



September 2012

Newsletter

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Editor's Note

September makes many of us with children and grandchildren think, "back to school!" But it's not just kids who can look forward to September for school, quilters can too! When summer vacations are over, classes, retreats, museum exhibitions and other educational opportunities are picking up. This month's newsletter features several of them, from local exhibitions (even some arranged as a group!) to our own Judy Niemeyer quilt workshop coming in November, to advertisers of local quilt shops who have their own websites featuring fall classes. Even if you've been quilting for decades, why not take the time to learn something new? Try foundation piecing, or working with wool, or bargello, or hand appliqué. Or maybe just broaden your mind by going to learn a bit more about quilting history than you previously knew. "Back to school" isn't just for kids - it's an opportunity for us too!

Kristen Pickering

2 1/2" Strip Exchange

Wanna strip? Bring six strips of 2 1/2" 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. You can participate every month or you can skip a month.

Sept - Fall Theme (Solid or Prints)
October - Orange or Black
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

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. Please note: the program will begin promptly at 7, followed by business meeting and show & tell.

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 either Tuesday, November 6 or Wednesday, November 7. Spaces are still available in both workshops.

Giving comfort

In August, Comfort Quilts delivered an amazing total of **34 quilts**! Seven quilts went to Interfaith Hospitality, which is geared to returning homeless families to independence. Eight quilts went to the Ronald McDonald House, a home away from home for those with loved ones in a local hospital. Four quilts were delivered to Bethany Hall, a long-term residential substance abuse treatment center for women. Fifteen quilts found homes at Turning Points emergency women's shelter. We need to restock our bare cupboard before the big demand at Christmas. Kits are always available at the monthly 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 September 17.

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.

Soldier Quilts

I recently had the honor of delivering four Soldier Quilts from our guild, to the volunteer services department at our local Salem Veterans Administration Medical Center. They were delighted to receive them and they will be used for the hospitalized veterans. The quilts were made by Natalie McMahon (two), Diana Van Hise, and Pat Wade (quilted by Theresa Fletcher and binding by Ruth Bunt). Thank you for your time in making these quilts for the men and women who have served our country.

Ruth Bunt

Library

Have you checked out the awesome books in the guild library lately? When you do, please make sure to put the month and year with your name on the paper for the drawing! You could win!



Road Trip!

The special events committee is planning a carpool trip to the Blue Ridge Institute and Museum to see the new exhibition, the Great WESTERN VIRGINIA COVER-UP: HISTORIC QUILTS & BEDCOVERS, which showcases the region's bedcover-making traditions from the 1700s to 1950. Most of the pieces featured have never before been exhibited! Find out more details at the September guild meeting or contact Kathy Wickham for details.

Challenge Quilt 2013


Want a challenge? "How do I celebrate quilting?" is the theme of the 2013 Star Quilters' Guild Quilt Show challenge. The requirements to enter this quilted wallhanging 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!

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.



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Patches of History

The Salem Museum & Historical Society is pleased to present "Patches of History" Quilting Weekend 2012 to be held September 28 and 29. On Friday, September 28 at 7 PM, it's "Quilts of the Civil War - Hospital Cots, Bed Rolls, and Four Posters." Quilt historian Neva Hart will make you feel as if you are on the civil war battlefields, helping dedicated quilters as they prepare for war. Learn what they made, how they did it, and what survived the Civil War. Tickets are \$5 with road-show style appraisals following the program for \$15 per quilt. Proceeds to benefit the Salem Museum.

On Saturday, September 29, join national recognized quilter, speaker, designer and teacher Barbara H. Cline, author of "Simply Triangles," for a class on her "Chinese Checkers" pattern pictured here. The day begins at 8 AM with coffee and donuts during setup, and class from 9 - 4 with an optional box lunch available for order for \$10. A sewing machine is required; the supply list is available upon registration. The class fee is \$55 and includes the pattern. Space is limited. To register, contact Candy Long at (540) 389-2898. Find out more about the Salem Museum & Historical Society at <http://www.salemmuseum.org>, and about Barbara Cline at <http://quiltingal.blogspot.com>.





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Shop Hop!

Did you know that September is National Sewing Month? The Roanoke Virginia Chapter of ASG & Newsletter Advertisers did, and they are celebrating with a Shop Hop September 14 and 15.

The tour consists of six stores: The Quilting Connection in Boone's Mill, Alpine Sewing Machine Company and Creative Quilting in Roanoke, Quilting Essentials in Salem, Old Trinity Schoolhouse Quilt Shop in Fincastle, and Goodwill stores (four options). Pick up a yellow pass at the first store you visit, visit as many stores as possible to have your pass stamped, and turn in your pass at the last shop. You may not begin or end your tour in a Goodwill store, as they will not be collecting passes.

There will be discounts, refreshments, drawings, coupons, door prizes, etc. offered by the participating merchants to members of the American Sewing Guild and their guests, and also prizes! The first prize basket includes a one year membership to the American Sewing Guild (a \$50 value) and the second prize basket contains items donated by the participating merchants.

For more information, including a flyer with addresses, hours and phone numbers of all participating stores, visit the Roanoke ASG website at <http://www.asgroanoke.org>.

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Membership Directory

As a reminder, the directory has been completed and you should have received your copy either via email or at the guild meeting. If you have not picked yours up yet, please contact Linda Greene for your copy.

