



July 2011 Newsletter

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Christmas in July????

It is July already and time to start making those gifts so they can be finished before Christmas. The Christmas fabric this year is wonderful and there are lots of great new patterns. You can find something to make for everyone on your Christmas list.

Some people may think it is too early to think about Christmas with the weather in the 90's. If you are like me and wait until the last minute, it's hard to enjoy Christmas after stressing out trying to complete everything.

Be smart and take the advice from the program this month and start your Christmas fabric shopping early!!

Linda Greene, President

Upcoming Programs

July 11 - *Christmas in July*: Ideas from several guild members, and information on quilt shop Christmas in July sales.



August 1 - *Fusible Appliqué* - Judy McWhorter will share tips on Fusible Appliqué

September 12 - *Electric Quilt* - Susan Kraterfield will present a demonstration on Electric Quilt software. If you have any specific questions or topics that you want Susan to address, give her a note at the Guild meeting or send her an email.

October 3 - *Quilted Fashions Runway* - Pat Lingle and others will participate in a Quilted Fashions Runway show and share instructions for a woven vest.

November 7 - *Approachable Landscape Quilting* - Lois Griffith will demonstrate her Approachable Landscape Quilting techniques.

December 5 - December Social

Make a Pillowcase, Make a Difference

The American Patchwork & Quilting One Million Pillowcase Challenge is still continuing. They numbers are going up, but not yet reached a million.

If anyone would be interested in a Pillowcase Day to meet and make pillowcases, let Linda Greene know. We can check to see if we have fabric in Ways and Means we can use, you can bring your own fabric, or Judy has kits to purchase.

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. You can bring finished pillowcases to the Guild meetings or to Creative Quilting.

Roanoke Virginia Chapter of the American Sewing Guild

You are invited to join with the Roanoke Virginia Chapter of the American Sewing Guild in their 2nd Annual Roanoke Area Shop Hop as we celebrate September as National Sewing Month. It will be held on Friday, September 9th, and Saturday September 10th. Pick up a green guest pass at one of the following shops:

Alpine Sewing Machine Co. **Creative Quilting**
Quilting Essentials **The French Thistle**
The Quilting Connection

It will list 6 shops including select Goodwill stores, along with addresses, phone numbers, and shop hours. However, you cannot begin or end at a Goodwill store. Visit all 6 and your name will go into a drawing for a one year membership in the American Sewing Guild (\$50.00 value) or a loaded gift basket.

The stores will be treating you and your guests to refreshments, discounts, door prizes, coupons for future purchases and more. Please join us for a fun filled two days.

For questions or additional information please contact: Sally Rodgers at sallyrod@cox.net

Upcoming Quilt Events

Art Quilts and Sculpture Opening

A new exhibition of art quilts by Patty Powers and sculptures by John Cowlbeck will be up for the month of July at Goose Creek Studio, 302 Court Street, Bedford, Va.

Peak & Pieces Quilt Guild

Fifteenth Annual Quilt Show

Bedford Central Library

July 13-26, 2011

peaksandpieces@yahoo.com

Rockbridge Pieceworkers Quilt Guild

Quilts in the Country 2011

July 20-23, 2011

Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA

www.rpqg.com

29th Annual Asheville Quilt Show

Once Upon a Quilt, "The Stories Our Quilts Tell"

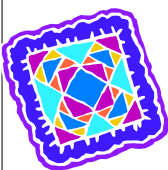
September 30-October 2

WNC Agriculture Center, Expo Center

www.ashevillequiltguild.org

Technique Classes

Members have asked if we could provide Technique Classes at the meetings. Techniques could be anything that you do well that you would like to share with the members who would like to learn the technique. This would not really be a class, but members who were interested in the technique for that month would just drop in.



We could have the class at 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. This would give more people the opportunity to participate as many come early to the meetings and not too early.

I would like to start these in September. That will give members a chance to choose a technique and date that they would like to teach.

If you have a technique or demonstration that you can show in 30 minutes, contact Linda Greene or you can sign up at the Guild meeting.

Busy Fingers Handwork Group

The Busy Fingers Handwork 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.

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.

A reminder email goes out the Monday or Tuesday before the meeting on Friday. Some emails have come back as undeliverable. If you are not receiving the emails or want to be added to the list, contact Elizabeth Sarver.

Show and Tell

Each meeting we have Show and Tell. This is the time members bring in what they have been working on to show the group. Everyone is invited to bring in their handwork to share. We also invite guests to bring their work. We love seeing what our friends have been up to.

Some members say the meetings fall after they have finished a quilt as a gift to someone. If you are working on a quilt and will be giving it away before you can show the finished quilt, bring in the quilt top to share. We would love to see it!!!!



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Treasurer's Report

Balance (5/31/11)	\$6,210.90
Income	
Ways & Means	41.75
Raffle Quilt	300.00
Total Income	\$ 341.75
Expenses	
Hospitality	43.05
Quilt Show	92.00
Programs	170.00
Total Expenses	\$ 305.05
Balance (6/30/11)	\$6,247.60



Star Quilters Library

This month the drawing will be for four Batik fat quarters. Remember to put your name in the Fat Quarter Drawing for each book you check out. Just write your name and the date you check out a book on the paper for the drawing.

New books have been purchased for the library:
Veggies from the Good Earth Appliqué Album by Bea Oglesby
Crazy Quilting by Allie Aller
A Baker's Dozen by that Patchwork Place
Japanese Flowers in Appliqué by Eileen Campbell
Appliqué Workshop by Laurel Anderson
Beautiful Quilts as You Go by Keryn Emmerson

Thanks to everyone who has given me suggestions for the quilt books and I would appreciate more suggestions.

Our website has a Library section which lists all of our library books. Books are listed by categories or subjects. All new books are listed in yellow each month.

Chris Epperley

Newsletter Articles

Please send Newsletter articles to Linda Greene by the 20th of each month. Thank you!!!

Newsletter Ads

If you would like to place an ad for your quilting/sewing related business in our Newsletter, contact Linda Greene. The cost to place your ad in the Star Quilters Guild Newsletters is \$20.00 per year for a business card size ad. This is a great way



Living Well Series

The Living Well Series is an event for seniors that includes a program with speakers in the gallery who share ways that older adults can use their creativity to participate/use/enjoy the arts to enrich their lives as they age. This is presented by the Rescue Mission and Mental Health Association of the Roanoke Valley on each Wednesday in October.

I was contacted by Joy Sylvester-Johnson who is in need of presenters to represent quilting. The program part lasts from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. She has some volunteer quilters that can come to quilt. She needs quilters and a presenter for each Wednesday to talk about how quilting can add richness and texture to a person's life and how it is an artistic expression and that it is never too late to start.

If you are interested in helping with this, please give Linda Greene a call.

Quilts for Rescue Mission

Joy Sylvester-Johnson also asked if our Guild might think about making quilts for the Rescue Mission. They have a handmade quilt on each of their 417 beds. Due to the frequent washings, they wear out quickly and constantly need to be replaced.

I asked if she would be willing to give us 100% cotton shirts or clothing that we can use for quilts that we donate. She is setting that up so we would not need to purchase fabric. Recycle, recycle, recycle!!!!

If you are interested in helping make quilts for the Rescue Mission please contact Linda Greene.

New Member Gifts

The Busy Fingers Group has put together kits that members can take and make a Sewing Kit that we plan to give to new members starting in September. The instructions and everything you need (except thread) is included. We can use your help to make these.