



January 2018 Newsletter

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

Our January Program: A SILENT AUCTION
at Christ Lutheran Church, corner of Brandon and Grandin in Roanoke
Monday, January 8th, 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 let Dawn know.

Come prepared to buy pleasant surprises!

... and before the meeting, at 6 PM ...

We will be meeting at 6 pm on Monday, January 8th at the church to discuss plans for the National Quilt Day event.

Don't forget - we are asking for a quilt or quilt top as a grand door prize for the event.

Thank you,

Kathy Wickham

National Quilt Day Committee

The Quiltessas Will Be Meeting at the Library this Week

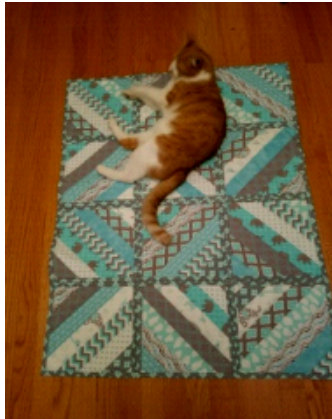
We will meet in the Community Meeting Room at the Raleigh Court Library from 10 to 3 for our January 5th meeting. The library is in front of Patrick Henry High School and kitty-corner to Christ Lutheran Church, where we have our monthly guild meetings. The sign in the parking lot will direct you to the entrance; you won't be going through the library itself. Bring your lunch as usual, and any equipment you will need with which to sew. As always, we also need cutters and pressers.

Hope to see you all Friday. Remember, in case of snow, we follow the Virginia Western Community College schedule for class cancellation.

~ *Judy Bradley*

***** COMFORT QUILTS WORKSHOP *****

Friday, January 12, from 10 to 3



Share the Comfort!

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, it will help if you let Judy Bradley know so we will can bring enough kits 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. Or 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. But if you want to work on a regular Comfort Quilt kit, please come, too. Both the "old way" and the "new way" work just fine in making Comfort Quilts.

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 time combining production with pleasure!

~ Linda Sage Green



Best Wishes to our Guild Friends born in January

2 Dawn Schaben

10 Mary Ann Maurelli

20 Judy Bradley

8 Jo Bell

11 Laura Perry

27 Nancy Oldham

18 Sallie Powers

Officers and Committee Chairs for 2017-2018

President	Cathy Russell
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Quilt Show	Judy Coffman
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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.

Upcoming Programs

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 on March 10

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!

Thank You!

... to Gisela O'Connor and others who helped prepare for our December social.
The tables were lovely, the food was good, and we had a great time!





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Busy Hands

Busy Hands will meet at Barnes and Noble Tanglewood on Jan. 15th at 6:30. We are a small group working on handwork projects. Any member of the guild is welcome to join us. We work and laugh for about 1½ hrs. Any questions, call or text Ann Ware.

A Sew-In at the Meadowbrook Library on Saturday, January 27th

Just a reminder of a notice featured in the last *SWVA Quilt News* that ya'll might have missed. This is an event you might be interested in attending.

The Meadowbrook Quilters are having their semi-annual quilting marathon. "All skills, people with questions and observers are invited. This is a fun, laid-back event with a lot of camaraderie. We provide cutting mats, iron/ironing boards, plenty of tables, and good lighting. Bring anything else you would need for your project. We will have soup/stews. Bring a snack and your own drinks, but we will have coffee in the morning."

Saturday, January 27th

8 AM to 8 PM in the Community Room

Meadowbrook Library, 267 Alleghany Spring Road, Shawsville, VA 24162 (540) 268-1964

Minutes of the Star Quilters Meeting on December 4, 2017

Our Holiday Social began at 6:00 PM. 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 Christmas Caroling and a Dirty Santa gift exchange, then a brief business meeting and Show and Tell.

Business Meeting and Announcements

Membership: Over forty-eight members attended the December meeting.

Comfort Quilts: Eight Comfort Quilts were turned in. Quiltessas will meet on Friday January 5 in the Community Room at the Raleigh Court Library on Grandin Road. Linda Greene will lead a Comfort Quilts Workshop on the Quilt As You Go technique from 10:00 to 3:00 on Friday January 12, also at the Raleigh Court Library. Note that Comfort Quilts activities will return to Our Lady of Nazareth Church when Church construction projects allow.

Raffle Quilt: As planned, the drawing for our Scrappy Pineapple raffle quilt took place at the December meeting, and the winner is Connie Hogan of Roanoke. Connie stopped by to claim her prize and pose for photos which have been posted on our Website. The Guild took in about \$2000 from the sale of raffle tickets..

Upcoming Programs: Our January program will be our Silent Auction fundraiser. In February, Cathy Fandell will present a Bed Turning of members' quilts.

Show and Tell

This month's Show and Tell included the Round Robin Reveal. All participants were very pleased with the final results, and the non-participants like me were quite impressed.

Closing

The next meeting will be on January 8, the *second* Monday, due to the New Year's Holiday.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Hightower, Secretary

OUR 2019 QUILT SHOW

It's time to start planning the 2019 Quilt Show! If you are interested in being a part of this planning committee, or working on one of the quilt show committees, please sign on at the January 8th guild meeting or notify me. Monthly meetings will begin in late January.

~Judith Coffman



Lost and Found

This serving utensil was left behind at our Christmas Social. Please let me know if it is yours.

~ Gisela O'Connor



Check out our Library in the Church Cloakroom

Make a resolution to check out the Star Quilters Guild library for ideas. Remember to return your checked-out items. Have a happy new year! ~ Betty Tyree



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.

Things You May Want to Bring to Monday's Meeting

- (1) Last-minute donations for the silent auction.
- (2) Cash or a check for items you'll fall in love with at 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 friend or neighbor who is interested in quilting.
- (8) Your name tag.
- (9) Quilt Blocks for the Log Cabin Raffle Quilt.
- (10) A quilt top or finished quilt you can donate to make a raffle quilt for Quilt Day in March.



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