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March 2013 Newsletter

Editor's Note

I'm writing this from a hotel room only a few miles away from where the quilt guild will meet Monday night. Yesterday I loaded all our belongings - including all of my fabric, quilts and notions - onto a pair of moving trucks, today we closed on the sale and purchase of our new homes, and tomorrow we will unload at the new place. I hope that by the time Monday's guild meeting rolls around, my sewing studio will be completely up and running. Surprisingly, I haven't been tormented with nightmares of the movers losing all my beloved fabric and quilts! However, I was experiencing enough withdrawal from my fabric stash that I found time to stop into Creative Quilting before my first settlement this morning and picked up a charm pack of Kate Spain's newest line. Having that little collection of fabrics in my purse all day has helped me feel like this period of flux will be over soon and I will be able to sew again.

Hanging in my studio I keep a framed quotation, "I cannot count my day complete / til needle, thread and fabric meet." My days have not felt complete throughout this process and I'm looking forward to that again. Sometimes it's when we are denied something that we learn just how much we love and need it.

Kristen Pickering

Upcoming Programs

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

March 4 - Upcoming Quilt Show program including challenge quilts: "How Do I Celebrate Quilting?"

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 - Spring social and fundraising auction of quilt-related items, open to friends and guests! Stay tuned for more details from program and hospitality committees.

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 (its easier than applique).

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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 on Friday, March 1. Some of the Quiltessas are also undertaking Bonnie Hunter's latest Mystery Quilt, "Easy Street" together and have been making great progress. 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.



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

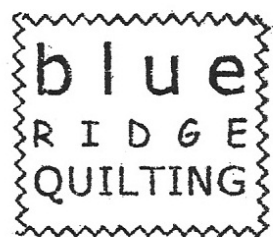
Membership Renewals

It's that time. Time to renew your membership for the year 2013/14. Download the Member Information form from the Star Quilters Guild website, fill it out and bring that along with your \$15.00 check or money (exact if possible) to the March meeting. You have through the end of April to pay your dues, so why not sign up in March?

Linda Greene

Comfort Quilts

The Comfort Quilts committee just donated sixteen quilts to Interfaith Hospitality. Their mission is to "mobilize faith communities to return homeless families to independence by providing temporary housing and skills development." For now, the Comfort Quilts committee is keeping the quilts they have for their show booth and look forward to building the number for donation!



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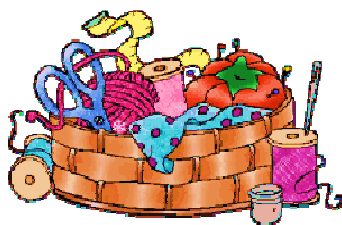
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Odds & Ends

Cathy Fandel, a longtime guild member, longarm quilter and newsletter advertiser, would love to have you check out her newly redesigned business website at www.blueridgequilting.net. In it she has included a link to our own Star Quilters Guild website.

Guild member Susan Kraterfield is a flutist with the Roanoke Valley Community Band and invites everyone to a free concert in March, "Marches from Around the World," on Tuesday, March 9 at 7 PM, at Hidden Valley High School (5000 Titan Trail). The band features a new conductor this year and is composed of amateurs ranging from teenagers to octogenarians.



Have you checked out the online Fabric Shop Hop at www.fabshophop.com? Each month they offer a virtual hop of more than a hundred fabric and quilting shops to find a hidden bunny icon. Click on the bunny at each shop and you could win great prizes including a sewing machine, dozens of yards of fabric, or gift certificates to many of the participating shops.

If you have an item for the Odds & Ends column, send it along to starquilters.newsletter@gmail.com.

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Quilt Show Update

- We have 42 challenge blocks! Let's try to reach the goal of 50 - keep sewing or ask Judy Bradley if you need the challenge fabric.
- Don't forget to look for charm packs and jelly rolls to donate for drawings.
- We need more ads! Check with family and businesses who would support the guild with a \$20 business card ad.
- Door prizes can be given to Laurie Lyons at the March meeting.
- If dropping off quilts at the March meeting, please make sure you have your name and registration number on BOTH sides of the pillowcase cuff.
- If you are interested in following up directly with a member of the quilt show committee about some aspect of the show, they are:

Admissions: Linda Whisman

Awards: Tam McBride

Challenge Quilt: Judy McWhorter, Kathy Wickham

Challenge Blocks: Judy Bradley

Check in/Check out: Ann Ware, Chris Epperley,
Tam McBride

Community Service: Ethel Simmons

Door Prizes: Laurie Lyons

Floor Plan: Peggy Ramsay, Vickie Kuhlman

Hanging/Take Down: Peggy Ramsay, Vickie
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Judging: Elsie Bailey, Show Committee

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Vendors: Ann Ware, Chris Epperley, Arleta Huntley

Volunteers: Sallie Powers