



November 2018 Newsletter
Star Quilters Guild of the Roanoke, Virginia, area
<http://starquilters.org/>

Our November Program

at Christ Lutheran Church, corner of Brandon and Grandin in Roanoke
on Monday, November 5, at 7 PM

Foundation Paper Piecing and English Paper Piecing

In this program on paper piecing, Kelly Zuber will talk about foundation paper piecing, and Val Stricklin will talk about English paper piecing. Come and learn the difference between the two techniques and get pointers and tips for each style.

Kelly will talk about foundation paper piecing and provide some tips and tricks to make this technique more successful. She will show some of her paper-pieced quilts and quilts-in-progress and discuss the differences between the more traditional paper piecing designers like Carol Doak and the more modern projects from Judy Neimeyer and the newest European designer, Jacqueline de Jonge. Paper-piecing can be challenging at first, but learning to sew on one side and create on the other side can take your quilting to all kinds of interesting places!

Val will have handouts to distribute to members. She says, "We would like people to bring paper-pieced items to show! I'm looking forward to this being an opportunity to share, and I expect I'll learn a lot from seeing what other guild members have made." Guild members and visitors will be able to participate in an English Paper Piecing activity.

Quiltessas Will Meet to Sew on Friday, November 2nd

The Quiltessas will meet this Friday, November 2, from 10 until 2 in the Fellowship Hall at Our Lady of Nazareth Church on Electric Road. We will continue to work on our "giving quilts."

Turning Points and Family Promise have told us that they need quilts for their cots. We will also continue to work on Patriotic quilts for the Veterans Administration.

If you would like to contribute to the Kroger Kart in the lobby, St. Francis Food Pantry on Campbell Avenue has sent out a special request for canned goods to put into Thanksgiving baskets for their clients.

As always, bring your lunch for our noon break.

See you all Friday!

~ Judy Bradley

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President	Judy McWhorter
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Newsletter	Laura Perry
Programs	Dawn Schaben
Publicity	Linda Badger
Quilt Show	Judy Coffman
Service Projects	Judy Bradley & Ethel Simmons
Special Events	Cathy Russell
Sunshine	Sue Thurston
Ways & Means	Donna Bohon (books and magazines)
Ways & Means	Cathy Henderson (fabric)
Web Page	Susan Kraterfield

Their telephone numbers and email addresses are in the Membership Directory.



OUR 2019 QUILT SHOW

The 2019 Quilt Show Committee met on October 16 with 15 members present.

◇ Revisions were suggested for the Show Guide with plans to post on the Guild website in November and distribute to all Guild members at either the November or December meeting.

◇ The Door Prize Committee reported four baskets had been purchased and this show's categories are modern, batik, patriotic, and blue monochromatic. Details will be

announced at the November Guild Meeting.

◇ The Volunteer Form was presented and revisions suggested.

◇ The Publicity Committee presented an advertising postcard (not for mailing but for distribution to quilt shops, businesses, etc.) as well as a flyer. Revisions were suggested. It was suggested to revisit electronic billboard advertising at the November meeting.

◇ Sponsorship forms have been mailed out and response has been positive. Guild Members will be asked to suggest/sign up additional sponsors.

◇ A decision made to charge no registration fee for the Youth category, in hopes of encouraging more young people to enter the show.

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◇ In compensation and gratitude for Anita White embroidering the award ribbons, it was decided to place her business card in the Guild newsletter for one year and to give her a \$50 Star sponsorship ad in the Show Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Coffman

Guild Income and Expenses May 1 - October 31, 2018

Income	\$3,181.15
Expenses	\$5,178.78
Cash-on-hand:	\$9,051.98
~ Sue Berry, Treasurer	



Pop-Up Comfort Quilt Making

On October 19, several members of our Guild met for a Comfort Quilt Sew-In at Ann Ware's house. You can see photos on the Guild's facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/114448361921935/>

Thanks to Ann for hosting this event!

What's Ahead at our Monday Meetings

December 3 - Holiday Social

January 14 - Bonnie Scott - her creative journey

February 4 - Nancy Oldham will be presenting her collection of antique quilts and sharing their stories.

March 4 - Judging of challenge quilts. Plus, a discussion of UFOs [Unfinished Objects] - keep them, give them away, sell them, finish them? What are the options and what do you want to do?

April 1 - "The Fiona Quilt Block" by Carolyn Goins. Carolyn will present a trunk show on her most recent book, *The Fiona Quilt Block*. She will bring the book as well as other quilt patterns for purchase.

May 6 - Spring Social

And ... a special workshop: April 27 - Phyllis Reeves Workshop at Cave Spring United Methodist Church from 9:00 to 3:00; price and project to be decided; class limited to 20. See <http://www.thevalleyquilter.com/>

~Dawn Schaben, Program Chair

QUILTING 101: A Special Event at Hollins University

On October 25, 2018, the Star Quilters Guild hosted an event at the university's MakerSpace in the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum. Called QUILTING 101, it was an introduction to the art and craft of quilting presented by Guild member Val Stricklin, whose daughter is a Hollins student.

Museum MakerSpace provided the materials needed to learn what was for most of the participants a new creative craft skill.

Val reports, "We had a good turnout and a lot of interest, and it was fun."

Virginia Quilt Museum's Annual Meeting

Asbury Methodist Church in Harrisonburg

Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 12 noon to 2:30 pm

The program will include committee reports, introduction of new employees, a presentation of AQSG 2020 Seminar information by Beverley Evans, and a Quilt Turning of quilts donated to the museum in 2018.

Keep in mind, too, the JOY AND COMFORT TEA scheduled for Sunday, December 2, from 1 to 3 in the afternoon at the Virginia Quilt Museum, 301 S. Main Street in Harrisonburg, Virginia. This is a fund-raiser, and tickets are \$50.

For more information: (540) 433-3818 or www.vaquiltmuseum.org

Bring Your "Quilted Wearable" to the November Meeting

Don't forget - the Starry Eyes' latest challenge was to make a Quilted Wearable -- a jacket, vest, skirt, etc. Bring your results - finished or not - to Monday's guild meeting for a group reveal.

If you'd like to join the Starry Eyes mailing list, talk to me.

~ Susan Kraterfield skraterfield@gmail.com

Rainbow of Hope Quilt Auction

The 13th Annual Rainbow of Hope Quilt Show will hold an auction on November 3 in Forest, Virginia. This is a great event for a great cause, raising money for Centra Hospice House, and well worth the drive. (Forest is between Bedford and Lynchburg and about an hour's drive from Roanoke.)

Tickets for dinner at 5 pm are available for \$30 each. To make reservations, write to info@RoH4Hospice.org.

At 6:30, the public will be admitted free to view the auction items and to register to bid. The auction will begin at 7 pm.

Our own Kathy Wickham is supporting this effort to help cancer patients. She has donated a wall hanging and table runner for the auction.

DECEMBER'S MEETING: THE HOLIDAY SOCIAL

The annual Star Quilters Guild HOLIDAY DINNER AND GIFT EXCHANGE will begin on Monday, December 3rd at 6 o'clock in the evening (an hour earlier than our usual time).

If your last name begins with A-C, please bring a dessert.

If your name begins with D-O, please bring a main dish.

If your last name begins with R-Z, please bring a salad, a vegetable, or other side dish.

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 Christmas bling!

Let's have fun!

~ Gisela O'Connor, Hospitality Committee

P.S. If you can, bring to the November meeting a fat quarter of holiday fabric suitable for making favors for the December social.

Should anyone want to lend a helping hand making the favors, setting up and decorating the room, etc., please contact Gisela by e-mail at giselaoco@outlook.com or by telephone at 540-384-6401 or 540-293-6890. She will be at the church at 4 pm on Monday to start the works!

Delivering Comfort

Since our last meeting, 89 quilts have been taken to the local charities that distribute them to people in need of comfort.

On Friday, October 12, Judy Bradley, Ethel Simmons, and Cathy Russell delivered 89 quilts to seven agencies in the Valley. Bethany Hall received 12 quilts, Ronald McDonald House 12, RAM House 2, Turning Point Shelter 24, Straight Street 9, and Family Promise

19, while Blue Ridge Women's Center received bibs, infants' hats, personal care products, and 11 quilts. We appreciate all the hard work of our members who made our community outreach possible. Thank you. ~ Judy Bradley



Who are these agencies that we help to help others? Bethany Hall is a drug-addiction treatment center. Ronald McDonald House is a guest house for the families of critically ill children receiving medical treatment. RAM House offers day shelter to the homeless. Turning Point Shelter, operated by the Salvation Army, rescues adults and children who have suffered family violence. Straight Street helps young people, in particular expectant and parenting teens. Family Promise helps homeless families by providing shelter and help in achieving independence. Blue Ridge Women's Center is a medical clinic specializing in unplanned pregnancy and reproductive health. ~ Laura Perry

Minutes of the Star Quilters Guild Monthly Meeting on October 1, 2018

President Judy McWhorter called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Judy started our meeting with two quick announcements, followed by our Program, Business Meeting, and Show and Tell.

Announcements

Guests who attend a general meeting for the first time will not be charged a guest fee; after their first meeting, they will be charged a guest fee. If you have invited someone who attends as a guest, please show them around, explain our Comfort Quilts and Ways and Means tables, introduce them to your friends, etc.

A slotted box has replaced the money basket on our Ways and Means table. If you need change, see one of the Ways and Means co-chairs, Donna Bohon and Cathy Henderson.

Program

Program Chair Dawn Schaben introduced our speaker for the evening, local photographer Brian Muncy of Muncy Fine Photography, whose program topic was "Tips, Dos and Don'ts for Taking Photos of Your Quilts." Brian had some slides of his photos to illustrate his points. He spoke of the elements of good photos, such as color balance, style, composition, presentation and lighting. He pointed out that if a quilt is photographed outdoors in the shade, the white areas of the quilt will be less stark. Modern cameras and photoshop can brighten or tone down the image. To show details of the quilting, arrange the quilt so that the lighting source shines from top right to bottom left.

Business Meeting

Secretary: The minutes of the September meeting were published in the Newsletter.

Treasurer: Sue passed out copies of her report. She pointed out that Peggy Ramsay earned \$150 for our Guild by working as Exhibit Watcher at the Salem Fair.

Comfort Quilts. One soldier quilt and three comfort quilts were turned in at the meeting.

Raffle Quilt: Kathy Wickham showed us the finished 96x96" Log Cabin quilt top for our Raffle Quilt. Cathy Fandel will quilt it for us.

Hospitality: Gisela O'Connor announced the October birthdays.

Ways and Means: Donna announced that so far, \$36.45 has been collected at the meeting.

Membership: Jennifer Adams announced that 47 members and three guests attended our October meeting.

Sunshine: Please let Sue Thurston know if someone in our group could be cheered or comforted by a Sunshine card.

Quilt Show: Bonnie Scott provided information about paid sponsorships for our Quilt Show.

Special Events: Cathy Russell reminded us that a field trip to the Clifton Forge and Covington shops is planned for October 13. Send an email to Cathy to sign up.

Programs: Chair Dawn Schaben circulated a clipboard showing potential quilts for the spring Phyllis Reeves workshop and she asked us to indicate our preference.

Starry Eyed Quilters: Linda Badger announced that the October project will be scarf dyeing with sharpie markers and alcohol.

Newsletter: Laura Perry asked that articles for the newsletter be sent in early.

Quilts of Valor: Kathy Rondeau reported that she recently attended the Fredericksburg Sewing Expo, where the head of Quilts of Valor thanked guilds for their participation in that program.

Show and Tell

We had a wide variety of items for show and tell, including some Halloween-themed quilts. Photos can be seen on the guild's facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/114448361921935/>

The meeting adjourned at 8:20. The next meeting will take place on November 5.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Hightower



to Guild members born in November

1 Claire Hightower

4 Ann Weaver (recently moved from Roanoke)

13 Donna Kittleson

14 Gloria Hinson

23 Linda Whisman

Busy Hands



Join a group of guild members at Barnes and Noble, Tanglewood, on November 19th at 6:30 to work on your hand projects. Enjoy a cup of flavored coffee from the Cafe while you are there. Here's a chance to finish those last-minute gifts for the holiday. If you are stuck on a project, there will be someone there to help you. Questions? Text Ann Ware.



Advertising in our newsletter costs only \$25 a year.

Do you know someone who would like to join these friends of ours in print?

Joyful Adornments

Bonnie Scott will be at the Berglund Center for the Junior League's "Stocked Market" on Friday, November 9, from 11 am to 6 pm, Saturday, November 10, from 9 am to 6 pm, and Sunday, November 11, from 10 am to 5 pm. NEW, limited quantity bottle openers like the ones in the photo at right will be at this show! bonnie@joyfuladornments.com



Some Quilting Hacks - Household Items to the Rescue!

1. Glue magnets to the bottom of a ceramic dish so you can place your sewing needles on top of it without worrying about them sliding out and falling on the floor.
2. Use pencil grips to protect the tips of your scissors.
3. Use soup bowls as round templates for applique circles and rounding off the corners of quilts.
4. Orange wood sticks -- which are typically used in order to push back your cuticles -- can function as a stiletto awl.
5. Pipe cleaners can be used to grab lint in hard-to-reach places inside your sewing machine.

Source: <http://www.seamsandscissors.com/quilting-hacks-you-cant-live-without/>

QUILT SHOW VENDOR SPOTLIGHT

Here are 5 of the vendors who will be appearing at our quilt show in March. I know you will enjoy seeing them in person at the show, but in the meantime, you can prepare by checking out their websites. And this is just the beginning of the alphabet! Next month's newsletter will list more vendors who will be appearing at our quilt show.

Alpine Sewing Machine Company

For 42 years, this Roanoke business run by the Sigrist Family has offered a large selection of Bernina, Elna, and Janome machines for every sewing need you have. They also carry specialty notions, books, threads, and cabinets. Alpine is there to assist you with any machine you purchase from them by offering sewing machine, serger, and embroidery machine classes. If you can't wait to see all the new products they have to make your sewing experience easier and more enjoyable, check out their website at alpinesewingmachine.com



A Touch of Grace Stained Glass Designs

Be sure to check out all of the handcrafted stained glass designs. Each creation is made especially for the customer with passion, love, and joy. At their web site, atouchofgracestainedglassdesigns.com, you can see some of the designs, from angels to wind chimes and many quilt squares like the nine-patch (in colors of your choice) at left.

Batiks Etcetera & Sew What Fabrics

Carol Britt opened Sew What Fabrics in 1982, then added Batiks Etcetera in 1999. This retail quilt shop, located in historic Wytheville, has a huge selection of fabrics, including beautiful hand-batiked and hand-dyed fabrics. Check out their website at www.batiks.com to see the kits, supplies, and fabrics they have to offer.

Bailiwick Quilting Studio

After you have spent countless hours and plenty of cash creating a fabric masterpiece, the time comes to have it professionally quilted with the design of your choice. Local long-arm quilter Dawn Schaben will quilt your special quilt top on a Gammill computerized machine. She will guide you in deciding on the finishing touches that you want for your quilt. Check the web site at bailiwickquiltingstudio.com to see all she has to offer.

Bolts and Quarters Quilt Shop

Not many of us can travel to Parkersburg, West Virginia, so we are excited to have Bolts and Quarters Quilt Shop join our show again this year. They were voted Best Quilting and Sewing Store in the Mid-Ohio Area in 2015, 2016, and 2017. Check out the web site boltsandquartersquiltshop.com to see what they have to offer. Warren will be bringing a large variety of kits, panels, fabrics, and notions for you to chose from.

~ Ann Ware, Quilt Show Vendors Chair

Quilt Shop Hop a Happy Time

You can tell from the expressions on their faces that the Guild members who accompanied Cathy Russell on a trip to quilt shops in Clifton Forge and Covington on October 13th had a good time.

See more photos and read their comments on the Guild facebook page.



Join us at the November Quilt Show Planning Meeting

We have moved our November meeting to the fourth Tuesday to avoid conflicts with Thanksgiving travel and preparation! We will meet on Tuesday, November 27, at 6:30 pm at the Roanoke Church of Christ, 2606 Brandon Avenue SW in Roanoke. Topics for discussion are show security, the Viewers' Choice ballot, Round Robin Exhibit planning, and publicity. The revised Volunteer Sign-up Sheet will be presented for further revisions or approval.

Remember, every member of the Star Quilters Guild is welcome to attend these meetings.

~ *Judy Coffman*, Quilt Show Chair

Things You Might Want to Bring to Monday's Meeting

- (1) To help our members to understand the topic of the evening's program, Foundation Paper Piecing and English Paper Piecing, bring quilts or projects that you have paper-pieced by either method.
- (2) It's time for the Big Reveal of quilted jackets or other quilted garments. Bring what you've made (whether finished or not) to share with the group.
- (3) Bring any other items you'd like to Show and Tell, too.
- (4) Bring one or more fat quarters of holiday fabric. These will be used by the Hospitality Committee to make favors for the Holiday Social.
- (5) Now that our Ways and Means Committee is up to speed again, please bring donations of fabric or quilting magazines and books for them to sell.
- (6) Bring Comfort Quilts you've finished making and want to turn in.
- (7) Bring along a friend who is interested in quilting -- or would like to know why you are so excited about quilting.
- (8) Bring books you're ready to return to our library.
- (9) Bring (and wear!) your name tag.