



## July 2016 Newsletter

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



### **Our Regular Meeting: Monday, July 11 at 7 PM**

at Christ Lutheran Church, at the corner of Brandon and Grandin in Roanoke

### **Yoga for Quilters**

Yoga exercises can help relieve tension, relax muscles, and counteract the effects of repetitive movements. Debbie Stevens of 108 Yoga Works will be demonstrating simple yoga moves for our shoulders, backs, arms, necks, etc. You will be able to join in if you wish -- no special clothes required. Debbie has been teaching yoga since 1988 and is a wonderful instructor. ~~ Dawn Schwaben



### **Barefoot Quiltessas will meet**

### **Friday July 1st at a different place**

The Quiltessas usually meet at Our Lady of Nazareth Church, but scheduling problems there mean that we are moving the July workshop to Christ Lutheran Church on Friday, July 1st. This is the church where our Guild has its regular meetings.

We will be using the big meeting room from 9 until 3.

You are welcome to join us in making comfort quilts for those in need. If you come, bring a lunch and a drink for yourself, and maybe some snacks, especially if you're staying all day. We should be able to get a lot done and have a good time doing it!

-- Judy Bradley

## welcome

Be sure to greet our newest members,  
Donna Campbell of Roanoke and Martha Mikel of Salem.

### **Things you may want to bring to Monday's meeting:**

- (1) Heart blocks for the Orlando quilt. (2) Finished comfort quilts and finished comfort quilt blocks.
- (3) The last gift (with your name on it!) for your Secret Quilt Pal. (4) Something you've made to show-and-tell. (5) Donations for the Ways and Means sale. (6) Your name tag.

## Officers and Committee Chairs for 2016-2017

President .....	Cathy Russell
Vice-President .....	Susan Kraterfield
Secretary .....	Claire Hightower
Treasurer .....	Sue Berry
Historian .....	Kristen Farwig
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Service Projects .....	Judy Bradley & Ethel Simmons
Special Events .....	Becky Kea
Sunshine .....	Sue Thurston
Ways & Means .....	Vicki Kuhlman
Web Page .....	Susan Kraterfield

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

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



### Heart Blocks for Orlando Quilts

by Dawn Schaben

Please join us in making heart blocks so we can put together a quilt (or two quilts, if we get enough blocks) to send to the Orlando Modern Quilt Guild. They are trying to make enough heart quilts to donate a quilt to each family that lost a family member in the shootings at Pulse night club, as well as a quilt for each person who was wounded but survived the shootings. If they get enough quilts, they want to donate to the first responders as well.

We need 10-inch heart blocks in primary colors with a white background. You may use white on white or a primary color with a design or small print. Primary colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. Bring blocks to the July meeting.

Here is the link for the pattern for the heart block we want everyone to make.

CHOOSE THE 10-INCH SIZE.



<http://cluckclucksew.com/2015/01/making-heart-blocks-in-multiple-sizes.html>



### Busy Hands

Normally Busy Hands meet on Monday, but in July, we will meet on Wednesday, July 20th. Same location, same time: Barnes and Noble at Tanglewood Mall at 6:30 for about 90 minutes. Bring handwork. All are welcome. ~~ Ann Ware



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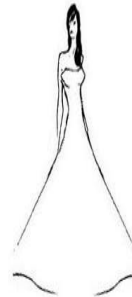
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### **SECRET PALS REVEALED!**

July is the last month for exchanging secret pal notes and gifts. Put your name on your note to reveal yourself to your secret pal. If you are not able to be at the July meeting, please let me know, so we can make arrangements to get your bag to you.

Thanks to all who were involved. ~~ Ann Ware



This month we will have "Christmas in July" at the Ways and Means sale tables. I will bring the usual magazines but will bring only Christmas fabric so you can get a head start on your holiday projects!

If you are making donations of fabric, please bring 100% cotton only.

Thank you, Vicki Kuhlman

## Minutes of the Star Quilters Meeting on June 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by President Cathy Russell, who announced that the meeting would begin with the program and the business portion of the meeting would follow.

For the program, four members were prepared to demonstrate Tips and Techniques at separate tables. Cathy divided us into four groups which rotated from table to table, allowing all of us to learn from each of the demos. If you did not attend, you missed a great program!

Donna Kittelson demonstrated the Westalee Design Quilter's Rule adjustable ruler. This ruler simplifies aligning fabric by providing an alignment edge which can be adjusted according to the required cut width. Donna also demonstrated a quilt binding trick to join the beginning and end of the binding with a mitered seam.

Judy Coffman demonstrated the Folded Corner Clipper triangle ruler for cutting half-square triangles from fabric strips. Using this ruler eliminates the need to trim dog-ears after the triangles have been sewn together.

Judy McWhorter showed wool applique samples and discussed threads, needles and stabilizers to use when doing wool applique.

Kathy Wickham brought paper pieced samples and paper piecing patterns and she discussed paper piecing techniques.

### Business Meeting

Secretary: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Sue Berry reported the current balance.

Sue reported that the Floyd Guild Quilt Show was well supported by Star Quilters. Donna Kittelson won 3 ribbons, Susan Kraterfield and Gisela O'Connor each won one, and Joyce Noell, Sue Bainter and Kathy Martin won Honorable Mention.

Special Events: The Road Trip to Fairfield, Staunton and Dayton on Saturday June 4 was a success. There is a sign-up sheet for carpooling to the local Shop Hop in July.

We are participating in a Sunshine Tours fall trip to the Southern Living Christmas Show. The \$60 fee covers transportation, admission to the show, and doorprizes awarded on the bus. We will stop for dinner on the return trip.

The Quilters' Retreat at South County Library scheduled for July 9 has been cancelled due to insufficient signups.

We will have a Comfort Quilts sew-in at our regular meeting site on Saturday June 25 from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Quilt Show: Kathy Wickham announced that the theme of the 2017 Quilt Show is "Pieces of our Lives." The challenge quilt and a raffle quilt are still under discussion. Quilt show meetings are held at Roanoke Church of Christ at 6:30PM. The next meeting is Monday June 13. All are invited to attend.

Comfort Quilts: Judy Bradley reported 13 quilts turned in and more kits are available. Comfort Quilts had recent publicity in SWCo online (thanks to Betty Tyree) and a TV spot on WSLS-TV.

Membership: Chair Kathy Martin announced 2 new members have joined and 49 members were present at the June meeting.

Fundraising Opportunity: Sallie Powers announced that guild members are needed to serve as Exhibit Watchers at the Salem Fair. For each hour that the Guild supplies 3 watchers, we will earn \$12 for the Guild. A sign-up sheet is available, or contact Sallie.

Salem Museum Exhibit: Sallie Powers announced that the Guild has been asked to supply quilts for the Salem Museum exhibit. The quilts will hang at the museum for 3 months in 2 shifts and will be provide publicity for the Guild. Museum exhibits are protected by security cameras. Bring quilts you would like to submit for the second shift to the July guild meeting. The museum is open Tuesday thru Saturday from 10:00 to 4:00. There is no admission fee.

Misc: A sewing machine foot was found after a previous meeting. Contact Ann Ware.

Secret Pal: Secret Pals will be revealed at the July meeting by signing your name to your July secret pal gift.

### New Business

Library: Betty Tyree reported that the committee is working on a searchable listing of our library collection on the guild website. Let Betty know of books you would like to see in our library. Consider donating your unwanted rulers to our library. If you make a quilt based on a book from our library, please mention the book you used.

Ways and Means: Vicky reported that the Ways and Means table collected \$86.40. Fabrics, books and magazines are needed.

Workshop: Kitty DeLapp announced a Starry Eyed Quilters workshop on Gelli Prints at her house on June 23.

Budget: The budget was approved by voice vote.

### Show and Tell

Members displayed their latest creations, posted on our website. Nice work, Ladies!

The meeting adjourned at 8:48.

Note: due to the July 4 holiday, our next meeting will be July 11.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Claire Hightower, Secretary*

### July Events in Our Area

Now through July 16 -- The Alleghany Arts and Crafts Center in Clifton Forge, VA currently has an exhibit on Americana quilts. Read the exciting details at <https://highlandsartsandcraft.org/>

July 13 - 26 -- The Peaks & Pieces Quilt Guild of Bedford, Virginia, will be holding its 20th annual quilt show at the Bedford Central Library, 321 N. Bridge Street, Bedford, VA 24523, Wednesday, July 13, 10:00 a.m. - Tuesday, July 26, 5:00 p.m. during regular library hours. (The library is closed on Sundays.) The show is free and open to the public. Viewers can vote for their favorites until July 22nd, and tickets for a raffle quilt will be available.

July 14 - 17 -- Southern Patchwork Potluck - Quilt Shop Rally. Visit the Sewing Studio Inc. in Martinsville, Sew What Fabrics & Batiks Etcetera in Wytheville, Quilted Expressions in Lynchburg, The General Store at Smith Mountain Lake in Moneta, and Sew Biz Inc. in Radford, Virginia. Free patterns and prizes, demos, and more! <http://www.virginia.org/Listings/Events/VirginiaQuiltShopRally/>

Various dates -- The Quilting Party is sponsoring programs, lectures, workshops, and special events. See <http://kutauber.wix.com/the-quilting-party#!workshop/c1oy8>



If you are a new member and have not had your photo taken for the Pictorial Directory, please stop by the Membership table at Monday's meeting. Also, a new photo can also be taken for members who would like a different one in the directory.

-- *Kathy Martin and Linda Green, Membership Committee*

# OUR 2017 QUILT SHOW: PIECES OF OUR LIVES

## Here's News from the Quilt Show Committee

Twelve Starquilters gathered Monday June 13th at the Roanoke Church of Christ. Judy McWhorter opened the meeting. First point of business was the venue and dates for our show. We discussed the possibilities of having our show at Tanglewood Mall or The Berglund Center. It was voted by all to have the show at the Berglund Center due to familiarity of venue, space, advertising, set-up costs, vendor set-up, accessibility and lower cost of the hall and rooms for judging and the bed turning. The available dates at Berglund are March 22-25, 2017.

The many subcommittees of putting on a show were brought up and leaders chosen.

Admissions/Entrance - Linda Whisman

Awards -

Bed Turning - Cathy Fandel

Check-in - Elsie Bailey

Check-out - Claire Hightower

Challenge quilts -

Community Service - Judy Bradley and Ethel Simmons

Floor Plan and Hanging & Take down - Vickie Kuhlman

Judging - Elsie Bailey and Betty Ann Tyree

Logo Art -

Membership - Cathy Martin

Publicity -

Printing -

Registration - Judy Coffman

Security - Kathy Wickham

Signage - Gisela O'Connor

Vendors & Sponsors - Ann Ware

Volunteers -

As you can see, there are blanks in the above listing. Will your name fit in one of the openings? Can you help make our show again one of the premier shows in the state of Virginia?

Come to our next meeting July 18th at 6:30 PM at Roanoke Church of Christ Fellowship Hall at the corner of Brandon and Carlton.

Before we adjourned, we decided to have a raffle quilt ready for the show. We will present more information and pattern at the July meeting. Please help us by making a block.

~~ Kathy Wickham and Judy McWhorter, Quilt Show Co-Chairs.

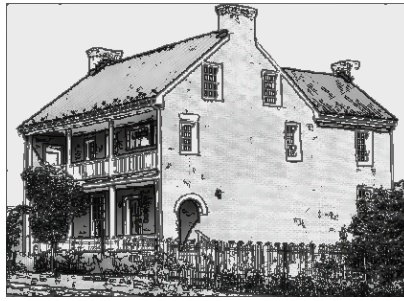
## *Comfort Quilt Workshop Photos*

The Comfort Quilt workshop held last Saturday was great fun, and many quilts were made.

See the pictures Cathy posted on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/114448361921935/>

Thanks to all who participated. ~ Judy Bradley



### Your Quilts at the Salem Museum

The administrators at the Salem Museum have been so appreciative of the quilts which have been hung there for the past six weeks, and they are looking forward to seeing the next group.

We plan to return the first group at the July meeting.

We would like to pick up some more at the same time. If you have a quilt that is not over 80" in length and would be willing to lend it to the museum for six weeks, please let Sallie (389-3827) or Elsie (797-6466) know. There is no required theme this time, and depending on the size, we will be able to take about 15 quilts to hang.

~~ Elsie Bailey and Sallie Powers

### TIME FOR A (POLITICAL) PARTY?

Here's what the good ladies of Missouri were patching and quilting 85 years ago. ~ Laura Perry

