

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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President's Message -

I will be glad when winter is over! Trying to outguess the weather people can be a challenge. I know there were some who still couldn't get out of their driveways on Saturday, but with the forecast calling for a "skiff" of snow and then a sunny afternoon we decided to go with it. There was a smaller crowd than usual for the meeting, but everyone who managed to get there seemed to be enjoying themselves.

March has a good many things packed into it. National Quilt Day will be celebrated on March 15th which is also our meeting day. What great timing! St. Patrick's Day is on the 17th. The first day of spring is the 20th and, can you believe, daylight saving time starts on the 9th. It sounds like it's time to pull out those spring green fabrics, sunny yellows and pastels and get busy on a project.

It's also time to get ready for our show. I've been working on publicity. Postcards, flyers, ads and news releases are all on their way. Most of them have Overall Bills and Sunbonnet Sues on them and they look pretty cute! If anyone is going to the Lancaster quilt show (March 12-15), please give me a call at 540-433-9877 or email grahamvl@comcast.net. I need to get some postcards to that show.

I've also been working on finishing up some items to display in the show. I remember how Calvin (from the Calvin and Hobbes comic strip) always put his reports in a "professional red binder" to make them worthy of an A+. Sometimes I feel that way when I'm quilting. The piece looks good before I quilt it, but it still amazes me when the quilting really sets it off.

The closer we get to show time the more I look forward to seeing the entries. Hope you're sewing,



Vicki

Newsletter -

The next newsletter deadline is Friday, noon, March 21, 2014. Please accept my apologies for omitting two February Birthdays in last months' Newsletter, **Vicki Graham 2/08** and **Josephine Millett 02/20** hope that you ladies had a Happy Birthday! Please send your newsletter entries to Sandie Hammel at sshammel419@gmail.com.

Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild
General Meeting
February 15, 2014

The general meeting was called to order by Vicki Graham. There were no visitors or new members.

The general meeting minutes from January 2014 were approved as printed in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report had an ending balance of \$7,880.85. The report was filed.

The guild received a thank you note from Mrs. Samuel Hart thanking the guild for her quilt. On the bulletin board was an announcement regarding Quilts of Valor and information on how to contribute a quilt. Also on the bulletin board was an article regarding a raffle quilt that Fran Miller made with the proceeds going to A Small Hands, a food pantry.

Program Coordinator #1: Lori announced that today's program speaker was Dr. Todd Nieder, a local chiropractor who will talk about posture and techniques to help quilters. The afternoon workshop will be "Tucked and Embellished" by Kathy Christie. For March, Connie Broy is teaching three techniques into a table runner. The current list of programs is on the bulletin board and the website.

Whisper Challenge: Kathy asked everyone to exchange their square before leaving today. Due to the weather, many will have to mail their block to the next person on their list. Kathy also reminded everyone that this is a monthly challenge in an effort to have them completed for the quilt show. Previously the first exchange was two months because of Christmas.

Ways & Means: Karen Jones is reminding everyone to pick up their quilt show raffle tickets and to send their quilt show raffle ticket stubs and money to her or bring it to the meetings. There will be door prizes and a raffle today. Pictures of the raffle quilts and close ups of Bill and Sue are on the website under Quilt Show.

Sunshine: Sue Jones sent 7 birthday cards and two TOY blocks since the last meeting. Sue and her husband were to go on an anniversary trip and her husband became ill the day they were to leave. Please send Sue a TOY block.

Newsletter: The deadline for the March newsletter is next Friday, February 21st by noon. She asked that the articles should be complete and spellchecked before sending them.

Quilt Show Update: Fran Miller reported that the focus for the quilt show is children. So far the planning is over; most of all the committee chairs are in place. Now is the time to start thinking of what job you want to sign up to help, starting or finishing your quilts, donating items to the silent auction, and making items for the boutique. The categories and rules will be printed in the next newsletter along with the entry form. In order to work on the layout, entry forms must be mailed by May 1st or emailed by May 15th. In the next newsletter, there will be instructions on how to make the hanging sleeve. With a couple of exceptions, all quilts will need a sleeve or they will not be in the show. For the silent auction, new and nearly new items can be donated.

Old Business: On the Bulletin Board is a flyer with the information for the Virginia Quilt Museum/Virginia Consortium of Quilters Quilt Documentation Day for February 22nd.

New Business: If anyone is going to the Lancaster Show (March 12-15), please contact Vicki about taking our Quilt Show postcards for the information table.

As a reminder, due to Easter weekend being our normal meeting date, our April guild meeting will be the weekend before (2nd Saturday, April 12th).

Lori Schrock introduced today's speaker, Dr. Todd Nieder, who talked about posture and how we can use exercise and other techniques to have quality quilting time.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Reasons

Programs -

In the morning program Dr. Todd Nieder, owner of Nieder Chiropractic spoke to us about back health. Dr. Nieder gave us many techniques and hints how to save our backs and sew more comfortably. Moving, moving, moving is the key. We got to try numerous exercises to relieve tension from hunching over the computer or machine and using our hands all day. They were easy to do and felt great!

There was a good turnout for Kathy's afternoon workshop. Everyone was very industrious drawing circles, tucking and sewing. There was lots of conversations and laughter too. (I even heard a few reminders to stand up and move around throughout the afternoon.) I'm sure we will see some beautiful pieces in the upcoming Show & Tells!

National Quilt Day is coming up in March. Meegan Carr from the VA Quilt Museum will be giving the morning program and Connie Broy will be teaching a tips and techniques workshop. The registration is open until March 8th so sign up and join us for some great techniques!

Debe Thomas a local quilt teacher will be giving us the program in April plus an afternoon workshop. Her workshop will be on strip piecing pineapples. I've taken Debe's workshop before and her construction techniques make the piecing move right along. Plus the blocks are squared up frequently so the finished product is quite nice.

Submitted by, Lori Schrock

Hospitality Committee -

A big thank you to our wonderful guild members who brought yummy refreshments to the February meeting! Thanks, too, to Anna Lee Newman for hosting the meeting in our absence.

Do you have a March birthday? If so, please remember to bring a snack for our March 15th meeting.

Thanks, Barbara & Gail

Service -

A big thank you to those that have been working on bindings and making tops. We are reaching our goal for the Foster Children!!

Good weather to stay in with the animals and make quilts!

Always Sewing,
Denise Rudolph

UFO Challenge -

With the light attendance at the February guild meeting (due to the weather), Show & Tell was short...but sweet. I hope you've been able to put those awful snow days to good use--like sewing! Let's get those project #5 UFOs finished and displayed at the March 15th meeting! We'll pick the new project number then also. Although we're not quite halfway through this 2013-2014 Challenge, I'm already getting requests to start a new Challenge in September! More on that later, but start thinking now about your next list of 6 UFOs to complete.

Submitted by, Diana Norman

Virginia Consortium of Quilters Celebrating 30 Years -

The Virginia Consortium of Quilters will be celebrating 30 years in 2014. They are planning their celebration for the November meeting in Harrisonburg, which will be November 8, 2014. They also celebrated 25 years in Harrisonburg. The meeting will be at Asbury United Methodist Church, next door to the museum. The museum will have VCQ past presidents' quilts on display during this time.

Virginia Consortium of Quilters is a state-wide quilt guild that meets four times a year at different locations throughout the state. They offer day long classes or a featured lecturer with half day classes sandwiched around lunch and a business meeting. It's fun to map out different quilt shops like a mini shop-hop on the way to the meetings. In the even years, one of the meetings is changed to a four day Celebration with state-wide and national quilt teachers. Membership is \$20 per year and you can pay for up to five years in advance.

Since I am the state-wide area representative for the Shenandoah Valley, I'm asking for volunteers to help with the meeting. We need two to three people to help at the registration desk, to help with setting up and monitoring coffee and donuts before the workshops, and to help with handing out the lunches and drinks. We do have some VCQ members that are in our guild. The cost of meetings for VCQ members are \$25 to \$35, which include lunch and workshops. If you are not a member and will be a helper, the lunch cost is \$10. If you want to sign up to help or become a member, get in touch with me.

We post information on our Celebration and past newsletters at VCQ.org.

Thank you for your support,
Dianne Reasons
540.942.5948
dreasons@lumos.net
41 Ashleigh Drive
Waynesboro, VA 22980

Membership -

Membership Drive! Membership Drive! Membership Drive! Membership Drive!

It's that time of the year again. Your dues are due. It's still only \$20 per year with the newsletter delivered by email. There is an extra \$12 charge if you want your newsletter sent by postal mail.

A copy of the application form is included with this newsletter and is also available on the SVQG website at svqg.org.

Also, a SVQG Membership makes a great gift for family and friends. (This is how I started in SVQG. I was gifted a membership.)

Remember, you cannot enter anything in the 2014 Quilt Show unless you are a member.

Mail your application form to SVQG Membership Chair, PO Box 913, Harrisonburg, VA 22801 or bring it to the March Guild meeting.

Happy Quilting!
John Hammel, Membership Chair

BEE News -

Small Blessings Bee

Mother Nature reared her ugly head and forced us to postpone our February 13th meeting until the 20th. There were lots of terrific miniature blocks and projects for Show & Tell at this month's bee meeting at Bob Evans Restaurant. We are very pleased that the guild's quilt show committee has added a "Miniatures" category for the upcoming show in June at Turner Ashby High School! Ideas were discussed by the bee this month regarding our miniatures display for the guild quilt show. We have 2 more challenge blocks (Circling Geese due in March plus one more, due in April, then we can each assemble our challenge quilts for the display. **NOTE:** Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, March 20 (not the 13th!!)**, beginning promptly at 6:00 pm at Bob Evans Restaurant in Harrisonburg--several of us will be on a quilting retreat on the 13th!

Submitted by, Diana Norman

Free Spirits Art Bee

The Art Bee will hold the monthly meeting on Sunday, March 16th at 2:00. We are nearing the end of our project for this year. We will be starting a new project after the quilt show. If any members want to join us for our meeting we will be at the home of Vicki Graham, please arrange with Vicki if you want to join the Free Spirits Art Bee in March.

Quilt Show Demonstrators needed -

The following demonstrations will be taking place throughout the show:

Main Hall -

Applique

Paper piecing

Jelly Roll Race Quilt Top (strips will be sewn end to end and ready for the sewer(s), completed tops will be given to Service)

Pillow Case Making (completed pillow cases will be given to Service)

Children's Room -

Story Time (one extra fill in person needed for both Saturday and Sunday)

Pet Pillow Stuffing (one person to oversee this activity per shift - when we run out of stuffing this ends)

Quilt Blocks (using Fabric Crayons - one person to iron/set the crayon art on the block)

Sudoku Quilt - self activity

Felt Board Quilt blocks - self activity

Share your talent and enthusiasm for quilting by showing how it's done.

Contact Sandie Hammel at sshammel419@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of the team. Sign-up sheets will also be posted near the bulletin board at the March and April Guild meetings.



HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY!!



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|------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| Meegan Carr | 3/01 | Trudi Vandyke | 3/14 |
| Deborah Watts | 3/05 | Gail Oliver | 3/20 |
| Marsha Perkins | 3/11 | Connie Broy | 3/24 |
| Ann Vannoy | 3/11 | Nina Jackson | 3/28 |
| Carol Lee Cunius | 3/13 | English Hilbert | 3/30 |

Quilt Show Update!

It's almost March, so it's time for you to be thinking about your quilt show entries!

Kathy Christy is heading up the quilt intake again this year. She will have the paperwork available for all of us shortly.

A couple of things I'd like to mention – Kathy is going to be a Grandma again sometime in May and will be out of town for a good while. In order to keep the process as seamless as possible, please make certain you fill out your paperwork ***completely*** (yes, we really do need to know the size before you deliver the quilt for hanging!). You will be asked to provide a photograph of your quilt with your entry. There are a lot of moving parts to a successful show – the information she gathers needs to be accurate so we can get the layout of the show AND the program together properly.

You will be permitted to enter THREE items in each category, if you so choose.

Also, if your quilt/wall hanging is larger than 48" on **ANY dimension**-top or sides; please make certain it is **delivered to us with a 4" sleeve sewn to the top of the item.**

If it is delivered to us without the 4" sleeve it will NOT be hung in the show. I've (Bev) personally wrestled during the past two quilt shows with quilts that were delivered without sleeves at all, or a tiny little sleeve that was used with a dowel. What a chore!! When they're that large they're too large to properly hang on one of the black sheets. I speak from experience.

Also, on the back of your quilt – a proper quilt label.

It will also be time to get your creative writing juices flowing – you will be asked to write a little bit about the quilt, your inspiration for making the quilt, why you chose the fabrics you used. . .if you used someone's pattern, you should acknowledge them. . .oftentimes the "story" of the quilt is just as important as the quilt itself.

Vicki Graham will have postcards for us to distribute-mail them to your friends and family. If you're going to another show, another guild, shop - - - take a supply of them along. We will defer to Vicki to manage distribution of the cards – this is your quilt show, please do your part to spread the word!

Fran Miller, Lori Abbott-Herrick & Bev London, 2014 Quilt Show Co-Chairs

Quilt Show Silent Auction -

As mentioned previously at guild meetings and in newsletters, the guild offers a silent auction during the quilt show to raise money for the guild.

Anyone who attends the quilt show (guild member or visitor) may bid on items so we are looking for items that would interest a broad array of people; not just quilters!

We ask that members donate like new or new items they already own for the auction.

In the past people have donated framed prints that no longer work with their home décor, white house ornaments, like new sewing machines, quilt kits, DVDs, purses, jewelry etc.

So as you start to spring clean be on the lookout for that special something that you are not sure what to do with but may delight a new owner!

I will start collecting items at the March guild meeting and continue into June.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me at sirockam@jmu.edu

Amy Meck, Silent Auction Chair

2014 SVQG Quilt Show - Categories

Bed Quilts

- Hand quilted
- Machine quilted (Domestic or Long Arm)
- Appliqué

Lap Quilts/Throws

Wall Hangings/Traditional Home Decor

Kid's Quilts

1st Time Entry in any show

Modern/Art quilts

Miniatures

Blue Ribbon Winners

(A new category open to members who have previously been awarded a blue ribbon in any other bed quilt category. Other bed quilt categories are closed to previous winners.)

Bees

- Miniatures
- Honey Bees
- Art Bee
- Eager BEEvers
- Applique Society

Quilt intake & hanging: Friday, June 27th
The show will be open: Saturday, June 28th, 9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday, June 29th, NOON - 5 PM
Place: Turner Ashby High School, Bridgewater.

Entries must be received: By Mail before May 1st
By email by May 17th

**Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild
2014 Quilt Show
Entry Form**

June 28 and 29th, 2014

Use one form per entry

Dimensions in inches: Horizontal Width _____ Vertical Length _____

Title of Entry: _____

Made by _____ Quilted by _____

Entry Categories (Check all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| _____ Bed Quilts -Hand Quilted | _____ Wall Hanging & Home Décor (Min. 24" x 24", Max. 40" x 40") |
| _____ Bed Quilts- Machine Quilted | |
| _____ Bed Quilts- Applique (More than 50% Applique) | _____ Kids Quilts |
| _____ Lap or Throw Quilt (Min. 41" x 41", Max 60" x 60") | _____ Modern/Art Quilts |
| _____ Miniature Quilt (Less than 23" x 23") | |
| _____ 1 st Time Entry in any quilt show | |
| _____ Blue Ribbon Winners—Large Quilts (past winners in the Bed Quilt category) | |

Please print a short narrative about your quilt, (subject to editing)

Is the quilt for sale? _____ Price _____ (SVQG gets 15%)

SVQG Quilt Show Rules

1. All entry forms must be received by **Kathy Christy, 506 Third St, Shenandoah, VA 22849** or kckwilter@hotmail.com . Mailed forms must be received by May 1, 2014 and email entries must be received by May 17, 2014.
2. Each entry (quilt or other item) must be labeled on the lower right back corner. Label: Name of entry and Exhibitor's name, address and phone number.
3. A quilt is "show ready" when it is completely finished and clean and a 4" quilt sleeve has been sewn to the top of the back of the quilt that is 48" or more (except clothing and accessories). A quilt without the required sleeve for hanging cannot be included in the show.
4. The quilt show committee reserves the right to place entries in a category other than the one for which it was entered. All entries will be arranged for exhibit by members of the quilt show committee.
5. A receipt will be given to you at the time the quilt or item is accepted for entry in the show. Your receipt will be required to pick up the quilt or item Sunday, June 29, 2014 after the close of the show.
6. Quilts entered in the show that are for sale must be indicated on the entry form with the price. We will include "For Sale" on your quilt description. The buyer will contact the Boutique for sale details. The purchased quilt will remain on display until the end of the show. The seller will pickup the quilt and make arrangements to deliver it to the purchaser.
7. Please include a picture of your quilt with the registration to assist when planning quilt placement in the show.

I understand that SVQG will take every precaution in the care and handling of my quilt and I will not hold the group responsible for any loss or damage to my entry due to unforeseen events that may occur. Entrants are responsible for insuring their own entries. I acknowledge the rules and will abide by them.

Signature of Exhibitor _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Pieced Pineapples

DESCRIPTION:

In this workshop you'll be strip piecing a pineapple log cabin wall hanging. Blocks go together quickly as you sew on multiple blocks as you move down the strip. The best thing is that no specialty rulers are needed just basic rulers that most of us already have.

WHO: Debe Thomas

WHEN: April 12th, 2014

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

COST: \$15.00 for members, \$25.00 for non-members

BRING YOUR LUNCH

Supply List:

- Machine in good working order.
- Thread to match Background
- Mat and rotary cutter
- Long ruler for cutting strips
- Ruler with 45 degree angle (can be the long ruler)
- 12 1/2" Quilter's Rule, Square Block or Lap Board. This ruler has a rough backing that stays in place when you are squaring blocks. Highly recommended.
- Scissors, pins, and basic sewing notions.
- Small iron with ironing mat.



Material List:

Background fabric -2 1/2 yards

- To get a good start sewing our blocks, cut 10 strips, 1-5/8" wide, and the width of your fabric.

Two additional contrasting fabrics – 1 1/4 yards of each fabric

- Cut one strip of each fabric, 2 1/2" wide, and the width of the fabric
- Cut 5 strips of each fabric, 1-5/8" wide, and the width of the fabric

Please note you will have cut some of the fabric before the workshop starts. Bring all extra fabric with you. This is just to get started!

DEADLINE: April 5th, 2014

QUESTIONS: Call Lori Schrock at 540-564-1783 or email at lorihs71@gmail.com

Pieced Pineapples

Complete and mail this portion to: Lori Schrock 480 N. River Rd, Mt. Crawford, VA 22841

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: ___\$15.00 member; ___\$25.00 non-member

All non-members are welcome to join the SVQG and register at the member rate. We'd love to have you!

Make check payable to SVQG. Registration deadline is April 5, 2014. Only a paid registration reserves your place in the workshop. Paid workshops are transferable to another member but not are refundable unless the class is canceled. Register early as space is limited.



**Technique Table Runner
By Connie Broy 2014**



DESCRIPTION:

This is a study in several different techniques. These are some more difficult blocks to stitch and this workshop is to make them more manageable. Techniques to cover are “Y” seam, 8 split points in center, changing the grid, and miter corners. You will learn how to do these the easy way.

Block Size Finished: 12” Runner size: 42” x 16”

WHO: Connie Broy

WHEN: March 15, 2014 @ 1:00 pm –4:00 pm

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

COST: \$15.00 for members, \$25.00 for non-members

BRING YOUR LUNCH

Supply List:

- Machine in good working order.
- Thread to match fabric
- Rotary cutter, mat, and 12” ruler and a smaller ruler (8 ½” x 12”)
- Hexagon ruler if you have one (teacher will bring a template if not)
- 12” square of light weight sew in interfacing
- Scissors , Pins and basic sew items
- Iron, pad

Material List:

- 5/8 yard: light for background
- ½ yard each: dark, medium and border
- ¾ yard: 45” wide for backing and binding
- Batting to fit: 45” x 18”

DEADLINE: March 8th, 2014

QUESTIONS: Call Lori Schrock at 540-564-1783 or email at lorihs71@gmail.com

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SVQG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
April 1, 2014—March 31, 2015



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.

WHY JOIN?

- Auction in January
 - Picnic in August
 - Installation of new Officers
 - Provide Service projects for a variety of worthy causes
 - A 500 book library with free monthly check-out
 - Fun projects, raffles, door prizes and -"SHOW & TELL"
 - Named speakers & Classes
 - Christmas Party in December
- A place to meet and greet old friends and make new friends; a place to relax and get away from the everyday problems; and a place to share in the fellowship of good company

But most importantly this is the year SVQG is having its biennial Quilt show in June 2014!
YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN ORDER TO ENTER A PROJECT!
 Everyone should enter, regardless of skill level, because this is YOUR Guild and you should be proud to show others your treasures.