



August 2017 Newsletter

Star Quilters Guild of the Roanoke, Virginia, area <https://starquilters.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/114448361921935/?ref=bookmarks>

**Our August meeting will begin at 7 pm on Monday, August 7th
at Christ Lutheran Church (corner of Brandon and Grandin in Roanoke)**



Above: "Aura" is one of the quilt patterns that Phyllis teaches.

SCRAP SENSIBLE

Phyllis Reeves (former owner of Patchwork Plus in Dayton) will be our guest speaker at the August meeting. Her program is called Scrap Sensible. She will discuss organizing scraps, deciding what size scraps to keep, pre-cutting scraps or leaving them as is for storage and many more wonder tips. Come prepared to learn from a pro!!

P.S. You can learn about Phyllis' quilting workshops at the Hillside Getaway in Basye, Virginia, at <http://www.hillsidegetaway.com/retreats>

Barefoot Quiltessas will meet this Friday

We will be meeting this Friday, August 4th, at Our Lady of Nazareth Church on 419 from 10 until 2. We will use the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own projects to work on, or join in the group sew-along for "give away" quilts. Don't forget your lunch and a nonperishable food item for the grocery cart located in the far left corner of the lobby. Show and tell is always a fun part of the day, so feel free to bring along something you're working on, have finished, have purchased, etc.

I'll hope to see you all on Friday!

- Judy Bradley

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President	Cathy Russell
Vice-President	Susan Kraterfield
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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

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

Farewell to Our Friend Tam

Tamara Showalter McBride, 71, of Roanoke, passed away Wednesday, July 26, 2017. This was only a few days before she would have celebrated a birthday on August 4.

Because her family are scattered all over the country and Europe,
the memorial service will be scheduled for a later date.

Arrangements by Simpson Funeral Home in Roanoke. (540) 366-0707.



*I love this photo of Tam, which Cathy Russell took at one of our Comfort
Quilt workshops. Despite chemotherapy and an oxygen tank,
Tam kept on helping others. She had an inimitable spirit.
We will miss her.*

Minutes of the July 10, 2017 Star Quilters Meeting

President Cathy Russell called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Our program was first, followed by our business meeting and Show and Tell.

Program

Program Chair Dawn Schaben introduced our speaker, Elise Dee Beraru. Elise, who is a lawyer and an award-winning quilter, spoke about copyright law as it applies to quilting. She pointed out if something is in the public domain, copyright laws do not apply. Quilt patterns and art available prior to 1924 are generally considered in the public domain with one notable exception: Mickey Mouse. Disney aggressively protects its artwork. If you want to copy a design (artwork, a poster, a photo in a magazine) which is not in the public domain, it is better to get permission first than after your project is complete, or to defend yourself in court if you do not get permission. There is a reasonable expectation that someone who purchases a quilt pattern or book of patterns will make a few and perhaps sell a couple of them. If you plan to sell more than ten, you should consider getting permission first. Some copy shops will not copy patterns, even though the pattern states that it may be reproduced.

Business Meeting and Announcements

President: Cathy congratulated Salem Fair entrants and prizewinners, and she thanked members who worked as exhibit watchers at the Fair.

Treasurer: Treasurer Sue announced that our books have been audited and approved.

Ways and Means: Chair Vicky Kuhlman reported that our ways and means table sales netted \$100.50 this evening.

Membership: Attendance at the July meeting was 56 members and three guests. Two guests were visitors from Germany. Cathy Russell announced that our third guest and another young quilter wish to join the Guild. Those members present voted to approve the addition of young quilters to our Guild membership.

Library: Betty Tyree reported has added new books to the library and she encouraged all of us to make use of the library.

Comfort Quilts: Six comfort quilts and one soldier quilt were turned in at the July meeting. Betty Tyree is looking for patriotic fabrics to use in soldier quilts. Quiltessas will meet July 28 9:00 to 3:00 at Our Lady of Nazareth Church on Electric Road to work on comfort quilts. All are welcome to attend, either to pick up kits to work on at home or to stay and work with the group.

Raffle Quilt: Kathy Wickham announced that she has raffle tickets available for purchase or to sell to others. The drawing for the raffle quilt will take place on December 4.

Hospitality: Gisela announced our July birthday celebrants.

Show and Tell

Members displayed their latest creations. My goodness, we have been productive lately!

Closing

The next meeting will be held on August 7, 2017, starting at our usual time, 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Hightower, Secretary



You Can't Win Unless You Buy a Ticket

We have more tickets available for the Scrappy Pineapple quilt. See me to buy tickets, or to take some to sell. The winning ticket will be drawn at our December meeting on December 4th.
~ Kathy Wickham, Quilt Show Committee

Visit the Star Quilter's Library

Our guild owns over a hundred books that can give you new ideas for quilting. They are fun as "wish books" and also as learning tools. Come a little early to our next meeting and visit the library. The books are stored in 2 cabinets in the church cloakroom. Go through the double doors from our meeting room, take a left, and find the cloakroom on your right. The cabinets are on the back wall. You can browse the books and then sign out the ones you want to spend some time reading.

More Sweet Dreams

Dates for making pillowcases for young patients through Ryan's Case for Smiles:

August 16th Wednesday 9:30 - 12:30 American Cancer Society, 2840 Electric Road, Suite 106, Roanoke

August 22nd Tuesday 10 - 1:00 Vinton Baptist Church/Disciple Center, 41 East Main St., Vinton

At our July meeting, an *additional* 27 pillowcases were donated to Ryan's Case for Smiles. This brings our total contribution to over 87.

If anyone else makes some at home, just bring them to a Guild meeting and I will make sure Mary Jo gets them. That way, the Guild can get recognition for its contributions.

- Cathy Russell, Guild President

Advertise Your Longarm Quilting Business on our Website

People often ask, "Who provides long arm services?" Answer that question with a page on our web site for an annual fee. If you wish to be listed, talk to me.

~ Susan Kraterfield skraterfield@gmail.com

Another Successful Comfort Quilt Workshop

On Friday, July 28, we had a good group of the faithful and 3 new faces at our workshop. About 18 comfort quilt tops were made. Thank you everyone who attended. We had a good time and good fellowship. The next Comfort Quilt day will be sometime this fall. - Cathy S. Russell



It's Almost Round Robin Time!

At the September meeting, everyone who wants to participate in this year's Round Robin should bring a tote bag (not see-through) with a Center for your quilt. This could be a piece of fabric, an applique block, a photo on fabric, a cross-stitch, a panel, an orphan block. It's completely up to you.

What is a Round Robin quilt? A Round Robin quilt is fun, challenging, and exciting. Each quilter makes a center block and hands it over to another quilter to put a border around it. The new border might be plain, pieced, appliqued, or embellished. It might not even go around all four sides. Then the augmented center passes to a third quilter to add a 2nd border and so on to each member of the group. After the final round, the quilt top returns to the center's owner for finishing.

The Star Quilters version is simple: do rounds for 3 months with a random exchange each month.

September: Bring your center to the meeting in an opaque tote, leave with a different one, and use the month to add the 1st border

October: Bring the tote to the guild meeting, leave with another, and use the month to add the 2nd border.

November: Bring the tote to guild, leave with another, and use the month to add a 3rd border

December: Bring the tote to guild, retrieve your own tote with your center, and participate in the big reveal.

When you are working on it, don't let the center owner see what's happening to her quilt. Advice from anyone else is fine. Do your best work and try to honor the spirit of the center. If you must miss an exchange, get help. We might arrange an early exchange, or someone might do a proxy exchange for you.

What should you put in your tote?

1. Center: a pieced block, an applique block, a photo on fabric, a cross stitch, a panel, an orphan block. It's completely up to you.
2. Label (optional): A quilt label on fabric so each contributor can sign it, with a pigma pen or fabric marker you want for the signature.
3. Fabric (optional): Fabrics you explicitly want to include, or a backing fabric (clearly labeled so it doesn't get cut up).
4. Journal (optional): Indicate instructions, such as colors you don't like, exhortations to keep everything washable, or final size limitations. You can explain the meaning or inspiration for the center so we can better extend your vision. If a tote has a journal, each quilter should add a diary entry about their round.
5. Disposable camera (optional): for pictures of each step in the progress of the quilt.

If you've never done one, don't be scared. I used to get scared every month for about 48 hours, but now it's just exciting. Doesn't matter if you are a beginner or a master; do what seems right for the piece in front of you.

My Blue Willow quilt (above) was my first, with borders by Victoria Person, Sallie Powers, and Kathy Wickham. You can browse other examples on our website:

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2015: <https://starquilters.org/2015/12/02/round-robin-reveal/>

2013: <https://starquilters.org/2011/04/05/1092/>

2012: <https://starquilters.org/2012/04/14/2012-round-robin-quilt-tops/>

This is a fun project that can create delightful surprises! Let me know if you'd like to join us!

~ Susan Kraterfield

The Monochromatic Challenge

Don't forget that our September meeting is the date for display of your monochromatic creations - quilt objects using a single color, a single color in different shades, or a single color plus a neutral like white. Susan Kraterfield has finished a lovely ochre quilt that she has been working on for months, but don't let that intimidate you! You still have time to make a mug rug or other small object. And you are welcome to bring and display a work-in-progress (WIP). Our guild's special-interest group, the Starry Eyed Quilters, came up with this idea to give us a change to explore color possibilities. It should be fun to see the range of what's possible!

No More Wobbling



Have you ever wished you had a sewing table for your sewing machine? Here are instructions for making a sewing table that puts your machine at a better level for your height and keeps it from wobbling the way it does on the kitchen table!

<http://www.makeithandmade.com/2013/11/easy-diy-ikea-sewing-table-hack.html>

<http://andreasnotebook.com/diy-sewing-table/>

Shall We Have a Swap Meet?

Guild members have always been generous in contributing items for our annual fund-raising auction. Sometimes, however, quilters need to recoup what they've spent on materials. That's why some of us have been talking about having a crafts sale/swap meet.

Individuals would have tables for selling or trading sewing, quilting, or crafting items they no longer need or want - anything from sewing machines to buttons to completed quilts. We might do it on a Saturday and invite other guilds and the sewing group to participate. A small fee for each table would cover the cost of using a room at a local church.

Besides the obvious benefit to sellers, this would give buyers a chance to see and purchase items without paying shipment fees or driving all over town from one yard sale to another.

Let me know what you think!

~ Dawn Schaben



Busy Hands

Busy Hands will meet on Monday, August 21st at Barnes and Noble Bookshop at Tanglewood Mall, from 6:30-8:00. If you are working on a hand-sewing project, bring it to the coffee shop. We are usually a group of 6 to 8. Enjoy a cup of coffee if you want while working on your project. Any problems with your project? Maybe 6 or more minds can help you solve the problem.

If you have any questions, email me. ~ Ann Ware



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Shirley Foutz
- 7 Sandy Bowen
- 17 Carol Dillman
- 18 Teresa Fletcher and Val Stricklin
- 20 Wanda Nawrocki
- 24 Pat Hewitt
- 25 Betty Tyree
- 28 Denise Lloyd
- 29 Cathy Fandel
- 31 Judy Coffman

Happy Birthday to you, and best wishes for a great year to come!

~Gisela O'Connor, Hospitality Committee

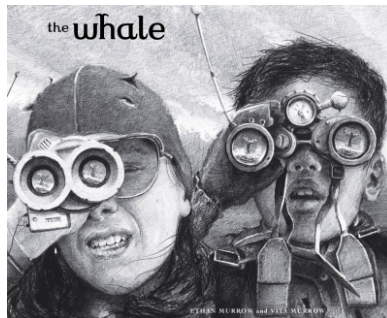


Virginia Quilt Museum

"Seeds of Color" is our new Opportunity (raffle) Quilt! It was designed by Susan Emory of Swirly Girls Design, pieced by members of the Central Virginia Modern Quilt Guild, and quilted by Melanie Leckey of Oh Sew Loved. Special thanks to the Central Virginia Modern Quilt Guild!

Stop by the Museum in Harrisonburg to see it and purchase a raffle ticket!

www.vaquiltmuseum.org



Dawn Schaben Recommends . . .

In 2016, New England-based artists Ethan and Vita Murrow published their innovative wordless children's book, *The Whale*. This exhibition presents the book's 29 original graphite drawings, which detail the story of two children pursuing the local legend of a whale in their town harbor. See it through October 8 at Wetherill Visual Arts Center, Hollins University. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday from noon-5 pm, with extended evening hours on Thursday until 8 pm.

Our Next Raffle Quilt

I've been thinking (warning, could be dangerous) about another raffle quilt. What do you think of a scrappy paper-pieced log cabin quilt? The log cabin is easier and faster than the pineapple we made this year. We could ask blocks to be half light and half dark and they could be put together in a star layout. Also maybe this way we could have the drawing at our 2019 quilt show. What do you think? Could you help make it? - Kathy Wickham

Things You Might Want to Bring to Monday's Meeting

(1) Comfort Quilts you've finished making. (2) Items for Show and Tell. (3) A friend interested in quilting. (4) Donations of fabric or quilting magazines for Ways and Means. (5) Money to buy raffle tickets, or money made by selling them. (6) Library books to return. (7) Pillowcases made for Ryan's Case for Smiles. (8) Patriotic print fabrics to be used by the Quiltessas to make soldiers' quilts.

(9) Your name tag, so people can put a name to your face.

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