



September 2010 Newsletter

www.starquilters.org

Web Site

If you have not visited the Star Quilters Guild website, you have been missing out on the fun. Thanks to Susan Kraterfield, the website is a source that can be used to our advantage. Susan has really created a wonderful site that I don't think can be matched by any other guild.

Once you reach site, you can find lots of information, such as the upcoming Programs, the list of books in our Library, information on the Raffle Quilt and Challenge Quilt. There is a page on our Community Service projects and our upcoming 2011 Quilt Show.

If that's not enough, there is also the Latest News, copies of previous Newsletters, Pictures of the 2009 Quilt Show and Show and Tell.

If you don't have a computer at home, you should visit a friend or the library and see how far Star Quilters Guild has come in the world of technology. Just go to: www.starquilters.org

Susan, we thank you and appreciate all you do.

Linda Greene, President

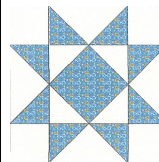
Upcoming Programs

September 13, 2010—Kris Andrews from Radford's Sew Biz, Inc. quilting store (www.sewbiz.com) will be our presenter. She will be presenting various "bags" and offering tips on how best to make these beautiful and wonderfully useful items. She will have available for purchase at our meeting a selection of patterns along with one pre-made kit that she will be displaying during her presentation.

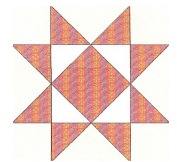
October 4, 2010—Carolyn Nelson from Old Trinity Schoolhouse Quilt Shop will present a program on Quiltsmart. This product has expanded into a multitude of different patterns and she will show some old and new ones.

November 1, 2010—TBA

December 6, 2010—Christmas Social. Bring a covered dish. This year features a silent auction. Please let the Social Committee know ASAP what items you will be donating to the silent auction.



**Oh My Stars
We're 30!!!**



We want to send a BIG "THANK YOU " to all members that came out to Dear Jane the other Monday to help lay out the Raffle Quilt.

And a REALLY BIG "THANK YOU" to those that are appliquéing the sections of the quilt. It's looking great! Please bring your section to the September meeting on Monday the 13th.

We are looking into the possibility of having a booth at The Vinton Fall Festival on Saturday, October 9th to hand quilt the Raffle Quilt.

Can anyone help for an hour or two that Saturday? Let us know at the meeting

Thanks again,

Kathy Wickham, Victoria Person and Susan Butler

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News from the Library

Each time you check out a book from the Library, you need to put your name in the fat quarter drawing. If the thousands of free quilt patterns available in the books aren't enough to entice you to check out books from our library, maybe the chance to win a fat quarter will!!!!



Comfort Quilts

Ladies-I have packed up a box of wounded soldier quilts to mail out to Hughesville, Md. It holds 7 quilts made by: Sue Bainter, Judy Bradley and the Quiltessas, Ruth Bunt, Natalie McMahon(2), Gypsy Wimmer and Gaya Health/quilted by Laura Credle. Thank you.

I would also like to thank Laura Credle, a guild member, who has volunteered to quilt one wounded soldier quilt a month. She lives near the church where we meet and her number for the Star City Stitchery is 819-6549. We really appreciate you helping us give comfort to the many injured soldiers.

Ruth Bunt

Wanted: Fabric Angels - We would like to make September Kid Fabric Month. We are asking our members to bring in fabric for our Comfort Quilts. For those of you who have not been able to sew a Comfort Quilt, here is your chance to be part of this important outreach program of our Guild. For each kit we can use all sizes of fabric (look through your stash). Your halo would even be larger, if you could cut the fabric into 6" squares. We also will need approximately 4 yards of fabric that will be used for the backing and binding. Keep in mind these quilts go to children of all ages, both boys and girls.

We will be collecting the fabric at our September Guild Meeting. You are always welcome to bring your fabric in at anytime.



Barefoot Quiltessas

The Barefoot Quiltessas meet the 1st Friday of each month at Our Lady of Nazareth Church, 2505 Electric Road, SW, in Roanoke They meet from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. Bring your lunch and join in for fun and hands-on learning. For more information contact: Gayla Heath or Judy Bradley.

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Original Sewing & Quilt Expo—Chantilly, VA
September 20-October 2, 2010
www.sewingexpo.com

Old Church Gallery Quilt Guild Show—Floyd, VA
October 2 & 3, 2010


Tidewater Quilter's Guild Show, Virginia Beach, VA
October 15-17, 2010
www.tqgva.org



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Make a Pillowcase, Make a Difference

Join us along with The American Patchwork & Quilting One Million Pillowcase Challenge. Let's show our community how caring quilters can be. We can donate to shelters, nursing homes, children's charities and more. Pillowcases can be turned in at Creative Quilting and Judy will go on line and add the number of pillowcases donated to the rolling counter. An update will be given at the Guild meetings.

Creative Quilting has a pillowcase pattern. You can go to: www.Allpeoplequilt.com and download a pattern. Let's see how many pillowcases the Star Quilters Guild can make. You can bring finished pillowcases to the Guild meetings or to Creative Quilting.

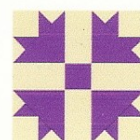
Judy will give us an update on the number of pillowcases at the meeting.

Dear Jane Group

The Dear Jane Group meets the 3rd Monday of each month at St. John Lutheran at 7:00 PM.

This has evolved to any type of hand-piecing and all hand-piecers or wanna be hand-piecers are invited. It is a great time of fun, fellowship and help from other members. Bring your own supplies. Of course we all will be glad to share if you forget to bring something.

For more information contact: Sallie Powers or Linda Greene.



Star City Stitchery

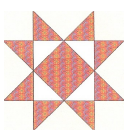
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www.StarCityStitchery.com

Laura Turnbull 540-819-6549



Oh My Stars - We're Thirty!!
Thirty-Thirty-Thirty
2011 Challenge Quilt Rules



Size: 30" x 30".

Use your imagination to use 30 of any unit in your quilt.

Examples:

30 different fabrics	30 prints
30 solids	30 triangles
30 squares	30 colors
30 stars	30 blocks
30 rectangles	30 buttons
30 half square triangles	
30 of anything	

Attach a 3" x 5" index card listing what 30 units you used to the lower right hand side on the front of the quilt. Attach a label with your name on the back. The quilt must be placed inside a pillowcase with your name on a label attached or your name in permanent ink on the pillowcase. Turn in at the March 2011 Guild meeting for judging by the Guild Members.

Newsletter Information

For members who have email, the Newsletter will be emailed to you. If you are a member and you do not receive the Newsletter by email, please see Linda Greene to be added to the email list.

For members who do not have email, a Newsletter will be waiting for you at the Treasurer/Membership table. When you sign in, please remember to pick up your Newsletter. This will save the Guild the money it costs to mail them.

Additional copies of the Newsletter are available for visitors and guests.

The deadline for Newsletter articles is the 15th of each month. Committee chairs are asked to submit information on their committees for each Newsletter, if possible. We need to keep members up to date on what is happening in the Guild.

Quilt Exhibits

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Oct 09, 2010 – Jan 02, 2011
New Market Gallery

One of the world's finest collections of early American quilts will be on view at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in the fall of 2010. The Winterthur Museum in Delaware is famed for its period room settings featuring the remarkable collection of furniture, fabrics, quilts, and decorative arts collected by Henry Francis du Pont (1880–1969). For the first time ever a selection of more than 40 of the most stunning quilts are traveling for a strictly limited period, allowing a unique opportunity to view these incomparable works in detail.

History Museum of Western Virginia
Through November 7, 2010

Domestic Arts, For Use & Delight, offers a sampling of textiles and accessories from the History Museum of Western Virginia's collections, reflecting the notion that items of years long past were created with a utilitarian purpose, yet today are viewed as works of art, whose viewing gives great pleasure and delight.

December Social

The Hospitality Committee is planning a Silent Auction for the December Social. They are asking members who plan to donate items to give them a list so they can start planning now. They will need to prepare the Silent Auction forms in advance to they will be ready for the social.

A Silent Auction can be very fun but we need lots of items. Make an extra Christmas gift and donate it to the Guild.

If you have items to donate or if you have questions, please contact Ann Ware.

The Quilt Holes

As I faced my Maker at the last judgment, I knelt before the Lord along with all the other souls.

Before each of us laid our lives like the squares of a quilt in many piles; an angel sat before each of us sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry that is our life.

But as my angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares was. They were filled with giant holes. Each square was labeled with a part of my life that had been difficult, the challenges and temptations I was faced with in every day life. I saw hardships that I endured, which were the largest holes of all.

I glanced around me. Nobody else had such squares. Other than a tiny hole here and there, the other tapestries were filled with rich color and the bright hues of worldly fortune. I gazed upon my own life and was disheartened.

My angel was sewing the ragged pieces of cloth together, threadbare and empty, like binding air.

Finally the time came when each life was to be displayed, held up to the light, the scrutiny of truth. The others rose; each in turn, holding up their tapestries. So filled their lives had been. My angel looked upon me and nodded for me to rise.

My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. I hadn't had all the earthly fortunes. I had love in my life and laughter. But there had also been trials of illness and wealth, and false accusations that took from me my world, as I knew it. I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptation to quit, only to somehow muster the strength to

pick up and begin again. I spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking for help and guidance in my life. I had often been held up to ridicule, which I endured painfully, each time offering it up to the Father in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the judgmental gaze of those who unfairly judged me.

And now, I had to face the truth.. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it for what it was. I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light.

An awe-filled gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others who stared at me with wide eyes.

Then, I looked upon the tapestry before me. Light flooded the many holes, creating an image, the face of Christ. Then our Lord stood before me, with warmth and love in His eyes. He said, 'Every time you gave over your life to Me, it became My life, My hardships, and My struggles.

Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let Me shine through, until there was more of Me than there was of you. May all our quilts be threadbare and worn, allowing Christ to shine through!

God determines who walks into your life...it's up to you to decide who you let walk away, who you let stay and who you refuse to let go.'

Thank you, Connie Davis, for submitting this to the Newsletter.