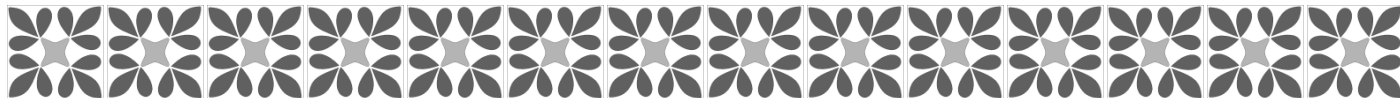


# Valley Quilt Notes

SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD  
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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ahh, May, the month in spring when flowers are blooming, the weather is a little more stable than March and April and the heat has not consumed us. This is the month we plant gardens and flower beds with the more tender plants that will take us through summer.

Wonderful floral fragrance and the sweet sound of bird songs fill the air. But, alas, all this wonderfulness gives way to the big reality, the first full month of grass mowing. This is not a pleasant chore in our house. No, I hear the threat, "If I had my way, I would turn this yard into green concrete". Not for want of trying. We have ground cover all over the place: vinca, ivy, daylilies, mondo grass, lirioppe, decks and yes some concrete, but still there are patches here and there of GRASS. Each year a little more comes off missing. Within the next five years, we will have a few paths, no mower, one happy quilting husband and, as I say, green is green and we won't play badmitten anymore.

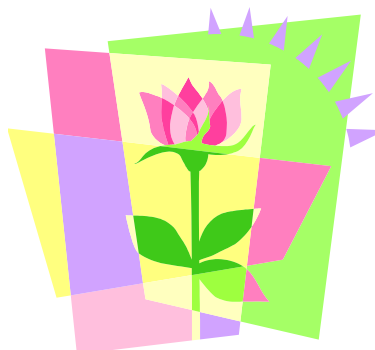
Thanks, to Molly Toth, for entertaining and amazing us with wonderful quilts and ideas. Her laid back approach to quilting is an inspiration. So many newer quilters have a fear of messing up or not being good enough. Technique is good to know, but doing your own thing can take you on an inspirational journey into creativity that goes far beyond following a pattern in a book. Here is an experienced quilter who throws caution to the wind and shows us how to have fun with our quilting. Over the years Molly has shown us that if you don't like your quilt throw on some silk flowers, get out your permanent markers, and this year the use

of beads and metallic threads to give your quilts an extra wow factor. Great job, Molly!!

I am looking forward to our May Guild meeting and hearing Terry Hodskins speak about the Wrap A Smile Program. This will be followed by our May service workshop. I hope that many of you will join us for the afternoon of making and completing children's quilts to be donated to "Wrap A Smile" and "A Small Hand". Thank you to all who have completed quilts at home. During our April "Show and Tell" it was good to see that many of our members have been busy making these small quilts. I would like to remind everyone that we will have a bin to collect baby necessities that will be donated to "A Small Hand" along with the quilts. Thanks to all of our members who give of their time, money and talents to make a better world for those in need. Keep up the good work!!

Until next time,

Your President,  
Sandie Hammel



## PROGRAMS

Our guild program for May will be a busy one but "OH-SO" worthwhile. Our speaker and guest of honor for the day will be Terry Hodskins, founder of the Rotary Club's Wrap A

Smile project. Her morning lecture and slide show will help us understand the magnitude of this project.

I hope you can join us for lunch and the afternoon of sewing and fellowship. For the lunch break please bring a dish or finger food for a pot luck lunch. Table service, coffee, tea, and water will be provided. We will work on kits and unfinished quilts for both Wrap A Smile and A Small Hand. If it's not convenient to bring your sewing machine there are other tasks to finish. Please join us. We will soon deliver quilts to A Small Hand and would like to have additional baby products and clothing also. We appreciate all that you give.

A two-day program is planned for **June** with Sarah Ann Smith. While working for the U.S. Foreign Service she came across a discarded Keepsake Quilting catalog and the rest is history! Sarah specializes in machine work, coloring with threads, and using whatever technique will turn the picture in her mind into cloth. Most of her teaching and demos will be on techniques and understanding what your sewing machine can do for you. The registration forms for the Friday and Saturday workshops will be in the June newsletter. Her website is [www.sarahannsmith.com](http://www.sarahannsmith.com)

Fran Miller

**SOS SOS SOS SOS SOS**

Thanks to those of you who have accepted an Office or Committee Chair for the upcoming Guild year. There are still a few vacancies...

Hospitality and Comfort Pillows each need someone to take over the committee and one very important office of President-Elect. For those of you, who say you have never been asked to do something, consider this a personal request to become a more active part of our Guild. This is an opportunity for you to be on the "inside" of what goes on within the planning for your Guild.

Give me a call (540-740-3443) or E mail me at

[auntsallygee@gmail.com](mailto:auntsallygee@gmail.com) if you would like to discuss these vacancies/opportunities.

Sally Jones,  
President-Elect



**SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILTERS  
GUILD MEETING  
Minutes  
April 16, 2011**

The April meeting was called to order by President Sandie Hammel. She quoted, "Asking a quilter to mend is like asking Picasso to paint your garage."

*It was moved by Elizabeth Adams and seconded by Leslie Bulken that the March Meeting Minutes be approved as printed in the Newsletter. The motion was carried.*

**TREASURER:** Cerise Haas, Treasurer, gave her report.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT:** Sally Jones will be including the positions that are not yet filled in the Newsletter. These include President-Elect, Historian, Hospitality, Service, Comfort  
**PROGRAM COORDINATOR #1:** Fran Miller discussed the program schedule for the rest of the year. Today's program will be chaired by Molly Toth, Education; in May the "Wrap a Smile" program will be here for our service day; Sarah Ann Smith will be here in June for a class on Friday as well as Saturday. She does interesting things with threads. July will be a Mystery Quilt and August will be the picnic.

**MEMBERSHIP:** John Hammel reported that the new membership list will be out at the end of the month. The list will be forwarded via email to those receiving email, and by postal mail to those receiving their Newsletters via that method. There are currently 99 members. This includes seven new members. There are 36

members from last year not paid. John is the point man for getting new issues of the County Register newspaper. He will continue to bring them to each meeting.

**WAYS AND MEANS:** Denise Rudolph provided potted plants with hand dyed fabric skirts as door prizes, which were won by several lucky members. A basket of flowers and hand-dyed fabrics was raffled off for the benefit of the guild.

**NEWSLETTER:** Vicki Graham announced that the deadline for May's issue will be Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**ROUND ROBIN:** Mary Carlton reminded everyone that today was the day to exchange round robins. The final exchange will take place in June.

**COMFORT PILLOWS:** Sue Jones reported that we will be contacting the organizations once a month or a quarter. There are still a number of pillows and totes in storage.

**QUILT SHOW:** The raffle quilt is in Paducah. Sally and Connie will be going to Paducah to see the quilt hanging in the show.

Kathy Christy spoke about Skyline Literacy, one of the organizations nominated to benefit from the quilt raffle. They will be willing to sell tickets and can display the raffle quilt in many of the library branches. They are focused on adult education and ESL classes.

The second nominated organization is "Our Community Place," which is focused on homeless individuals in Rockingham County. A place was needed during the day for people who spend the night in the Salvation Army, but who had no place to go during the day. "Our Community Place" has evolved as a place where anyone can go during the day. They also have developed a farm program and have given jobs to persons who need them. It is a growing program of great value to the Harrisonburg community.

Elizabeth Girvan, the Executive Director of Skyline Literacy spoke briefly on what they have to offer the community: tutoring on a one-to-one basis, ESL training, and classes for persons who are pursuing their training for citizenship. They had 130 volunteer tutors last year who gave over 11,000 hours.

Following a vote by the membership present, Skyline Literacy was selected as the organization to share in the raffle quilt proceeds for the 2012 quilt show.

Show and Tell was enjoyed by all. There were many baby quilts that have been made for Small Hands and they were all wonderful.

Following Show and Tell, Denise Rudolph drew the winning number for the basket of spring dyed fabrics. It was won by Thurston Bechtel.

Molly Toth presented a most amusing and interesting program on overcoming problems while quilting. She shared many of her quilts and her efforts were most appreciated. In spite of the ugly, ugly weather, a warm and wonderful day was enjoyed by all.

Submitted by,

Norma Harris,  
Secretary



### **THANK YOU**

I would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love, when the love of my life passed away. My family & I appreciated all the cards and flowers that were sent. It's nice to know someone cares. Thanks again.

Barbara Linzey & family.

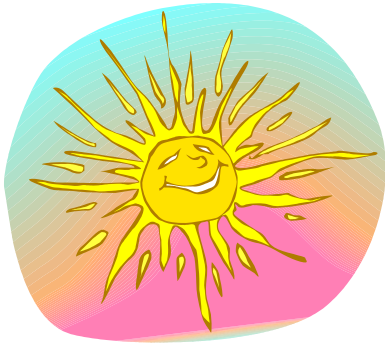
## WAYS & MEANS

Thanks to everyone who supported the Easter Basket raffle. We raised \$63!!!

As a reminder, I do have the following for sale at guild meetings:

SVQG quilt show CD's	\$5 each
SVQG totes	\$15
SVQG cookbooks	\$7

Denise Rudolph



## 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@gmail.com](mailto:ceshank@gmail.com).

Carolyn Shank

## VIRGINIA QUILT MUSEUM

The Magic of Mirrors: The Beauty of Kaleidoscope Quilts, the exciting quilt exhibit at the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg, will close on Saturday, May 14. The museum will be closed ten days to prepare for the opening of a new exhibit, Articles of Merit Not Listed.

The quilt artists who created the kaleidoscope hangings are internationally known for their teaching, books, pattern and fabric designs and expertise in quilting. They are Jinny Beyer, Paula Nadelstern, Ricky Tims, Jane Sassaman, Marti Michell and other artists. To see these quilts in the Valley is an extraordinary treat. The show was curated by Paula Golden of Blacksburg, VA and Bunnie Jordan of Vienna, VA.

The Magic of Mirrors: The Beauty of Kaleidoscope Quilts is sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, Vintage Fabric and Quilt Dating Club, Kaleidoscope Collections and Marti Michell.

Don't miss The Magic of Mirrors. Plan to visit the Museum before May 14. The Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10am to 4pm at 301 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA. Phone 540-433-3818 for more information.



## PILLOWS & TOTES

### A New Chapter

For a couple of years, my sister, Linda (from Missouri) and I have talked about getting pillows/totes started in the North East Missouri area. Prior to my recent visit there, Linda spent weeks getting info as to the level of interest and who would distribute them. Her Project Linus quilting group wanted to participate and suggested that during my visit, we meet and sew. We spent the day together teaching and learning. There were 7 made that day, with all taking a kit home. It was decided to meet once a month for their new service project. Other area quilters and groups want to be involved too. The American Cancer Society in Kansas City will receive the p/t and they will be distributed to the local rural areas by Reach to Recovery. Their p/t are called "Patty's Pillows", in honor of our sister and the group's name will be known as Kindred Spirits.

Thank you, SVQG, for the inspiration to share our service project to other areas.

Augusta Health has requested 10 drainage pouches a quarter, to be used after breast reconstruction surgery. This is not a commitment for the guild, but rather my own commitment to supply 30 drain pouches this year. If you would like to join me in making one or more, please contact me. I have directions and they use very little fabric.

Thanks,  
Sue Jones

**DEADLINE FOR JUNE NEWSLETTER**

May 27, 2011

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

E-mail: [grahamvl@comcast.net](mailto:grahamvl@comcast.net)



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

The following Guild members are having birthdays in May or June:

Barbara Johnson	5/4
Lila Schafer	5/20
Karen Ames	6/1
Leslie Bulken	6/9
Bonnie Spoon	6/12
Dorice Graham	6/18
Barbara Paulson	6/20

To everyone having a birthday in May or June, have a great one!

**HOSPITALITY**

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

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

Pauline Messier



**MEMBERSHIP**

The current membership year ended on March 31, 2011. At the end of April, those members who have not paid, their badges were pulled from the buckets. Also they will not receive the newsletter for May and thereafter until the dues are brought up to date.

**One hundred and one** of you have renewed already and are ready to go. **Nine of these are new members.** Way to go and glad to have you supporting our Guild! Bring a friend to future meetings and let them see what a good time we have together. They might like to become a member of our cozy group.

Now that membership is out of the way, you might think about getting a SVQG pin. They are only \$3.00 each for members. I will have them at the sign-in desk in May. They also make nice gifts for your quilting friends. We'll be looking for you at the May meeting. Happy Quilting!

John Hammel  
Membership  
[jthammel@gmail.com](mailto:jthammel@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events at VQM

*Mother's Day May 8, 2011*

Don't know what to get your mother this year?

VQM has the answer:

Honor your mother for the  
**Entire Month Of May**

Make a \$25 *Donation* and your mother gets in free  
for the entire month of May 2011.

*A list of names will be kept at the front desk so that the honored mother's will be  
granted their free admission into the museum.*

### *Annual Silent Auction*

This is a major fundraiser for the Virginia Quilt Museum so we invite Members to help by contributing a small quilt, no more than 64" in perimeter.

**Deadline** for donated quilts is  
**May 17th.**

Bidding on these stunning quilts begins June 1, 2011 and goes through October 29, 2011.

*Bids accepted at the museum and on our website: [www.vaquiltmuseum.org](http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org)*

### *Raffle Quilt 2011-2012*

Inspired by the Greene Family,  
Album Quilt of  
VQM Permanent Collection

(pg. 33-34 in VQM Book)  
85 X 85

Hand Appliqued by  
Old Dominion Applique Society

Hand Quilted by  
Gayle P. Ropp

The Quilt will be drawn  
**December 1, 2012**

Raffle Tickets Are Only \$1

*Email us at [info@vaquiltmuseum.org](mailto:info@vaquiltmuseum.org) if you are interested in selling a book of raffle tickets*



**SVQG BOARD MEMBERS**

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	Bev London	Quilt Show	Connie Broy and Sally Jones
Immed. Past President	Barbara Linzey	Sunshine	Carolyn Shank

**SVQG STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

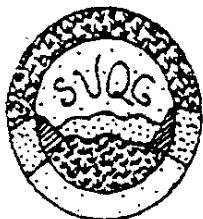
**SPECIAL DUTIES:**

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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