



July 2015 Newsletter

Star Quilters Guild Roanoke, Virginia <http://starquilters.org/>

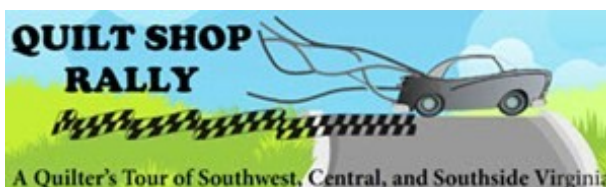
~ A Message from Ann Ware, President of the Guild ~

Members,

Well, we are in full swing. Lots of activities planned for the next several months. Be sure to read the newsletter and all emails sent from the Guild so you don't miss any events. There are workshops scheduled along with learning demos planned. So think ahead and make sure your sewing equipment is in top condition. Start planning those projects you want to do this fall and winter.

Stay Cool

Ann



"A Day in the Country" Quilt Shop Rally

Explore great quilt shops in six communities in Southwest, Central, and Southside Virginia. Get your "license" stamped as you visit each shop and collect free quilt patterns. Visit the state-certified Martinsville-Henry County Visitor Center at 191 Fayette Street (inside the New College Institute's Building on Baldwin in Martinsville) to get your license stamped and pick up your free t-shirt!

Free quilt pattern at each shop, door prizes, refreshments, more than \$2,000 in prizes, special vendor prizes, Junior Quilters prizes! Plus you can enter to win a free sewing machine!

Dates and Times:

Thursday, July 9, 2015 - 9 to 7

Friday, July 10, 2015 - 9 to 7

Saturday, July 11, 2015 - 9 to 7

Sunday, July 12, 2015 - 1 to 4

The Locations:

The Sewing Studio, Inc. -- 1310 Memorial Blvd S., Martinsville <http://www.thesewingstudio.com/>

Sew Biz, Inc.-- 92 & 94 Harvey St., Radford <http://sewbiz.com/>

Sew What Fabrics & Batiks Etcetera -- 460 East Main St., Wytheville <http://batiks.com/>

Quilted Expressions & Sewing Possessions, Inc. -- 3622 Old Forest Rd., Lynchburg

<http://www.quiltedexpressions.com/>

Creative Quilting Connection -- 4903 Starkey Rd., Roanoke <http://www.quiltingconnect.com/>

The General Store at Smith Mountain Lake -- 213 Scruggs Rd., Moneta <http://www.generalstoresml.com/>

Martinsville-Henry County Visitor Center -- 191 Fayette St., Martinsville

<http://www.virginia.org/Listings/VisitorInformationCenters/MartinsvilleHenryCountyVisitorCenter/>

For more information: <http://www.virginia.org/Listings/Events/VirginiaQuiltShopRally/>

THE JULY MEETING

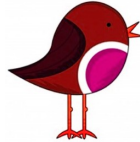
Monday, July 13, 7:00 p.m.



Silk Screening and Piles of Pillows

A lesson on silk screening will be taught by Marcia Albert, ASG. She will then segue into pillow construction and a trunk show of her massive pillow collection. After all, she is known as The Pillow Queen!
(As always, the July meeting will avoid the July 4th holiday by meeting on the second Monday.)

-- Tam McBride, Program Chair



ROUND ROBIN QUILTS

There will be a Round Robin beginning soon. If you'd like to be part of it, come to the July meeting early, at 6:30 p.m., when Kathy Wickham will provide more information.

2014-15 Officers and Chairpersons of the Star Quilters Guild

President	Ann Ware
Vice-President	Kathy Wickham
Secretary	Loretta Twiford
Treasurer	Susan Kraterfield
Newsletter	Laura Perry
Comfort Quilts	Judy Bradley
Historian	Kitty Delapp
Hospitality	Becky Kea
Library	Barbara Turner
Membership	Judy Coffman
Programs	Tamara McBride
Special Events	Linda Cronise
Ways & Means	Vickie Kuhlman
Sunshine	Donna Kittelson

Please contact any of the people above if you have questions.

Their telephone numbers and email addresses are in the Membership Directory.

It's Time for the Pictorial Guild Directory!

If you haven't had your picture taken for the pictorial guild directory, please stop by the Membership Table at the July meeting to have yours taken (it gets hectic before and after the meeting, so be sure to ASK). The directory will be emailed to all members in July, with printed copies available at the August meeting. -- Judy Coffman, Membership.

Divide and Conquer -- Unite and Comfort

Guild members are invited to make blocks for comfort quilts in this design. Following the directions on the website will make 2 blocks from a small amount of fabric. Photos on the website will show you what colors to use and how to assemble the blocks. Your blocks will be combined with blocks from other people to make Comfort Quilts. See <http://starquilters.org/2015/05/07/new-comfort-quilt-design/>



MINI-DEMONSTRATIONS SCHEDULED

These mini-demonstrations will be held at 6:00, before regular Guild Meetings, starting August 3rd.

August -- Linda Cronise -- BACK BASTING

September -- Ruthann Assaid -- LABELS FOR QUILTS

October -- Loretta Twilford -- BINDING TRICKS

November -- Sally Powers -- TIPS AND TOOLS

Be sure to arrive on time so you do not miss anything!

welcome

Welcome to Kristin Farwig of Roanoke, who joined us at the June meeting.

PLANNING AHEAD ...

Comfort Quilts Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 22nd, from 9-12 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your sewing machine. Kits will be available. We will also need extension cords, irons and ironing boards and cutting mats. If your machine is not portable, come anyway, as there will be other things you can do, and we will have a couple of extra machines available.

ORPHAN BLOCKS RESCUED AND GIVEN A NEW HOME!

Kathy Wickham's helpful handout from her June program on Orphan Blocks has been posted to our website.
<http://starquilters.org/2015/06/23/orphan-blocks-handout-from-june-2015-program/>

Thank You!

Thank you all again for being so generous with my "Teen Challenge" project. I was able to supply the girls with 9 sewing machines, much fabric, equipment, and thread. So far, I have spent 3 sessions with 10 girls, focusing on hand sewing, hems, and some embroidery. The turnover of girls will make use of machines challenging, but I will see. It's most impressive to me that they choose to spend their free time in creative sewing. Of course, I take cookies!! Thanks for being my partners. -- Nancy Oldham

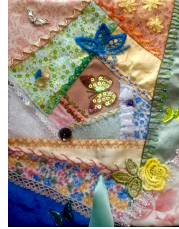


Great News about Comfort Quilts

Ethel and I delivered fifty-two quilts today to the different agencies in the Valley. We gave fourteen quilts to Family Promise, nine to the Blue Ridge Women's Center, six to Trust-Bethany Hall, twelve to Turning Points Women's Shelter, and eleven to the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you to all the Guild members who made this possible. -- Judy Bradley

SIGN UP FOR SEPTEMBER'S CRAZY QUILT WORKSHOP!

Saturday, September 12, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a break for lunch



Saturday, September 12, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.,
Christ Lutheran Church, 2011 Grandin Rd., Roanoke

Avis Withers will instruct a class of 15 people in fine handwork for a crazy quilt block. The quilt block will include: silk, cotton, and brocade fabrics; cotton lace trims; pearl trim; beading; silk ribbons; pearl cotton thread. All special needles, pre-sewn block, extra patterns and embellishments will be provided. Bring only straight pins and a pair of small scissors. Avis is a Trained Sewing Educator for Viking, Serger, and Beginning Sewing by the Martha Pullen School, as well as the Sewing & Craft Alliance. She has also taken courses from the Royal School of Needlework, UK.

Registration fee is only \$25 and the class is filling quickly, so please bring your check to the July meeting to secure your place. Contact Tam McBride, 524-0263, for additional information.

Starry Eyed Quilters

Anyone who'd like to join this group working on art quilts is welcome ... just talk to Susan Kraterfield.



Busy Hands will meet July 20th

The Busy Hands group meets at Starbucks inside Barnes & Noble Bookstore at Tanglewood Mall on the 3rd Monday at 6:30 PM. We meet for about 1-1½ hours. Bring your supplies and any sort of handwork and join us. If you're not doing hand work, come anyway, just to talk. Questions? Phone or email Ann Ware.



BAREFOOT QUILTESSAS will meet on July 17th

The Barefoot Quiltessas usually meet the first Friday of every month at Our Lady of Nazareth Church on Rt. 419 (Electric Road) from 10 AM until 3 PM. In July, they will be meeting on Friday, July 17th ... same time, same place, different date. Bring your lunch and a non-perishable item to donate to the Food Bank as a "thank you" to the church for providing space.

Anyone interested in the Quiltessas should give Judy Bradley their e-mail address (or request a telephone call if you do not have email). She sends out a note every month with details about the up-and-coming meeting.

A Request from Guild Member Susan Butler

If anyone has a Silhouette Cameo Cutting machine, could they please contact me if they would be willing to help me use it! (Susan's phone number and email address are in the Membership Directory.)

Secret Quilt Pals Keep Their Friends in Stitches

Remember to turn in your questionnaire if you want to be part of the Secret Quilt Pals. If you were not at the June meeting, there will be copies of the questionnaire on the membership table at the July meeting. After the program on July 13th, you will draw another member's information sheet. Each month, remember them by card or a small gift (less than \$3). In their birthday month, do not spend over \$5. This gift can be an item you made. There will be a table set up as a "post office" for you to use if you do not want to mail cards or gifts. Leave the gift in a brown bag with your secret pal's name on it. After the meeting, be sure to check to see whether you have any mail!

REMEMBER, DO NOT TELL ANYONE WHO YOUR SECRET QUILT PAL IS. At the July 2016 meeting, we will reveal who we are. If you have any questions, please call or email me. -- Ann Ware



To place an ad for your quilting/sewing related business in the Star Quilters Newsletter, contact editor Laura Perry at starquilters.newsletter@gmail.com. Only \$20.00 buys a business-card sized ad for 12 months. This is a great way to advertise your business!



VOLUNTEER WITH US AT THE SALEM FAIR

July 1 - 15, 2015

Now is the time to volunteer to watch the crafts exhibits at the Salem Fair. This has been a good fundraiser for us! The money buys fabric and supplies to make Comfort Quilts for local people in need of comfort. If you can spare 2 hours, please telephone Sallie Powers.

Star Quilters Guild Board Meeting

A board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 27, starting at 6:30, at Creative Quilting Connections on Starkey Road in Roanoke. Any member is welcome to attend.

Sympathy

Donna Kittelson reports that Kathy Martin's mother died recently.
*Death leaves a heartache that nothing can heal,
Love leaves a memory that nothing can steal.*

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS AND EVENTS

now until Sept 8: Row by Row www.rowbyrowexperience.com

July 7: Artistic expression with Karen Starnes, 7 PM at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg. Sponsored by The Quilting Party, \$2. See one of Karen's quilts here: http://paqa-south.org/members/karen-starnes/?doing_wp_cron=1435806175.2553029060363769531250

July 15 - 18: "Quilts in the Country." Rockbridge Piecemaker Quilt Guild show at the Virginia Horse Center, 11 am to 9 pm at the Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA. <http://www.rpqg.com/>

July 15 - 28: Quilt exhibit at the Bedford Library. More details below.

July 14 to October 3: Exhibits at the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg include "New Quilts From An Old Favorite: Carolina Lily" (a challenge exhibit from the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky), "Botanicals of the Valley" (antique and vintage floral quilts), and "Celebrating Quilting for 20 Years" (quilts from the Shenandoah Valley). For directions and hours see www.vaquiltmuseum.org

July 16-18, 2015: Ricky Tims' Super Quilt Seminar in Morgantown, West Virginia (2 1/2 days \$189).

<http://www.rickytims.com/seminars/>

July 17 - 18: Ocean Waves Quilt Guild's Quilt Show, Lewes DE <http://oceanwavesquiltguild.org/qs15.html>

July 17 - 18: Patchwork Quilters Jamboree, 10 to 6 PM daily at the Graham High School Gym, 216 Valleydale St., Bluefield, VA. Free admission, though donations of money or fabric are appreciated. Featured artist: Karin Tauber.

<http://www.virginia.org/Listings/EventsAndExhibits/PatchworkQuiltersJamboree/>

July 24-25: Quilt Study Seminar at the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg. "Civil War Quilts: What the Women Left Behind." See <http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/special-events/quilt-study-seminar/>

August 1: "Simply Elemental: An Outdoor Adventure." Open house at the Hahn Horticulture Garden at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, 2 to 5 PM, featuring unique works by regional artists. Pieces chosen for their impact in a natural setting can be seen in the garden from August 1 - September 30. <http://www.hort.vt.edu/hhg/events>

August 1: Campbell County Heritage Festival Quilt Display in Naruna, VA, 10 AM to 5 PM.

http://www.campbellcountyheritagefestival.com/blog/?ccm_paging_p_b292=1

August 6-8: Mountain Piecemakers Quilt Show, Burnsville NC <http://yanceychamber.com/event/mtn-piecemakers-quilt-guild-quilt-show/>

August 14-15 -- Lake Norman Quilters "Sailing into Quilting" Mooresville NC lknquilters.wordpress.com



When you travel, check out <http://quiltguilds.com/> to find quilt shows in whatever region you visit.

Peaks and Pieces Quilt Guild Show

A display of beautiful quilts in a wide variety of styles and sizes including contemporary, traditional, and art quilts. Viewers are invited to vote for their favorites! Tickets available for annual charity raffle quilt. At the Bedford Central Library, 321 N. Bridge Street, Bedford, VA, from Wednesday, July 15, 10 a.m. through Tuesday, July 28, 5 p.m., during regular library hours. (No Sunday hours.) For more information, email peaksandpieces@yahoo.com

Sue Bainter Recommends ...

Shannon Shirley from Woodbridge VA will present a "Twice Charmed and Eclectic Mix Trunk Show" on August 3rd at 10:00 a.m. at the Jacksonville Center for the Arts in Floyd. She will show how vintage needlework can be showcased in quilts. Her web site, "Once in a Rabbit Moon" shows some of her quilts. A \$5.00 visitors fee will be charged for her presentation.

To see Shannon's quilts, click on Gallery at <http://www.onceinarabbitmoon.com/>



Betsy Ross Presenting the Flag to George Washington, by Edward Percy Moran

Minutes of the June 2015 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Ann Ware.

Treasurer Susan Kraterfield was not present.

Newsletter - if you are having any problems receiving your newsletter, please let Laura Perry know.

Historian - Kitty DeLapp reported that photographs will remain on the website for a period of 2 years; they will also be retained on film and digitally.

Library - Barbara Turner reported that she has subscribed to Missouri Star Quilt Company's Block magazine for the Guild, but so far has not received a copy.

Hospitality - Becky Kea was not present; Ann thanked the Hospitality Committee members for the great dinner last month and the gift of a stylus we all received.

Sally Powers then took the floor and told that the Salem Fair is coming up from July 2nd through July 12th. When Guild members work at the fair, the Guild receives \$11 an hour for each worker. In past years we have received between \$200 and \$800; all monies received go toward Comfort Quilts. Sally would like members to volunteer to work, three people each for a 2-hour shift for the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th 10th and 11th. Shifts will be: weekdays 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday noon to 10:00 pm. You can park in the GE parking lot and ride the shuttle bus to and from the civic center building. Plus, you can enter items that you have made during the past year.

Membership - Judy Coffman reported attendance of a slightly soggy 42 members and 2 visitors. She also said there will be a mystery drawing later, so be sure everyone has their name in the box on the front desk.

Ways and Means - Vickie Kuhlman reported an income tonight of \$53.30.

Programs - Tamara McBride was not present because her husband had an accident last month. In the newsletter there was an article about a September workshop. If you want to sign up for it, the cost is \$25.00. Tamara will be present next month and can explain further.

Comfort Quilts - Ethel Simmons reported there were 24 comfort quilts turned in tonight. She and Judy Bradley conducted a drawing for squares which was won by Donna Bohon.

Judy Coffman conducted another drawing for people who had volunteered to work at the recent quilt show. The winner was Peggy Ramsay.

Ann Ware then announced that the past three presidents will be reviewing the Guild By-Laws and will present it to the Board and subsequently to the members before the end of the year. Any suggestions for By-Laws changes can be emailed or submitted in writing to Judy McWhorter.

Then it was time for Show and Tell.

After Show and Tell, Betty Tyree gave information regarding a Reversible Strippy Table Runner workshop for Lake Quilters on July 27th, to be presented by Laura Blanchard with a cost of \$25.00 plus \$6.00 for pattern. For more information about Laura Blanchard, check out her website, www.plumtreequilts.com.

Ann Ware asked that if anyone has Nancy Farris raffle tickets, they can be turned in to Kathy Wickham.

Ann then introduced Kathy B. Smith, Program Manager/Education Coordinator for Blue Ridge Soil and Water Conservation District, who told about a project for their Envirothon 25th Anniversary project and would need to be ready for the annual meeting in December. They have prepared 30 tee-shirt squares which they would like to have

made into a quilt. Kathy Wickham volunteered to piece the squares and anyone who would like to help, please let Kathy know. Betty Ann Tyree volunteered to quilt the project. Kathy Smith went on to say that the Envirothon is comprised of several different district schools and the completed quilt would be displayed for a year at the winning team's school. Ann Ware asked that anyone interested in helping should email Kathy Wickham so plans can be made to schedule a workday. Kathy Smith said she would like to attend the workday in order to take pictures of the actual process. Full credit would be given to the Star Quilters Guild and mention would be made in their newsletter, etc.

Ann Ware announced that beginning in September, we will be doing a 6:00 pm demo. Anyone who would like to participate or help should contact RuthAnn Assaid and Linda Cronise of Special Events.

At 7:45 pm, the floor was then given over to Kathy Wickham who spoke on orphan blocks and demonstrated various ways in which the orphans might be used, as well as a handout setting out several suggestions. Prior to the talk, Kathy had asked that anyone who brought an orphan block should bring it to the front where a long strip of fabric was pinned to it and the block put into a bag. After her talk, everyone who had brought an orphan block came to the front and pulled on a long strip of fabric to discover which orphan block they would take home.

Ann Ware then held an auction for 10 of the 20 hand appliqued blocks which had been donated by a member. The remaining 10 will be auctioned at the next meeting.

Ann Ware said there will be a Round Robin beginning next month; be here at 6:30 pm and Kathy Wickham will provide more information.

Ann also told us about the information sheets on each chair. Beginning in August, members are invited to participate in Secret Quilt Pal. The program will continue through July next year when all "Secrets" will be revealed! If you would like to participate, please fill in the information sheet and give it to Ann at the July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Twiford, Secretary

For sale: Sewing Cabinet with airlift, 6 drawers \$250 MaryBeth Lanier (540) 745-3283

THE AUGUST MEETING

Monday, August 3, at 7:00 p.m.

An Art Quilter's Journey

Deborah Droog, AQS member living in Forest, is an artist who got into quilting because she loves fabric. She creates art quilts, modpodge(?) quilts, and teaches thread painting. You will enjoy her great sense of humor! Learn more about Deborah at <http://artsavvy.blogspot.com/> and <http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130922/PC1204/130929923>

I received a thank you card from Abigail Hurt, our quilt show youth entry,
I'd like to share with everyone. -- Kathy Wickham

