



Roanoke, Virginia
Spring 2008 Newsletter

Monthly Programs

May 5: 6:00 Spring Social. Bring a dish to share.
June 2: Pat Lingle: Hot Quilting Trends, Tools, and Gadgets.
July 14: 4-Seasons Challenge Quilts presented for voting
Aug 4: Easy Techniques for Comfort Quilts



March 2008 program: Nell Townley



January 2008 program: Sallie's continuous prairie points

2008 Officer Slate

New officers and chairmen will take over after the April meeting vote.

President	Judy McWhorter
Vice President	Mary Lou Lumsden
Treasurer	Claire Hightower
Recording Secretary	- Ann Weaver
Corresponding Secretary/ Parliamentarian -	
	Donna Bowling
Sunshine	Natalie McMahon
Programs	(unfilled)
Membership	Linda Greene with Madeline Demchak
Ways & Means	Shirley Foutz
Comfort Quilts	Ethel Simmons, Judy Bradley, Ruth Bunt
Newsletter	Susan Kraterfield
Librarian	Chris Epperley
Publicity	(unfilled)
Hospitality	Victoria Person, Kathy Wickham, Susan Butler
Historian	Carol Morehart

There's always room for more help. In addition to needing chairmen for Publicity and Programs, the Programs, Publicity, Membership, and Ways and Means committees all need at least two additional members. Join the fray if something interests you.

Member Spotlight: Linda Greene

Quilting means different things to each of us. For some, it's about fabric, or sewing, or art. For others, service. For Linda, I think, quilting is a culture. She was taught by people passing on their craft, collects the work left by forgotten makers, and gives away quilts as fast as she makes them. The guild, too, is benefiting from her sense of community, since she leapt with gusto into chairing the membership committee.

Linda has been an avid sewer since growing up near Richmond. Her aunt and grandmother living nearby introduced her to hand piecing, but when she moved away from them it never went any further. Through the years, she kept sewing soft baby dolls for sale, Halloween costumes, and clothes. She read *Quilters' Newsletter Magazine* in the 70's, and took a class from the Mennonite community in Harrisonburg. Quilting stayed in the background, never quite forgotten, while she worked and raised her family. The big turning point was when Snow

(Pat Snowadkzy) found her at Alpine Sewing Machine Co. and brought her into the Starquilters. Linda discovered "You don't know what you're missing till you get involved in a guild. Quilting people are cool." The guild opened her eyes to all sorts of classes at the shops and the many different ways quilting expresses itself.

Linda states she prefers traditional quilts and patterns because she's unsure about her own design skill. But I suspect it comes out of a deeper esthetic - her appreciation for vintage quilts from first half of the 20th century. She and her husband Michael troll estate sales and the Floyd show snapping up bundles of finished blocks, and older quilts that speak to them. Just last week they bought a blue basket quilt and 2 quilting frames. At this point, they've collected about 40 quilts.

Not surprisingly, the Dear Jane bug bit her. She and Sallie are chairing a convivial group who meet with casual intention to work on blocks from the Jane Ann Stickle quilt. She's not sure how many blocks she'll complete; the entire quilt is too daunting to contemplate. But for now, the group really enjoys getting together on the 3rd Mondays at the church. Part of the pleasure is having time to talk to each other in a way that our formal meetings can't accommodate.

Linda has 2 grown children, a dog, 2 cats and 2 birds. Before she worked full time, she was a master gardener. She is an executive secretary at the United Methodist Home who's organized several rotating quilt exhibits to display in the hallways. She reads quilting novels. I think these last two items were what she was thinking about when she happily said "Quilting takes over your life."



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Regional Calendar Notes

Apr 10-13	Quilt Shop Rally: A Quilters Fairy Tale Tour of Southwest, and Central, and Southside Virginia. Get details at your local shop, or www.vcq.org/2008VAQuiltShopRallyFlyer.pdf
Apr 24-27	VCQ's biennial "Quilt Lovers Celebration" at Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center (SML) near Roanoke, VA. Workshops, interesting lectures, great vendors, silent auction, door prizes, and lots of FUN!! Cost: \$335.00/ VCQ member; \$360.00/ non-member. For information, visit www.vcq.org/cele.htm , or call Debi Harding at 757-615-7758.
May 3 - Jun 28	26th Annual Quilt Show and Competition. McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, 522 W. Madison Ave, Athens, TN 37303. Quilts accepted April 16-19. See web site for full schedule: www.livingheritagemuseum.com
Jun 13-14 Fri 10-7:30 Sat 10-5	Quilting Pleasures Quilt Show. New Hope Presbyterian Church, 2570 Harper Road, Clemmons, NC 27012. Vendors, boutique, demos, raffle quilt. Admission \$5. www.forsythquilters.org
Jun 20-22	Blue Ridge Quilt Festival. New Blacksburg Middle School, 3109 Price's Fork Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Show, appraiser, vendors, classes. Special exhibits: "Healing Garden Quilts" and "Pilgrim & Roy Challenge Quilts". Single day admission \$5, multi-day \$7. Visit www.BRQFestival.com or send a long self-addressed-stamped-envelope to Blue Ridge Quilt Festival L.L.C. c/o Karin Täuber, P.O. Box 11151, Blacksburg, VA 24062.
Jun 28-29	Shenandoah Valley Quilters Guild presents Quilts in the Valley XI. Turner Ashby High School between Dayton and Bridgewater, VA. Raffle quilt "Shenandoah Springtime - A Garden of Friendship". For additional information, contact Lou Kirkendall; phone: 540-298-8654; e-mail: lekirkendall@yahoo.com

Ongoing Activities & Reference

6:00 Workshop	Donna Bowling leads a group doing landscape quilts before the regular guild meeting
Dear Jane	Meets montly to work on their own interpretations of the Jane Anne Stickle hand work tour de force. No schedule or particular project, but come as and when you can for fellowship and mutual help. 3rd Monday night each month, 7-8:30 Contact Sallie Powers 389-3827 or Linda Greene 345-2291 (H)
Barefoot Quiltessas	Meets 1st Fridays at our Lady of Nazareth Church on 419 from 10AM to 3PM. Please join us for fun and hands-on learning. For more information: Gayla Heath 774-4166 gaylaheath@aol.com Judy Bradley 444-4558 BradxJude@aol.com
Inclement Weather	Star Quilters follows the schedule of VA Western Community College. If evening classes are cancelled; then too are our evening meetings.
Starquilters' Swag	Denim shirts and totes displaying our logo; Shirts 20, Totes \$17. 2005 or 2006 Guild Show Picture CDs -- \$8. Available each meeting.
Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting	Subscribing to Fons & Porter's magazine supports the guild! Your cost is \$20 and the guild will receive a rebate. This great magazine is loaded with quilting tips and great patterns. See Sallie Powers for more information.
Newsletter Ads	Make checks out to Star Quilters Guild and get the ad paper or email image to Newsletter editor 10 days before the meeting in Jan, Apr, July, and Oct. Single issue rates: \$5 business card, \$15/\$25/\$35 for quarter/half/full page.
Monthly meeting schedule	First Monday of every month at 7 PM. Exceptions: Jan, July, and Sept meetings are held on the 2 nd Monday.
Board meetings	Feb May, Aug Nov - 2 nd Monday 6:00 at Creative Quilting. Executive board and committee chairs should attend. All guild members are welcome.



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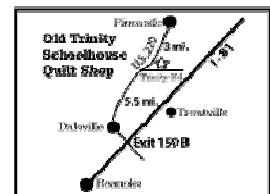
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