

Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD
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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I am so sorry that I could not be with you at the Christmas Party. I heard that it was a hit and fun was had by all. Many thanks to Kathy Christy, Vicki Graham, Barbara Linzey, Pam Nixon, Roberta Patterson, John Hammel and Sandie Hammel of the Free Spirits Art Bee for making our Christmas party one to remember.

January - a time to renew, goal set, and simplify. This is a time to de-stress after the busy holiday season. I like to start this process the week before the New Year, although it may be put off to that first week in January. I go through closets, drawers, storage boxes and bags. All the while I will be looking for things to add to my stash for the annual Guild Auction. I already have started gathering items for our annual January Guild Auction when John and I cleaned out our store building. I would like to challenge all of you to start gathering and packaging those unwanted items that will be a treasure to other guild members. Let's make our packages, baskets, bundles and gift bags as interesting as last year so our items will keep the bids flowing as our auctioneer works her magic.

Wishing all of you a "Happy Quilting New Year"!!

Your President,
Sandie Hammel

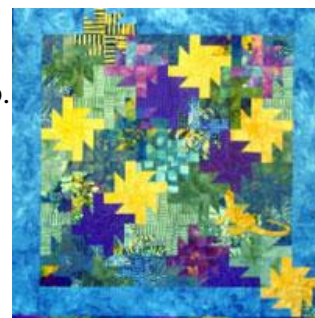
PROGRAMS

A big THANKS to the Free Spirits Art Bee members for the great Christmas party. The outfits matched the gay and happy spirits in the room—and all that scrumptious food!! Thanks

for your donations of food and toys. Informal gatherings like our Christmas parties and picnics provide us with opportunities to reach out and chat with members we hardly know and rarely spend time with at the general meetings.

Looking forward now to 2011!! January will find us cleaning and organizing our sewing spaces, gathering items to donate at the guild's auction on the 15th. It's always fun to see what we can contribute (and not miss!) and what we bring home to add to our collections. The auction, led by Denise Rudolph, will begin following the general meeting. A reminder: no magazines and batting scraps.

February 19th will find us hosting a guest speaker and attending an afternoon workshop. Gyleen Fitzgerald from Maryland will share with us her journey to finish found vintage quilts by adding her style, contemporary fabric, and unexpected color blending without compromising the original intent. She penned plausible stories in the form of letters to celebrate the original quilters in a book she wrote about this project, Quilts: Unfinished Stories with New Endings. The afternoon workshop, "Batik Interlocking Star Tessellations", will give us the opportunity to learn a mapping technique of using simple shapes to make an interlocking design that only looks complicated. (A sample is shown above.) We will be doing a wall hanging but if you like the technique it can easily be enlarged to a full



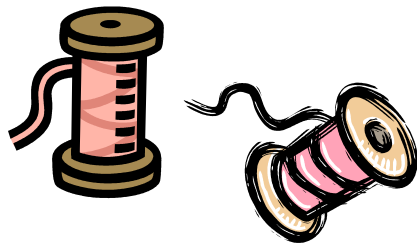
sized quilt. Sign-up sheets and supply list will be in the February newsletter.

Looking ahead—**March** is reserved for machine quilting instruction and practice. **April** is the month for the Education Committee, led by Molly Toth, to give us all a review of quilting techniques and supplies. **May** is Service month with emphasis on kid's quilts and **June** will focus on design, embellishments, and art in our quilts. **July** – It's a Mystery!! And in **August** we get to party again at a picnic.

We have a full agenda to look forward to and a wonderful group of fellow quilters to share the good times with—we are so very fortunate as a guild.

Fran Miller

SPOOL CHALLENGE



The spools are coming in but the time is getting closer for the drawing. Remember to bring the spools you have used while sewing or quilting since we started the challenge in August 2010. February will be the last opportunity to turn them in for either a spool block or a chance in a drawing for each spool we receive. Prizes will be given in March. Considering the many spools Carolyn has collected we should be seeing lots of finished quilts in 2011.

Fran Miller



Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild Meeting Minutes November 20, 2010

Sandie Hammel called the meeting to order and asked those members with cell phones to please turn them off or put them on “vibrate” so that they would not disturb the meeting. She read a

poem about what she was thankful for on this Saturday before Thanksgiving.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed in the November/December Newsletter. The treasurer's report was given and is included in the secretary's minute book. (This is also available in the Members Only section on the website: www.svqg.org.)

PROGRAM: Fran Miller announced that there would be demonstrations on making the pillows and tote bags that will be made during the afternoon. We will have the holiday party in December and she reminded everyone that this would be on the **second** Saturday in December. Members are invited to bring their favorite holiday side-dishes or dessert. There will be a contest for the best tee shirt, sweater, and sweatshirt. She encouraged everyone to bring canned goods for the local food pantries. The party will be at the Bridgewater Town Hall.

The January meeting will be the auction. Please do not bring magazines, but books are fine. She suggested making the auction more interesting by putting “offerings” together in a decorated manner. In February we will spend the afternoon on tessellations. The focus in March will be on machine quilting with Barbara Cline. She encouraged everyone to finish the survey that was in the Newsletter; this will allow the guild to set up some new activities.

NEWSLETTER: The last Newsletter covered November and December. The January Newsletter has a deadline of December 17th.

LIBRARY: Books that are not being circulated are for sale during the break at \$2.00 apiece. Kathy Christy showed the results of the classes she took in Houston.

PUBLICITY: Lou Emswiler reported that meeting announcements are being sent to local newspapers. It was also reported that it was on the radio this morning. Please cut out the announcements you see in your local newspaper and send them to Lou.

2012 QUILT SHOW: The raffle quilt is just about finished. Connie Broy and Sally Jones

encouraged everyone to add to the binding. It can be finished today!

WAYS AND MEANS: Denise Rudolph gave out door prizes to lucky members.

HISTORIAN: Roberta Patterson told about working with Sandie to produce a book about the quilts made by members that are photographed during show and tell. The books are most interesting (about three covered the whole year). If members want a copy of their own, they should let Roberta know and she will check with the company to find a price.

VIRGINIA QUILT MUSEUM: Josephine Millett announced that they have a sale table here today and everyone can shop for items from the VQM shop. Our speaker today will be Judith Shuey, Director of the VQM.

SERVICE: Sue Jones gave a report on the history of the breast cancer pillows and totes project. We have donated 849 pillows and totes since the project was begun in 2004. She handed out written directions and suggested using a walking foot on your machine when sewing them.

Sandie shared a letter received from someone in Colorado who is researching quilts made in this area by someone with the family name of Blosser. If you know of someone with this family name who made quilts, contact Sandie for information on reaching the letter writer.

Show and Tell was wonderful and enjoyed by all.

Following the break our speaker, Judith Shuey, showed some of the quilts in the museum's collection and gave a brief history of the museum.

The meeting was adjourned and a work session making totes and pillows followed a delicious soup luncheon.

Submitted by,

Norma Harris,
Secretary

**Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild
Meeting Minutes**

December 11, 2010

The meeting of SVQG and our annual Christmas Party was called to order by Kathy Christy, who is a member of the Host group, the Free Spirits Art Bee. Our President, Sandie Hammel, was unable to attend. Kathy welcomed all the members and guests.

Fran Miller reminded everyone that we will be having our annual auction in January. She asked all to "make your offerings pretty." Bring the empty spools you have used for the spool collection and your chance to win a "really great gift." The February meeting will be your last chance to bring spools. At our March celebration your task will be to guess how many spools we have. There will be two drawings for prizes.

A wonderful pot luck lunch was enjoyed by all. The hall had been decorated beautifully and the Christmas spirit added to the fun.

The library return box was placed to accept books that were returned. There was also a box with books for sale at \$2.00 each. These are surplus books that have not circulated for some time and are being replaced by new offerings.

Following Show and Tell pictures were taken of everyone in their Christmas finery. Winners were selected by popular vote. For the raffle, Beverly London won the Christmas stocking.

Table decorations were won by many members. Barbara Linzey, Cerise Haas and Emily Harrell won the large arrangements.

Kathy thanked everyone who attended and wished all Happy Holidays.

Norma Harris,
Secretary

The logo for the Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild (SVQG) features the letters 'S', 'V', 'Q', and 'G' in a large, stylized, red font with a white outline and a slight shadow effect. The letters are arranged in a slightly overlapping manner, with the 'S' and 'V' on the left and the 'Q' and 'G' on the right.

MEMBERSHIP

Another year, another way to spend some pleasurable moments each month. Naturally we're talking about Membership in SVQG for 2011-2012. Fran has lots of wonderful things planned for this coming year and we don't want you to miss them.

I will be accepting renewal and new members beginning January 2011. The cost is \$20 and this pays for your membership from April 1st, 2011 through March 31st, 2012. Once I receive your payment, you will be issued a receipt, a new membership card and a new membership badge the month following payment. In May 2011, I will send everyone an updated membership list. Of course the current membership list is always accessible at any time on the web site, www.svqg.org, in the member's only section. Starting in January, I will have application forms at the membership desk. Please fill these out when you renew so I can verify the information we have on file for you. Renew early so you won't forget.

If you have any questions, please see me at the meeting, or phone me at 540-652-6189, or (preferred) email me at jthammel@gmail.com. Happy quilting and remember to bring something to our January Auction.

John Hammel



SUNSHINE

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

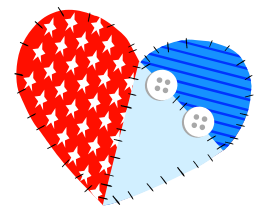
Carolyn Shank



2012 RAFFLE QUILT

Please be thinking about a name for the raffle quilt (see above). We will vote on the name at the January meeting. Also, be thinking of a charity. We would like to have this all wrapped up by the February or March meeting so as to get the tickets printed and ready for sale.

Connie Broy and Sally Jones



COMFORT PILLOWS/TOTES

A special thanks for your hard work at the November service project and the donations of p/t and for completing prepared kits.

We are already near our target for the year of 350! November total = 93, December total = 123, Grand total = 323!

Have a wonderful holiday with family and friends.

Sue Jones

**DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY
NEWSLETTER**

Friday, January 21, 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 January or February:

Kay Stilwell	1/3
Marcia Hill	1/4
Marcia Vehrs	1/4
Carol Sloan	1/9
Jane Crockett	1/9
Joan Leffel	1/12
Calvin Phillips	1/16
Edith Ramey	1/16
Margaret Wade	1/16
Betty Clatterbuck	1/19
Elizabeth Beall	1/21
Luella Emswiler	1/23
Sue Jones	1/23
Pat Patterson	1/27
Mary McGuffin	2/5
Bennie Marshall	2/6
Vicki Graham	2/8
Eloise Shull	2/8
Molly Toth	2/11
Dianne Louvet	2/15
Carolyn Porter Stone	2/16
Fran Miller	2/20

Josephine Millett	2/20
Wilsene Scott	2/20
Denise Rudolph	2/22
Kathy Hughes	2/23

To everyone having a birthday in January and February, Happy Birthday! Hope your day – and year are fantastic!

HOSPITALITY

Thank you to everyone who brought in treats for our holiday party. We had a lot of fun and the food was delicious. This month it is January Birthday's turn to bring in the goodies.

Pauline Messier

“Star Struck Quilts”

By Barbara Cline, Reg. \$27.95

Now \$20.00

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3 hr. class \$18.00.

Two, 6 hr. classes \$65.00.

Add \$10.00 if you want lunch included.

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<http://www.delightfulpiecing.com/>

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Nominating Sally Jones
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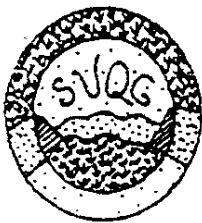
SPECIAL DUTIES:

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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