



September 2013 Newsletter

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Editor's Note

Do you think that the new year begins in January or as I do that it actually starts in September? I love September as a new beginning after the summer days of lots of outdoor activities, family vacations, cookouts with friends, and other not so happy experiences, humidity, and mosquitoes. The school experience still resides within me as I feel compelled each September to buy a new notebook to carry around with me for meeting notes!

What will you do with your new September beginning? If you haven't already done so, it's probably time to start thinking about those quilted items you want to get ready for Christmas and what new dishes you want to prepare for this year's Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts.

After Jill Sethel's program last month I made several sets of "mug mats" for hostess gifts—no last minute rush to the store for a bottle of wine or to Fresh Market or Panera Bread for pastries for me this holiday season!

For this newsletter I visited Kristen Pickering to photograph her quilting room. Kristen will soon move to Raleigh, NC. She is a prolific quilter and has made many quilts that she has shown us while being in our Guild. She has many of her supplies organized very effectively in a large tall cabinet made by IKEA with two shelves and four plastic drawers. One drawer has *many* dividers. If I ever move to another location I am obtaining a similar cabinet.

Sue Berry

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



The church's new ramp for easy access located by the Fellowship Hall door is now completely available for use.

Important September Dates

September 6 - Barefoot Quiltessas

September 9 - Monthly Guild Meeting - Megan Carr from the Virginia Quilt Museum will be sharing some of the museum's collection and information about programs at the Museum. This is a great meeting to invite friends to attend. *Also, if you have signed up for Barbara Cline's workshop during November your book/pattern will be available.*

September 16 - Busy Hands

September 16 - final registration day for Floyd Quilt Show entrants

Future Events

October 7 - Betty Tyree, Guild member, will present a program on Scrap Quilts, or, as she explains, "If it's still ugly, you just haven't cut it small enough!" *Please bring your scrappy quilts to share during the meeting.*

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.

December 2 - Christmas Social!

Did You Know?



Barn Quilts were started by an Ohio woman, Donna Sue Groves, who wanted to honor her mother, Maxine. Because of her initiative there are now approximately 3,000 quilts on Barn Quilt Trails in 29 states and Canada.

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Comfort Quilts



Judy Bradley reports that this month we have given five quilts to Bethany Hall, 17 to Turning Points Women's Shelter, eight to Family Promise (formerly Interfaith Hospitality) and four quilts and four baby bibs to the Blue Ridge Women's Center. To all members who helped with this endeavor, many, many thanks.

Barefoot Quilteessas



The Barefoot Quilteessas 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 is September 6.* 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.

Newsletters were mailed August 30 to members who normally pick them up at the monthly meeting.



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. Bring your supplies and any sort of handwork, and *come join us on September 16.* We will enjoy sharing our work and maybe a cup of coffee or two. If you have any questions call Sallie Powers.

Membership



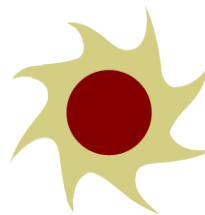
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Library



Checking a book out of our Guild library is a great way to learn about a technique you have not tried without investing a lot of your own money until you see if you are really that interested. Also, you can't beat having your name put in Chris Epperly's box for a chance to win some more stash in the monthly fat quarter drawing!

Sunshine Committee



Well, it's a stretch to call it a committee — however, if you know someone who needs a "thinking of you" card from our Guild, contact Donna Kittelson.

Hospitality



We will have an ornament exchange at the Christmas Social. This activity has not had many participants the last two years. Please consider making an ornament for the exchange. It is a lot of fun to look at the various hand-made ornaments.

Kristen Pickering's Quilting Room



Kristen with award winning Challenge quilt.



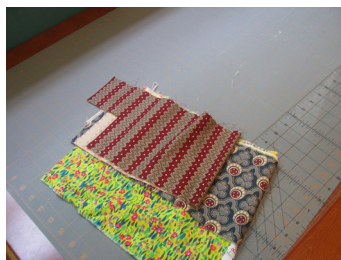
In progress



In progress — Nancy Drew Mystery Book Quilt for friend.



Moda Solid Fabric Samples — can order Moda solids online at reduced cost.



Uses large desk for cutting.

Stores incomplete and next projects in pretty boxes.

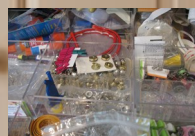
Cuts some scraps into 5-inch squares or 1.5 or 2.5 inch strips.

Top Shelf: Baskets with batting scraps

Second Shelf: Precuts



Third Drawer with dividers: Tools



Fourth Drawer: Small scraps

Fifth Drawer: Color-ordered fat quarters and large scraps

Sixth Drawer: Color-ordered fat quarters and large scraps



"I cannot count my day complete 'til needle, thread and fabric meet." (Made for mother, now Kristen has.)



Kristen wanted to put a long-arm machine where her ironing board is under a big window; alas, she will have to wait until she moves to Raleigh to have a long-arm!



Kristen has developed a method to use die cuts for applique shapes.



Bus Trip to Sewing Expo at Fredericksburg

Date: Thursday, October 3, 2013 Cost: \$79

Contact: Barbara at Travel Lovers @ 434-385-5192

Cost Includes: travel to and from Expo, entrance fee to Expo, shopping bag, lapel pin, voucher for one class, water, snacks on the bus, drop-off and pick up at Expo front door, tip for the bus driver. This an opportunity to shop where many vendors are selling supplies not typically available in our area.

Notified of this opportunity by Melynda Cash (mclparrot@aol.com)

Slots Still Available for Barbara Cline Workshops



The Star Quilters Guild and the Old Church Galley Quilters Guild of Floyd, in coordination with one another, are sponsoring workshops by Barbara Cline. There are a few remaining slots open in each. See photos on our Guild's website or at <http://quiltinggal.blogspot.com/p/patternsbooks.html> or <http://www.delightfulpiecing.com/patterns.php>. The first workshop will be Tuesday, November 5th from 9-4pm at Christ Lutheran Church, 2100 Brandon Ave., SW, Roanoke, VA 24015. The workshop will feature the pattern Star Tricks from the book *Star Struck Quilts*. The cost is \$40 plus \$5 for the pattern or \$20 for the book. If you are interested, contact Janet Lemons at JanetLemons@msm.com.



The following day, November 6 from 9:30 - 4pm the OCGQG workshop featuring the Star Chain Table Runner will be held in the Jacksonville Center in Floyd, VA. The cost is \$45 plus \$5 for the pattern. If interested, contact Elaine Boyd at quilter2468@yahoo.com.

NOTE: Non-guild members will be charged an additional \$10.00 for the workshops.

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