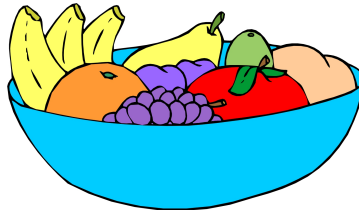




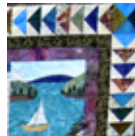
April 2016 Newsletter

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



Dear Members,

Two years seems like a long time, but my two years as your President has gone by very quickly. As your President, I thank you for your support and dedication to the Guild. When you are asked or you offer your time and talent, you are always willing to chip in to make our Guild a success. Doing so, you have made my position a joy to handle. The Board Members and Committee Members are the basket and you, the membership, are the fruit that fills the basket. By working together we will keep that basket full. Let us continue to work as a team for the next President and Committees.
Ann, Your President



[LAKE QUILTERS GUILD SHOW THIS WEEKEND](#)

Lake Quilters Guild at Smith Mountain Lake, Inc., proudly presents CELEBRATING QUILTING 2016 on April 1 & 2, 2016, with technique demonstrations, displays, drawings for 2 raffle quilts, a new children's exhibit, a lunch cafe, and door prizes every hour. On Friday, 9:30 - 4:30 and on Saturday, 9:30 - 4:00, at Trinity Ecumenical Parish, 40 Lakemount Drive, Moneta, VA. Admission: \$5 Donation. See the raffle quilts at <http://www.lakequilters.org/quiltshow/quiltshow.htm>

Our Regular Meeting: Monday, April 4th at 7 PM

"The Care and Maintenance of Our Machines."

Jerry Whitt from Creative Stitches in Lynchburg

will demonstrate the care and feeding of our sewing machines.

He is bringing four different brands so he can explain the requirements of each.

Things you may want to bring to Monday's meeting: (1) Your purple crazy quilt block for the drawing. (2) Finished comfort quilts and finished comfort quilt blocks. (3) Something for your Secret Quilt Pal. (4) Your membership form and dues for the coming year. (5) Your name tag.

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Please contact any of the people above if you have questions. Their telephone numbers and email addresses are in the Membership Directory. If you need a copy of the directory, ask Judy Coffman.



Barefoot Quiltessas

The Quiltessas will be car-pooling to the Salvation Army on Friday, April 1st, to present quilts they have made for the Turning Points Women's Shelter. WSLs-TV channel 10 will be filming this event. Instead of a working meeting, we would like everyone who can go to be a part of the presentation. (We'll let everybody know when the film is aired.)

This week, we delivered 13 quilts to Turning Points, 6 to Bethany Hall, 7 soldier quilts to Trust for homeless veterans, 10 quilts to the Ronald McDonald house, and 16 to Family Promise. Blue Ridge Women's Center received 9 quilts, 17 receiving blankets, 12 bibs, and other baby items. We also gave the RAM House 8 polar fleece throws.

Thanks to all of you who made this possible!

Judy Bradley, Comfort Quilts Chair

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership dues are payable by May 1st for the Star Quilters Guild (May 1, 2016, through April 30, 2017). Please bring your \$20 check (preferred over cash) made payable to "Star Quilters Guild" along with a completed membership form (find at www.starquilters.org) to the April meeting. These forms will also be available at the welcome table. I'm hoping everyone in our Guild will have renewed their membership by May 1st so I can turn over the membership records to the next Membership Chair complete and up to date!

-- *Judy Coffman, Membership Chair*

welcome

Welcome two new members to our Guild who joined at the March meeting:
Linda Rhodes and Patsy Horton. Please be sure to say "hello" to them!

IT'S QUILT SHOW PLANNING TIME!

Next Spring will be here before you know it, and with it our Guild's Quilt Show! There will be a Quilt Show meeting on Monday, April 11, 2016, at Creative Quilting Connection starting at 6:30. There are so many details in making a successful quilt show. Your input is needed. If you are unable to attend but want to be part of the committee, please let me know. ~ Ann Ware

BOARD MEETING THIS MONTH

Date: Monday, April 25, 2016 Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Creative Quilting Connection on Starkey Road off 419 in Roanoke

All members of the Guild are welcome to attend.



The May Meeting: Our Spring Social

Be sure to plan to join us for this enjoyable occasion when we enjoy delicious foods and Show and Tell and welcome our new officers! We will begin at 6 PM at the Lutheran Church.

We will let you know what to bring according to the first letter of your last name.

~ Becky Kea, Hospitality Committee



Busy Hands

This group meets at the Starbucks coffee shop inside Barnes & Noble at Tanglewood Mall each 3rd Monday at 6:30 PM for about 90 minutes. This month, that is April 18th. Hope to see you there! Bring handwork or just your happy self!



Minutes of the Star Quilters Meeting on March 7, 2016

The evening began at 6:00 pm with a mini-demo on Quilt As You Go by Kathy Wickham. Kathy had several examples of quilt-as-you-go blocks as well as different methods of joining the blocks into a quilt. She showed items from simple table runners to wall hangings and full size quilts, all done in one fashion or another using quilt-as-you-go methods. There were also several books available on the subject. Kathy's mini-demo was well attended, with approximately 16 or more quilters gathered around. She also had a handout, which will be made available in the next newsletter if you did not receive one.

The regular meeting was called to order by President Ann Ware at 7:00 pm. Ann asked that all cell phones be turned off and to please keep personal conversation to a minimum.

Ann asked with a show of hands how many members noticed something a little different tonight as they approached the building. Most hands were raised, indicating they had noticed the new Star Quilters banner attached to the rail in the front of the building.

Old Business:

Is everyone receiving their newsletter? Yes.

Treasurer - Susan Kraterfield gave the Treasurer's report; it is available online for your perusal. She reported there was only one bill during the past month and that was to pay for the new banner.

Comfort Quilts - Betty Tyree. We have made our 40th quilt ! Last Friday at Quiltlessas, 5 quilts were trimmed and one was bound. Several quilts were then presented at the front of the room where Betty informed that every piece of the fabrics were used. The snowball quilts produced the pinwheels which were then put together into quilts. Betty told of an intent to find a place to lay the comfort quilts out in a space along a busy highway where folks could see them and perhaps generate some publicity. She also mentioned that she has kits available with her tonight and a box of kits was passed around for members to take and construct the blocks to be used in more comfort quilts, and bring them back next month.

Membership - Judy Coffman. Judy reported there were 63 members present tonight, along with 3 visitors and 2 new members.

Ways and Means - Vickie Kuhlman. Tonight's proceeds are \$100.01.

Sunshine. Ann said she is aware that Carol Morehart had back surgery if anyone would like to send her a card.

Programs - Tam McBride. Next month the speaker will be Jerry Whitt from Creative Expressions in Lynchburg, VA, who will speak on the care and maintenance of our machines. Then May will be spring social.

Librarian - Barbara Turner. The "Farmers Wife" book has finally arrived and is in the Library.

Ann Ware said she was not sure if there would be a 6:00 pm mini-demo next month, but be sure to check the newsletter.

Hospitality - Becky Kea. May will be the Spring Social and we will have a good time. Check the newsletter next month for more information and to see what to bring.

There was a drawing for the red paper-pieced squares next. The name drawn was Kristin Farwig. Congratulations, Kristin ! The block for next month will be PURPLE.

Ann mentioned that she had visited a website, <http://www.JudyMartin.com/> and in the left column under What's New?, choose Sewing Room 2016. Very interesting. Check it out for some good ideas for setting up your own sewing room.

Nominating Committee - Dawn Schaben. The nominating committee would like to present the slate of officers for the terms 2016-2017. President, Kathy Russell; Vice President, Susan Kraterfield; Treasurer, Sue Berry; Secretary, Claire Hightower. There being no further nominations from the floor, according to our By-Laws, we will officially vote to accept them next month.

Ann reminded everyone that a survey was handed out several months ago, and to be sure to fill it out and turn it in in the next couple of months.

New Business:

Judy McWhorter was called upon to present to the guild, three (3) quilt tops available for sale. An acquaintance of her husband knows someone who has these quilt tops and would like to sell them. The question of age was asked and Judy thinks they are probably from around the 30's, 40's or 50's. All are hand pieced and lovely. The asking price per top is \$35.00. Please contact Judy for further details.

Ann Ware announced that the Smith Mountain Lake Guild is having their quilt show on Friday, April 1st and Saturday, April 2nd at Trinity Ecumenical Parish, 40 Lakemount Drive, Moneta, Virginia. The hours are Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is a \$5.00 donation. Children under 12 are admitted FREE. Be sure to support their show.

The Guild By-Laws were reviewed and revised by the past three Presidents. One typo was discovered and they will be corrected by Linda Greene. Are there any questions from the floor regarding the newly revised By-Laws? None. Do I hear a motion and second to accept the By-Laws as revised? A motion and second were made. By a show of hands, all who approve of the newly revised By-Laws raise your hands (it looked to be unanimous). All opposed (no hands were raised).

Ann Ware then said the Guild had received a thank you note from a lady we helped several years ago, Deborah Patterson. Along with her thank you card, she enclosed a \$150 check as a contribution to the Comfort Quilt Committee. The check was given to Treasurer Susan Kraterfield for deposit.

Sallie Powers took the floor with a reminder that time for the Salem Fair is approaching, and will be June 27th this year. Be thinking about volunteering for a couple of hours. Any money received from the Salem Fair which is to be used by the Comfort Quilts.

Vickie Kuhlman of Ways and Means has available several books on crochet and cross stitch which have been donated if anyone is interested.

The meeting was then turned over to Tam McBride who introduced tonight's speaker, Debra Sigrist of Alpine Sewing Machine Company who demonstrated quilting on a Janome embroidery only machine, which happens to be on sale for a limited time, financing available. Many samples were passed around and oggled over, as well as information on the Janome embroidery-only machine she brought to use in her demonstration. All in all it was a very interesting and informative talk and demonstration. It gave courage to try some of those things you may have wanted for years to try, but just did not have confidence to proceed.

Then it was time for Show and Tell, which once again demonstrated the wide and varied talent in the group of Star quilters.

Ann then suggested we all show our quilts on the Guild's FaceBook page. And don't forget about your Secret Quilting Pal exchanges; Secret Quilting Pals will continue until July, when all will be revealed.

A motion and second were made and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Twiford, Secretary



"COLOR STUDY"... A Workshop Sponsored by the Lake Quilters Guild
with Instructor KEVIN WOMACK

MONDAY, APRIL 25TH, 9 AM - 3 PM @ TRINITY ECUMENICAL PARISH, MONETA, VA

Cost to non-members: \$32. Cost to members of the Lake Quilters Guild \$27.

Kevin Womack is a well-known quilter in our area and teaches and lectures nationally. He loves to work with color and will possibly move you out of your comfort zone. During the class, participants will assemble 9-star blocks according to different color theories. You will build your blocks using your choice of a primary solid color and add other fabric. With all the fun playing with color and sharing of fabric, you may not have time to even begin to sew your blocks. However, you will leave with a deeper appreciation of how colors interact with each other. A handout to prepare for this class will be provided upon registration and payment. It is critical that you come prepared as per the instructions in the handout.

Contact Bette Gove 540.875.7123 <kayalsml@gmail.com>
or Kay McCoy 540.577.2101 <kmccoy4053@gmail.com>

Floyd Quilt Show -- Registration Deadline this Month

The Floyd Quilt Guild will present its Quilt Show at a new location this year. The show will be held at the Floyd EcoVillage, 188 Eco Village Trail SE, in Floyd. Hours are 9 to 4 on Friday, May 13th, and Saturday, May 14th. Admission is \$5 daily.

The deadline for registering quilts for the show is April 23, 2016. For more information, see our website at FloydQuiltGuild.com or telephone Sue Berry (540-204-1994).



The Virginia Quilt Museum is happy to report that THE NEFF QUILT IS COMING HOME! More than 40 people contributed to buying this quilt made in the Shenandoah Valley.

See the museum's website at www.vaquiltmuseum.org for information about upcoming programs.

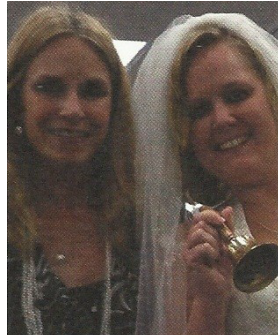
A Fabric Sale in North Carolina

Pineapple Fabrics is preparing for a warehouse sale on April 14, 15, and 16. They offer fabric by the yard or pre-cut into strips, squares, fat quarters, and so forth. The sale is at 505 Aztec Drive in Archdale, NC (exit from I-85 at Exit 111 in High Point/Archdale). See www.pineapplefabrics.com for more information, or pick up a flyer at Monday's meeting. Having the flyer with you will earn a gift for you at the sale.

Been Spring Cleaning? You Can Help our Guild!

The Ways and Means committee is again in need of donations of fabric, patterns, quilt magazines, and books about quilting or sewing. These items are sold to raise money to buy supplies to support Guild programs, including comfort quilts, workshops, and presentations.

Thank you! *Vickie Kuhlman*



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Additive Addictive Embellishments -- a Presentation by Pam Shanley

April 5, 2016 at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg, VA

7 pm (social time starts 6.30 pm) Guest admission \$2

Hand stitching, machine stitching, beads and found objects add color, texture and pattern to the surface of small art quilts. These can be as detailed or as abstract as your art piece. Additive elements create focus points, define shapes and ultimately invite the viewer to come closer and be part of the story of the piece of art. Join us to learn more and see examples!

The Quilt Trail of the New River Valley -- a Presentation by Gwen Douglas

The Meadowbrook Library and the Meadowbrook quilters are sponsoring this lecture. Gwen Douglas will be showing some of the barn quilts she has completed and also talking about the history of quilting and quilting in the New River Valley. 2 PM on April 16, 2016 at the Meadowbrook Library, 267 Alleghany Spring Road, Shawsville, VA 24162. Contact Marie <margood1010@gmail.com> for more information.

April Showers Bring May Flowers



"Dancing Umbrellas"

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



Paper-Pieced Tulip by Theresa Eisinger

<http://www.quiltmaker.com/patterns/details.html?id=171>

