



April 2017 Newsletter

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

**Our April Program - 7 pm on Monday, April 3rd
at Christ Lutheran Church, corner of Brandon and Grandin in Roanoke**



A Trunk Show by Joyce Moorman, a member of the Lake Quilters Guild

Joyce is a native of Bedford County, Virginia. She started quilting in 1970, but she has made over 260 quilts since 1994. She loves to take traditional patterns and see what changes she can make in them. She taught quilting classes for many years. One of her favorite things to do is a road trip to a quilt shop, with her BFF's.

Some of you will remember Joyce's quilt, "In Motion," which won a first-prize ribbon in our 2011 quilt show (shown above). Her quilt "The Pyramid" won an honorable mention ribbon for Art Quilt in this year's quilt show. Joyce will be displaying her quilts, explaining the techniques she used, and answering questions about them.

~ Dawn Schaben, Program Chair



Gratitude and Congratulations

Congratulations to the Quilt Committee members for a great quilt show! We appreciate your creativity, dedication, and hard work. Special thanks to the co-chairs, Judy McWhorter and Kathy Wickham. You really put it together!

Officers and Committee Chairs for 2016-2017

President	Cathy Russell
Vice-President	Susan Kraterfield
Secretary	Claire Hightower
Treasurer	Sue Berry
Historian	Kristen Farwig
Hospitality	Gisela O'Connor and Judy Bird
Library	Betty Tyree, Linda Badger, & Barbara Badger
Membership	Kathy Martin & Linda Greene
Newsletter	Laura Perry
Programs	Dawn Schaben
Publicity	Linda Badger
Quilt Show	Judy McWhorter & Kathy Wickham
Service Projects	Judy Bradley & Ethel Simmons
Special Events	Becky Kea
Sunshine	Sue Thurston
Ways & Means	Vicki Kuhlman
Web Page	Susan Kraterfield

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



Barefoot Quiltessas

Check with Judy Bradley to see whether this group will be meeting Friday, April 7, at the usual place, Our Lady of Nazareth Church on 419 (Electric Road), and at the usual time, 10 AM, to work on quilts for various charitable agencies. Everyone is welcome -- bring your sewing machine, a lunch, and (in charity for others and in gratitude that the church does not charge our group rent) a contribution of non-perishable food to go to the Food Bank.

Kaleidoscope Quilts or One-Block Wonder Quilts

If you missed Barbara Badger's presentation on One-Block Wonder Quilts in February, here are a few helpful hints she shared:

Favorite Tools: A double-hinged mirror for previewing fabrics. A 60-degree angle cutter. A larger rotary cutter for cutting through a stack of fabric with many repeats,

Authors/Quilters: Paula Nadelstern - Fussy-cut kaleidoscope art quilts. Bethany Reynolds - Multiple Stack 'n Whack books and templates. Maxine Rosenthal - One Block Wonders. Ricky Tims - Kool Kaleidoscope Quilts

Online Resources: Free videos on youtube.com. Google searches for Kaleidoscope Quilts or One Block Wonder Quilts.

Upcoming Programs

May -- Spring Social - starting at 6:00 p.m. This potluck supper with show-and-tell afterwards is always a popular event.

June - Ryan's Case for Smiles with Mary Jo Reed. This is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing sick children with handmade pillowcases to help them cope with the stress of their illnesses and injuries. For more information, visit www.caseforsmiles.org.

I am working on programs for the next six months. **If anyone has any ideas, is willing to present a program, or has an interest they would like to see a program about, please share with me** at dschaben@aol.com or 540-354-8464. ~ Dawn Schaben, Program Chair

Organizing Your Sewing Room -- the March Program

In March, Ann Custer spoke to the guild about organizing a sewing/quilting space. She made several helpful suggestions and shared two handouts. Anyone who wants a free consultation with her should call (540) 420-8225 or see www.woworganizing.com.

Ann Ware took Ann Custer's advice in rearranging her sewing room recently.



BEFORE: Chests of drawers that hid the contents, so that Ann had to go searching through them for items.



AFTER: Stacking plastic boxes that are labeled and see-through, so Ann can easily locate items she needs.



BEFORE: Stacked shelving full of books and miscellaneous items.



AFTER: Organized with labeled plastic bins. Tossing old magazines made more room. A clothes rack hung sideways holds quilting hoops and spools of twine.

Ann Ware says, "With time and a little work on organization, you can make your sewing time more productive and enjoyable." And she's speaking from experience!

Minutes of the March 6th Star Quilters Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by President Cathy Russell. We had our program first, followed by our meeting, Challenge Quilt judging, and Show and Tell.

Program

Ann Custer of WOW Organizing presented a program on Organizing Your Sewing Room. She works with clients in their sewing rooms and elsewhere in their homes to help them clear out what they do not use and organize what they want to keep. One of her suggested goals of organization is to be able to see what you have so that you can find what you need quickly. She recommends that sewing and craft spaces have shelving above the workspaces so that the workspace can be a place to work rather than a place to keep clutter. Her website is WOWOrganizing.com.

Business Meeting and Announcements

Membership: Kathy Martin announced that sixty members, one new member, and four guests attended the March meeting.

Quilt Show: The next Quilt Show meeting will be held on March 13 at Roanoke Church of Christ at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend. The Show will take place at the Berglund Center on March 24 and 25. Pre-registered quilts for the show are to be turned in at Berglund on March 22 from 8AM to 2PM. The Raffle Quilt is finished and will be displayed, and raffle tickets sold, at the Show. A signup sheet for volunteers to work at the Show is being circulated, please volunteer to help. Show volunteers who work multiple days at the Show will need to pay only one admission.

Comfort Quilts: Judy Bradley announced that nine Comfort Quilts and one Soldier Quilt were turned in. Eleven members attended the Comfort Quilts Workshop on Saturday February 25.

Treasurer: Sue Berry requested that everyone turn in all their receipts ASAP as our fiscal year closes in April.

Hospitality: Gisela O'Connor announced birthday wishes for members with March birthdays.

Sunshine: Please send requests for Get Well and Sympathy cards for members to Sue Thurston.

Ways and Means: Vicky Kuhlman announced that the Ways and Means table earned \$68.15 in March. The February Auction earned \$891.

Show and Tell

Members displayed their latest creations, posted on our website.

Challenge Quilt Judging

Marietta Price from Bargain Barn Fabrics judged our Challenge Quilt entries. She explained that her criteria included workmanship (even quilting with good thread tension, smooth binding, etc.); harmony and balance of the design and color; adherence to the "Pieces of Our Lives" theme with a story or statement that is evident in the quilt; and judicious use of any surface embellishments to enhance the theme. And the winners were:

First: Judy McWhorter

Second: Judy Coffman

Third: Susan Kraterfield

Honorable Mention: Donna Kittelson

Closing

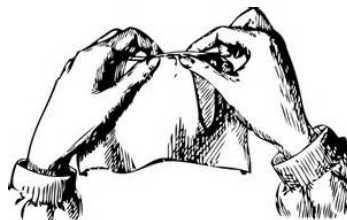
The next meeting will be on April 3, 2017. The program for the evening will be a Trunk Show by Joyce Moorman.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted, *Claire Hightower*, Secretary



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Busy Hands

The Busy Hands group will meet Monday April 17th at 6:30. Location is Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Tanglewood Mall on Franklin Road. We are a group who work on hand projects. Anyone is welcome to join us for one month or every month. Bring a project along and join us. In the quilt show, we saw the Yo-Yos Laura had been working on for months while at our gathering.

Any questions, please email me.

~ Ann Ware

A Quilt Trip Hint from Carol Morehart

I was visiting Dollywood last week and was talking to a lady there who asked if I'd seen the quilt show. I said, WHAT quilt show? Well, I was overwhelmed! It was the 23rd annual "A Mountain Quiltfest" in Pigeon Forge, very close to our motel. It ran March 21-25 at the LeConte Conference Center. My husband took many pictures & was entertained by a dulcimer player. I shopped for hours and he didn't even miss me. The show was free and had 50 or more vendors, and many workshops. You can tell I don't go to many large quilt shows, because I was so excited. I will definitely plan next year's trip to Dollywood at this time.

<http://www.pigeonforge.com/A-Mountain-Quiltfest/>

~Gisela O'Connor, Hospitality Committee

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Faux Hawaiian Workshop on May 22

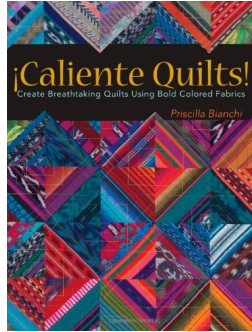


-- Susan Kraterfield



Here's hoping this sunny weather will put a spring in your steps!

The Library Committee Recommends ...



Caliente Quilts: Create Breathtaking Quilts Using Bold Colored Fabrics

"Caliente" means "hot" in Spanish -- an appropriate title for this fashion-forward, contemporary quilting book. The author uses ethnic colors and patterns to create a very modern edge to her quilts. Author Priscilla Bianchi imbues every project with hip, vivid color combinations that reflect the heritage and style of her Guatemalan homeland. This book shows quilters how to be fearless when it comes to color, and includes 10 stunning, unique projects. Look for this book (#602 in the library) at the April Star Quilter's meeting.

~~Barbara Badger

2017 SMOKY MOUNTAIN QUILTERS SHOW IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Deadline for entries is May 8, 2017. The show is on June 16-17.

See www.smokymtnquilters.com.

Quilt Workshop in Maryland

"Fun & Flirty" quilting at Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland, on July 14-16, 2017. See the Mid-Appalachian Quilters website at www.maqonline.org for all the details.



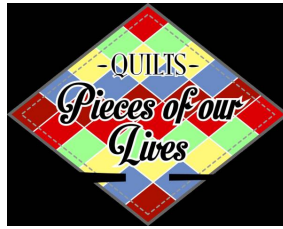
"Airing of the Quilts: Spring Quilt Discovery Luncheon"

Sunday, May 21, from noon to 3:00 PM EDT

In honor of the seasonal ritual of removing quilts from beds for a period of outdoor airing in preparation for their warm-weather storage, we bring you "Airing of the Quilts." Hosted by noted Virginia quilt historian and appraiser Neva Hart, the program will include information about the heritage, design, and techniques of the various quilts on display. It will include a Show and Tell of attendees' own quilts (only the first 15 to register their quilts).

\$40 per person includes the program and a three-course luncheon at the Westin Hotel, 6631 West Broad Street in Richmond, Virginia. (The date for this event has been changed so we can support the Richmond Quilter's Guild "Tea and Quilts at Tuckahoe" event on April 23rd.)

Register here: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07edx6j2ctba07795d&oseq=&c=a2c9fe90-76b2-11e3-af0c-d4ae527b8c41&ch=b72d4110-390a-11e4-9705-d4ae527b8c41>



Reports from Our 2017 Quilt Show, "Quilts: Pieces of Our Lives"

Congratulations

to our Guild Members who Won Ribbons at the Quilt Show

Barbara Badger, Linda Badger, Elsie Bailey, Loretta Bedia, Sue Berry, Judy Coffman, Cathy Fandel, Kirstin Farwig, Claire Hightower, Donna Kittelson, Susan Kraterfield, Laurie Lyons, Judy McWhorter, Gisela O'Connor, Nancy Oldham, Victoria Person, Sallie Powers, Betty Ann Tyree, Diana Van Hise, Donna Watts, and Linda Whisman.

Gift Basket Winners

Winners of the gift baskets were Phyllis K. of Charlottesville, Stephen W. of Smith Mountain Lake, Ruby F. of Wirtz, and Keri W. of Boones Mill. I am very grateful to Elsie Bailey, Vickie Kuhlman, Tam McBride, and Cathy Fandel for donations. (I hope I didn't miss anyone.) The vendors were very generous with donations, too. Thank you to Cathy and those who made the baskets look so pretty.

~Laurie Lyons

You can tell we didn't cheat, since none of us won one of these great prizes! *~Laura Perry*

The Pineapple Log Cabin Raffle Quilt

Tickets sold well at the quilt show. People really liked its traditional-but-modern design!

Our Youngest Quilter



Lauren



"Heart of Mine"

The winner of the Youth category at the 2017 Quilt Show was Lauren Lucado, age 7, with her 12x12 traditional quilt titled "Heart of Mine." Her proud mother is Cassie, daughter of Ann Ware. "Lauren broke only one needle," reported her doting grandmother!

Lauren was presented with a basket full of quilting goodies for her sewing accomplishment.

~Judith Coffman

Creativity

Creativity is intelligence having fun.
-- *Albert Einstein* or somebody else creative.

Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show

Apple Valley Needle Threaders, Piecemakers, and Skyline Quilt Clubs
are delighted to announce our 2017 Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show

Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, 2017, 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday, April 23, 2017, 11 am - 4 pm

at Clarke County Parks & Recreation, 225 Al Smith Circle, Berryville, VA

Our theme, "Block Party"...

big blocks, small blocks, red blocks, green blocks, house blocks,
tree blocks, star blocks, basket blocks.

It's a party... and we hope you can join us!

For all the Show's details, go to www.NSVQuiltShow.com or look for the
newest postings to our www.facebook.com/Northern-Shenandoah-Valley-Quilt-Show page.

Mailbox Problems?

If you're having problems receiving your e-mail from the Star Quilters Guild, please talk to Susan Kraterfield or Laura Perry.

Don't forget that you can always open another email account. There are plenty of servers out there, but I like gmail, which is very good about filtering out spam. If you'd like to try opening an account with them (maybe with a "quilty" user name), see <https://accounts.google.com/SignUp>
Then let me know your new address. ~*Laura Perry*, Newsletter Editor

Donate Quilts to Support Quilt Museums

Quilts for Quilting is an ongoing program of live, silent, and online auctions to raise money for the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky. Donations of quilts and quilting materials are accepted year-round. Find out more at <http://quiltmuseum.org/quilts-for-quilting/>

Here in Virginia, the "Big Talents, Little Quilts" Committee is now accepting small quilted items for this year's in-house and online fundraisers! Please consider donating or buying an item to help the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg. www.vaquiltmuseum.org/fundraisers/

Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show, April 21-22

For all the details of this quilt show in Berryville, go to www.NSVQuiltShow.com or look for the newest postings to www.facebook.com/Northern-Shenandoah-Valley-Quilt-Show.

Sewapalooza Event in Roanoke

Alpine, the local sewing machine dealer that was a vendor at our quilt show, will be hosting Michelle Kratzer, a Bernina Educator, to teach sewing techniques and help participants make a clutch bag. The fee is \$50.00 for this all-day event and includes all the materials for the clutch, souvenirs, and lunch. Saturday, April 8th, 8:30 am to 5 pm. Call Debra Sigrist at 540-989-4412 to register.



*Oh, Mama, I hate it when we spring forward!
It means an hour less to quilt!*

Ladies, Start Your Engines! (Gentlemen, too)

Quilt Shop Road Trip North to Fairfield, Harrisonburg, and Dayton

Saturday, June 3rd 9:00 until ???

Join us for a fun day of shopping for quilt fabric and gadgets.

Sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting.

~Cathy S. Russell, Guild President

Quilt Show Program

I am going to place a scanned copy of this year's quilt show program
on our website at starquilters.org.

It's readable but not great, so if anyone has better images, just let me know.

~Laura Perry, Newsletter Editor

Spring is Time to Renew!

It's time to renew your membership to the Guild. If you can, please print and fill out the Membership Form attached to this Newsletter and bring it with you to the meeting. (I will have more forms at the meeting.) Write a check to Star Quilters Guild for \$20.00 or bring cash. If you have not had your photo taken for the Directory, please let us take your photo when you pay.

~Linda Sage Greene, Membership Committee

Things You Might Want to Bring to Monday's Meeting

(1) Comfort Quilts you have finished making. (2) Items for Show and Tell. (3) A friend interested in quilting. (4) Donations for Ways and Means (5) Your name tag. (6) Your membership renewal form and \$20.



Member Information
May 1, 2017 - April 30, 2018

☐ New Member

☐ Renewing Member

Name _____ Date: _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

(We do not share our mailing list, phone list, or email list. We use this information for the Guild Membership Directory, to send our monthly Star Quilters Guild Newsletter, for late-breaking news or requests, and to send notices about seminars or classes sponsored by the guild.)

I am interested in serving on the following committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Ways & Means | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Quilt Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not on a committee, but as a volunteer when needed | | | |

Emergency Contact Person during Star Quilters Quilt meetings:

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

*Please return this form and \$20 (check or cash) to the membership desk.
Have a photo taken for the Membership Directory, too.*