



## December 2017 Newsletter

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

Join us for our December meeting  
at Christ Lutheran Church, corner of Brandon and Grandin in Roanoke  
Monday, December 4th, starting at 6 PM

## Our Holiday Party

The annual Star Quilters Guild HOLIDAY DINNER AND GIFT EXCHANGE will begin on  
Monday, December 4th at 6 o'clock in the evening.

If your last name begins with A-L, please bring a main dish.

If your name begins with M-R, please bring a side dish or vegetable.

If your last name begins with S-Z, please bring a dessert.

A Gift Exchange will follow dinner. If you want to be part of it,  
bring a quilting or sewing notion costing \$5 or less.

Come wearing your Christmas Sweater and let's have fun!

~ Gisela O'Connor and Judy Bird - Hospitality Committee



## Quiltessas in December: Sewing and Lunch Together

Our next Quiltessa meeting is this Friday, December 1st. As is our custom in December, lunch will be "potluck." If you would like to participate, bring something to share. I will bring the paper products. Hope to see you all Friday.

We will be meeting in the youth center, downstairs at Our Lady of Nazareth Church on Electric Road, from 10 until 2. Besides eating, we will also be working on Comfort Quilts!

### \*\*\*\*\* PLEASE BRING DONATIONS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION \*\*\*\*\*

The auction will take place at the meeting in January.

Please bring your donations to the December meeting.

Remember, your no-longer-needed items can be treasured by someone else,  
and the money raised helps the Guild.

Let Dawn Schaben know if you'd like items picked up for the sale.

## Officers and Committee Chairs for 2017-2018

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

### Upcoming Programs

#### January - Silent Auction

Some of us wait all year for this event, which helps us *add to* or *slim down* our quilt stashes and raises money for our Guild. Dawn Schaben is now accepting donations for the silent auction.

#### February - Quilt Turning

Cathy Fandel invites you to join us as we present a Bed Turning with some of the favorite quilts from the Bed Turnings at our 2015 and 2017 quilt shows. You will get an up-close look at these beautiful quilts as we "turn them back" one at a time. Their wonderful histories and stories will amaze you. Not to be missed!

#### March 17, 2018 is National Quilting Day - but we will celebrate early!

This is a day that is celebrated around the country with special quilting shows, classes, open museums and much more. The Blue Ridge Guild and the Star Quilters Guild are discussing an event to be held in the Blue Ridge area on Saturday, March 10, 2018. This will be a good opportunity to show others why we love what we do!

#### May - Pat Sloan Trunk Show

Our May meeting will be a trunk show by Pat Sloan. On Tuesday, May 8, 2018, she will hold a quilting class. It's not too early to sign up, and once you see her work, you'll want to sign up!

~ Dawn Schaben, Program Chair

## The Quiltessas Will Be Meeting in a New Place in January and February

I have reserved the Community Meeting Room at the Raleigh Court Library from 10 to 3 for our January 5<sup>th</sup> and February 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings. (It was already booked for December 1<sup>st</sup>.) The library is in front of Patrick Henry High School and kitty-corner to Christ Lutheran Church, where we have our monthly guild meetings. The sign in the parking lot will direct you to the entrance; you won't be going through the library itself. I hope this is a good alternative until the renovations are complete at our usual meeting place, Our Lady of Nazareth Church.

~ Judy Bradley



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### Busy Hands

Busy Hands will meet on December 18th at 6:30 at Barnes and Noble, Tanglewood. Work on hand work projects you need to finish before the Big Day, or any other projects you may have. Any Guild member is welcome to join Busy Hands, which meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 6:30 to about 8 pm. Any questions, email Ann Ware.

## Current Events at the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg

The museum will close on December 16 for the winter and re-open, with new exhibits installed, on February 20.

The "Comfort & Joy Quilt Turning Tea" will take place on Sunday, December 3, from 1 to 3 pm, in the Grand Ballroom of the George Washington Hotel in Winchester, Virginia. Tickets are \$40 and include a three-course luncheon featuring specialty tea pairings and quilt exhibits. For more information, visit <http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/events-1/>

## Minutes of the Star Quilters Meeting on November 6, 2017

President Cathy Russell called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Our monthly meeting began with Old Business, followed by our program, business meeting, and Show and Tell.

### Old Business

Susan Kraterfield led the Round Robin exchange.

Gisela O'Connor reminded us that the December Social will be pot-luck, with food categories Appetizer, Entrée, and Dessert. There will be an exchange of \$5 sewing-related items, wrapped, for those who wish to participate.

Dawn Schaben announced a project led by the Las Vegas Modern Quilt Guild to make quilts for the Las Vegas shooting victims. The blocks have a white background and bright colors. The pattern will appear on our Website.

Gisela announced the November birthdays.

### Program

Our program provided instructions and helpful hints for making Comfort Quilts, quilts for local veterans distributed through the Salem VA, and quilts distributed through Street Ransom to local victims of human trafficking identified by Homeland Security.

**Comfort Quilts:** Our Comfort Quilts committee provides kits for Comfort Quilts consisting of 63 six-inch squares, batting, and backing large enough for a flip-binding, also called self-binding. Members who wish to cut their own squares, or to provide a traditional binding, are encouraged to do so. The squares are arranged in a 7x9 pattern of rows. For easier assembly, press the seams in alternate rows in opposite directions, e.g., press odd numbered rows to the right and even numbered rows to the left. Suggestions for easy quilting on a home machine are: stitch in the ditch, lengthwise first then across the width, followed by putting an X in each block, or channel-quilt 1.5 inches apart, starting each channel at the quilt top and stitching to the bottom. To withstand the frequent washing these quilts are expected to receive, quilting lines must be fairly close. These quilts are distributed to children through various local charities.

**Quilts for Veterans:** These quilts are 55x80 inches with dark backs, made using patriotic or patriotic-colored fabrics.

**Quilts for Street Ransom:** These quilts are often made using the Cheaper by the Dozen pattern which uses 12 fat quarters. There are kits available with the pieces already cut.

**General Tips:** Use size 11 needles for piecing and size 14 Quilting needles for quilting.

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When the quilt is assembled and quilted, square the corners to make it easier to bind. For the 7x9-block comfort quilts, a traditional binding requires 5 strips of fabric 2.5 inches wide cut width-wise from the binding fabric. If you choose to spray-baste the top, batting and binding prior to quilting, spray the batting, not the fabric. Note: The spray is flammable, so use with caution. Pin-basting is another option.

We will have a demo of Quilt-as-You-Go at a later date.

#### Business Meeting and Announcements

Ways and Means: Vicky announced that the Ways and Means table income was \$166.25.

Membership: Over forty-five members (not everyone signed in) and two guests attended the October meeting.

National Quilting Day: Kathy Wickham is coordinating with Blue Ridge Quilt Guild to co-host an event on March 10 at Colonial Baptist Church in Blue Ridge. Note that the date has been changed; this is due to the availability of our venue. Our speaker will be Lee Chappell Monroe who will present her program Tips and Techniques and a trunk show. Lee's website is [www.maychappell.com](http://www.maychappell.com). The members present authorized the Guild to provide half of the \$300 deposit to reserve the church hall. We hope to have a quilt as a raffle prize; does anyone have a quilt top to donate?

Treasurer: Treasurer Sue Berry reported on our banking activity.

Floyd Quilt Show: The Floyd guild will hold their quilt show in May. There are categories for quilts made by young quilters.

Library: We have a new book from Missouri Quilts.

Upcoming Meetings: The December meeting, our Holiday Social, will start at 6:00 PM. Our January program will be our Silent Auction fundraiser. Please bring items for the auction to the December meeting, or contact Dawn Schaben if you need her to pick them up from your home.

#### Show and Tell

Members displayed their latest creations, always a fun part of our meeting.

#### Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

*Claire Hightower, Secretary*

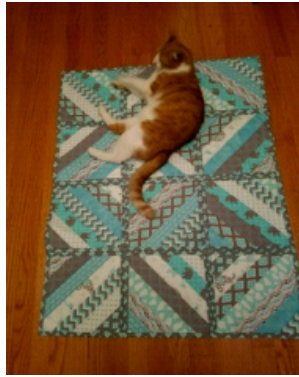
### **Cooking (or Shopping) for our December Social**

Remember the program given by the "Pizza" Quilters a couple of years ago? Someone asked them how they managed to make such gorgeous quilts and run a shop. "When do you eat or sleep?" she asked. They looked thoughtful, then said, "We eat and sleep. We just don't cook or clean!"

The Guild does not require you to be a great cook as well as a quilter! Feel free to pick up something tasty at a grocery store, bakery, or elsewhere for our December potluck. And if you absolutely, positively can't bring anything else, bring yourself!

You heard it from me...

*Laura Perry, Editor*



(Cat Not Included)

## Our Next Comfort Quilt Workshop Friday, January 12, from 10 to 3

Our next Comfort Quilt Workshop is scheduled for Friday, January 12 from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM at the Community Room at the Raleigh Court Library on Grandin Road. At this workshop, we will work on Quilt-As-You-Go Comfort Quilts. You will learn the Quilt As You Go technique so you can piece a quilt with batting and backing and then sew the blocks together, finishing the quilt with no additional quilting.

If you plan to attend, please respond to Judy Bradley so we will know how many kits we need to bring so each person will have a quilt to complete. If you have fabric you would like to bring to use to make a Comfort Quilt, we can send you the specifics on what you need. If you have fabric you would like to donate, please bring it; we always need fabric.

We *particularly* hope that members who have not attended a Comfort Quilt Workshop or have not made a Comfort Quilt will attend to learn how easy this technique makes it to sew a Comfort Quilt. We have many local organizations that are in need of quilts that we make, and if you attend, we can reach more people in need of a bit of comfort.

Plus, these workshops give you a chance to get to know other Guild members and have an enjoyable few hours combining work with pleasure!

~ Linda Sage Green

## Calling All Young Quilters



Floyd Quilt Guild's next quilt show will be held May 18-19, 2018. This year, the show will have two categories for young quilters, under age 12 and ages 13-18. If you have any young quilters in your family or among your friends, please encourage them to enter their work in the quilt show. Share the word with people you know who are connected to Scout troops, 4-H groups, etc.

Regulations and entry forms are available on the Floyd Guild website: [www.floydquiltguild.com](http://www.floydquiltguild.com). Contact Sue Berry at 540-2014-1994 or [sueberry1@cox.net](mailto:sueberry1@cox.net) for additional information.

(photo from [stitcherydickorydock.com](http://stitcherydickorydock.com))

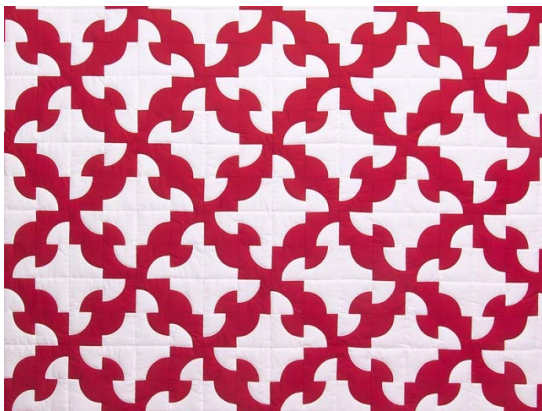
Tired of Santa? Here are some quilts commemorating or celebrating other December holidays.



December 1 - World AIDS Day  
An AIDS Quilt Block made by  
Cambridge Cares



December 2 - International Day for the Abolition of Slavery  
A quilt made by Elizabeth Keckley, a woman born  
into slavery who became a distinguished writer  
and seamstress to Mary Todd Lincoln.



December 5 - Repeal Day (End of Prohibition)  
"Drunkard's Path," a quilt often made by  
*temperance* groups to raise funds.



December 6 - Finland Independence Day  
"Havet vilar" by Gunhild Mäkinen



December 10 - Human Rights Day - "View from the Mountain Top" by Beverly Ann White  
See <http://museum.msu.edu/museum/tes/quiltshumanrights/QHR%201.htm>





December 11 - Green Monday (ecology; vegetarianism)  
"Save Our Earth" by Kazuyo Ohashi



December 12 - Hanukkah begins  
"Home for Hanukkah" by Cheryl Lynch



December 21 - Winter Solstice  
"Tyrol Pattern" by Arlene Lane



December 23 - Roots Day (family history)  
"Families and Quilts Are Made With Love"  
by Allyson Allen



*Best Wishes* to our Guild Friends born in December

December 5 - Linda Sage Greene

December 11 - Roberta Badger

## Help Plan Quilters Day 2018

Are you interested in helping to plan our local National Quilters Day celebration on March 10, 2018? We will be putting our heads together on Tuesday, December 12th, at 5 pm at the Blue Ridge Library. You're also welcome to stay for the Blue Ridge Quilt Guild Christmas meeting afterwards. If you'd like to join in our gift exchange, bring 1 yard of fabric (4 fat quarters or 2 half-yards also qualify) wrapped as a present.

~ Linda Sage Green



### **Snow Happens.**

Our Guild follows the schedule of Virginia Western Community College.

If *their* evening classes are canceled due to weather, *our* meeting will also be canceled.

Whether we meet or not, BE CAREFUL OUT THERE.

The quilt pictured above is "Protest" by Anna Grossnickle Hines

See <http://www.aghines.com/>

### **Things You May Want to Bring to Monday's Meeting**

- (1) A dish for the buffet supper (and serving utensil).
- (2) Donations for January's silent auction.
- (3) Books to return to the Guild Library.
- (4) Completed comfort quilts.
- (5) Donations of fabric, patterns, quilt magazines, and books for the Ways and Means table.
- (6) Things you'd like to Show-and-Tell.
- (7) A guest who is interested in quilting.
- (8) Your name tag.
- (9) Quilt Blocks for the Las Vegas Shooting Victims Quilt.
- (10) Quilt Blocks for the Log Cabin Raffle Quilt.
- (11) A quilt top you can donate to make a raffle quilt for Quilt Day in March.

