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August 2012 Newsletter

Editor's Note

Please remember, our guild newsletters are not only emailed to members, but are available for download by anyone in the world with internet access. When submitting information to be disseminated to the guild, please remember this. Yes, it is easier to have your email address or phone number with the item details and I really don't know the chances that you'll end up on the latest Nigerian prince's lawyer's email list. However, if you do not want to run the risk, you have options: 1) I can include the detail in the body of the email rather than as an item in the newsletter, or 2) all members should have a copy of the most recent directory and you can specify merely, "please contact Jane Doe" without further details, trusting that your fellow members will figure it out themselves!

Kristen Pickering

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.

August - Hot colors (Solid or Prints)
Sept - Fall Theme (Solid or Prints)
October - Orange/Black

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

Upcoming Programs

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

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.

November 5 - Trunk Show by Lucille Amos, certified Judy Niemeyer instructor. She will also be offering a workshop on Tuesday, November 6 (Election Day). Please read on for details about the workshop.

Giving comfort

In July, ten comfort quilts were given to babies and toddlers of mothers who are in residence at Bethany Hall. Located on Franklin Road, Bethany Hall is a center for women who are getting treatment for substance abuse and trying to turn their lives around. More information about the residential center can be found at www.bethanyhall.org. Kits for comfort quilts are available at all guild meetings.

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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 - hand piecing, appliqué, Dear Jane squares, hand quilting, binding, embroidery, etc. -and meet us on August 20.

We will enjoy sharing our work and maybe a cup of coffee or two. Bring your own supplies! 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.

Judy Niemeyer Japanese Fan

Plan to arrive early for the August meeting to sign up for the Japanese Fan workshops. The Workshops will be taught by Lucille Amos, a Certified Instructor. Remember, it's \$55 for Guild Members (includes pattern) and will take place either Nov. 6 or 7. The Nov. 6 date only has a few open slots, but the Nov. 7 session still has about 7 slots to be filled. If you have a non-Guild friend who would like to take the workshop, you can bring a check for \$65 to the meeting and we can sign them up after the meeting. We will continue to take enrollments after the August meeting.

For those who would like some help, we will have pre-workshop fabric cutting sessions in October at different times and locations. So if you are taking the workshop, you have a couple of months to do some shopping and get ready.

Program Committee



Library Update

We have new books for the library!

- Adventures in Circles
- Scrap Basket Sensations
- Tabletop Quilts by Fons & Porter
- 5-10-15 + Fat Quarters
- Wonderful 1 Fabric Quilts
- Quilt Lover's Gifts
- Stash Magic
- Rolling Along Easy Quilts from 2½" Strips


Remember, when you check out a quilt from the guild library, put your name in the box for the monthly drawing of fat quarters. It could be YOU who checks out the newest book on fat quarter quilts and wins the fabric to go along with it!

Challenge Quilt 2013

Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to answer the question, "How do I celebrate quilting?" in the form of a quilted wall-hanging for the 2013 Star Quilters' Guild Quilt Show challenge. The requirements to enter this challenge are:

1. Three layers
2. 4" sleeve on the back for hanging
3. 20" high x 13" wide (or 13" high x 20" wide)
4. Completed quilts will be due at the March 2013 Star Quilters' Guild meeting

Contact the quilt show committee if you have questions. We can't wait to see what you have planned!



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Save the Date: 2013 Quilt Show

Remember, the 2013 Quilt Show, with the theme "Celebrate Quilting," will be held at the Roanoke Civic Center Exhibit Hall on Friday April 5 and Saturday April 6, 2013. Flyers are available from Elsie Bailey to post for a "save the date" reminder.

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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My First House Move as a Quilter

I loved my condo for 8 years and then I started quilting. I didn't have a dedicated sewing area and had to make do with the kitchen. I dreamed of a sewing room where I could sew on a whim for a few minutes if I wanted. Long story short, I sold my condo and found a new place with room to quilt. Quilting and the move was tricky. I am taking part in two block of the month programs – the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of each month. I was moving on the 4th Saturday. I had to rush home from both May sessions and sew my blocks immediately so I could pack up the sewing supplies. I packed. Moving day arrived.

Yes – my stuff moved but my place wasn't ready as promised so the movers piled boxes to the ceiling while the contractor took 10 days to finish his work. I finally gain possession and it's now one week until my first June BOM – but where is my square? It's finished and is in one of those towering 150 packed boxes. Instead of unpacking, I was frantically searching for my squares. They finally turned up, not packed in a box labeled "quilting," but in a large box of blankets – I'm assuming because I didn't want them to wrinkle.

It's now July. My sewing room is set up and functional. It's been a long 2 ½ months but I finally feel like I am at home – there are pieces of thread again on my floors and clothes.

Judy Coffman

Custom Quilt Kits

Send me your fabric and I will turn it into a quilt kit just for you!

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Membership Directory

The directory has been completed and if you have email, you should receive your copy by the end of July. If you do not receive email, a copy will be available for you at the next meeting you attend.

I want to thank all of you for allowing me to take your photos. By taking new photos each year, the resolution is better for the directory. I plan to update the directory on line as new members join so the directory will be up to date as possible and you will be able to access it from the website.

Linda Greene

Quilter Needed!

Wanda Nawrocki says her neighbor is looking for a person or group to hand quilt an old (80 years old) quilt top. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please contact Wanda and she will pass along more information.

You know you are a quilter if ...

- There's more fabric in the house than food
- "Fat Quarters" are not the heaviest part of your body
- Your ironing board is always set up but you never iron clothes
- You think of your job as an interruption of your quilting time
- You pet fabric
- People are always picking threads off you
- You can measure a scant 1/4 by eye
- "Featherweight" doesn't mean boxer
- Your "UFOs" are not from outer space
- You have a "stash" and it isn't illegal
- You clean up your sewing room and they think you are leaving!

(the internet)