



February 2012 Newsletter

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Prediction - Perfect Quilting Weather

I hope everyone has enjoyed the beautiful weather of January. I'm not sure if the groundhog can really predict the weather, but I predict the weather will always be perfect for quilting.

We held our first meeting at our new location and I think the meeting room is a great success. For those of you that bring hand work, you have tables that you can use. Others can just turn their chairs around to the front and enjoy the programs. Remember to turn the chairs around and push them under the tables before you leave. We want to leave the room as we found it for the church members.

There was one issue that we need to address. For safety and to be courteous to others, please do not pull the chairs into the aisles. We need to keep all of the aisles, from the front to the back, open and accessible. This will allow members to easily come to the front for Show and Tell and there will be no obstacles in the way in case of an emergency.

Our Nominating Committee has been hard at work to line up the 2012-2014 Executive Board and Committee Chairpersons. I thank them for taking on this task. If you are called, please think about volunteering and becoming part of the Guild in this way.

Linda Greene, President

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.

Upcoming Programs

February 6 - Klysta Armstrong will present a program on Crazy Quilts. From Klysta: "The crazy quilting part came about as a logical culmination of pack-ratting treasures and lack of storage space. I visited an exhibition at the Textile Museum in Washington, D.C. featuring "...silk-patched quilts," and the rest, as they say, is history (no pun intended)."

March 5 - Pam Mann, owner of Sew Many Quilts in Covington will present a program.
www.sewmanyquiltsshop.com/

April 2 - Our own Joyce Noell will feature the many uses of the 9-Patch.

May 7 - Spring Social

Weather Cancellation

If Virginia Western Community College cancels evening classes, we will not meet.

Technique Classes

Cathy Fandel will present the February program which will be Joining Binding Ends with No Overlap.

Techniques Classes could be anything that you do well that you would like to share with the members. This would not really be a class, but members who were interested in the technique for that month would just drop in at 6:30 PM and the class would be finished before 7:00 PM.

I need teachers, so if you are interested in teaching a technique, contact Linda Greene.

Thank you to Pat Wade who presented Ricky Timms' Convergence Quilt Technique.

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Busy Fingers Handwork Group

The Busy Fingers Handwork Group will not meet for a few months. We are discussing the possibility of changing our meeting location to Starbucks at Barnes and Nobles at Tanglewood Mall. We will notify you when we resume meetings.



2 1/2" Strip Fabric Exchange

This is a great way to add to your stash of fabric for the next project you do.

This is how it will work. Members who want to participate will bring six (6) strips of 2 1/2" 100% cotton fabric strips of the same fabric cut the width of material. You will turn in your strips at the beginning of the meeting in a zip lock bag with your name on the outside. After the meeting you will pick up your new pack of assortment of fabric.

You can participate every month or you can skip a month.

February – Red/hearts (solid or print)

March – Green (solid or print)

If you have any questions, you can call Ann Ware who is organizing this Fabric Exchange.

Treasurer's Report

Balance (12/31/11)	\$6,070.66
Income	
Ways & Means & Auction	37.92
Membership	27.00
Guest Fee	2.00
Library	13.00
Miscellaneous	12.00
Total Income	\$ 91.92
Expenses	
Comfort Quilts	60.20
National Quilting Day	455.00
Misc	52.00
Library	40.66
Newsletter	73.48
Total Expenses	\$ 681.34
Balance (1/31/12)	\$5,481.24



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.

Star Quilters Library

If you have suggestions for books for our Library, please contact me.

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.

Remember to put your name in the Fat Quarter Drawing for each book or DVD you check out.

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The following was sent to me by a Guild Member.

"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 was 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.

When there is nothing left but God, that is when you find out that God is all you need..Take 60 seconds and give this a shot! All you do is simply say the following small prayer for the person who sent you this.

"Father, bless all my family and friends in whatever it is that You know they may need this day! And may their life be full of Your peace, prosperity and power as he/she seeks to have a closer relationship with You. Amen."

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