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October 2012 Newsletter

Editor's Note

Did you know that October is National Book Month? Why not look for a great opportunity to celebrate it? Check out a book from the guild library - either show up at the meeting to browse the selection or do some advance research by checking out the list at <http://starquilters.org/library> - or swing by your local quilt shop to buy a title you've had your eye on and justify the expense as part of the National Book Month holiday! If you already have too many projects to begin something new, entertain your brain by downloading an audio book from the county or city library, or borrowing/buying a book on CD to listen to while you work. I listened to Nicholas Sparks' novel, "The Best of Me" on my mp3 player while doing some very boring strip piecing and the time just flew right by! Try it for yourself and see!

Kristen Pickering

2 ½" Strip Exchange

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 and drop into the basket at the membership table. After the meeting you will pick up your new pack of assortment of fabric. If you've been doing it monthly you should have a huge stash! If not, it's never too late to join in!

October - Orange/Black/Halloween
November - Christmas theme

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

October 1 - Kristen Pickering is going to show us some charming quilts that can all be made using 5" squares. So get out all those charm packs you've been buying and be ready to be inspired!

November 5 - Lucille Amos is going to show us her beautiful Judy Niemeyer quilts and patterns. Lucille will be conducting workshops on the Japanese Fan pattern on Tuesday and Wednesday after the Monday guild meeting.

December 3 - holiday social - begins at 6 PM!

Coming in 2013

January - Kathy Macock will be doing a program featuring Miniatures

February - Judy McWhorter will be doing a Valentine program on Redwork/Red and White quilts. If you have any of these in your stash please bring them to show and tell along with the program.

March - Quilt show challenge quilts

April - Carolyn Nelson will do a program featuring books on Quilt Cooking/Church recipes.

May - spring social!

June - Janet Lemons will show us the old and new techniques of English paper piecing. Bring any samples that you might have of paper pieced quilts.

July - Christmas in July again featuring the talents of Kathy Wickham and Vickie Kuhlman.

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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 October 15.

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.

Comfort Quilts

The Comfort Quilts committee is trying to build a stash for the Christmas season demand and reminds you that kits are available at each meeting. Help them reach record numbers! In 2011, the Comfort Quilts committee donated a total of 68 quilts, and so far in 2012 they have donated 96! Help them reach 100 and beyond!

Library

New in the guild library this month is, "Piecing It All Together" by JoAnne Louis and Chris Moline. Also, the library has a group of donated books which can be checked out using the honor system (and which will not be listed in the library section of the guild's website). There is no card to fill out - just return the book the following month for others to enjoy. These are located on the bottom shelf of the book cabinet.



How can I help the Quilt Show Committee?

Thanks for asking! Their suggestions:



1. Be thinking about finishing those quilts to be hung in the show or be putting aside those fantastic ones from "show and tell". You can register more than one.

2. Be working on the guild challenge quilt, "How I Celebrate Quilting".

(Another idea to get you thinking about your 20"x 13" challenge quilt: what tips or secrets do you share with a beginning quilter?)

3. Be working on the challenge block(s) for the give away drawing. You can make more than one.

4. If you like making yo-yos, volunteer to help Ethel make some. The committee needs approximately 400 of them in order to hang the signage cards.


5. Continue telling family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc. about the show.

6. Solicit ads (business cards) for the show program. Each business card is \$20.

Any and all of the above will help make the show a great success!

Got Floss?

Linda Cronise is still looking for four or five skeins of DMC floss #103 variegated blue. Please contact her if you have some!



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Japanese Fan Workshop

We still have a few open slots on Tuesday and Wednesday (Nov. 6/7) for the Japanese Fan Workshop with Lucille Amos. If you were at the Guild Meeting last month, you got to see the beautiful Japanese Fan that Kevin Womack made. There will definitely be some outstanding Japanese Fan quilts for the Quilt Show next spring. Pre-cutting workshops are being scheduled for the end of October so if you are still thinking about doing this workshop, it's time to make a decision. Contact Gayla Heath if you are interested or if you have a non-guild friend that would like to sign up.

Help Spread the Love of Quilting

Cathy Russell, Benjamin Franklin Middle School - East Hall 6th Grade Family and Consumer Sciences teacher in Rocky Mount, is having her WIN class make comfort quilts. These quilts are going to be donated to the Resource Center in Rocky Mount. Every nine weeks, twenty or more students divide into six groups, and each group will make a quilt. Sue Bainter is assisting and has been a great help.



If anyone would like to help out or visit and watch the students sew, you are welcome to come between 10:30 - 11:10 Monday or Tuesday except for the first Monday of the month. Also, if anyone would like to donate any fabric it would be greatly appreciated.

Brainstorming Fundraising



The Board is soliciting ideas from members to increase the Guild's income so that our programs, comfort quilt activity, social gatherings, etc. can be improved. Some possible ideas include increasing our membership fees, returning to support the Salem Fair (possibly committing for a shorter number of days), increasing prices on Ways and Means items, or selling drinks at the meetings (non-alcoholic, of course!).

If you have ideas to raise money for the Guild's activities, please contact any Board member to discuss (see listing on page 2). We will have a discussion of suggestions at a future meeting. As always, your input is much appreciated!

Road Trip!

There's still time to join us to see *The Great Western Virginia Cover-up: Historic Quilts and Bedcovers* in Ferrum. We are planning a trip (possibly two trips) to The Blue Ridge Institute to see this exhibit on Saturday October 6th and/or Saturday November 3rd. This trip will be carpools of quilters and friends traveling to Ferrum. There we will visit the Quilts and Bedcovers Exhibit, have a meal (probably at the Ferrum College Cafeteria) and visit Quilting Connections in Boones Mill on the way home. Please sign up at the next Star Quilters Guild meeting or contact Kathy Wickham if interested.



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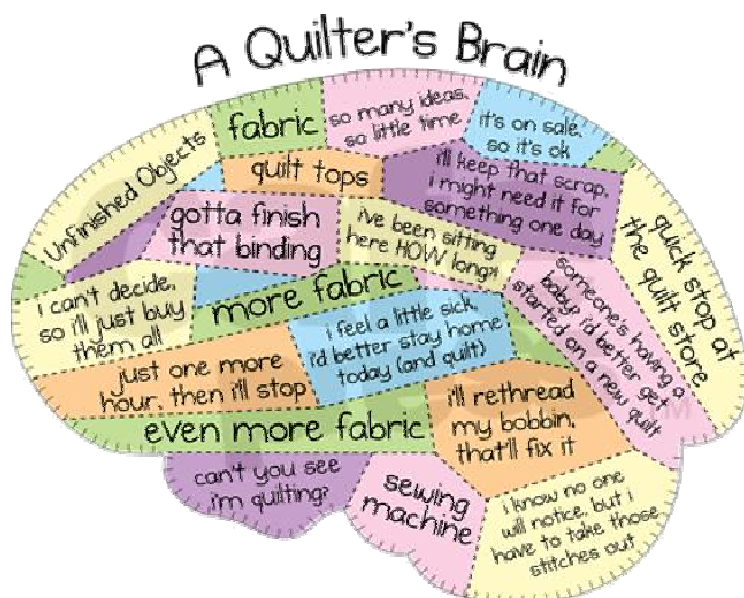


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