



# November 2012 Newsletter

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## Editor's Note

Change is in the air! Not only are the seasons turning, the leaves falling, and the days getting shorter, but November will also bring a new meeting location for the Star Quilter's Guild. It is always a challenge to find a "home" for the guild, which has to take into consideration the size of membership, variety of activities (from socials to all-day workshops), mobility of members, convenience of location, ability to see and hear for all members in all parts of the room, and, last but definitely not least, a permanent home for our ever-growing library. We are always grateful to anyone who helps the guild grow and strengthen, and November's move to a new location at Christ Lutheran Church, 2011 Brandon Avenue, SW, will help it to do just that. Join us there for our November 5th meeting and see how bright and large the room is, perfect for seeing every detail of Lucille Amos' gorgeous Judy Niemeyer quilts and hearing every story behind show and tell quilts! Thanks again to all who have scouted out locations for the guild, and read on for directions to the new location!

Kristen Pickering

## FREE Guests in November!

November is "Bring a Friend That Likes to Quilt but Doesn't Belong to a Guild Night" (that's a mouthful!) at Star Quilters Guild. What that means is that our \$2 guest fee is **WAIVED** this month! Not only that, but each member who brings a friend will receive a gift at the door in addition to their visitor being admitted for **FREE**! If you've been trying to talk a friend, neighbor or relative into joining the guild, November is the month to turn on the charm. We will also be starting with the program in November, so please arrive on time at *our new location*!

## Upcoming Programs

**The Star Quilters Guild meets at 7 PM at  
Christ Lutheran Church  
Brandon Ave & Grandin Rd  
Roanoke, Virginia**

November 5 - Lucille Amos is going to show us her beautiful Judy Niemeyer quilts and patterns, and talking about her life on the road as an instructor. Lucille will be conducting workshops on the Japanese Fan pattern on Tuesday and Wednesday after the Monday guild meeting, also at the new location. The workshops start at 9:30, but if you've registered, remember to arrive by 9 to set up your machine, and don't forget to bring your lunch!

December 3 - holiday potluck with the hospitality committee - begins at 6 PM!

## 2013 Program Schedule

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 - Everything quilt show, including 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.

## 2012-14 Officers and Chairpersons

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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 November 19.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Directions to our New Location

Chances are you've driven past Christ Lutheran on your way to a guild meeting during the last year. It is located at the corner of Brandon Avenue and Grandin Road, cater-cornered from Patrick Henry High School. From I-581, take the Wonju St. exit toward Colonial Avenue.



Merge onto Wonju Street and turn left onto Colonial Ave / State Route 720 and turn right onto Persinger Road. Turn right onto Brambleton Avenue and then left onto Brandon Avenue. After 3 blocks or so turn right onto Grandin Road and immediate left into the parking lot. Coming from Salem, take Apperson (Rt. 11) until it turns into Brandon Avenue, past our previous meeting location approximately one half mile. Turn left on Grandin and immediate left into the parking lot.



### Comfort Quilts

We're getting ready for a big demand for Comfort Quilts at Christmas time. Watch for an announcement about a date, time, and place for a workshop to sew "kids' quilts." All are welcome to join in the fun while working for a great cause.

Judy Bradley

### Membership

Remember to sign in at the Membership Desk at each meeting. If you have not picked up your Membership Card, please pick it up at Monday's meeting. If you want a Jo-Ann Fabrics Discount Card, you will need to take your Membership Card to the store and apply as they will not let me send our membership list for all of us to receive cards.

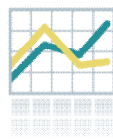
Linda Greene

### Looking for Fabric!

If anyone has oriental or batik fabric and would like to donate ONE 2 1/2" strip of each print to go into my next scrappy trip around the world charity quilt, I would appreciate it. I'm looking for a fresh palette to work with. Thanks!

Betty Tyree

### 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!

### 2 1/2" Strip Exchange

November is the last month for the strip exchange and the theme is Christmas. 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. We can't wait to see what you've done with all of your strips from the year ... if you've participated every month you will have 60 of them after this month's exchange!

Ann Ware



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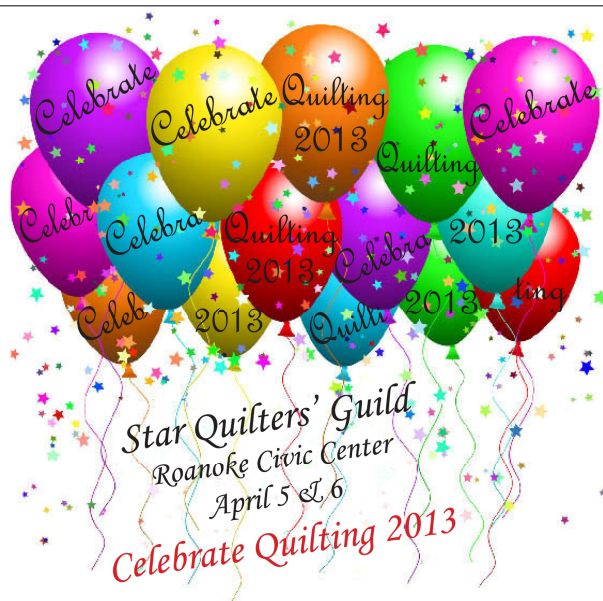


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## Quilt Show Preparation - You Can Help!

With the Christmas holidays just around the corner, you may not be thinking ahead to April yet, but our very busy quilt show committee is, and they need your energy to help! Judy Bradley reports that we already have nine completed giveaway challenge blocks turned in and ready for display. Remember, they are to be 12.5" (unfinished) and you should use the yellow floral fabric distributed at previous meetings along with any in your stash. Also, you can be working on your 20"x13" challenge quilt, "How I Celebrate Quilting." Come to the meetings for inspirational questions if you're stumped as to where to begin! Make an effort to finish any quilts you plan to enter in the show. Help Ethel make yo-yos to hang signage cards. Or, if you really REALLY don't have any time to sew anything except Christmas presents for the next two months, just talk up the show to family, friends, the grocery store checkout clerk ... and ask if they're interested in purchasing a \$20 business card ad for the show program. Nothing helps like bringing in money or interest in the guild and our show!



## NICU Quilts for Premies

We have received a request from the Virginia chapter representative for the national organization Quilts for Kids (QFK). While delivering quilts to Carilion in Roanoke, the hospital requested some quilts for the NICU (neonatal intensive care unit). Because the quilts are for premies and other babies, they should be very small: 22" x 24" or 20" x 22". They are a good way to use up scraps, and a piece of flannel will make them lighter than traditional batting. This would also be a great way to make quilts for those in need if you can't make a quilt as large as our comfort quilts committee requests.



QFK primarily provides quilts for the pediatric unit at Carilion for children with long term illnesses. If you would care to make and donate a quilt to this cause, please contact Janie Lawless at 721-4748 or [vaquiltsforkids@gmail.com](mailto:vaquiltsforkids@gmail.com). You can find out more about Quilts For Kids, what they do, and how to help at <http://www.quiltsforkids.org>.

## Lessons Learned

Earlier this month, my husband went away for a weekend, and so I decided to challenge myself to a quilting marathon. My goal was to finish as many tops as possible, baste the smaller ones for machine quilting, and prepare the larger ones for my longarm quilter. On Friday night, fueled by Diet Coke, I powered through until 5AM to finish one top. On Saturday, I finished three more tops and started work on a fourth, but found myself shutting down at 1AM. The experience inspired me to author the top five signs it's time to turn off the machine and go to bed:

1. you sew more pieces wrong sides together than right sides together,
2. when working on the antique machine powered by a knee lever, your foot gropes around the floor looking for a pedal,
3. you continue chain piecing for a good five minutes after running out of bobbin thread before you notice,
4. you count the same stack of pieces three or more times because you keep losing count, and
5. you start to wonder WHY your hobby consists of cutting up fabric only to sew it back together.

Kristen Pickering