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July 2012 Newsletter

Editor's Note

The dog days of summer are upon us! While summer isn't the time most people think about snuggling under a cozy quilt, it does find many of us traveling for summer vacations and maybe even packing some handwork to bring along. What are some of your favorite tips for packing sewing projects for a trip? Has the TSA ever confiscated your favorite appliqué scissors or do you have any other funny stories to share? Send me your tips and stories at starquilters.newsletter@gmail.com for the August newsletter!

Kristen Pickering

Upcoming Programs

The Star Quilters Guild meets at 7 PM at Church of Christ, Brandon Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia

July 9 - Christmas in July!

August 6 - Feedsacks by Gayla Heath. If you have a feedsack quilt or 30's / 40's reproduction quilt, bring it along to share during the program.

September 10 - threads and embellishments by Kevin Womack. Want to try metallics, supertwist, or specialty threads? Learn more about bobbin work, couching, thread play, and cutwork. Kevin will also cover embellishments such as foiling, angelina fibers, and paintsticks.

October 1 - Charmed! Are you compelled to buy those sweet little 5" charm packs each time a new fabric line comes out? Kristen Pickering will show five quick and easy ways to put your charms to use without buying a pattern.

2 ½ Strip Exchange

Build that stash! To join, bring six strips of 2 ½" fabric cut the width of material. Turn in 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. There will be a basket on the membership table to drop your packet into. You can participate every month or you can skip a month.

July - Red, White and Blue
August - Hot colors(Solid or Prints)
Sept - Fall Theme (Solid or Prints)

If you have questions, please contact Ann Ware, who is organizing the exchange.

... so then what?

Wondering what to do with your 2 ½" strips? Why not check out a book on sewing with jelly roll strips from the guild library? These strips are also great for foundation paper piecing. Each time you borrow a book from the guild library, put your name and date in the box for a monthly drawing of fat quarters. If you have suggestions for new books you'd like to borrow, contact Chris Epperly. You have 24/7 visibility to the list of books available on the guild's website at starquilters.org/library.

Use your connections!

Do you have a quilting-related item for sale? Are you planning a yard sale to sell some of your fabric stash? Put your guild connections to use and advertise your item here. Charlene Wolfe sold her Alto Quilt Cutting System to a guild member by listing her item for sale in the newsletter. Send pertinent information, including price and how to contact you, to starquilters.newsletter@gmail.com.

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Thanks to Donna Kittelson who has signed on as Sunshine Chair. If anyone knows of someone who needs a card, please contact Donna at 989-0803 or snickelfr@cox.net.

Busy Hands

The Busy Hands group meets at Starbucks inside Barnes & Nobles at Tanglewood Mall on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. We invite anyone interested in joining us to bring whatever hand work you are working on and meet us on July 16.

We will enjoy sharing our work and maybe a cup of coffee or two. If you have any questions you can call 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 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.

If you are not receiving the reminder emails each month or want to be added to the list, contact Judy Bradley.

Etiquette Reminder

Please remember that our meeting room is not conducive to hearing our speaker(s), despite the use of a microphone, when the membership is carrying on conversations. We know that we all get excited about and involved with the information and samples being presented, but several members have recently indicated they have a hard time hearing the speaker when side conversations are ongoing.

Please, to the extent possible, and out of consideration to our speakers and fellow Guild Members, refrain from talking while the Program is ongoing. We'd all very much like to hear the entire presentation. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Program Committee



Hospitality Seeking Door Prize Donations

If you have a kit, fabric, or sewing/quilting notion that you know if you live to be 100 years old and still have your eyesight you will never use, please consider donating it to Hospitality for door-prizes. One of the fun activities at our various Guild parties




is the chance of winning a nice door prize. Our next event is the Christmas Party so we have a few months to gather up some items to use. Also, I am not trying to compete with our annual auction for donations but

hoping I can obtain three or four items to use. Thank you for any help you can give.

Sue Dixon, Hospitality

Comfort Quilts Update

In June, we gave 22 Comfort Quilts to families at the Ronald McDonald House for their premature babies in Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. We also gave eight quilts to children staying with their moms at the Salvation Army Women's Shelter. Thank you to all who help with this project, and remember that kits are available at every meeting for pickup.



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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 to be inspired by our friends have been up to!

New Exhibition at Ferrum College

Over 50 of Southwest Virginia's finest old quilts and coverlets take center stage in a new exhibition at Ferrum College's Blue Ridge Institute & Museum. The Great WESTERN VIRGINIA COVER-UP: HISTORIC QUILTS & BEDCOVERS showcases the region's bedcover-making traditions from the 1700s to 1950. The exhibition runs now through the Spring of 2013 in the Institute's DuPont Gallery on the Ferrum campus. Admission is free. Featuring 32 quilts and 20 coverlets and blankets, The Great Western Virginia Cover-Up draws from the collections of the Blue Ridge Institute & Museum as well as regional museums, historical societies, and private collectors. Most of the pieces have never before been exhibited. In conjunction with The Great Western Virginia Cover-Up the Blue Ridge Institute & Museum plans to hold a series of regional quilt documentation days over the next year. The Blue Ridge Institute & Museum is open Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., year-round; and Sundays, 1 to 4:30 p.m., mid-May through mid-August. For more information call 540-365-4412 or visit blueridgeinstitute.org.



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Japanese Fan Workshop

On Tuesday, November 6 (Election Day), Lucille Amos, a certified Judy Niemeyer instructor, will be giving a workshop on the Japanese Fan (pictured).



The workshop will be held from 9:30 to 4:30, and cost, which includes the pattern, is \$55. Registration deadline is the next guild meeting (July 9). To register, bring a \$55 check made payable to Star Quilters Guild. If you cannot be there, send your check with a friend. You will receive the pattern at sign up.

To expand your Japanese Fan to a larger size, let Gayla Heath know at sign up. She will give out fabric requirements for expansion and supply lists with pattern, and Lucille will bring extension papers (\$9/double \$13/queen \$18 king) for you to purchase at the workshop.

If you later determine you cannot attend the workshop, find someone to take your place – we will maintain a waiting list to help you. Give your pattern to your substitute in time to prepare for the class – there will be no refunds.

Each workshop is limited to 15 people. If there are more than 15 we can add another workshop on Wed. Starting August 6, available slots will be

opened to non-guild members for \$65.00.

Preparation: Prior to class you will need to purchase and cut out all of your fabrics. We will offer optional cutting workshops to help you get ready for the class. This pattern is entirely paper pieced. You need to have experience with paper piecing prior to the class.

Set up prior to 9:30 in Fellowship Hall at Church of Christ (if this location is not available will let you know location prior to Nov. 6).

Don't Forget!

The 2013 Star Quilters Guild show is scheduled for April 5-6, 2013. Mark your calendar now and stay tuned to the newsletter for information about theme, challenge quilts, and more!

Membership News

Membership Cards will be ready for you at the July meeting. With your membership card you will also receive a 4" white fabric square with your name embroidered in black. You can finish the nametag as you choose. It will be fun to see all of the different nametags. We thought this would be something special for our guild members. Be creative!!

If you are a new member and do not have a name tag in a plastic holder and you need one until you finish your fabric nametag (or if you choose not to complete a nametag) please let me know at the July meeting and I will prepare one for you. These are the same nametags we have used in the past for new members and for members who misplace theirs.

I plan to send a list of member names and addresses to Joann Fabrics asking for discount cards so you will be able to take advantage of their VIP Discount Program, saving 10% off of most purchases. If you do not want the Joann Fabric Card, please let me know ASAP and I will not include your name.

Linda Greene
Membership Chair