



August 2019 Newsletter
Star Quilters Guild of Roanoke, Virginia,
and the surrounding area of the
beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains
<http://starquilters.org/>

Our August Program: Cecily-Sue Roth

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



Cecily-Sue Roth will talk about her experiences in quilting and in setting up a quilt shop. She is the proprietor of the new store at Smith Mountain Lake, CS ThreadZ, LLC, at 12925 Booker T. Washington Highway in Hardy, Virginia.

Several members visited the shop during the recent shop hop. They found embroidery and quilting supplies and learned that the shop offers sewing lessons. Claire Hightower reports that the store also rents time on longarm quilting machines, with lessons on how to use them.

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QUILTESSAS

The QuilteSSas will meet this Friday, August 2nd. Join them from 10 to 2 at Our Lady of Nazareth Church at 2505 Electric Road (419) in Roanoke. Bring your machine, the usual tools, and a lunch for yourself.

There are always comfort quilt kits available, or you can work on a project of your own. No machine? No problem! Come to help iron or cut.

~ Judy Bradley bradxjude@aol.com

Officers and Committee Chairs for 2018-2019

President	Judy McWhorter
Vice-President	Susan Kraterfield
Secretary	Claire Hightower
Treasurer	Sue Berry
Historian	Kelly Zuber
Hospitality	Gisela O'Connor & Judy Bird
Library	Betty Tyree & Linda Badger
Membership	Jennifer Adams & Bonnie Blessing
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.

What's Ahead at our Monday Meetings

September 9 - Christmas in September! Need some inspiration to get you started on some holiday projects? Cathy Fandel will present a trunk show of her Christmas quilts. From traditionally pieced and appliquéd quilts to quilts made from precuts and quilts made from vintage linens, there should be something to please everyone. Also please bring a holiday quilt of your own (or maybe two) to share with the guild.

October 7 - to be arranged

November 4 - Indoor Yard Sale. Guild members will be able to "rent a space" for \$15.00. The guild will provide a table per space. All proceeds from your sales will go to you! Here is your chance to clean out your sewing space and get rid of that UnFinished Object you don't want to finish, fabric you can't imagine why you purchased, the rulers, patterns, etc. that you don't need or want. And just in time to put some extra cash in your pocket before Christmas! We already have five guild members signed up for a spot. Please call or text Dawn Schaben at 540-354-8464 with questions you have, or to add your name to the list of sellers.

December 2 - Our Holiday Social

January 13 - to be arranged. Let me know if you have ideas!

Future programs: UFOs, and Marietta Price (make accessories to go with that lovely quilt!), to mention only two...

~Dawn Schaben, Program Chair



A NOTE FOR OUR QUILT RETREAT PARTICIPANTS

If you have signed up for the Star Quilters Retreat at the 4H Center at Smith Mountain Lake, the total cost (\$280) is due no later than our August meeting.

Cathy S. Russell, Special Events Chair

bfmshmk@yahoo.com



Ever-smiling guild member Judith Byrd passed away on July 25th after an operation.

In Memory of Judi Byrd

Front row; right side; closest to the aisle. Christian, punctual, helpful and appreciative. Petite, funny and productive. Judith Byrd allowed me to be her friend. We shared concerns, hopes, past experiences, scraps and numerous hours planning and discussing future projects. She fussed at me for always selecting "mediums" and I put on my sunglasses to view her "brights." It was fun because we helped each other. With tears thinking of her, but knowing she is well with the efforts we make to carry out her wishes for her family, we are all fortunate to have known the "Prissy little lady" and we will miss her sitting on the front row closest to the aisle at Guild meetings and Contemporary Service at Christ Lutheran Church.

~ Joyce Noell

VIRGINIA QUILT MUSEUM



Pictured at left: "Pythagoras Lute Quilt" by Cheryl Hawes, one of the amazing quilts currently on display at the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg.

Another current collection includes quilts "Inspired by Elvis." How cool is that?!

... plus regional quilts "From the Hills and Hollers of West Virginia."

Find out more about current exhibits at
<http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/current-exhibits>

SHOW AND TELL PHOTOS

Photos from Show and Tell at the July meeting are available to people at
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/114448361921935/>

If you don't have a facebook account, perhaps a friend who does can show them to you.

HELP THE VIRGINIA QUILT MUSEUM ... without sending MONEY

The Virginia Quilt Museum's online auction will be held in October, and it is accepting new donations for that fundraiser! The items sold usually are little quilts or objects like purses, table runners, Christmas tree skirts, toys, ornaments, etc. Would you like to donate something? The sale of your work will benefit the museum!



DO YOU KNOW SARAH CHAFFIN?

Sew Biz in Fairlawn, Virginia, is looking for Sarah Chaffin, who brought in a sewing machine for repair 10 years ago. It has been sitting around waiting for pickup. Write sewbiz.radford@gmail.com or phone 540-639-1138 if you can connect them with Sarah.

Minutes of the Star Quilters Guild Monthly Meeting on July 1, 2019

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm by Susan Kraterfield who explained that in her four years as Vice President, this was the very first occasion for her to lead a meeting. She explained that first would be committee reports, then the program by Bonnie Scott and then Show and Tell.

Committee Reports

Treasurer - the Treasurer's report is in the newsletter.

Sunshine - there was nothing to report

Membership - At the end of the meeting, Jennifer Adams reported there were 71 members present, which included 6 new members, and there were 6 visitors also.

Ways and Means - Donna Bohon explained about the Ways and Means for those new members and visitors. At the end of the meeting it was disclosed that there was \$262 for Ways and Means.

Programs - Dawn Schaben recounted her idea for an indoor yard sale where those interested could sign up for a table where they could sell their wares and keep the proceeds for themselves. Several people signed up.

Comfort Quilts - Judy Bradley reported 15 comfort quilts and one soldier quilt turned in.

Newsletter - Laura Perry said if members would like to have an item in the newsletter, such as having something to sell or if you are looking for something, please send the information to her personal email keyesperry@msn.com.

Library - Betty Tyree said there is a new Block book available. Susan explained where the guild library is located in the cupboard in the hallway and how there is an honor system to sign a book out and to sign it back in.

Hospitality - Gisela O'Connor announced the July birthdays and wished each a very happy birthday.

Special Events - Cathy Russell said there may be a vacancy in the upcoming September 11th through 15th retreat in case anyone is interested.

Historian - the person who takes the pictures was not in attendance and a volunteer was sought; Loretta Twiford volunteered. (Kristen Farwig took the Show and Tell pictures while Loretta helped to hold up quilts.)

Susan then asked if there were any other announcements from the floor.

Judy Bradley announced that the Barefoot Quiltessas will not meet this Friday, but will meet on Friday, July 12th at the regular place at the regular time.

Also, Arlene told about a national juried fiber arts exhibition at Bower Center in Bedford, VA from July 9 thru August 17, 2019. For more information check out their website: <https://www.bowercenter.org/2019fiberarts> Judge and Juror Jill Jensen is an artist, lecturer, curator and teacher and has been an artist in residence at over 20 educational institutions and art centers throughout Virginia.

In addition, she was a fellow at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (in both Virginia and France) and has served as a juror for a variety of juried shows. See www.bowercenter.org Gallery admission is always free.

Program

The floor was then turned over to Bonnie Scott, who, in addition to quilting, established Joyful Adornments Glass Studio in 2004. She is a woman of very diverse interests and talents. She spoke at some length about a recurring theme of "fear of failure" and how that thought is a killer or at least a deterrent to freedom of expression and creation. She led us in a couple of chair exercises we can do at any time to help us exercise our brain and get it out of that deep rut; simple things like clasping your hands (as if in prayer) - do it the way you always do, and then just to exercise your brain moving just one finger at a time, reverse the order of your fingers and thumbs!! Eeeeeek!! It is amazing how uncomfortable that feels -- at first. Give it a try right now! Additionally, if you always cross your legs left over right, do it the opposite way. If you always begin climbing stairs with your right foot, change to the left. Wow. Simple stuff, but it does tend to open your mind to other ways of thinking. Moving along to when we have started a project but get bogged down, she quoted a line about more squirrels being killed due to indecision than anything else and I wish I had written it down when she said it! She did say (perhaps more than once . . .) that we need to have a focus and follow that focus. (Gee, does that mean distraction is a bad thing?)

Bonnie had a stack of her quilting projects, and some she was happy with altogether, but others had only one or two aspects of her approval. She had pieces which were done as a challenge (one piece had about 6 restrictions that were to be followed!) and explained how stepping outside her comfort zone had freed her up to explore and create. All in all, it was an inspirational talk that was full of encouragement and ideas.

She also had for exhibit some of her glass pieces, including her first beads, balls and large pieces, as well as a table of mark-downs to clear her inventory. I walked away with a lovely bead bracelet with a magnetic closing for a more-than-reasonable price. Anyway, a lot of pictures were taken for your information, enlightenment, and enjoyment. Thank you so much for sharing your experiences and ideas with us, Bonnie. And thank you, too, for that quilt project that has been stalled for a dozen years -- that makes us all feel a bit better.

Speaking of pictures, Show and Tell was especially populated tonight by about 15 members/visitors with a lot more than 15 pieces shown. Always beautiful, always inspiring.

After Show and Tell, Susan asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting; the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Your step-up used-to-be secretary, Loretta Twiford
filling in for Claire Hightower



to Guild members born in August

5 Rhonda Altice

6 Shirley Foutz

7 Sandy Bowen

15 Patricia Snowadzki

17 Carol Dillman

17 Peggy Ramsay

18 Val Stricklin

18 Patricia Gayeski

20 Wanda Nawrocki

24 Pat Hewitt

25 Betty Tyree

28 Denise Lloyd

29 Cathy Fandel

31 Judy Coffman



Busy Hands

All members are welcome to join a group of members working on hand pieced projects. We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month which is August 19th at 6:30. Location is Barnes and Noble - Tanglewood in the cafe area. We meet for about 1½ hours. Any questions, text me.

~ Ann Ware

The Extraordinary Evolution of Scissors

This is not a history of scissors, but a page with lots of images of scissors - including ones from ancient Egypt, Turkey, and Korea, plus a pair that went into space with astronaut Alan Bean.

<https://gizmodo.com/the-extraordinary-evolution-of-the-most-common-tool-sc-1617641302>

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLANNING PROGRAMS FOR THE GUILD?

In May 2020, I will be stepping down as Program Chair -- I think 4 years is long enough of my point of view! I would like anyone out there who is interested in working with programs to start working with me for the last 6-8 months of my tenure. (It could be more than one person.) Please contact me if you are interested in planning programs.

~ Dawn Schaben dschaben@aol.com

Guild Income and Expenses, May 1, 2019 - July 31, 2019

Income	\$1,826
Expenses	\$1,540
July 31, 2019 Cash-on-hand:	\$14,195

Notes:

I have paid the expenses paid annually - guild insurance, Christ Lutheran facility use, and storage fee.

Cash-on-hand includes carry-over amounts from previous years, quilt show proceeds from the 2019 show, and memberships for this accounting year paid in the previous accounting year.

Please call me if you have any comments or questions, 540-204-1994.

~ Sue Berry, Treasurer

JoAnn Wants Instructors

JoAnn's, the store at Towers, is looking for people to teach arts and crafts - not just quilting but all sorts of fun things to make. Who better than us? I'm not sure what they pay, but here is the ridiculously long link for more details. If you are reading this online, you should be able just to click on it.

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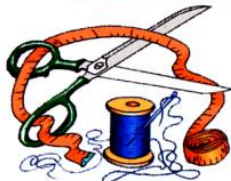
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GUILD LIBRARY NEWS

I will be out of town during the meeting this month but please feel free to browse. Be sure to fill out the clipboard if you have any books to checkout or return. Lots of great gift ideas can be found if you want an early start on Christmas.

~ Betty Tyree, Library Committee

AN AUCTION OF TINY ARTWORK

Bid on 443 pieces of beautiful 12" x 12" artwork and support the Studio Art Quilt Associates. Even if you don't plan to bid, take a look at these tiny quilts at

<http://www.saqa.com/auction-quiltviewALL.php>

"Invasion of the Body Snatchers"
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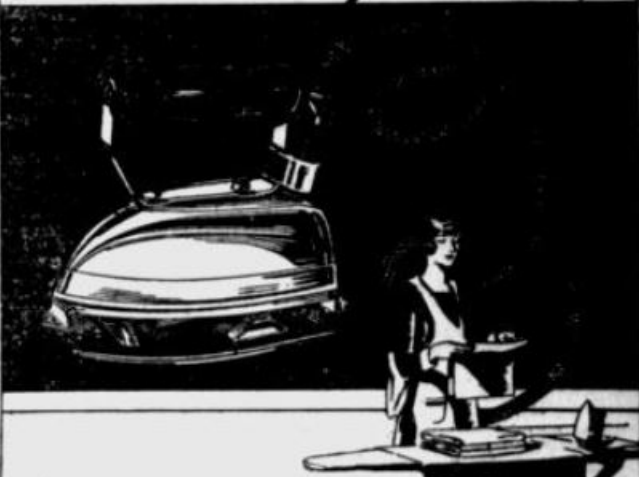
If you're interested in going, mention it at the meeting. Maybe we can carpool.

Things You Might Want to Bring to Monday's Meeting

- (1) A friend who is interested in quilting.
- (2) Items you'd like to Show and Tell.
- (3) Comfort Quilts you've finished making and want to turn in.
- (4) Books and magazines and fabric to donate to our Ways and Means table.
- (5) Books to return to the Guild Library.
- (6) Questions for our guest speaker.
- (7) Your name tag. Let Guild be a place where "everybody knows your name"!

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