

# Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT –



Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild!

In January 1987 several dedicated quilters met together and formed the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild. I am so very pleased that four of those charter members are still active in the Guild. Join me in thanking and honoring our founder Dorothy Williams, Charter Members, Paula Tehlewitz, Beryl Lawson, and Barbara Johnson. Also other members with long standing membership include, Fran Miller, Carolyn Shank, Jan Hood, Joyce Aigner, Betty Durrett, Carolyn Lee Purdy, Frances Ritchie, Bobbie Champaign, Mariann Simmons, Carol Ervin, Norma Harris, Lois Johnson, and Dianne Reasons; all with 20 years or more as SVQG members. Thank you for your vision and dedication to the art of quilting.

Over the years hundreds of others have also worked hard to ensure the success of the Guild. When I look at the lists of former and present Board members many of the same names appear over and over. Your hard work is noticed and appreciated.

I invite all members to reach out and become more active in the Guild. Sign up for the workshops, send *Thinking of You* blocks, fill out the survey, invite your friends to become members, join or start a Bee or sewing group, make hospice quilts, or sit next to someone you don't know at the Guild meetings. Let's keep our founders' vision alive!

Looking forward,  
Lori A. Abbott-Herrick, President

**SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD**  
**October 20, 2012**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Lori Abbott-Herrick, who welcomed everyone. Marcia Hill introduced her guest, Babe Williams, who was presented with a friendship square and a ticket to the Virginia Quilt Museum. Lori announced that she has received two small quilts to be sent to our sister guild, Hope, in Russia. Members are encouraged to make more quilts and to bring them to the November meeting. Lori welcomed Sandie back and announced that the deadline for November's Newsletter is October 26th. She thanked Dianne Reasons and Roberta Patterson for their hard work updating the website. The guild's treasurer's report, the quilt show report, and the 2012-13 budget are available on the website in the "members only" section.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter with the following amendments:

*President's announcements:*

"The brochure for the Shenandoah Valley *Quilt Trail* will be available at the table during the break."

Regarding the Russian sister guild. "This will be made easier if we can get them before December when they can be taken by the daughter of one of their members who lives in *Broadway* and will be going to Russia for the holidays."

*Quilt Show report:* "The profit for the Quilt Show was \$2,230.04. The profit for the raffle quilt was \$721.50, following a donation to Skyline Literacy of \$1,500."

*Service report:* "Some quilts will need to be made by the November meeting."

Cerise Haas gave the treasurer's report, which was filed for audit.

### **Old Business**

The 2012-13 budget has been approved by the Board and is posted on the SVQG website in the "members only" section. If members have any questions, they should contact Lori Abbott-Herrick.

### **Reports**

*Service:* Service projects will be the focus for the November meeting. Representatives of the hospice organizations serving the patients who receive SVQG quilts and Samantha dolls will be at the meeting. Members are asked to bring any completed dolls and hospice quilts in November. Please get labels from Denise to put on your quilts and dolls and attach them beforehand.

## Meeting Minutes (continued)

Also during the afternoon service workshop in November, members will work on red, white and blue hospice quilts for veterans. Members are asked to bring red and blue

four patch blocks to the November meeting and their sewing machines, thread and sewing tools for the afternoon session. The four patch pattern is available on the website. In addition, volunteers are needed to machine quilt several hospice quilt tops.

The guild sent a check for \$100 to the Dan River Baptist Church in Danville, Va. to help cover expenses for the Samantha doll project. Denise read a thank you note from that organization as well as a thank you note from a family who received a quilt through the Augusta Medical Center hospice program.

*Programs:* Connie Broy announced that the Christmas party will be the second Saturday of December at 9:30 a.m. in the Sunnyside meeting room. Members are asked to bring brunch casseroles and side dishes, but no desserts please. She asked those who made bags with Diane Norman at the September meeting to stand and show them.

UFO #1 is due at the November meeting. Anyone wishing to sign up for the UFO challenge was asked to do so at the October meeting and to turn in their two fat quarters.

*Library:* Kathy Christy will be leaving for Houston on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please e-mail her any suggestions about book topics or titles.

*Raffle Quilt:* All Sues and Bills have been returned, but more piano key segments are needed for the borders. If you have questions, contact Mary Carlton.

*Ways and Means:* There are two raffle "trick or treat" buckets available. DVDs of previous years' quilt shows (2010 and earlier) are available for \$2.50 each. Next month members can purchase 15 seconds of 'bragging time' for \$1 and make their announcement(s) during show and tell.

Show and Tell followed the business meeting, including the first of this year's UFO completions. The program and the afternoon workshop were presented by Karen Kay Buckley.

Door prizes were won by Dianne Reasons, Josephine Millett, Joan Leffel, and Bonnie Spoon. Raffle winners were Gae Baker and Deborah Watts.

Submitted by  
Jane Crockett, Secretary

## PROGRAMS -

Those of us who took **Karen Kay Buckley's** workshops had a wonderful time and learned some new techniques. I have taken another workshop from Karen and each time I learn something new or even a different way to do something. I hope everyone enjoyed her power point presentation and quilts at the meeting. Unless you had an opportunity to see Karen's quilts up close you may have missed the many, many small pieces of appliqué in the dragon body.

### *NOVEMBER:*

All the information for this month's meeting and afternoon service is found under Service. I know that **Denise** has a great meeting planned and afternoon for sewing and fun.



### *DECEMBER:*

This will be our Christmas party. We will meet at the Sunnyside Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, December 10, 2012, at 9:30 a. m. This year we will be doing a brunch and will be eating around 10:15 a.m. Here are some ideas for brunch; egg dishes, meat dishes, muffins, fruit, cheese & crackers, veggie plate, etc. **NO desserts please.** Also, please bring some canned foods for the bags to support food pantries in the south and north. Please remember to check the dates on the cans and boxes, as we cannot accept expired products or weight loss foods. Any questions please call me at 540-335-1039 or email: at clbroy@shentel.net.



### *JANUARY:*

If we all start now collecting items for the auction, we will all have a nice neat sewing area by the time January arrives. One nice thing, **Amy** said she will be glad to take the items at the November and December meetings. This will help her out a lot and she won't be so swamped at the last minute. **You can call Amy at 540-564-0901 or email her at: sirockam@jmu.edu.**

**CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE – RECENTLY UPDATED  
EASY TO NAVAGATE – FUN TO READ**

**SERVICE –**

**November is the month for service!!!** We will be hearing from Augusta, Rockingham and Blue Ridge Hospices during the meeting. After the meeting, we will be working on lap quilts for veteran hospice patients using the 4 patch patriotic blocks. It will take 17 ea 4 patch blocks mixed with 8.5” fabric blocks to make each lap quilt. Don’t forget to bring a couple blocks to the meeting. Bring your sewing supplies – iron, sewing machine, pins, cutting boards and lunch. We will have a great time working together and socializing. It would be great if we could get at least 6 lap quilt tops made. I will be looking for volunteers to them quilt these tops!!

If you have your child quilts for the Samatha Dolls done, please bring them. We want to send the hospice groups home with lots of quilts and dolls!!!

See you in November. Keep those fingers busy and they will stay warmer!!!

Denise Rudolph

**HOSPITALITY –**

Thanks to all the spooks and goblins who brought goodies for our Guild Meeting, they were all delicious. I overheard a number of people asking for recipes.

November birthdays will supply our Thanksgiving Feast at the next meeting.

Thanks for making our friendship time so enjoyable.

Anna Newman and The Hospitality Committee

**HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS !!!!! –**

<b>Carol Ervin</b>	<b>11/03</b>	<b>Rachel Herrick</b>	<b>11/13</b>
<b>Diane Reasons</b>	<b>11/03</b>	<b>Phyllis Liskey</b>	<b>11/21</b>
<b>Phyllis Hollowell</b>	<b>11/04</b>	<b>Rebecca Laine</b>	<b>11/22</b>
<b>Celia Mitchell</b>	<b>11/05</b>	<b>Barbara Cline</b>	<b>11/28</b>
<b>Elizabeth Adams</b>	<b>11/07</b>	<b>Michelle Perkins</b>	<b>11/29</b>
<b>Susan Browning</b>	<b>11/11</b>		

## **MEMBERSHIP –**

The leaves of fall are almost over and it's time to move on in to winter. Hopefully it will be a mild one with not much snow to contend with. But whatever the weather, we have our Guild with all its wonderful activities. Get out to a meeting; send a T.O.Y. block to a friend, even if it's only to say thank you for being my friend; start a new project; or finish up an old one.

If our Guild can do something different or better or newer, let someone know and pass it on. We have over a hundred members and everyone has something that they can contribute to make our Guild a better Guild. If you have an idea and don't know who to tell it to, send it along to me and I'll see that the right person gets the word. I'm counting on you.

If you know of any past members or of any new member prospects, remind them that that they can join for the rest of the 2012-2013 membership year for only \$10 (instead of the normal \$20). It's a great bargain considering all the events still to come. Application blanks may be picked up at the Guild meeting or found on our website svqg.org.

Happy quilting,  
John Hammel

## **WAYS AND MEANS -**

Have a piece of news you would love to share with the guild or even a favorite memory from 2012? Then bring a dollar to the November meeting and join us for a round of "Thanks and Giving": drop a dollar in the jar, share your news with friends, and benefit your guild all at the same time! Should be fun and for those of you who are shy we will still have our regular raffle as well!

Thurston Bechtel and Amy Meck

## **FREE SPIRITS ART BEE –**

If you are interested in having fun and thinking outside the box for your quilts come join the art bee. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Bridgewater Community Library meeting room. Our meetings are held from 9:30 to noon. For a new challenge to your quilting world we would love to have you join us. Contact Kathy Christy, Vicki Graham or John Hammel if you have questions or need more specific directions. Hope to see you at the bee.

## FYI ANNOUNCEMENTS –

### For all of the new quilters out there –

If you have questions on a quilt that you are working on contact our President Lori Abbott-Herrick and she will introduce you to one of our members who can help you through your quilting problem. Many new quilters get frustrated when they come to a point on a new quilt that seems to stump them, but with so many experienced quilters in SVQG all you need to do is ask. Never give up and put a project in a drawer just to become a **UFO** (**Un**Finished **O**bject), just call on an experienced quilter for guidance or ask at one of the guild meetings.

### Converting Yards to Inches -

$$1/8 = 4-1/2''$$

$$1/4 = 9''$$

$$1/3 = 12''$$

$$3/8 = 13-1/2''$$

$$1/2 = 18''$$

$$5/8 = 22-1/2''$$

$$2/3 = 24''$$

$$3/4 = 27''$$

$$7/8 = 31-1/2''$$

$$1 = 36''$$

### Standard Cuts -

Fat

$$\text{Quarter} = 18'' \times 22''$$

Fat

$$\text{Eights} = 9'' \times 22''$$

Fat

$$\text{Sixteenth} = 4-1/2'' \times 22''$$

### Samantha Doll Quilts -

$$\text{Doll Quilt} = 24'' \times 36''$$

$$\text{Child Quilt} = 36'' \times 45''$$

**Did you know** that when considering how much yardage you need for your quilt that you should factor in the possibility that your fabric can shrink up to 5%. So get a few extra inches to make up for the shrinkage. This will insure that you have enough fabric when cutting your pattern.

### Standard Batting sizes:

Crib - 45" x 60"

Twin - 72" x 90"

Double - 81" x 96"

Queen - 90" x 08"

King - 120" x 120"

When making service or smaller quilts sometimes buying a king batting will be enough for three or four small quilts and save you money in the long run. Watch for those sales at your favorite places to shop. Piecing batting works just fine. It takes just a little extra time to evenly butt the pieces together and once quilted you never know that two or three smaller pieces were used.

As the weather cools and the holidays are fast approaching below is a recipe that feeds a crowd. Good for breakfast as a coffee cake or as a dessert anytime.

## **BAKE DAY CAKE WITH COFFEE FROSTING –**

**1 pkg. active dry yeast**  
**¼ cup warm water (105 to 115 degrees)**  
**¼ cup butter**  
**1 cup sugar**  
**2 eggs**  
**¼ cup molasses**  
**1 cup all-purpose flour**  
**1 tsp. baking soda**  
**1 tsp. ground nutmeg**  
**1 tsp. ground cinnamon**  
**½ tsp. salt**  
**½ cup warm coffee (105 to 115 degrees)**  
**½ cup raisins**  
**½ cup chopped black walnuts or English walnuts**

**Coffee (see below) or Caramel (use your favorite recipe) Frosting**

**Grease and flour a 13x9x2 inch baking pan; set aside. Dissolve yeast in warm water. In a medium mixing bowl beat together butter and sugar until combined. Add eggs; beat well. Add molasses and yeast mixture, mixing on low speed until combined. Stir together flour, baking soda, nutmeg, cinnamon, and salt. Add to yeast mixture alternately with warm coffee. (Batter will be thin.) Stir in raisins and nuts. Pour into prepared pan; spread evenly. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack. Frost with Coffee Frosting. Makes 32 servings.**

**Coffee Frosting: In a medium mixing bowl beat together ¼ cup softened butter, 2 cups sifted powdered sugar, and a dash of salt until combined. Gradually add about 2 tablespoons hot coffee, beating until smooth and creamy. Makes about 1 cup frosting.**

**Recipe by Lavina Brown, Country Home Jan/Feb 1997**

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

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

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