

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SEWING CORNER;

Good day members. Aren't you glad that you are a member of our exceptional quilt guild! After our last guild meeting, I was counting the number of talented people in attendance: gifted quilters, generous volunteers who helped produce our successful quilt show, committee chairs who help our guild to function—hospitality, program, library (and family fill ins for the absent chair), membership, service, newsletter, sunshine, raffles, publicity, officers who attend to monthly duties and most importantly—you the members. Our new officers and committee chairs attended our last Board Meeting and then got to meet with their current counterparts, to exchange papers and information. To all who have served, in any capacity, to help me serve as your President this year, a huge THANK YOU for all your contributions.

I am eagerly looking forward to our “down in the county” picnic this month. What you wear will be interesting to see—cutoff jeans, overalls, milk maid outfits, straw hats, bandanas, or wheat straws in your month.

As I wrap up my year, my calendar is ending but not without letting you know that this month has no official title. However, August 1st thru 7th is International Clown Week; August 7th is Lighthouse Day and August 10th is S'mores Day. And on a more local note, August 11th is the annual Route 11 Yard Sale Crawl.

The list of quilting hints is almost exhausted, but there are enough left to give you a few this month. As you are beginning to create quilts for our next show and family heirlooms, a suggestion for the quilt sleeve; use pieces of fabric from your quilt, then you will always have matching (and aged) fabric to do any necessary repairs. If you want to “stitch in the ditch” as quilting for your project, use a zipper foot as this will permit you to see the seam line easier. Foam “pool noodles” have a use in quilting as storage for quilts; just remember to make a fabric slipcover for the noodle before you roll your quilt on it (2 ¾” in diameter and about 60” in length). And finally, if you need a large pressing surface for a large quilt top, put a mattress pad on your cutting table surface and press away.

I leave you now to get to work on my last UFO project, which is due in September. Sure am glad we will have this again next year as it has helped to clear out several projects.

Over and out, from your retiring president, Sally

THANK YOU TO ALL,

A sincere thank you for the gift certificate, that President-Elect Lori presented to me, at our July guild meeting, as a thank you for co-chairing the Quilt Show committee. I have been wanting a back massage for several months and now I have the wherewithal to schedule this pleasurable treatment. This will truly be an enjoyable moment to me. Thank you many, many times over.

Sally

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD July 21, 2012 Meeting Minutes

President Sally Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting. She also welcomed visitors, Paula Tehlewitz, Karen Cooper, and Ginny Johns. She announced that the Quilt Show had been a great success and thanked everyone for their work in making it so.

The minutes of the June Meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter. Many thanks to Sally Jones for completing these minutes in the absence of Norma Harris.

Cerise Haas gave the Treasurer's Report and it was filed for audit. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes. She gave the financial report on the Quilt Show. The complete report will be given at the September meeting.

President-Elect Lori Abbott-Herrick gave the service report. We now have completed 127 Hospice Quilts. Fran Miller went with her to deliver the quilts to the Augusta Health and Shenandoah Hospice. It was a heart-warming experience and the quilts and dolls were quickly assigned in at least two cases to young girls. Pillows and totes are still on hand and are being distributed to breast cancer patients in the Valley.

Program Coordinator #1 Bev London reported that next month will be the annual picnic at Bridgewater Park. In case of bad weather, the bottom floor of the Town Center is also reserved.

In September Diane Reasons will lead a workshop on "A Bag for all Reasons." Since there is a limit on openings, be sure to reserve your spot quickly.

MEMBERSHIP: We are up to 106 members with five added during the quilt show.

NEWSLETTER: The deadline for the August Newsletter is July 26th at Sandie's new email address: sshammel419@gmail.com. Use Arial Font Size 12 to make it easier to edit.

WAYS AND MEANS: Tickets for today's raffle will be available at break.

RAFFLE QUILT 2014: Mary Carlton spoke about the Bill and Sue blocks. She invited all members to work on "piano key" format blocks for the border. Use one inch pieces of "thirties" fabrics (if you have fabric left over from your Bill and Sues) five inches in length. If everyone does about ten inches of border, we will have plenty.

July Minutes (continued)

QUILT SHOW: Connie Broy made the ribbons for the show. She presented two additional ribbons where ties occurred. Remembrances were given by Connie and Sally Jones to all the chairpersons who made the quilt show such a success. Sally presented a thank-you gift to Connie for all she had done. These were instructional DVD's for Connie's long arm machine.

Sally then installed Lori Abbott-Herrick as President and Cerise Haas as Treasurer for the 2012-2013 year. They will not be able to attend the August picnic.

SHOW AND TELL: Show and Tell included many UFO's that were the fifth project completed during this past year. UFO Project #3 will be due in September and will close the year. Members who did not complete their project turned in a fat quarter as their penance.

Diana Norman was the speaker for the day. She showed the quilts she has made and the progress she has made as a quilter. The program was most interesting and Diana's humor added to the fun.

Submitted by Norma Harris, Secretary

Programs!

Greetings! I hope you enjoyed Diana's trunk show last weekend. It was so nice to see the beginning of her quilt journey as well as where she is now. (I have been secretly jealous of her for more than ten years. But, have always found her to be willing to share her talents.) For those of you that missed her workshop, it was fun, it was different. . .it is finished, well it will be as soon as I bind that puppy up! I sincerely thank her for allowing herself to become SVQG's Basket Case for a day.

Our UFO Challenge (at least this chapter of it) will wrap up at next month's picnic @ Bridgewater's Oakdale Park. Diana Norman will be taking over the bookkeeping (and pestering) in September. Our #3 UFO is due in September. There are a few folks that have already finished up all six of this year's UFOs, so we might as well join them and get this list out of the way! UFO #3 will be due in September, if not before.

I have to honestly admit I have enjoyed hearing your "true confessions" throughout this past year. I was so pleased to know I wasn't the only slacker. Isn't it amazing how we can allow a project to slip from our priority list and then it just lingers, collecting dust and guilt. And then when it's finished, wow!

Our picnic theme is **"Down on the Farm"** this year. Contrary to someone's request we will NOT be hosting a hog calling contest. . . although it probably would have been fun. :o) Suuuuuey! (My Uncles Wilbur and Wallace were huge pig farmers up in New Tripoli, PA. I have many fond memories playing with those cute little piglets out in their barns – the farms are long gone, replaced by a couple thousand homes. But "call" a pig? I think not.) The guild will be providing fried chicken, which will be made fresh that morning from the Bridgewater Super Foods! (If you helped set up the Quilt Show you've already tasted their fine chicken.)

What you need to bring: A covered dish to share. – let's see what you can find fresh from your garden (or oven).

Programs (continued)

What you need to wear: Your best bib overalls, denim skirts, aprons, straw hats, bandanas, etc. (Come on, come out of the shell you've been hiding in!)

What we'll be doing at the picnic: Show and Tell, installation of New Officers, eating (of course), UFO Challenge Grand Prize Drawing (there is a lovely handmade basket in my sewing room filled with gorgeous fat quarters waiting for someone to take them home!), and three very special Door Prizes to end our year!

Programs (continued)

Socializing, gabbing, laughing, etc.: I encourage you to "mix things up a bit". Sit with someone you don't know for a change. I have had the unique gift of getting to know so many of you on a whole different level this past year. Put yourself out there (it's really not all that bad, I promise!), smile, sit down and make a new friend. We did it last year, Larry Brown and I sat down with Lori and Lu – only to find out that Larry and Lori had a Bergton-connection – it's a small world. Life is good.

We have both the Town Hall and Picnic Shelter rented. If there is a BEE that would like to use the community room for the afternoon, please give me a call, so we can make certain to let the Town Office know we want/need the room. - 540-578-0779

See you on the 18th!

Bev

Ways and Means

A big thank you to all who have supported the group thru raffle tickets was greatly appreciated. We made \$97 on the July raffle which was won by Thurston!

I am sure Thurston and Amy will do a great job this year.

Denise Rudolph

Quilt Raffle 2012

Thanks to everyone who supported this raffle by selling tickets. We raised \$2,894. Leslie Bulken sold the most tickets with a total of \$70.

The quilt was won by Mary Anne Campbell from Harrisonburg. The winning ticket was bought at the Farmer's Market on Rt. 11 in Harrisonburg.

Denise Rudolph

Hospitality

Thanks to the July Birthday people for the delicious refreshments, it's always interesting the variety of refreshments that arrive. August we will have our picnic at Oak Dale Park in Bridgewater, our theme is "Down on the Farm" emphasizing food prepared from fresh and local produce. Thank about what you were served at Grandma's when you went for Sunday Lunch. Paper products, drinks and fried chicken will be furnished. Sounds like fun, see ya there.

Anna Lee Newman

Happy August Birthday to the following members:

Pauline Messier	8/1	Dorothy Peterson	8/23
Ginny Biggs	8/2	Lenore Mitchell	8/25
Mariann Simmons	8/2	Mary Daigle	8/28
Patricia Albaugh	8/7	Mary Carlton	8/29
Betty Durrett	8/15	Charlotte Bogue	8/30
Susanne Just	8/17	Diana Norman	8/30
Anna Newman	8/21		

Service

WE DID IT! WE DID IT! WE DID IT!

The **127th** Hospice Quilt was turned in at the last Guild meeting!
Your hard work and support of this project has been stupendous. Thank you!
Lori Abbott-Herrick Service Chairperson

Our new Service Chair, Denise Rudolph, has decided to continue with the Hospice project for another year. So if you didn't get your quilt turned in keep working on it. Let's continue providing comfort to patients and their families. **We make a difference!**

Quilt Retreat

Come and join us for 3 days of fun and sewing at the Lancaster Host Resort in Lancaster, Pennsylvania May 13th-16th, 2013. If you want your own room with a king-size bed you'll pay \$110 a night. If two of you want to share a room with two double beds the room will cost \$120 a night. This includes all taxes, a full breakfast each morning and the conference room. Room rates apply up to 3 days before and 3 days after the retreat.

Send a \$50 deposit and your room preference to Lori Abbott-Herrick, 6384 Wenger's Mill Road, Linville, VA 22834.

I need help planning activities for the retreat so someone call me at (540) 421-1620.

Sue and Bill

This is a reminder to finish up your Sues and Bills and turn them in at the August picnic.

And now about the border. This is an opportunity for non-appliquers to participate in the project. Using the 30's repro fabric that I know you all have cut pieces 5 inches by 1 or 1 1/4 or 1 1/2 or 1 3/4 or 2 inches and sew them together randomly to make strips up to 10 inches long. Like the piece I showed at the July meeting. These will be put together for the piano key style border for the quilts. Of course, even if you did a few Sues and Bills, you can certainly help out with the borders. Everything is appreciated.

Thanks, Mary

A few thoughts on the hot weather from your Membership Chair.

IT'S SO HOTREALLY - HOW HOT IS IT?

-the birds have to use potholders to pull the worms out of the ground.
-the trees are whistling for the dogs.
-the best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance
-hot water comes from both taps.
-you can make sun tea instantly.
-you learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron.
-the temperature drops below 90 F and you feel a little chilly.
-you discover that in July it only takes two fingers to steer your car.
-you discover that you can get sunburned through your car window.
-you actually burn your hand opening the car door.
-you break into a sweat the instant you step outside at 7:30 A.M.
-your biggest motorcycle wreck fear is, "What if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death"?
-you realize that asphalt has a liquid stage.
-the potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add butter.
-the cows are giving evaporated milk.
-farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying hard boiled eggs.

IT'S SO DRY that the Baptists are starting to baptize by sprinkling, the Methodists are using wet-wipes, the Presbyterians are giving rain checks, and the Catholics are praying for the wine to turn back into water.

Enjoy the Picnic and Happy Quilting,

John

Newsletter

The newsletter deadline for August will be Friday the 24th. All articles from our officers, committee chairs and members can be sent to sshammel419@gmail.com.

Virginia Consortium of Quilters

By Dianne Reasons, Area Representative for VCQ

Our organization is open to everyone interested in quilting. The Virginia Consortium of Quilters is a state-wide organization of quilters that encourage and stimulate the practice and art of quilt making. VCQ meets three to four times a year in various parts of the state. We have national teachers/lectures, classes, lunch, merchants mall (if the venue permits), and a short business meeting. Every other year (even years) we have a 4-day Celebration of Quilting with classes and good fun.

Membership is \$20 per year and you can pay up to five years in advance. Our meetings are the second Saturday of March, May, August and November. In the even years, Celebration in April replaces the May meeting. The August 2012 meeting is in Waynesboro. I'm sorry that I didn't get this information in the June newsletter. Our newsletter is on the VCQ website with all the details.

If you have any questions about VCQ, contact Dianne Reasons—540-942-5948, dreasons@ntelos.net, or 41 Ashleigh Drive, Waynesboro, VA 22980.

Free Spirits Art Bee

The art bee meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Bridgewater Public Library meeting room from 10 to noon (entrance is at the end of the building next to the book drop). We are currently using the workshops from "The Fiber Artist's Guide to Color & Design by Heather Thomas, but then we add our own challenging twist. This month's twist combines our workshop with Gelli Art pads or homemade gelatin plates. Our meetings consist of show and tell, inspiration, new techniques and challenge. We invite any of our guild members who would like to join our group to call or email Kathy Christy- kckwilter@hotmail.com or John Hammel – jthammel@gmail.com with questions or driving directions. We welcome you to join us for the challenge.

Welcome New Member

Diana Easley is our newest member and lives in Hinton, VA. Welcome, we are glad you have joined SVQG.

Three Cheers!!! SVQG has been blessed to have some members for 20 years or more – thank you for being the constant force that keeps quilting strong in the Shenandoah Valley and throughout Virginia.

<u>Dorothy Williams</u>	26 years (Founder)	Bobbie Champaign	22 years
Carolyn Shank	26 years	Francis Ritchie	22 years
Fran Miller	26 years	Mariann Simmons	22 years
Jan Hood	24 years	Barbara Johnson	21 years
Betty Durrett	23 years	Carol Ervin	21 years

Carol Lee Purdy 23 years
Joyce Aigner 23 years

Norma Harris 21 years
Dianne Reasons 20 years

Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild

2012-2013 UFO Challenge

Your Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

What a great past year of beautiful, C O M P L E T E D UFOs! Our sincere “Thanks!” goes out to Bev London for starting us down the road to uncovering the unfinished treasures we tucked away, and may have even forgotten. Due to the overwhelmingly positive response to Year One, the CHALLENGE will continue! Are you up to it??

List SIX UFOs that you want to complete in the next 12 months, in no particular order:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

To start the challenge, your commitment will be two beautiful fat quarters. Please bring them to the September meeting.

In September, we’re going to draw a number (1-6). The number that’s drawn will be the project we’ll be challenged to complete and show by our November meeting. That gives us two months to complete the chosen UFO.

IF, by the end of the two months you do not have your UFO completed, you owe the kitty another beautiful fat quarter as a penalty.

In November, we’ll pull another number—that UFO will be due in January. In January we’ll pull a number for completion by March; in March we’ll pull a number for May, etc. The last projects will be due in September 2013.

For each project you complete on time, your name will be entered to win the “pot of fat quarters”. Knowing some of us, it could be a sizeable pot!

Please send me your list via email: dnorman8816@comcast.net, or mail:

Diana Norman, 8816 Rawley Pike, Hinton, VA 22831, or just bring your list to the meeting—NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER, please. Right after each number is picked, I'll email you to remind you of which project will be due next.

SVQG BOARD MEMBERS

President Sally Jones
 President-Elect Lori Abbott-Herrick
 Secretary Norma Harris
 Treasurer Cerise Haas
 Program Coord. #1 Bev London
 Program Coord. #2 Connie Broy
 Immed. Past Pres. Sandie Hammel

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Comfort Pillows Sally Jones
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 Sunshine Lenore Mitchell
 Ways & Means Denise Rudolph

SPECIAL DUTIES

NQA Liaison Lori Abbott-Herrick
 VCQ Norma Harris
 Web Master Roberta Patterson
 2012 Quilt Show Sally Jones & Connie Broy

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 \$7.50 (new increase effective, April 2012). The Newsletter is included in the membership fee if you have your newsletter sent via email.

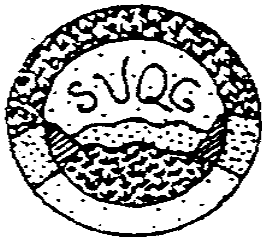
PLACE OF MEETING: The Sunnyside Room, Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community, Harrisonburg, Virginia

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 is 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.



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