

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SEWING CORNER—

Greetings of 2012 to all you happy quilters,

We have so much to be thankful for as we begin this new year; our health, our faith in each other, our families, our talents-sewing and otherwise, and our families. As we begin this year, please remember to share your thanks within your communities.

One of your communities is our quilt guild. We are so lucky to have each other and members who have dedicated themselves to our guild. This June will be our thirteenth quilt show and we need to draw on the many talents of YOU. At our January guild meeting you will hear about the plans for this show, the members who have accepted committee assignments and the need for additional help. Please keep in mind that this is your guild and we need your help to make it a resounding success.

For those of you who were unable to attend our December holiday get-together, you were missed and you missed some great entertainment. Bev and her committee had lovely table decorations, including candy and little gifts for all in attendance. The Hospitality ladies had the tables ready for the scrumptious food supplied by those who came.

Continuing my plan to share some quilting tips/hints each month, here are two months' worth of suggestions for your consideration. 1) If you are working with striped fabric, spray starch it and press before cutting; it helps keep the stripes straight and reduces them from shifting. 2) When you bring new fabric home and prepare to wash it, cut the corners at a diagonal. This helps with the raveling in the washing process and lets you know that you have washed it, in case you don't have time to wash all your purchase this will ID those you have done. 3) When quilting, tie a brightly colored ribbon to a safety pin and place where you have stopped. This will help your eyes to zero in as to where to start again. 4) If you are "pinching" pennies, like many of us today, use clear plastic wrap on the underside of your rotary cutting rulers. Trim the plastic wrap to about ¼" shorter and narrower than the ruler and then smooth it on. This will keep your ruler from slipping on your fabric.

January begins the month known as the "dark ages" to many students (aren't we all students?), as it is a month without holidays and time off, so to help you through the month remember that the 8th is known as Bubble Bath Day and the 29th is Puzzle Day.

I have been clearing out my sewing room, but am still buried under fabric and tangled in my threads.....Sally

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD MINUTES - November 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President-Elect Lori Abbott-Herrick, who welcomed those present. A colorful display of quilts made for local hospice use by guild members decorated the meeting room.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR #1: Bev London reported on the "A Small Hand" program that their church has adopted in their locality that is similar to the program the Guild participated in in Edinburg. It has become a very meaningful program for them.

The Virginia Quilt Museum will have a "Christmas at the Museum" program on December 9th from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m... All items, except consignments, will be 20% off.

NEWSLETTER: Sandie Hammel reported that the deadline for the January Newsletter will be December 16th.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter. Cerise Haas gave the Treasurer's Report. A copy is filed with these minutes. There was a motion that the Treasurer's Report be approved as read; the motion was carried.

The Christmas Party will be December 10th at Sunnyside. This will be a covered dish luncheon with everyone bringing something.

The January meeting will be the annual auction and everyone is encouraged to bring items. This is one of the main fund raisers for the Guild. It is also much fun, as when quilters get tired of an item, another quilter is dying to own it!

QUILT SHOW AND RAFFLE: Mary Carlton reported that there are still plenty of kits for our Sunbonnet Sue and Overall Bill raffle quilts.

We received a thank-you letter from the Regional Library for our magazine gift subscription that we sent them. We also received a letter from the Virginia Quilt Museum for the gift sent them.

Barbara Cline reported that the Shenandoah Farmers Market is willing to provide a place for a quilt on a frame that could be worked on whenever members are available.

Members who have participated in the UFO Challenge presented their finished or unfinished efforts for their November projects. Those that did not finish – even though they made valiant attempts – turned in their fat quarters to Bev London. The number 6 was drawn and at the January meeting we will see the success (or fat quarters) from participants.

Door prizes were awarded by Denise Rudolph to Cheryl Hawes, Denise Rudolph, Diana Norman, Fran Miller and Bobbie Champaign.

Show and Tell was enjoyed by everyone. Following refreshments a program was presented by the Hospice Associations that are participating in our service project this year. The afternoon was spent working on service projects for hospice use.

Submitted by, Norma Harris, Secretary

PROGRAMS!

By Bev London

Hey it is almost January! Woo Hoo! This has been a wonderful year in so many ways. I have finished a quilt I never thought I'd ever get out of that little plastic box, only to find "quilting" really changes the way something looks. I am working on my #6 UFO. It's only a wall hanging, BUT I had it all together and I couldn't "see" the curve in my curved log cabin. . . well, it always helps to read the directions. The crazy woman I am tore it all apart and put it back together again. Duh. Well guess what? It has curves!

I've made up my mind, if I'm going to learn something, I'm going to do it right. Yes, it was supposed to be a quilt, but after working with it a while I just didn't like the feel of some of the fabrics, so it's a wall hanging, or will be a wall hanging, when I finish it.

I read an article in the newest Quilter's World magazine; the article stated that the Log Cabin quilt block is the FAVORITE of 75% of us quilters. Guess who's in the other 25%? Maybe once the quality of my piecing improves. . .

Don't forget to bring your #6 UFO, some of you showed them at the December meeting, since they were finished, they had become earmarked as Christmas gifts. If January's UFO Challenge Show & Tell is anything like November's . . . WOW! It's going to be great!

I hope everyone that attended enjoyed the Christmas party. You can really tell the Blarney Brothers enjoy singing! The food, as usual, was plentiful and great! Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, & HELLO 2012! I wish you nothing but the best, my friends.

January is the annual SVQG auction, bring your goodies and your \$\$\$\$! It's always a fun time. I've only had the pleasure of attending two auctions, but I can tell you the goodies I've bought have been put to good use. I am still pulling colorful pieces of fabric from the bag of "scraps" I bought last year! Some of those scraps were pretty BIG? :o)

Diana Norman was scheduled to give us a trunk show and an embellished basket workshop in February. But since she's decided she'd rather get her ankle operated on, we'll give her our good wishes for a quick recovery and welcome Kathy Christy and her fabric bowl workshop. The course description is on the attached sign up sheet. This is a project that will be completed during the class. Not a new UFO! By February I'll be dreaming of SPRING (okay, truth is, I already am, starting next week the days will start getting longer, the seed catalogs will soon be filling our mailboxes! Can spring be far away? Yep, but, I'm an optimist!). February will be a great opportunity for us to all be together. . Too cold to be outside, unless you're a skier. Might as well stay and sew.

Thank you Kathy for filling in, it really helped ease Diana's guilt, and when you're trying to recuperate who needs to deal with guilt? We'll see how she feels in a month or so. I can't wait for her to show you some of her beautiful quilts during her trunk show; she claims they're her retirement fund. Like several of you, I consider her one of my personal quilting mentors. (In spite of being intimidated by her precision, I really wanted to give this quilting-thing a whirl again. She is one of several that have guided me on my venture back to something I had tried 30 years ago.)

Our March meeting is on National Quilting Day. Stay tuned . . .easing into spring, Paula Golden will be with us in April! Spring, what a pleasant thought!

PROGRAMS (continued)

Hopefully this newsletter will not arrive on a day you've spent shoveling something cold and white. . . Enjoy your holidays. Thurston, try not to overdose on football. Nebraska's last game is January 2nd. . . plenty of quality quilting time for all of us in the coming weeks, football fan, or not. Be well.
Bev

FEBRUARY GUILD CLASS

Teacher Name: Kathleen Christy

Title and Description of Workshop: Fabric Bowls

Introduced by Linda Johansen in Fast, Fun and Easy Fabric Bowls. These fabric bowls are easy to make, reversible and washable. Using a heavyweight fusible interfacing the bowls can be adapted to almost any shape and color by varying fabric and thread.

Skill level required: Beginner

Supply list: A kit to make a large or medium bowl plus a small bowl will be available to purchase for \$10.00. Kit includes 2 fat quarters, thread and interfacing for large or medium bowl and a small bowl (OR you can bring 2 fat quarters of complimentary or contrasting fabric and thread to coordinate with both fabrics and a piece of Timtex or Fast2Fuse heavyweight fusible interfacing).

I will also have available for sell fat quarters (\$1.50), some thread (\$2.50) and heavyweight fast2fuse interfacing (from \$1.00 to \$3.00 depending on bowl size)

Registration Form for Fabric Bowl Class

Fee: \$15.00 - Members, \$20.00 – Nonmembers, plus optional kit fee of \$10.00 paid to instructor during class or bring your own supplies (see above).

Where: Sunnyside Room

When: Saturday afternoon , February 18th

Name: _____ Phone or email _____

Paid: _____(cash) _____(check)

Please send check to: 162 McKinley Drive, Broadway, VA 22815 or phone 540-578-3658 or email Bev London at mc162kinley@yahoo.com.

Note: Please bring general sewing supplies, sewing machine that is capable of zig zag stitching, cutting mat, rotary cutter.

SERVICE

By Lori Abbot-Herrick

The Service Committee hopes that everyone had a wonderful Christmas. And now that all the festivities are over we can get back to sewing!

THANK YOU to all those who contributed towards the 32 hospice quilts we gave away at our November meeting. Our goal this year is to donate 125 quilts to the non-profit hospices in Shenandoah, Page, and Rockingham and Augusta counties. We're 25% of the way! Just a reminder that the minimum size is 36"x50"; maximum is 60"x60". They can be tied or quilted.

Here's some of the feedback we've received:

"The staff here at Hospice of the Shenandoah was ecstatic. These quilts will not only provide warmth but also memories for loved ones".

"One of my patients lives in the back room of a trailer. There is very little color in her room. Today one of the pansy quilts is going out."

"Thank you so much for the wonderful opportunity on Saturday. Helen and I had so much fun and just loved hearing all the stories for the UFOs! At the moment the beautiful quilts are spread out in our conference room for people to admire before they go out to families. One is already earmarked for a 9 year old who was admitted to our program this weekend."

"Thank you so much – our staff is just "blown away" by the beauty of the quilts, and the obvious love and kindness sewn into them."

MEMBERSHIP

By John Hammel

Merry Christmas! For those of us who attended the SVQG Christmas party wasn't it grand? Bev and her helpers did a wonderful job. Thanks Bev.

Happy New Year! Time flies by so quickly and it is already time to break out a new calendar. Hope your calendar is marked with April 1, 2012. This is the date you need to have paid for your 2012-2013 SVQG Membership. I will start accepting payments in late January. Please look for membership applications at the sign-in table and also in the SVQG Newsletter.

Your membership is a wonderful time of many entertaining hours of learning, displays, social interacting with friends, and the making of new acquaintances. After renewing your membership, consider giving a gift membership to someone so they can share all the benefits of SVQG with you.

Have a good New Year and above all, Happy Quilting!

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - January 27th

By Sandie Hammel

Anyone wanting to submit an article, announcement, ad or "Recipe of the Month" to the newsletter please send to sandie419@hotmail.com before the newsletter deadline. Remember these deadlines are important. When articles come in late this causes a delay in the newsletter getting to our guild members in a timely manner.

2014 RAFFLE QUILT

By Mary Carlton

SUNBONNET SUE and OVERALL BILL

Response has been wonderful so far with members taking one or more kits. However, I still have about 30 kits available. So, with the Holidays over, pick up another kit or two at the January meeting. The finished squares are due by the Quilt Show in June, but sooner is better. I'll be displaying the finished blocks at each meeting and they are absolutely the cutest little things you will ever see. The embellishment on some of the blocks is wonderful, really charming. Remember that there will be a drawing for a prize at the end of this. Each time you turn in a finished kit, put your name in the jar for the drawing. And, it goes without saying, do your best work.

Happy stitching,
Mary Carlton

WAYS AND MEANS

By Denise Rudolph

Our annual auction is this month. Please package your items together in an appealing manner, perhaps a basket or with ribbon. **No magazines please.** Come with money!!!

Thanks to Vicki Graham, Dorice Graham, Connie Broy, Bev London, Cerise Haas, and Ann Van Noy who sold raffle tickets at the Dayton Farmers Market in November.

HOSPITALITY

By Anna Lee Newman

Thanks to Bev and her committee for the festive Christmas Program and Brunch. Thanks to everyone for bringing a covered dish, it's always fun for the hospitality committee to be able to peep under the lids and be the first to know what has been prepared.

Reminder - January 21st our January Birthday people will start our year by bringing refreshments.

Thanks Anna Lee Newman, Dorice Graham and Vickie Graham

DECEMBER / JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday to all - And Many More!!!!"

Lois Johnson	12/13	Marcia Hill	1/4
Linda Quintrell	12/13	Marcia Vehrs	1/4
Kailee Miller	12/12	Jane Crockett	1/9
Judy Randow	12/17	Carol Sloan	1/9
Nellie Pitcock	12/18	Joan Leffel	1/12
Aleris Wright	12/18	Calvin Phillips	1/16
Jan Hood	12/21	Betty Clatterbuck	1/19
		Elizabeth Beall	1/21
		Lou Emswiler	1/23
		Sue Jones	1/23

RECIPE OF THE MONTH –

Cold weather, quilting, and comfort food go hand in hand. As most of us say I would rather be quilting, so dig out the slow cooker and have a nice hot meal ready without watching the pot boil.

THREE CHEESES CHICKEN AND NODDLES

3 cups cooked diced chicken (may substitute with turkey, or ham, just change the name)
1 ½ cups cottage cheese
1 can (10 ¾ oz.) condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted
1 (8 oz.) package wide egg noodles, cooked and drained (be careful not to overcook)
1 cup grated Monterey jack cheese
½ cup chicken broth
½ cup each - diced celery, diced onion, diced green bell pepper, diced red bell pepper
½ cup grated parmesan cheese
1 can (4 oz.) sliced mushrooms, drained
2 tablespoons butter, melted
½ teaspoon dried thyme leaves

Slower cooker Directions – Combine all ingredients in slow cooker, Stir to coat evenly. Cover and cook on LOW 6 to 10 hours or HIGH 3 to 4 hours. Makes 6 servings

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Take twelve whole months
Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate and jealousy.
Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.
Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty or thirty-one different parts,
But don't make up the whole batch at once.
Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.
Mix well into each day: one part of faith, one part of patience
One part of courage and one part of work.
Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity and kindness.\
Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation and one good deed.
Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun,
A pinch of play and a cupful of good humor.
Pour all of this into a vessel of love.
Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile
And serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness.
You're bound to have a happy new year.

Unknown author's thoughts, but adapted by Sally Jones

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

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TO JOIN: the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild, send \$20.00 Annual Dues to:
SVQG Membership Chairman
PO Box 913
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The Guild year runs April 1st through March 31st. To have your Newsletter mailed please add an additional \$7.50. The Newsletter is included in the membership fee if you have your newsletter sent via email.

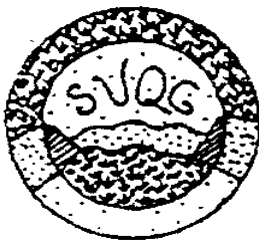
PLACE OF MEETING: The Sunnyside Room, Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community, Harrisonburg, Virginia

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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