



February 2013 Newsletter

Editor's Note

These last few days of this week have given us a preview of spring! Groundhog day is this weekend and those who believe in the folklore get to find out how much longer winter weather will stick around. But when the weather feels like April it's hard not to think that the quilt show is only two weeks away rather than two months away! Are you ready? Quilt registration entries are due February 18 - get them in! The next guild meeting will feature our challenge quilt entries - do you have yours underway? As for myself, we'll be selling one house and buying another at the end of February so I'll need to pack up and move my sewing room and get organized early. Although my quilt registrations are in, I still need to sew sleeves and labels onto my quilts before I pack them away with the pillowcases I'll deliver them in, and finish my challenge quilt. There is so much to think about and plan for!

Going forward, the newsletter will also feature an "Odds & Ends" column which will bring you all the little tidbits emailed to me or other guild leadership about things going on. We know you love everything related to quilting and want to bring you anything of interest, but we don't want to inundate you with emails. As always, if something comes between newsletters, I'll send a message then.

Kristen Pickering

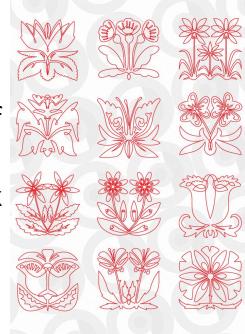
Remember!

Photos from our monthly Show & Tell presentations go on the website after every meeting. If you're looking for a photo of the quilt you sent off to a cousin, or don't feel like getting the lighting right to take a picture of a quilt you have draped over the back of the couch, check the website to download the photo from Show & Tell and use it instead!

Upcoming Programs

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

February 4 - It's time for **RED**. Judy McWhorter is going to give us the benefit of her knowledge on Redwork quilts. If you have any redwork, bluework, greenwork, blackwork quilts please bring them to add to the program. Also if you have any red/white quilts this is the month to show them off.



March 4 - Upcoming Quilt Show program

April 1 - Quilting: What's Food Got to Do with It? Carolyn Nelson will share some of her Quilt Books that also feature recipes - what goes better with quilting than cooking? This would be a good month to wear or show off those aprons you have been making.

May 6 - New program plans! May is usually our spring social, but this year we will be incorporating a fundraising auction and opening the meeting to guests who don't sew but love handmade items! See page three for details!!

June 3 - Janet Lemons will share her knowledge and skills on English Paper Piecing. If you have a quilt using this technique please bring it to share during this program.

July 8 - Christmas in July brought to you by Kathy Wickham and Vickie Kuhlman.

August 5 - Pat Lingle will share all the fantastic things you can do with wool (it's easier than applique).

More information coming soon about Fall 2013 programs!

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Membership Renewals

It's time to think about renewing your membership. Please download the Member Information form from the website, fill it out and bring your check or cash (exact if possible) to the meeting on Monday or any other meeting before April 30, 2013. I will take photos for renewing members not in the directory and new members in February also. Remember, dues are now \$15 per year and your membership card also makes you eligible for a 15% VIP card discount at Jo-Ann Fabrics.

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. Some of the Quiltessas are also undertaking Bonnie Hunter's latest Mystery Quilt, "Easy Street" together. For more information contact Gayla Heath or Judy Bradley.

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

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. If interested, bring your supplies and any sort of handwork, and meet us on February 18.

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.



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Odds & Ends

The Stencil Company (www.quiltingstencils.com) would like to remind us that they'll be at the upcoming Lancaster Quilt Show March 13-16, 2013. Their booth will be at the Continental Inn on Route 30, across the street from the Lancaster Host (site of the show), with free parking and free shuttle, and a raffle.



On February 14, Paula Golden will be speaking about the "Quilts of Virginia" at the American Sewing Guild's Roanoke Chapter (www.asgroanoke.org). The Virginia Consortium of Quilters sponsored twenty plus documentation days throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia in the 1980s. The excitement and interest in Virginia's quilts lead to the founding of the Virginia Quilt Museum, located in Harrisonburg, VA. Join Paula as she tells the story of quilts in Virginia and the Virginia Quilt Museum. Paula will have some Quilts of Virginia books for sale, and membership forms for the VQM. Paula's website is www.paulagolden.com. The ASG Roanoke meets at Rosalind Hills Baptist Church, 2712 Brandon Avenue SW, from 6:30 - 9:00 PM on the second Thursday of each month except December. ASG allows potential members to visit two meetings before deciding on membership.

May Meeting Update

ALERT! New program plans! May is normally a social with no program, however, this time the program is going to be the auction we did not have in December. Since the purpose of the auction is to raise money, we are asking you to bring guests at **no charge**. Rather than other quilters, bring people who don't sew but have a check book. You know - those people that always say, "can you make me one of those?" And donate those items you think might sell. Since the program is just before Mother's Day, things like tote bags, pillows, placemats, table toppers/runners should all sell well. If you knit, some of those neat scarfs in spring colors would be popular. Or did you buy fabric for a quilt top but decide you didn't like it? Finish a top and realize the colors just weren't right? Let us turn it into some money for the guild! The ways and means group will be putting together baskets of goodies for people who do sew. Larger items will have a minimum bid, so dig through your sewing rooms and look for something to donate to the auction.

While you're cleaning out your sewing room, remember that the quilt show committee is also looking for fat quarters donations for prizes. Any sorts of fabric donations, whether for the show, the ways & means committee, or the May auction, can be given to Vicki Kulhman or Judy McWhorter. Giving away all that fabric you'll never do anything with is a great excuse to go shopping for new fabric to fill those newly emptied spots in your stash!

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We Need YOU!

The (white) gloves are off and the quilt show committee is getting down to business. They need:

- 1) quilt registrations including registrations for challenge quilts - MUST be received by February 18!
- 2) challenge blocks - see Judy Bradley for fabric if needed
- 3) fat quarter and charm pack donations for door prizes
- 4) show volunteers
 - a. Wednesday, April 3rd: scribes, persons to fan quilts, runners
 - b. Thursday, April 4th: hangers (with ladders)
 - c. Friday, April 5th: white glove ladies, helpers at tables for admissions, membership, community service and challenge blocks
 - d. Saturday, April 6th: same as above during the day plus take down, folders, and runners to finish up
- 5) business card ads at \$20 each for the show program

Sallie Powers is in charge of the volunteers and you may sign up with her during the February and March meetings.



Thanks from New Jersey

Dear Judy and the members of the Comfort Quilt Committee of Star Quilters Guild,

Today, we received your beautiful quilts for NJ residents affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Along with quilts created by fellow volunteers from across the country we continue our distribution to families impacted by the storm in NJ during January. Your compassionate donation brings a good deal of comfort to those displaced and devastated by the hurricane. We will be distributing quilts, hats and scarves to families from Sea Bright, NJ who are just returning to their homes to rebuild and replace lost household items. And, as you can imagine, once the winter storms begin in NJ, your contributions will be a cozy gift of comfort much appreciated by these families. The fleece comforter will be donated to Raritan Bay Medical Center's pediatric department during our "hugs with heart" delivery on Valentine's Day.

Thank YOU for sharing your time and creative talents with NJ residents affected by the storm. It has been such a pleasure to take calls, respond to generous emails and experience how beautifully the crafting for charity community comes together to help others.

Hillary Roberts, President
Blankie Depot

(Note from Judy: special thanks to Loretta Bedia's sister and Gayla Heath for their time and talents in making these quilts!)

Quilt Humor

Another wonderful cartoon featuring Kansas City Star Quilts' own Mrs. Bobbins (www.pickledish.com). I hope your significant others are all as thoughtful as Mr. Bobbins this Valentine's Day!



Valentine's Day with a quilter.

Remember: Send your newsletter items to Kristen at starquilters.newsletter@gmail.com. Newsletters are sent to members on the Thursday prior to monthly meetings. Business card sized ads cost \$20 for a full year of newsletters.