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June 2013 Newsletter

Editor's Note

As quilters, we are the link between a rich artistic history and a modern future. How many times, when telling someone you meet that you are a quilter, have they asked you for help identifying or repairing a family heirloom, or shared that someone in their own lives once made quilts also? There is a lot of honor bestowed upon us by non-quilters because they are familiar with quilts from their past, even if they are thinking about something technically complex like a Double Wedding Ring or Baltimore Album quilt, while we prefer to use precut fabrics and a rotary cutter. Even those of us who prefer modern designs and techniques often have an interest in learning a time-old tradition like broderie perse or English paper piecing (which is being demonstrated in this month's guild meeting by our own Janet Lemons!). And for good reason too: if we don't learn these to hand down to future quilters, the techniques might get lost for good.

I often wonder how our work will be viewed in a few hundred years; how it will hold up as we watch pieces from that era decay in a museum docent's hands. Will the new Frixion pen I'm using to mark my appliqué show itself after fifty years somehow? Or will my work be virtually indistinguishable from the same pattern made by a young Civil War widow? I'd love to hear your thoughts!

Kristen Pickering

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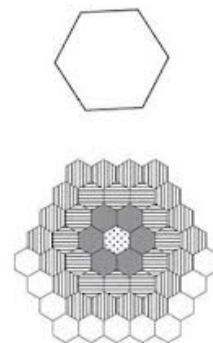
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Upcoming Programs

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

June 3 - If you want to see what English paper piecing is all about, come enjoy our June program. Janet Lemons will be introducing the various how-to's of this technique and will provide all attendees with a sample kit. If you're anxious to get started Monday night, please bring a needle and two neutral thread colors, one light and one dark, along with your favorite thimble. If basting is not your thing, bring a stick of fabric glue and see quick results! Sample English paper piecing quilts will be displayed. If you have English paper-pieced-quilts or projects, please bring them as well and join in the fun!



July 8 - Our traditional Christmas in July program! Everyone loves getting the free patterns for these quick and easy gift ideas. If you have any new ideas to share please get them to Kathy Wickham or Vickie Kuhlman. We all need some momentum to get started early. There are already new Christmas fabrics starting to show up in the stores.

August 5 - will feature Pat Lingle showing us how to use wool for a variety of projects.

September 9 - Megan Carr from the Virginia Quilt Museum will be sharing some of their collection and information about programs at the Museum.

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Comfort Quilts

Two baby quilts were sent to Newport News for Operation Homefront's Star Spangled Baby Shower for new military moms. They are to be included in "baby's first duffle bag."

Judy Bradley

Show Challenge Blocks

The challenge blocks at the quilt show were won by Eileen Lau on Friday, and Marie Muddiman on Saturday. Each winner received 34 blocks and both seemed happy to receive them!

Judy Bradley

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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 come join us on June 17.

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.

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. The next meeting will be on Friday, June 7. Many Quiltessas are still working on Bonnie Hunter's Easy Street mystery quilt, but anyone is welcome. Bring a lunch and come along!

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

Challenge Quilt Committee

If you participated in the 2013 Quilt Show Challenge and did not bring your quilt to May's Show and Tell, please plan to share your quilt and inspiration at the June meeting. Many people have asked to hear the answer to the question "How do you celebrate quilting?" If you can't make it in June, please bring your quilt to the next meeting you can attend.

Kathy Wickham and Judy McWhorter



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Odds & Ends

Our friend and fellow quilter, Nancy Ratner, has a beautiful Singer Featherweight Sewing Machine for sale. It is in EXCELLENT condition and has many attachments. She is asking \$450 for it. She also has another Singer Sewing Machine in a beautiful wooden cabinet for \$200. It, too, is in excellent condition and has many attachments. Nancy will also be holding a fabric/sewing/household sale at her home on Friday, June 14th and Saturday, June 15th from 8:00 – 12:00 am. Please see the email transmitting this newsletter for her address and contact information.

Karin Tauber has started a regional email newsletter for quilting events in Southwestern Virginia. To join, visit the Old Church Gallery Quilters Guild website at <http://floydquilts.freesevers.com> and click "Sign Up for our Free Newsletters."

Round Robin 2013

If you are interested in participating in the 2013 Round Robin quilt exchange, please bring your center block to the June meeting **at around 6:30** so that we can discuss and do the first exchange. This requires a commitment to participate for three subsequent months in adding borders and exchanging at each monthly meeting. For more details, please see the article in the May newsletter, which is online at the guild website at <http://starquilters.org/category/newsletters>.

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From the Programs Committee

The May Auction/Dessert was a big success, raising over \$1100.00. Thanks so much to everyone who made this event so wonderful. Sue Dixon outdid herself with that chocolate fountain! Also a big thank you to Pat Lingle for her service as Auctioneer. Everyone who donated items, who bought something, or who brought guests for the event - thank you! A thanks also to members and spouses who jumped in to help with getting set up, bagging up purchased, packing and carrying out merchandise. Recipes for desserts, if provided to Susan Kraterfield, are available on the guild website.

Library

The Library has added two new books: Free Motion Quilting by Angela Waters, and 100 Modern Quilt Blocks by Tula Pink.

Chris Epperley

Rainy Day Sale

Unfortunately, some people could not come to the May Auction due to heavy rains. At the same time we have a lot of "stuff" that Ways and Means would like to get rid of - so come early to the June meeting and shop our Rainy Day Sale for lots of stuff at good prices. We don't want to take this stuff home!



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Quilt Show 2013 Summary

- 189 quilts or quilted items were entered in the show in 12 categories. More than one person was heard commenting on the variety offered for viewing.
- There were 13 vendors, all of whom were very pleased with the attendance and their business. Each requested that a booth be reserved for them in the 2015 show. That's satisfaction!
- 1116 tickets were sold, which was up from approximately 900 in 2011. The total income was \$9,045 and total expenses were \$7,059.26 leaving \$1,985.74 for the next show committee.

Elsie Bailey

November Workshop Reminder

Bring your checkbook and get priority registration for our November 5th workshop for the Star Tricks quilt designed by quilt designer, teacher, and lecturer Barbara Cline. The cost of the workshop is \$40 plus either \$5 for the pattern or \$20 for the specially-priced book by Barbara entitled, *Star Struck Quilts: Dazzling Diamonds and Traditional Blocks*. The book includes the Star Tricks pattern along with a dozen other quilt patterns. Barbara will be teaching us how to cut diamonds using strip sets as well as how to construct Y seams. Note that after our June meeting, if room remains available in the class, you may still register but registration will be open to members of the Floyd Guild as well. Mark your calendar and join us for this wonderful full-day workshop. For more information about Barbara and her patterns, please visit her website at <http://quiltingal.blogspot.com>.



Special Invitation for Star Quilters!

The Virginia Quilt Museum has extended an invitation to the Roanoke Star Quilters to exhibit five quilts as part of the Star exhibit scheduled for this coming fall. The quilts would be on exhibit from September 3 through November 2, 2013. Maximum size is 48" or smaller and preferably with stars as part of the pattern/design (but not mandatory). We will discuss this at the June meeting so that we can get them in and photographed in July. We have to supply digital images with the quilts.

Joyce Noell

Quilt Documentation and Discovery Day

The Virginia Consortium of Quilters is researching Virginia quilts made before year 2000. They are holding a free event at Blue Ridge Institute & Museum at Ferrum College on Saturday, June 1, 2013, from 9AM until 5PM. Bring your Virginia-made quilts with names and photograph of quilter(s) if known and available. Quilts will be measured, photographed, and patterns identified, and information added to the statewide database. There is a limit of three quilts per person and to quilts not previously documented in any state.

Data gathered will be recorded for future use by researchers of history, genealogy, and material culture of Virginia, especially southwest region of the state. Confidentiality of quilt owners will be protected. Documentation sponsored by the Blue Ridge Institute and Museum, and the Virginia Consortium of Quilters, the statewide quilt guild. This is a continuation of earlier documentation projects.

No appointment needed; first come, first served. Call 540-427-0184 for more information.

