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July 2013 Newsletter

Editor's Note

As I mentioned at the June meeting, my husband's job has been transferred from Roanoke to Raleigh, North Carolina, and this summer we will list for sale the house we just bought a few months ago and start the process of relocating our lives. Therefore, this will be my last newsletter as your editor; Sue Berry will take over in August.

If I don't get the chance to speak with each of you personally, I want to take this opportunity to *thank you* all for giving me such a warm welcome to Roanoke and the guild. I moved here in January, 2010, to take a position with the same company now moving my husband, and knew almost no one in Roanoke. I attended a Star Quilters Guild meeting and joined immediately. It is always difficult to meet new people when moving someplace new, and, outside of family, you all still comprise the full extent of my social circle here in Roanoke. I have found myself creatively challenged by the guild, have appreciated the opportunities to give my skills to those who need them through the comfort quilts program, and had my talents encouraged and validated. I hope to stay connected with many of you on Facebook and return when possible for events like future quilt shows. I wouldn't have enjoyed Roanoke nearly as much without you all.

Kristen Pickering



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Upcoming Programs

**The Star Quilters Guild meets at 7 PM at
Christ Lutheran Church
Brandon Ave & Grandin Rd
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July 8 - It's Christmas in July with Kathy Wickham and Vickie Kuhlman! There's nothing like the dog days of summer driving us into the cool air-conditioning to give us a head start on our Christmas presents, and this program will supply any missing inspiration!

August 5 - Pat Lingle will be 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.

October 7 - Betty Tyree will be presenting a program on Scrap Quilts, or, as she explains, "if it's still ugly, you just haven't cut it small enough!"

November 4 - Barbara Cline will be here with quilts from her book *Star Struck Quilts: Dazzling Diamonds and Traditional Blocks* and to hold her workshop for the "Star Tricks" quilt - if you haven't registered yet, what are you waiting for?? See page 3 for more details!

December 2 - Christmas social!



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Comfort Quilts

Six quilts were sent to the AQS quilt drive in Tulsa for the tornado victims in Oklahoma. One quilt was given to the youth group from Christ Lutheran Church as they traveled to New Jersey to work with the victims of Hurricane Sandy. It will be given to someone in need. One twin size quilt was donated to the Rescue Mission.

Judy Bradley

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. In July, because of the conflict with the Fourth, the Quiltessas will meet on July 19. Come with machine or hand work, a lunch, and a non-perishable item for the food pantry ... and of course, lots of lively chatter!

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

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 July 15.

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

Linda Greene has done a wonderful job updating the member directory and has sent it out to all members who have an email address. The newsletter distribution list has been revised to match the membership directory, so if you hear from a fellow quilter that they are no longer receiving the newsletter, ask if they've paid their dues for 2014!

Library

The library has added three new books:

- *Secrets of Impeccable Piecing* (suggested by Janet Lemons)
- *Quilt it with love, The Project Linus Story* (suggested by Kathy Wickham)
- *Seasonal Silhouettes*, raw edge applique



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Odds & Ends

Maxine Caudill is selling two quilting frames: the Quilt Eze Professional Quilting Frame, and a Dritz frame which measures 39 x 28" and is adjustable from 29" - 35" high. If interested, please contact her directly.

July 17-20 - don't miss "Quilts in the Country" presented by The Rockbridge Regional Fair and The Rockbridge Pieceworkers Quilt Guild at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, Virginia. More information is available at www.rpqg.com.

The Southeastern Virginia Quilt Shop Rally will take place July 11-14. Travel throughout Southern and Southwestern Virginia as you explore great quilt shops in six communities. Get your license stamped as you visit each shop and collect free quilt patterns. For more information, visit <http://www.visitmartinsville.com/Quilt-Shop-Rally.html>.

Treasurer's Reminder

Please remember, if you are making a purchase for the quilt guild, you may not mix personal items with reimbursable items on the same receipt. Purchases submitted for reimbursement must be on receipts consisting entirely of quilt guild purchases. Forms for requesting reimbursement are available for download on the guild website.

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Soldier Quilts

I had the privilege of dropping off nine soldier/veteran quilts to the volunteer department at our local Veterans Administration. The director was just delighted. He told me again how much the veterans and their families appreciate the special quilts they receive. The quilts were made by the following members: Natalie McMahon (4), Diana Van Hise, Theresa Fletcher, Cindi Chenault, Jane Leake, and a quilt by Loretta Twiford/Theresa Fletcher/Ruth Bunt. Thank you to all of you who have made a quilt or top to support our outreach these last years.

Ruth Bunt

Workshop Registration - Last Call!

Gayla Heath will be at the July meeting to register attendees for the November 5 Barbara Cline workshop. 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. This will be the *last opportunity* for guild members to enroll, pay for the workshop, and select to purchase either the book or the pattern before we open enrollment to the Old Church Gallery Quilters Guild members from Floyd. Sign up now before the workshop is FULL!



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Be a "Star"!

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). If you are interested, bring your quilt to the July meeting.

Joyce Noell

Paper Piecing Recap

If you missed Janet Lemons' wonderful program on English Paper Piecing in June, you don't have to miss out on the sources named in her handout. If you're interested in giving it a shot, check out:

- www.paperpieces.com
- www.instantpiecing.com
- www.cddesigns.com

You can also shop locally at Old Trinity Schoolhouse Quilt Shop or Quilting Essentials for templates.

2013 Round Robin Has Begun!!

Eight Star Quilters came to the June meeting with a center block to contribute to the 2013 Round Robin. Each of their blocks will go to another member of the group for one of three borders as they switch projects each month. The participants will not see their completed projects until they exchange after the final border round in the fall. Take a look at the "before" and come back in October to see the "after" revealed!



The members of the round robin, holding their centers: Judy McWhorter, Janet Price, Victoria Person, Kathy Martin, Kathy Wickham, Susan Kraterfield, Kristen Pickering, and Chris Epperley kindly holding Kitty DeLapp's square.