheet is attached to the this newsletter and also found in the SVQG Dec/Jan newsletter. You can see some of Brenda Esslinger's fractures on her site at: <http://thegypsyquilter.com>

March 16, 2013 – **NATIONAL QUILT DAY – Denise Rudolph**

Denise has a lot of wonderful and fun things to do on this national quilting day. Start cutting your fabric strips, and set them aside, for the strip block sewing in the afternoon. We can have a great time sewing and talking and seeing which goes the fastest.

Friday, April 19, 2013 – **VIEWPOINTS: A QUILTER'S PERSPECTIVE**

"Bring the art of perspective, one of the most important of an artist's tools, to your quilt making as you learn to create the illusion of depth in your work. Learn to make eye catching three-dimensional frames to border your quilts. The simple techniques we study are essential for creating realistic landscapes and interiors. We will practice some exercises in linear perspective, learn about columns and arches, as well as other architectural details." Susan Brittingham.

Saturday, April 20, 2013 – **GUILD PROGRAM ADVENTURES IN EMBELLISHMENT**

"A presentation designed to stimulate ideas for the embellishment of garments and quilts through various fabric manipulation techniques, machine work and hand stitchery. The trunk show with numerous examples of techniques used in quilts and clothing will encourage viewers to experiment and create on their own." Susan Brittingham

Saturday, April 20, 2013 – **UPSIDE-DOWN APPLIQUE**

"Add a new machine appliqué technique to your repertoire of quilting skills. Achieve perfect shapes and accurate placement of all your appliqué elements, no matter how small or complex. Use this method to create multi-layered appliqué motifs by machine when you can't or don't want to fuse." Susan Brittingham. You can see more about Susan Brittingham on her website: www.susanbrittingham.com.

Sign-up sheets are in this newsletter or attached to the emailed newsletter. There may be some additional supplies that will be added later. Also, there will be kits for the two classes Susan will be teaching. Will let you know what the cost will be later.

WAYS AND MEANS -

Auction Wrap Up: Thanks to our members and guests incredible generosity (whether you donated items or purchased items) we were able to bring in \$1,622.00 at our January auction!

We would like to extend a very special thanks to Denise Rudolph, Bev London, Nancy Harris, and the lovely Morgan for all their help the day of the event!

You are going to love the February Raffle! We will be raffling two Blue Fig brand "Crafter's Totes" at the next guild meeting! These attractive yet functional totes retail for \$49 each! We have one in red and one in black! Raffle tickets will be the usual 6 for \$5 or \$1 each! Get a sneak peak of the totes at: http://www.bluefig.net/Crafters-Tote_p_22.html

Thurston and Amy

HOSPITALITY -

Thanks to all the January birthday folks for the delicious refreshments, they provided a lot of energy for bidding. Remember: February Birthday's it is your turn on February 16th, 2013 to share some goodies.

Thanks
Anna Lee

UFO CHALLENGE -

No, friends, this challenge is not rigged! Believe me, if I were somehow able to choose the order of the projects to be done, Projects 1, 2 and 3 are not the ones I would have started with! That said, Project #3 was drawn by our totally unbiased guest at the January meeting. I've sent out reminders to participants with the name of their next project, due March 16, and I understand that some of you are already diligently sewing away. (Maybe I should try this non-procrastination approach? Right!)

FYI - There were more fat quarters handed in for incomplete UFOs this month than beautiful, completed quilts shown. Hmmm.

Happy sewing!
Diana Norman

MEMBERSHIP -

Hooray for the SVQG Auction! I got some nice books and some patterns at a good price and had fun doing it. Amy and Thurston did a super job and I congratulate them. Well done guys.

The membership drive for the 2013-2014 year is now underway. It is still only \$20 (\$32 if you want your newsletter mailed to you) for a year of fun, learning new things and, best of all, good times with your fellow quilters. Membership also makes a great gift (that's how I got started) for that special neighbor, relative or friend. Remember you don't have to be a quilter to be in the Guild. Only a love of the things we do and the desire to share good times with one another.

You can sign up any time between now and the end of March and your membership will be good until March 31, 2014. Applications will be attached to your email along with this newsletter. Those who receive the newsletter by postal mail will have membership application attached. The application form will also be on our web site at svqg.org. You can either mail your application with your dues or bring it to the next Guild meeting.

Happy Quilting!
John Hammel

VMRC Exhibit Update -

Our exhibit at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community (VMRC) now has a name, "Quilts, from Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild". The dates for the VMRC exhibit have changed slightly. We will be installing the exhibit on the first Saturday in March (3/2/2013) and taking it down on the first Saturday in May (5/4/2013). Please be sure that each item you wish to include in the exhibit has a label on the back, a sleeve for hanging and a completed entry form. The label should include your name and the name of the piece. The sleeves should be 4 inches wide on the large pieces that will be hung from The Guild's show racks. Smaller pieces need to have a dowel the width of the piece included with them. We will be mounting the dowels over nails to hang them from the walls. Entry forms are available in this newsletter. I hope everyone has chosen a quilt or two to share in the exhibit. If you are interested in helping with this exhibit, or have quilts to display please contact me at 540-433-9877 or grahamvl@comcast.net.

Vicki L. Graham
President-Elect

NEWSLETTER -

The next newsletter deadline will be February 22nd. Please email your article(s) to sshammel419@gmail.com by early afternoon of that date.

Sandie Hammel
Newsletter Editor



“Viewpoints: A quilter’s perspective”

DESCRIPTION: “Bring the art of perspective, one of the most important of an artist’s tools, to your quilt making as you learn to create the illusion of depth in your work. Learn to make eye catching three-dimensional frames to border your quilts. The simple techniques we study are essential for creating realistic landscapes and interiors. We will practice some exercises in linear perspective, learn about columns and arches, as well as other architectural details.” Susan Brittingham. You can see more of Susan Brittingham’s work on her website: www.susanbrittingham.com.

WHO: Susan Brittingham

WHEN: April 19, 2013 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Sunnyside Retirement Community, Sunnyside Room, Harrisonburg, VA.

COST: \$25.00 for members, \$35.00 for nonmembers

BRING YOUR LUNCH – Beverages will be supply.

SUPPLY LIST:

- Fabric: light, medium and dark**
- Thread to match fabric
- Sewing machine (in good working order)
- Rotary cutter
- Cutting mat (18” x 24”)
- Cutting ruler
- Iron and Ironing surface
- Extension cord
- Normal sewing supplies (scissors, pins, pencils, etc.)

DEADLINE: April 5, 2013

QUESTIONS: Call Connie Broy, 540-335-1039 or email at clbroy@shentel.net.

Viewpoints: A Quilter’s Perspective

Complete and mail this portion to: Connie Broy, 38 Cecelia St., Toms Brook, VA. 22660

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: ___\$25.00 member; ___\$35.00 nonmember

Make check payable to SVQG. Registration deadline is April 5, 2013. Only a paid registration reserves your place in the workshop. Paid workshops are transferable to another member but not refundable unless the class is canceled, nor can the money be applied to a future workshop.



“Upside-down Applique”

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WHO: Susan Brittingham

WHEN: April 19, 2013 9:30 – 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Sunnyside Retirement Community, Sunnyside Room, Harrisonburg, VA.

COST: \$25.00 for members, \$35.00 for nonmembers

BRING YOUR LUNCH – Beverages will be supply.

SUPPLY LIST:

- Fabrics:** light, medium, and dark (see picture)
- Thread to match fabric
- Sewing machine with zig zag stitch (in good working order)
- Rotary cutter
- Cutting mat (18” x 24”)
- Cutting ruler
- Iron and Ironing surface
- Extension cord
- Normal sewing supplies (scissors, pins, pencils, etc.)

DEADLINE: April 5, 2013

QUESTIONS: Call Connie Broy, 540-335-1039 or email at cbroy@shentel.net.

Upside-Down Applique

Complete and mail this portion to: Connie Broy, 38 Cecelia St., Toms Brook, VA. 22660

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ \$25.00 member; _____ \$35.00 nonmember

Make check payable to SVQG. Registration deadline is April 5, 2013. Only a paid registration reserves your place in the workshop. Paid workshops are transferable to another member but not refundable unless the class is canceled, nor can the money be applied to a future workshop.



“Fabulous Fractures”

DESCRIPTION: This is a fabulous way to make a quick quilt using a large print fabric or a scenic panel. The technique is easy and the creation is wonderful little quilt. Brenda Esslinger’s web site to see more <http://thegypsyquilter.com>

WHO: Kathy Christy

WHEN: February 16, 2013 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Sunnyside Retirement Community, Sunnyside Room, Harrisonburg, VA.

COST: \$10.00 for members, \$20.00 for nonmembers

BRING YOUR LUNCH – Beverages will be supply.

Supply List:

- 4 repeats of a large print fabric or 4 of the same panel
- Thread to match fabric
- Sewing machine (in good working order)
- Rotary cutter
- Cutting mat (18” x 24”)
- Cutting ruler
- Iron and Ironing surface
- Extension cord
- Normal sewing supplies (scissors, pins, pencils, etc.)

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Phone: _____

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ENTRY FORM
Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild, VMRC Exhibit – 2013

Please use one form per entry. All entries must be received by Vicki Graham on or before the February meeting of The Guild (Feb. 16, 2013). You must be a current member of SVQG in order to have a quilt hung in the exhibit. Each member may submit up to three items. The number of items hung for the exhibit will depend on space, time, amount of help and what other members submit. We are trying to display a cross-section of the interests of guild members. Contact Vicki Graham at 540-433-9877, grahamvl@comcast.net or 4142 Traveler Rd., Harrisonburg VA 22801.

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
Email Address _____
Title of Entry _____ Size _____ by _____
Description of quilt (Methods used, inspiration, other people involved in creating the piece)

Please attach photo of your quilt to this form here:

For sale? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please list price: _____

Disclaimer: I, _____ understand that the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild, its officers, members or anyone connected with the exhibit, including staff of Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community, will not be held personally responsible for any damages to or loss of exhibit items from the time of delivery through the time of pickup. I understand that I should insure the quilt through my Homeowner's Insurance Policy.

Signature _____ Date _____

Attach this label to the quilt back:

Pick-up receipt: (must have to pick-up quilt)

Quilter's Name:
Title:
Phone Number:
Email:

Quilter's Name:
Title:
Phone Number:
Email:



SVQG

SVQG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
April 1, 2013—March 31, 2014



() Renewal Membership () New Membership

Date of Application: _____ Check Number: _____

This form should be completed in its entirety and returned with your check for \$20.00 (which includes your newsletter by e-mail) or \$32.00 (which includes your newsletter delivered by the US Mail) payable to:

The Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild
c/o Membership Chair
P. O. Box 913
Harrisonburg, VA 22803

NAME _____ BIRTHDAY: _____ / _____
Please Print *Month* *Day*

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ - _____ - _____ EMAIL: _____
(Area Code)

Note: If you wish to have your membership card mailed, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your application and check.

Are you currently a member of a BEE? Y__ N__ If Yes, which one(s) _____
Would you like to join/start one? Y__ N__
What is your BEE preference: i.e. Art, service, hand work, applique, machine quilting, hand quilting,
general sewing, other _____
(Circle all that apply)

SVQG is run by its members. There are lots of jobs that need to be done to make the meetings and activities enjoyable events. Please consider helping where you can.

Please check all that you are willing to undertake or help with: President Secretary Treasurer
Program Coordinator #2 Comfort Pillows Education Historian Hospitality Library
Membership Newsletter Publicity Quilt Show 2014 Service Sunshine Ways & Means
Web Master Other _____

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TO JOIN: the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild, send \$20.00 Annual Dues to:
 SVQG Membership Chairman
 PO Box 913
 Harrisonburg, VA 22803

The Guild year runs April 1st through March 31st. To have your Newsletter mailed please add an additional \$12.00 (new increase effective, April 2012). The Newsletter is included in the membership fee if you have your newsletter sent via email.

PLACE OF MEETING: The Sunnyside Room, Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community, Harrisonburg, Virginia

DATE OF MEETING: Third Saturday of Each Month (unless otherwise noted)

TIME OF MEETING: 9:30 a.m.

DIRECTIONS: Take Exit 247 East off of I-81, proceed east on US 33 to intersection with Route 687 (Massanetta Springs Road), turn right on Route 687, proceed south 0.8 mile, turn left at second Sunnyside entrance. Go to the Sunnyside Room, that's the building at the bottom of the hill, to the left of the Highlands Building.

PARKING: Available on the street and in lots but **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE NUMBERED SPACES.** These numbered spaces are for Sunnyside residents. Please observe the 15 mph speed limit while on the grounds of Sunnyside.

Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild
 P.O. Box 913
 Harrisonburg, VA 22083