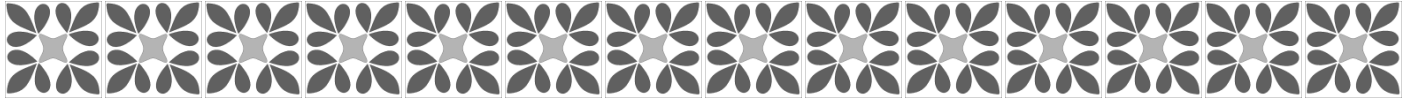


Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD
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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a wonderful celebration!! Thanks to Fran Miller's insight and hard work on March 18th, we were treated to a day filled with fun, information, and good fellowship as the members and invited guests of SVQG celebrated "National Quilting Day". Thank you to all of those who worked along with Fran to make this special day one to remember.

On March 19th it was a pleasure to meet the founder of **A Small Hand**, Ann McBroom. Ann gave us a look into the needs of young area families who are struggling to keep their infants and toddlers fed and clothed. Her organization, run entirely by volunteers, helps to fill the gap of food and supplies not covered by WICK and SNAP. These programs are of great help, but the supplies are not for the entire month. Providing quilts is only one way we are able to help A Small Hand. There is an ongoing need for formula, baby food, disposable diapers, lotions, shampoo, baby wipes, infant and toddler educational toys/books and gently used or new clothing. There will be a table set up at the April and May guild meetings for any members who wish to donate items listed. These will be delivered along with the completed quilts after our service project in May. Our May service project will focus on sewing and finishing quilts for **Wrap a Smile** (international) and **A Small Hand** (local).

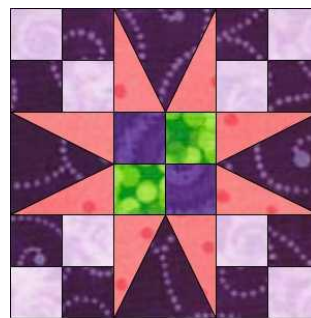
For those of you who missed the March 19th afternoon class with Barbara Cline, well, this really made a difference in getting me started machine quilting. Practice makes perfect, but with all of the hints and direction from Barbara

all who took this class are headed in the right direction. For additional inspiration and tutorials go to freemotionquilting.blogspot.com and keep practicing.

What will Molly do??? April is our Education Committee chairs' time to wow us with some of her funny anecdotes and ways to work with the seemingly unworkable quilt blocks and pieces. So bring along your disasters and see if there is any way to turn your ugly ducklings into swans. Help and advice is on the way, Molly style!

It's raining, it's pouring, the old man is snoring (actually) and I am headed to the quilt room to work on some baby quilts. I know that the pouring rain will give us spring flowers, but what do we benefit from the snoring??

Until next time,



Your President,
Sandie Hammel

PROGRAMS

National Quilting Day is history for another year but our guild can be proud that we recognized and celebrated the day on Friday, March 18 by gathering for a Quilter's Day. The program took a different approach by focusing on the quilter rather than just quilting. A fun activity was to guess how many spools we used

as guild members in the last seven months. Carolyn brought a huge bin of 710 spools that we collected and Leslie Bulken had the closest guess, winning the prize. The Spool Challenge ended the next day at the guild meeting when Bev London's name was drawn as the winner of another prize. Gae Baker was the runner-up.

Ann McBroom was speaker at the March guild meeting and her message touched our hearts. A Small Hand is an emergency food pantry for babies and toddlers in need in Shenandoah County. They also provide other basic items young children need for a healthy start in life. Our guild has provided quilts in the past and gave Ann 12 more quilts following her presentation. We received the following note of thanks from her.

Thank you all for everything. Saturday was an amazing day for A Small Hand, starting with SVQG and ending late Saturday night with a music fundraiser. The music was so loud it was almost impossible to talk, but the young people did us proud!

I placed your quilts around our church sanctuary on Sunday morning, and our congregation loved them.

We are giving priority for the quilts to families with ill babies and those in special need. We have a little baby going to UVA to have a section of his skull removed to release pressure on the growing brain. I am delivering his quilt tomorrow, he is scheduled for surgery Friday. We have some little twins – he was born with a collapsed lung, she very tiny. The boy is going to UVA soon for follow-up. A fourth quilt will go to a little girl – 9 months old. She was born with a tumor in her lower back area. She has had 4 surgeries and 6 rounds of chemo. She is a fighter, and a smiler. She needs changing very frequently. She is part of a loving family who has been wiped-out financially by her medical needs, and the time spent away from home. But they will do everything they can to secure her future.

We will not hoard the quilts – but they are very special.

Thank you for everything, Ann

Now we look forward to the April guild program provided by Molly Toth, Education Committee Chair. It sounds like we are in for a treat so remember to pack a lunch and meet Molly in the Parking Lot!!

Fran Miller



SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD MEETING

Minutes
March 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Sandie Hammel who welcomed everyone and thanked all for their hard work, especially Fran Miller, who chaired the Quilters' Day event at Bridgewater yesterday. She read "Words to Live By."

It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as printed in the March Newsletter. The motion was carried. The treasurer gave her report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- From March 31 to April 2 Valley Fabrics in Stuarts Draft will be having their spring sale.
- The Charlottesville Quilt Guild will be having their quilt show on April 2 and 3 at the Ravenna Fire Station on Route 250 East. A \$5.00 donation will help fund their activities.
- On April 8, 9, and 10 The Northern Shenandoah Valley Guild will be having their show in Berryville.
- There will be a Quilt Shop Hop from May 19 through May 22. Information is in the County Register which is available at the sign-in desk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUNSHINE: Carolyn Shank announced that Barbara Linzey had lost her husband and that cards were sent.

SERVICE: Sue Jones reported that 20 pillows and totes will be delivered to the American Cancer Society in Harrisonburg. She will be traveling to Missouri and will be teaching two groups how to make pillows and totes while she is there.

ROUND ROBIN: Mary Carlton reminded everyone that next month will be exchange time for the round robins.

MEMBERSHIP: John Hammel reported that 80+ members have paid their dues for next year. Michelle Perkins and Darlene Wheeler are new members. The roster will be sent out the end of April by email to those who get email and by snail mail to those who do not.

WAYS AND MEANS: Denise Rudolph announced that they would be having a spring raffle today. She gave door prizes to lucky members: Phyllis Hollowell, Josephine Millett, Denise Rudolph, Sally Jones, Michelle Perkins, Ginny Biggs, Leslie Bulken, Debbie Pfeiffer, Lenore Mitchell and Mary Carlton.

PROGRAMS: Fran Miller announced that Ann McBroom of A Small Hand in Edinburg will be our speaker today. This afternoon we will have a class in machine quilting led by Barbara Cline. In April, Molly Toth will take charge of the educational program, and in May we will be doing Wrap A Smile Quilts. The June program will be Sarah Ann Smith, author of ThreadWork Unraveled. July will be a mystery quilt and August will be the annual picnic.

She wrapped up the Spool Challenge which was won yesterday by Leslie Bulken, who guessed closest to the number of spools turned in by members. Today's wall hanging was won by Beverly London and a basket of goodies was won by Gae Baker.

Show and Tell was enjoyed by all.

Following Show and Tell, Ann McBroom spoke about the "A Small Hand" program, which is a specialist pantry for infants in need in Shenandoah County. They serve children from birth to 36 months. They see 35-40 families monthly and are open once a week.

Submitted by,

Norma Harris,
Secretary



WHAT MAKES A QUILT (GUILD)?

The **PIECING** or **QUILT** is formed by the members;

The **LAYERING** depends on the various levels of experience of our members;

The **BORDERS** are formed by our committees, offering various widths;

The **BATTING** is the softness in between, such as our refreshments and social times;

The **BACKING** which provides support, comes from our quilt shows and fund raising activities;

The **QUILTING** is relevant to our programs, which unite the quilt top, batting and backing, offering beauty;

And finally the **BINDING** is our officers and committee chairs, which hold the guild in place.

It is the responsibility of the President-Elect to present a slate of officers for election, by the guild, and enlist the help of many of the members to accept the chairmanship of our committees. You, the members, reap the rewards of all the guild activities. Please look through the list of committees on the last page of your newsletter and find a slot for yourself. You can contact me via Email at auntsallygee@gmail.com or by phone at

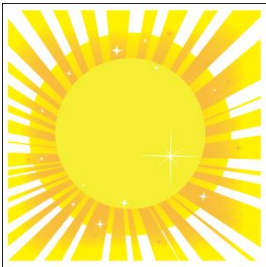
540-740-3443. Whatever, give it some thought please! If we are not able to fill in all the slots, I will have to either resort to arm twisting or horrors...leave the committee chair unfilled in the coming year.

Sally Jones,
President-Elect

WAYS & MEANS

Thanks to everyone who supported the March raffle. We collected \$53.

Denise Rudolph



SUNSHINE

Barbara Linzey's husband passed away in early March. TOY blocks would still be appropriate to let Barbara know we are thinking of her.

Please let me know of any other guild members who could use our get well wishes, sympathy thoughts, etc. Call me at 540-867-9486 or email me at ceshank@gmail.com.

Carolyn Shank



ROUND ROBIN

I just want to remind y'all that we exchange Round Robins in April. It ends in June. Hope everyone is having fun.

Mary Carlton

TAKE TIME

Take Time to **Work** - it is the price of success
Take time to **Play** - it is the secret of perpetual youth

Take Time to **Think** - it is the source of power
Take Time to **Read** - it is the fountain of wisdom

Take Time to **Pray** - it is conversation with God

Take Time to **Laugh** - it is the music of the soul

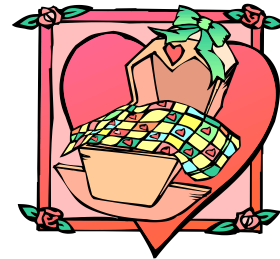
Take Time to **Listen** - it is the pathway to understanding

Take Time to **Dream** - it is hitching your wagon to a star

Take Time to **Worship** - it is the highway of reverence

Take Time to **Love and be Loved** - it is the gift of God

Old English Prayer, Author Unknown - shared by Sandie Hammel during our meeting in March.



COMFORT PILLOWS/TOTES

We received one donated tote at the guild this month. This brings our total to 411 for the year. This month we sent 20 pillows/totes to Reach to Recovery in Harrisonburg. Thank you, Anna Newman, for delivering them to the American Cancer Society.

We are well ahead of our goal for the year. Finish the kits you are working on, then join me in making small quilts for A Small Hand and Wrap a Smile service projects.

We appreciate all you do.

Sue Jones

DEADLINE FOR MAY NEWSLETTER

April 22, 2011

Vicki Graham
4142 Traveler Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
540-433-9877

E-mail: grahamvl@comcast.net



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following Guild members are having a birthday in April or May:

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|------------------|------|
| Barbara Linzey | 4/5 |
| Pamela Nixon | 4/5 |
| Thurston Bechtel | 4/7 |
| Sally Jones | 4/8 |
| Gayle Price | 4/8 |
| Deborah Pfeiffer | 4/10 |
| John Hammel | 4/13 |
| Lois Snavely | 4/23 |
| Kerry Vansant | 4/25 |
| Dorothy Williams | 4/26 |
| Barbara Johnson | 5/4 |
| Kathi Stein | 5/18 |
| Lila Schafer | 5/20 |
| Helen Ridder | 5/26 |
| Grace Robinette | 5/27 |

To everyone having a birthday in April or May,
Happy Birthday! Have a great day!

HOSPITALITY

Thank you to all of the members with March birthdays for providing our refreshments for the March meeting.

A reminder to members with April birthdays that it's their turn to bring goodies for the April meeting. If you can't make the meeting, please ask a quilter friend to change months with you.

Pauline Messier

MEMBERSHIP

2011-2012 Membership Renewals

The current membership year is drawing to a close. It ends March 31, 2011. You want to renew as soon as possible so you don't miss out on the many fun and exciting events coming up in the next membership year.

At the end of April, those members who have not paid, will have their badges pulled from the buckets. Also they will not receive the newsletter for May and thereafter until the dues are brought up to date. Eighty-five of you have renewed already and are ready to go. Four of these are new members. Now we need the rest of you to step up and stay current in the Guild.

Use the application in the back of the newsletter, or get one from the SVQG website (svqg.org), fill it out and bring or mail it to SVQG with your \$20 (\$27.50 if you want the newsletter mailed to you). We'll be looking for you.

Happy Quilting!

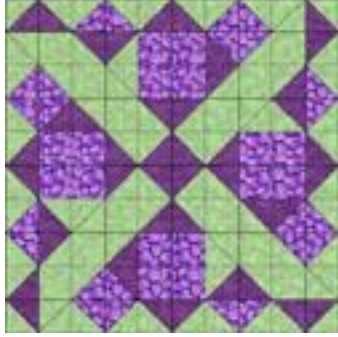
John Hammel

jthammel@gmail.com

2012 QUILT RAFFLE

Please be prepared to decide on the non-profit organization to share the proceeds for our 2012 Raffle Quilt. Remember, in order to have the best outcome the organization needs to be able to help with ticket sales.

Connie Broy
Sally Jones



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SVQG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

April 1, 2011—March 31, 2012

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 \$27.50 (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: ____ - ____ - ____
(Area Code)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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

Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild -Programs September 2011-2012

Greetings, All,

As most of you know, I am very new to quilting. . . I, personally, have so much to learn. On top of that, I'm following two fabulous program years—why anyone would want to follow Mary and Fran. . . (Proof that allowing a program chair to make direct eye contact with you is dangerous!! You can all relax, the Program Chair for 2012-2013 has already volunteered ☺.)

Back to the purpose of this note: I don't feel you need to be bored by the basics (unless, of course, you want to). I am soliciting help in planning next year's programs. Fortunately, some of the months are already spoken for in one manner or another. We already know we will be having at least one UFO sewing day! (That has been suggested to me by several members and I think it's a great idea. Just getting together to sew.)

What quilt instructors would you really enjoy hearing, seeing a trunk show and/or having a workshop with?

What skills/techniques are of interest to you? _____

Who or what organization, perhaps one that you're personally familiar with, do you feel could present an interesting short presentation to the guild: _____

Please feel free to call me (evenings and weekends, please) 540-578-3658, snail mail: 162 McKinley Drive, Broadway, VA 22815, email me: svqg.programs@yahoo.com or leave your suggestions at the registration table when you sign in at the next guild meeting.

Please help me make the 2011-2012 programs as interesting as those I've enjoyed in the short time I've been a part of the guild!

Thanks,
Bev London

SVQG BOARD MEMBERS

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|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| President | Sandie Hammel | Ways & Means | Denise Rudolph |
| President-Elect | Sally Jones | Education | Molly Toth |
| Secretary | Norma Harris | Library | Kathy Christy |
| Treasurer | Cerise Haas | Service | The Eager BEEvers |
| Program Coor. #1 | Fran Miller | Comfort Pillows | Sue Jones |
| Program Coor. #2 | Beverly London | Quilt Show | Connie Broy and Sally Jones |
| Immed. Past President | Barbara Linzey | Sunshine | Carolyn Shank |

SVQG STANDING COMMITTEES:

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|-------------|-------------------|
| Nominating | Sally Jones |
| Newsletter | Vicki Graham |
| Membership | John Hammel |
| Publicity | Lou Emswiler |
| Historian | Roberta Patterson |
| Hospitality | Pauline Messier |

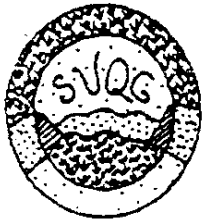
SPECIAL DUTIES:

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| NQA Liaison | Sally Jones |
| VCQ | Norma Harris |
| Web Master | Roberta Patterson |

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 To join the Shenandoah Valley Quilters' Guild, send \$20 Annual Dues to: Membership Chairman SVQG, PO Box 913, Harrisonburg VA 22803. The Guild year runs 4/1-3/31. Newsletter mailed - \$7.50/yr.

PLACE OF MEETING--THE **SUNNYSIDE ROOM**, THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED) Time: 9:30 am

SUNNYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA  
 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 **DO NOT PARK IN THE NUMBERED SPACES**. These numbered spaces are for residents. Please observe the 15-mph speed limit while on the grounds of Sunnyside.



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