



## January 2017 Newsletter

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

# Happy New Year!

Our January Program: **A SILENT AUCTION**

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

**Monday, January 9th, starting at 7 PM**

Our annual sale will take place at the meeting in January.

Let Dawn Schaben know if you want a donation picked up before the meeting (540-354-8464 or dschaben@aol.com). Remember, your no-longer-needed tools, your unfinished projects, and the fabrics you won't use can be treasures for someone else -- plus, the money raised helps the Guild.

If you are able to help with pricing or preparation for the sale, please contact Cindy King or Dawn Schaben.

Come prepared to buy pleasant surprises!

## *Barefoot Quiltessas*

We will be meeting Friday, January 6th, at the usual place, Our Lady of Nazareth Church on 419 (Electric Road), and at the same time, 10 AM, to work on quilts for various charitable agencies. Everyone is welcome -- bring your sewing machine, a lunch, and a contribution of non-perishable food for the Food Bank. It is never a requirement that you work on anything specific. You can work on charity quilts, bring something of your own, or just sit and chat. Love having you!

*~Judy Bradley*

## \*\*\*\*\* COMFORT QUILTS WORKSHOP \*\*\*\*\*

Saturday, January 14, 2017, from 9:00 - 3:00

at Christ Lutheran Church (our regular meeting place)

What to bring: lunch, sewing machine, accessories and tools, and an extension cord. Glasses for sewing if you wear them. Check with Judy Bradley to see if we need an iron and ironing board.

Let's start off the new year with a good time, good fellowship, and more quilts for our community service project! ~ *Cathy Russell, SQG President*



## Officers and Committee Chairs for 2016-2017

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Their telephone numbers and email addresses are in the Membership Directory if you have questions.

### Upcoming Programs

February -- Stack and Whack/One-Block-Wonder Quilts, a presentation by Barbara and Linda Badger. Guild members are encouraged to bring any Stack and Whack/One-Block-Wonder quilts that they have made to the meeting to share during the program.

March -- Organizing Your Sewing Space, a presentation by Ann Custer of WOW Organizing Services LLC. She would like 5 or 6 volunteers to send pictures of their sewing rooms and she will discuss ways to organize those rooms. If you are interested in participating, please contact me at 540-354-8464 or [dschaben@aol.com](mailto:dschaben@aol.com) for more details on what Ann needs in way of pictures. She would like to discuss 5 to 6 people's sewing spaces. If you don't want your name used in her presentation, she won't use it. Just let us know.

April -- Trunk Show by local quilt Joyce Moorman.

May -- Spring Social - starting at 6:00 p.m. More details in the future.

~ Dawn Schaben, Program Chair



### Busy Hands

The Busy Hands will meet on January 16th at 6:30 at Barnes and Noble, Tanglewood Mall. Anyone is welcome to come. Even if you don't have any handwork, come and have a cup of coffee and talk. We never know who might stop by our table. In December, we had a lady who was a member of our guild many years ago stop by to chat. She had lost touch with many of the members, so we invited her to come back to the guild and visit. We even had a gentleman stop by to inquire about us. He said his son might be interested in joining us. You never know what might happen between 6:30 and 8:00 on the third Monday at Barnes and Noble! ~ Ann Ware

## Delivering Comfort to People who need it

In December, Ethel Simmons and I delivered 63 quilts to various agencies in the Valley. Sixteen of the quilts were large ones that the Quiltessas made. Five of those were given to Linda Greene to take to Ransom Street. Five quilts were delivered to the RAM House, 10 quilts to the Ronald McDonald House, five quilts to Street Ransom, 22 quilts to Turning Points (11 for their beds and 11 for the children), seven quilts and seven bibs to the Blue Ridge Women's Center, and 13 quilts to Family Promise.

When we arrived at the Turning Points shelter, Betty met us at the car. When we handed her 11 bed-sized quilts, she was overwhelmed. She explained that she was making up beds for a family of three that was expected shortly and she didn't have quilts for their beds. And just at the right moment, we show up. Little do we know how we touch the lives of others. All of you Quiltessas and comfort-quilt makers have blessed so many! ~Judy Bradley

Editor's note: Sixty-three quilts means one for each of these stars.  
What an admirable accomplishment!

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# Thank You!

... to Gisela O'Connor and Judy Bird and others who helped prepare for our December social.  
The tables were lovely and the party favors both pretty and useful!




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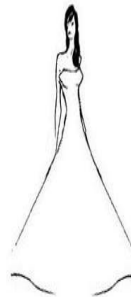
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## LAST CALL FOR QUILTS WITH A STORY

Your last chance to contribute a quilt for the Bed Turning at the Quilt Show will be at the January 9th 2017 meeting. The quilt show committee will be choosing a representative selection of quilts for the bed turning by late January.

The Bed Turning is a display of quilts (laid flat on a bed and revealed one by one) that is always popular at the quilt show. Of course, you get your quilt back after the show!

In any Bed Turning, it is the story of the quilt that is so important, and this year's show theme, "Quilts: Pieces of Our Lives," speaks directly to that connection. Do you have a quilt whose story and history you would like to share with others? If so, please bring a photo of your quilt or the quilt itself to the January guild meeting to show me, or email me at [cathy@blueridgequilting.com](mailto:cathy@blueridgequilting.com).

Your generous sharing will make the Bed Turning a very special part of the 2017 quilt show!

~ Cathy Fandel

## The Pulse Quilt Project



Dawn Schaben, who coordinated our contributions to the Pulse Quilt Project, recently received an update from the Orlando Modern Quilt Guild:

The Orlando guild has received over 1100 quilts and distributed 130 to Orlando fire fighters, 230 to the injured and to loved ones of those who died, and 100 to Legal Aid of Orange County Bar Association, which supplied a lawyer for each of 100 people after the shooting. Other recipients will be 911 operators, medical personnel at Orlando Health and Florida Hospital, employees of the Pulse nightclub, and the mayor of Orlando.

The Orlando quiltmakers included a personal note to our Guild:

*Thank you so much for your guild's beautiful contributions to Quilts for Pulse. Our guild is so appreciative of the generosity and love of the quilting community. The quilts are so amazing and everyone loves them. Thank you for helping us spread the love. Happy quilting! Michele -- on behalf of the Orlando MQG*



The Hospitality Committee still needs birthdays for some members.

If your name is on this list and you haven't already sent it in, please send the *month and day* of your birthday to Gisela O'Connor:

Martha Akers, Corinne Atkinson, Sue Bainter, Sue Berry, Sandy Bowen, Ruth Bunt, Donna Campbell, Linda Crowley, Connie Davis, Kitty Delapp, Amanda Forehand, Versie Greenstreet, Kathleen Ledger, Janet Lemons, Judy Long, Tam McBride, Martha Mikel, Angie Miller, Natalie Norris, Jean O'Hara, Jenna Pynn, Elizabeth Schell, Patricia Snowadzky, Barbara Turner, Diana Van Hise, Pat Wade.

## Minutes of the Star Quilters Meeting on December 5, 2016

Our Holiday Social was called to order at 6:05 PM by President Cathy Russell. The food tables were filled to overflowing with main dishes, side dishes, and desserts provided by the membership. The table settings, courtesy of the Hospitality Committee, were beautiful. Congratulations to all for making this annual event a delightful success. The event was followed by a brief business meeting, a Gift Exchange for those who wished to participate, and Show and Tell.

### Business Meeting and Announcements

Membership: Kathy Martin announced that 48 members and 3 guests attended the December meeting.

Quilt Show: The next Quilt Show meeting will be held on December 12 at Roanoke Church of Christ at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend. The show committee is looking for show sponsors; contact Ann Ware for information.

Comfort Quilts: Judy Bradley announced 8 Comfort Quilts were turned in at the December meeting. A Comfort Quilts workshop is planned for January, date to be determined.

Library: Betty Tyree asks that we use the clipboard in the library area to sign out books.

Upcoming Meetings: Dawn Schaben announced the schedule of upcoming programs:

January - our Annual Auction Fundraiser. Please bring items to the January meeting or contact Dawn to donate in advance of the meeting.

February - To be decided.

March - Organizing Your Sewing Room A professional organizer will present a program and would like photos of some of our sewing rooms as examples to use in her presentation.

April - Trunk Show by Joyce Moorman

### Show and Tell

Members displayed their latest creations (photos now posted on our website).

### Closing

The next meeting will be on January 9, the *second* Monday, due to the New Year's Holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

*Claire Hightower, Secretary*

## **Starry Eyed Quilters: The Monochromatic Challenge**

The idea is to make a quilted object using only one color (including different shades of that color, if you want, and with a neutral color optional). It can be a table runner, a wall hanging, a mug rug, or a bed quilt -- whatever. Several people have started ... *mentally* if not in actual fabric. If you'd like to join them, just let me know.

Recently, I found this lush little Crazy Quilt square online. If you wanted to do hand work, it would make a good model for a small project for the challenge. ~ Susan Kraterfield



<http://pintangle.com/2010/07/06/introducing-block-31-of-the-i-dropped-the-button-box-crazy-quilt/>



## SPECIALY REQUESTED RECIPES FROM THE DECEMBER SOCIAL

### Reuben Casserole from Loretta Bedia

2 cans crescent rolls  
1 pound of deli corned beef, sliced thin  
1 lb. Swiss cheese, sliced thin  
1 can Sauerkraut, drained (16 oz.)  
3/4 cup Thousand Island Dressing  
1 egg white, beaten

Grease 9x13" pan. Spread one can of crescent rolls on bottom of pan. Bake 350° 8 - 10 min. until brown. Remove from oven. Place 1/2 cheese on crust. Place corned beef on top of cheese. Mix Sauerkraut and dressing and pour over beef. Top with remaining cheese. Place remaining crescent rolls on top. Brush with egg white. Bake at 350° for 35-40 minutes.

### Corn Pudding from Judy McWhorter

2 pounds frozen corn  
10 eggs  
1 quart heavy cream  
1 cup sugar  
Salt and pepper to taste

Place the frozen corn in the bottom of greased 9"x13" casserole dish. Beat the eggs, add the sugar, then add the cream and mix them together. Pour this mixture over the corn. Bake 1½ hours at 350° F, until golden brown. (Mine took only 1 hour and 12 minutes, so keep an eye on it.)

## A Good New Year's Resolution: Make a Comfort Quilt

The Star Quilters Guild has a special mission: to make quilts for people in need in our community. You can make these quilts with the Quiltessas on first Fridays, or with a weekend group like the one scheduled for January 14, 2017. But you can also make these quilts in the comfort of your own home, either with a kit from the Quiltessas or with fabric of your own. Here are the basics.

A comfort quilt or lap quilt can be made with a simple pattern of 6-inch squares that are sewn into rows of 7 blocks across and 9 down. The minimum size is 36"x47".

Bed-sized quilts go to shelters for people in trouble. Make them large enough for a single bed. Chose fabrics for adults, teens, or children as you prefer.

An injured soldier quilt is bigger -- at least 50" by 60" -- but kits make up quickly into 12 big blocks that are then sewn together. Use cotton fabric but not flannel. Make the backing fabric of a darker color.

Baste together the finished top, the batting, and the backing. Quilt completely, then make an edging by pulling part of the backing over the edges or by sewing on binding in a compatible color.

Because these quilts will be used, not just displayed, please make them sturdy. Quilt them closely -- no more than 3 or 4 inches between quilt lines -- so they won't fall apart when washed.

We all know that quilts are comforting. Think how much the quilts we make can mean to people who especially need comforting -- the homeless, the ill, the lonely -- who will know that kind strangers made them to show that they care.

## *The Quilt Show Challenge: A Window into My Life*

Now that the holidays are behind us, it is time to start your challenge quilt. It will be a nice change from all the hustle and bustle of the holiday preparations. Hopefully you have had a couple of ideas pop up as you were getting ready for the holidays. Perhaps you have quilting techniques that you absolutely love to do. You could do a sample of them as an expression of your quilting life. Maybe you spend your time doing another hobby and you could illustrate that for your quilt. Recently, I was thinking that I am really a warm weather person, so maybe a beach scene will be in my challenge "portrait."

The theme for this year's quilt show is "A Window into My Life." You are invited to make a small quilt that provides a view into *your* life. It can be any shape, but it should measure no more than 80" around its edges. It can depict one important part of your life, or several. Maybe you have some different phases of your life that you would like to portray, such as working mother, a retired professional, a quilter, an artist, etc. It can portray any part of your life: hobbies, travel, family heritage, family, etc. It can be serious, funny, whimsical, sentimental, or crazy.

You can use any means of construction as long as it is a quilt, which means it has a top, a batting and a back. You can use paints, applique, paper piecing, decorative threads, beads, paint sticks, colored pencils, glitter, or fancy quilting. The only limit is your imagination.

These quilts will be displayed and turned in at the March 2017 guild meeting. They will then be exhibited at the quilt show. Experience shows that viewers enjoy seeing all the different things that can be done to meet a Quilt Show Challenge.

Time is flying by, so don't delay. Happy New Year and Happy Quilting! ~ Donna Kittelson

## **2017 Calendar from an Artist who will be at our Quilt Show**

Artist Robert Tuckwiller is a vendor for our quilt show. You may want to order his beautiful calendar for the new year. Visit [www.tuckwillergallery.com](http://www.tuckwillergallery.com) to order online. Or pick one up at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital Gift Shop. ~ Ann Ware



### **Library Committee**

Now's the time to get ideas for new projects. Make a resolution to check out the Star Quilters Guild library for ideas. Remember to return checked out items! Happy new year! ~ Betty Tyree

## THE DONALD C. BUNCE QUILT EXHIBITION



(Pictured above are 2 prize-winning quilts that Don had in our 2015 show.)

### THE DONALD C. BUNCE QUILT EXHIBITION FEBRUARY 1-28, 2017 MONETA SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE LIBRARY 13541 MONETA ROAD, MONETA, VIRGINIA

Don Bunce is a past president of our guild. He makes stunningly beautiful quilts.

A reception honoring Don will be held on Friday, February 3, 2017, 11:00-1:00.

For more information: Vicki Seekford of The General Store at Smith Mountain Lake  
[jcvbseek@msn.com](mailto:jcvbseek@msn.com)

### CHECK OUT THIS LIBRARY BOOK!

If you were intrigued by the recent program on modern quilts, you may want to check out some of the books on modern quilting in the Star Quilters library. *Quilts Made Modern* by Weeks Ringle & Bill Kerr discusses quilt design issues such as color theory, layering, and scale from a modern-quilt viewpoint. It also offers ten modern quilt patterns that offer terrific inspiration for your work. If the following pictures pique your interest, be sure to look for this book (#508) at the January meeting. ~ Barbara Badger







## Planning for Our 2017 Quilt Show, "Quilts: Pieces of Our Lives"

March 24th and 25th, 2017

The next meeting for the Quilt Show Committee will be January 2nd at The Roanoke Church of Christ at 6:30 PM. We decided to have the meeting early in January rather than wait until the 3rd Monday of the month. You are welcome to join us there!

*~ Judy McWhorter and Kathy Wickham*

## Blue Ridge Quilters give Gift to Blue Ridge Library



Some familiar faces here! Janice Taylor, Louise Jargowsky, Steve Vest, Tina Dietz, Loretta Twiford, Susan Butler, and Carol Zaleski. Photo courtesy of Carol Zaleski

Christmas came early at the Blue Ridge Library. Steve Vest, the library's director, was surprised with a gift from the Blue Ridge Quilters.

Since the group's inception in 2001, the Blue Ridge Quilters have met monthly at the library. The quilters wanted to show their appreciation to the library with a special gift -- a dry-erase board that can be used by the library and by groups using the library's meeting room.

[http://www.roanoke.com/community/botetourt\\_view/blue-ridge-quilters-give-gift-to-blue-ridge-library/article\\_d4800cf0-c5af-11e6-8ed8-ab56e273658b.html](http://www.roanoke.com/community/botetourt_view/blue-ridge-quilters-give-gift-to-blue-ridge-library/article_d4800cf0-c5af-11e6-8ed8-ab56e273658b.html)



A winter weather reminder: Star Quilters follows the schedule of Virginia Western Community College. If their evening classes are canceled due to weather, our meeting will also be canceled.

*Making mistakes is my most successful learning style.*

-- Joy J. Iervolino <http://www.joysquilts.com/>

## Un-Classifieds

Help Wanted -- Someone who would be willing to make a quilt for me to remember my parents. I have fabric that my mom purchased to make smocking dresses with as well as my dad's dress shirts that I would like to utilize. I am happy to pay whatever fee they would charge for their time and labor as well as materials. Email [jenniferlchandler@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferlchandler@gmail.com) or phone 703-785-0494 or 202-674-7553. -- Jennifer Chandler

For Sale -- Quality quilting fabric for sale, 100% cotton. Yardage and kits available at \$4.00/yard.

Also ... a Bernina Activa 130 sewing machine, recently serviced, \$350

Elsie Bailey 540-797-6466 [ewbquilts@gmail.com](mailto:ewbquilts@gmail.com)

For Sale -- Bernina 765 Special Edition Rose Gold Sewing Machine -- list price \$5499, now \$4500 or best offer. Tam McBride (540) 524-0263 or [tammcb@cox.net](mailto:tammcb@cox.net)

For Sale -- Bernette 340 Embroidery Machine made by Bernina, 4 years old -- \$600.00.

BECKY KEA 540-774-1651 or [beckykea@cox.net](mailto:beckykea@cox.net)

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## Quilts

by Nikki Giovanni

My seams are frayed my hems falling my strength no longer able  
To hold the hot and cold

I wish for those first days  
When just woven I could keep water  
From seeping through  
Repelled stains with the tightness of my weave  
Dazzled the sunlight with my  
Reflection

I grow old though pleased with my memories  
The tasks I can no longer complete  
Are balanced by the love of the tasks gone past

I offer no apology only  
this plea:

When I am frayed and strained and drizzle at the end  
Please someone cut a square and put me in a quilt  
That I might keep some child warm

And some old person with no one else to talk to  
Will hear my whispers

And cuddle  
near

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